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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
7th AFC FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2005 – VIETNAM

A. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

1. NAME OF COMPETITION

1.1. The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) will stage an annual AFC Futsal Championship for the national teams of AFC member Associations.

1.2. The Competition shall be called “THE 7TH AFC FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP – VIETNAM 2005”

2. HOST

The Vietnam Football Association has been appointed to host this tournament in Vietnam.

3. DATES

The venues, dates and kick-off times for the matches in the final competition shall be proposed by the host National Association and are subject to approval by the AFC Futsal Committee. *(Proposed dates 22nd May – 4th June 2005)*

4. PARTICIPANTS

4.1. All National Associations in membership with the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) shall be eligible to participate.

4.2. Only entries submitted to the AFC Secretariate on the official entry form will be accepted.

4.3. The competing National Associations will undertake :

4.3.1 to observe the Regulations issued and the decisions taken by the authorities responsible within AFC

4.3.2 to accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the competition shall be dealt with by the Tournament Organizing Committee and other committees in compliance with the Regulations drawn up by the AFC

4.3.3 to accept all the arrangements made by the host National Association in agreement with AFC

4.3.4 to observe the principles of Fairplay



5. FINAL COMPETITION

- 5.1 The AFC Futsal Committee will decide on the format for the competition.
- 5.2 National Associations entitled to take part in the final competition shall confirm their participation by sending the duly completed official entry form to the AFC Secretariate by a deadline to be set by AFC.
- 5.3 The host National Association qualifies automatically into the Final Competition.
- 5.4 A draw will be conducted by the AFC to allocate and decide the competing teams for the final competition into different groups. The AFC Futsal Committee shall decide the number of teams in each group. The principles of seeding will be used based on their performances at the last AFC Futsal Championship. The match schedule will be determined and finalized after the official draw has been concluded.

6. SCHEDULE OF COMPETITION

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|------------|---|---|
| 19.05.2005 | - | Arrival of Referees / AFC Secretariate Officials |
| 20.05.2005 | - | Arrival of AFC Match Officials and teams in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam |
| 21.05.2005 | - | Team Managers' Meeting |
| 22.05.2005 | - | Commencement of tournament |
| 04.06.2005 | - | Final |
| 05.06.2005 | - | Departure of teams and officials |

7. MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION

- 7.1 The host National Association shall be responsible in ensuring that the visiting players and officials, AFC officials, referees, guests and media personnel are accorded the necessary visas for entry into its country.
- 7.2 The host National Association shall be responsible in arranging for exemption from custom duties for the equipment brought in by the AFC officials, referees and visiting teams related to the tournament.
- 7.3 The host National Association shall ensure that the AFC officials, referees and teams are received at the Airport by officials of the Association.
- 7.4 The host National Association shall ensure that the stadium facilities, the pitch, the training pitches and local hospitalities comply with international standards.
- 7.5 The host National Association shall ensure that the training halls are in good conditions and shall be made available by rotation to each team prior to the start of the competition in accordance with the teams' needs and a timetable drawn up by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and approved by the AFC.

8. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 8.1 Players shall be bona fide citizens of the country they represent and in accordance with Article 18 of the *FIFA Regulations governing the Application of the Statutes*.
- 8.2 Players must produce their individual passports issued by the relevant official authority of the country they represent as proof of nationality.
- 8.3 For players of the host country, in absence of the possession of an Official individual passport, official government identity cards may be accepted.

9. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 9.1 Each National Association shall send a list of not more than twenty (20) players in the prescribed forms to the host National Association with a copy to the AFC Secretariate at least thirty (30) days before the commencement of the tournament. The list shall be certified correct by the respective National Associations and in accordance with Article 8.1 of these regulations. This information must be sent first by fax or post and must contain the following :
 - 9.1.1 Full name of each player and official to be typed or printed in block capitals
 - 9.1.2 Three (3) photographs of each player taken in the year of the Championship
 - 9.1.3 Date and place of birth
 - 9.1.4 Profile of each player
 - 9.1.5 Height and weight of each player
 - 9.1.6 International passport numbers
- 9.2. From the list of not more than twenty (20) players submitted in accordance with Articles 9.1. of these regulations :-
 - 9.2.1 Each National Association may register a maximum of fourteen (14) players at the Match Coordination Meeting, which must be held one (1) day before the commencement of the tournament.

- 9.2.2 Final registration of fourteen (14) players shall indicate the jersey number of each player and only these players shall be eligible to play. However, only twelve (12) of these players may be selected to play in each match.
- 9.2.3 A fine of US\$1,000 (US dollars one thousand only) shall be imposed for late registration.

10. COLOURS AND NUMBERS OF TEAM OUTFITS

- 10.1 Each team will register two (2) sets of playing outfits (jerseys, shorts and socks) with distinguished colors. The colors of the second set of playing outfits should be dominantly different from the colors of the first playing outfit.
- 10.2 Each team will wear its country's colors as declared on the entry form. Teams are obliged to use these colors for all their matches.
- 10.3 All teams are obliged to bring along their first and second colors to every match. If, in the opinion of the Match Commissioner and the Referees, the colors of the two opposing teams clash or it is deemed necessary for television purpose, the colors of the away team must be changed, whereby the spare outfit may be used as a whole or in combination.
- 10.4 Goalkeepers must be provided with jerseys of different colors contrasting with those of the two (2) teams bearing their registered numbers (e.g. there shall be at least two (2) jerseys of different colors for the first choice goalkeeper and the reserve goalkeeper). Under no circumstances will goalkeepers be allowed to play in jerseys bearing numbers different from that they were originally registered.
- 10.5 Players shall wear registered numbers (the same number as declared on the official players list in accordance with Article 9.2.1 and 9.2.2 of these regulations on their jerseys (back and front) and shorts. Numbers on jerseys, in contrasting colors, shall be twenty-five (25) cm high at the back and ten (10) cm high on the front and ten (10) cm high on the shorts (below right). Any team found guilty of allowing players to play in jerseys with numbers other than those registered shall be subject to disciplinary action, including fines. Numbers should range from 1 to 20 in figures universally used, with the first goalkeeper's number being one (1).
- 10.6 The player's surname shall also be shown in a contrasting color on the back of the shirt above the number (7.5 cm in height).

- 10.7 Any form of advertising on the outfit during this tournament shall be strictly forbidden. The authorized trademark, of the manufacturer shall be allowed to appear only once on the shirt, once on the shorts and once on the socks. The trademark may be used alone as a logo or in combination with the name of the manufacturer but shall not exceed twenty (20) cm² on the shirt and twelve (12) cm² on the shorts and the socks. The emblem of the National Association may also be worn on the shirt.
- 10.8 The players' outfits must be approved by the Match Commissioner. This should also apply to the goalkeepers' gloves and reserves players' bib on which the trademark shall not exceed five (5) cm².
- 10.9 The players' kit, team colors, sponsors and manufacturer identification, etc. must comply with provisions laid down in the FIFA Equipment Regulation 2001. Any breach of the rules regarding advertising will be subjected to sanctions by the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

11. NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS IN EACH TEAM

- 11.1 Each team shall consist of not more than eighteen (18) persons made up of:
- 11.1.1 Maximum of fourteen (14) players
- 11.1.2 Maximum of five (5) officials
- 11.1.3 It is compulsory for all visiting teams to submit full passport particulars of the members of their delegation to the host National Association for visa application at least thirty (30) days before the commencement of the tournament.

12. MODE OF COMPETITION

- 12.1 The system of play for the group tournaments shall be the league system with each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and no (0) point for a defeat.

| Group A | Group B | Group C | Group D | Group E | Group F |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Team 1 | Team 1 | Team 1 | Team 1 | Team 1 | Team 1 |
| Team 2 | Team 2 | Team 2 | Team 2 | Team 2 | Team 2 |
| Team 3 | Team 3 | Team 3 | Team 3 | Team 3 | Team 3 |
| Team 4 | Team 4 | Team 4 | Team 4 | Team 4 | Team 4 |

12.2 2nd Round

12.2.1 Cup Competitions - The winners of the 6 groups and the two best runners-up of the 1st round qualify for the cup competition (8 teams). Two groups will be created.

| Group G | Group H |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 st Group A | 1 st Group B |
| 1 st Group C | 1 st Group D |
| 1 st Group E | 1 st Group F |
| 1 st Runner-up | 2 nd Runner-up |

12.2.2 Plate Competitions - The teams in 3rd and 4th position of each group, together with the 4 runner-up of that didn't qualify for the Cup competition will be divided in 4 groups of 4 teams each.

| Group I | Group J | Group K | Group L |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3 rd Runners-up | 4 th Runners-up | 5 th Runners-up | 6 th Runners-up |
| 3 rd Group A | 3 rd Group B | 3 rd Group C | 3 rd Group D |
| 4 th Group D | 4 th Group C | 3 rd Group E | 3 rd Group F |
| 4 th Group E | 4 th Group F | 4 th Group B | 4 th Group A |

12.2.3 In the event two (2) or more teams tie on points, the qualifications in each group shall be determined by the following criteria in the order given;

- 12.2.3.1 Number of points
- 12.2.3.2 Goal difference
- 12.2.3.3 Greater number of goals scored
- 12.2.3.4 Result of direct match
- 12.2.3.5 Kicks from the penalty mark if the teams concerned are in the field of play
- 12.2.3.6 Fair-play points in which the number of yellow and red cards are evaluated.
- 12.2.3.7 Drawing of lots to be carried out by the AFC representative

12.2.4 Semi-finals

12.2.4.1 Cup competition - The winners and runners up of each 2nd round group qualify for semi-finals

| Semi-final 1 | Semi-final 2 |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Winner group G | Winner group H |
| vs | vs |
| Runners-up group H | Runners-up group G |

12.2.4.2 Plate competition - The winners of each 2nd round group qualify for semi-finals

| Semi-final 3 |
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| Winner group I vs Winner group K |

| Semi-final 4 |
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| Winner group J vs Winner group L |

12.2.5 Finals

12.2.5.1 Cup competition - The winners of each semi-final qualify for final

| Final Cup |
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| Winner semi-final 1 vs Winner semi-final 2 |

12.2.5.2 Plate Competition - The winners of each semi-final qualify for final.

| Final Plate |
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| Winner semi-final 3 vs Winner semi-final 4 |

13. DURATION OF MATCHES, EXTRA-TIME, GOLDEN GOAL, DETERMINING THE WINNER BY KICKS FROM THE PENALTY MARK

- 13.1 Each match should last forty (40) minutes of net playing time - two (2) period of twenty (20) minutes each - with the interval of not more than fifteen (15) minutes as specified in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
- 13.2 There shall be no extra time in all the matches of the Group Tournaments.
- 13.3 In the event extra time must be played i.e. in the semi-finals and the final as a result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consist of two (2) periods of five (5) minutes each, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the periods of extra time.

If no goal is scored in extra-time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure lay down and published by FIFA.



In the final match of the plate competition, there shall be no extra time. If there is a tie, the winner will be decided by taking the kicks from the penalty mark.

- 13.4 In the event of extra time, no player shall be allowed to leave the pitch of play unless consent has been given by the referee.
- 13.5 Each team shall be entitled to request a one-minute time-out in each half. If the team does not utilize the time-out to what it is entitled in the first half, it cannot be compensated in the second half. There shall be no time-out during extra time.

14. SUBSTITUTION

- 14.1. The maximum number of substitutes permitted is seven (7)
- 14.2. The number of 'flying substitutions' made during the match is unlimited. A player who has been replaced may return to the pitch as a substitute for another player.
- 14.3 All other substitution procedure, as stipulated in the Futsal Laws of the Game must be observed.

15. PLAYERS CAUTIONED OR DISMISSED FROM FIELD OF PLAY

- 15.1 All decisions on disciplinary matters shall be based on the FIFA Memorandum of Disciplinary measures.
- 15.2 All decisions regarding the following shall be final :
 - 15.2.1 Cautions and censures imposed on players and/or National Associations;
 - 15.2.2 Suspensions (up to two matches) and disqualifications (up to two months) imposed on players or officials;
 - 15.2.3 Fines imposed on players, officials or National Associations.
- 15.3 Disciplinary measures such as expulsions and suspensions of players and officials shall be carried to the next international tournament.

16. THE MATCH COMMISSIONER

- 16.1 The AFC shall appoint a Match Commissioner for this tournament. He is the representative of AFC and shall be solely responsible for all decisions in respect of the Tournament organization. The host National

Association and the Tournament Organizing Committee should extend all assistance and cooperation to enable him to discharge his duties efficiently.

- 16.2 The Match Commissioner shall convene a Team Managers' meeting one (1) day before the commencement of the tournament to finalize the team list team colors, regulations and other administrative matters in relation to the tournament.
- 16.3 The Match Commissioner is responsible in ensuring that the duly completed Match Summary Sheet, Match Commissioner's Report Form and the Referee's Report Form are faxed to AFC immediately after every match.

17. MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

17.1 TOURNAMENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

17.1.1 The host National Association shall appoint a Tournament Organizing Committee in cooperation and consultation with the AFC.

17.1.2 The Tournament Organizing Committee shall consist of a Chairman, preferably the President of National Association, a representative from the AFC and as many members as deemed necessary by the host National Association. In addition, the AFC will appoint the following Committees :-

17.1.2.1 Disciplinary Committee
- Chairman and two (2) members

17.1.2.2 Referees Committee
- Chairman and two (2) members

17.1.2.3 Board of Appeal
- Three (3) members from among the AFC officials present.

17.1.3 The Tournament Organizing Committee shall be responsible for :

17.1.3.1 Tournament match scheduling, which shall include dates, kick-off times and venues.

17.1.3.2 Ensuring that matches are played in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game and in conformity with these Regulations.

17.1.3.3 Taking any disciplinary action, including the imposition of fines and/or penalties, in accordance with these regulations, except those referred to the Disciplinary Committee

- 17.1.3.4 Replacing teams which may withdraw.
- 17.1.3.5 Decisions in cases of force majeure.
- 17.1.3.6 All decisions of the Tournament Organizing Committee related to tournament matters shall be final.

17.2 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 17.2.1 A Chairman and two (2) members shall be appointed by the AFC.
- 17.2.2 Whenever there is a disciplinary case to be adjudicated, a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee must be convened not later than twenty-four (24) hours after the match concerned. The Committee shall deal with the following :-
 - 17.2.2.1 Cases of players having been dismissed from the pitch.
 - 17.2.2.2 Any misconduct by an official or player, who has been reported to, or come under notice of the Committee.
 - 17.2.2.3 In cases of misconduct involving an official, the Committee shall investigate such cases and announce their decision.
 - 17.2.2.4 Other cases of misconduct which may require disciplinary action.
- 17.2.3 Any caution issued to a player by a referee must be confirmed by the Disciplinary Committee and a copy of the letter of caution must be sent to FIFA, the AFC, the National Association of the player in question and the manager of the team concerned. Similarly, all decisions by the Committee must be transmitted to FIFA, AFC, the National Association and the team manager of the player concerned.
- 17.2.4 A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow card) during the Tournament shall automatically be suspended for the match following the match in which he received the second caution.
- 17.2.5 A player dismissed from the pitch by a referee shall be automatically suspended for the next match, unless



otherwise decided by the Disciplinary Committee which must meet within twenty-four (24) hours of the match concerned.

- 17.2.6 The Disciplinary Committee may only suspend a player from taking further part in the matches of the tournament. If a more severe action is required, the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee should be submitted to the AFC.
- 17.2.7 In cases of caution and expulsion of players or other cases of misconduct by players and officials, the Disciplinary Committee shall be guided the by the FIFA Memorandum of Disciplinary Measures and come into force on 4th December 1992.
- 17.2.8 All single yellow card and two yellow cards to the same player in group matches of the preliminary round shall be cancelled and will not be carried to the plate and cup matches, semi-final and final.
- 17.2.9 The decision of the Committee shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal, judicially or otherwise.

17.3 REFEREE'S COMMITTEE

- 17.3.1 A Chairman and two (2) members shall be appointed by AFC.
- 17.3.2 This Committee shall be responsible for the following :
 - 17.3.2.1 Appointment of referees and timekeepers for all the matches.
 - 17.3.2.2 To conduct a preparatory course or seminar and physical fitness test for referees before the start of the tournament.
 - 17.3.2.3 To submit promptly the referees' Reports on AFC forms to the Tournament Coordinator of the Tournament within two (2) hours of each match to enable him/her to take necessary action on disciplinary matters and for onward transmission to the AFC Secretariate within twenty-four (24) hours.
 - 17.3.2.4 To submit a full report to the AFC on the assessment and performance of every referee officiating in the competition.



17.3.2.5 To submit any other observation and recommendations on referees and refereeing matters.

17.3.2.6 The decision of the Tournament Referees' Committee shall be final and not be subject to appeal, judicially or otherwise.

17.4. BOARD OF APPEAL

17.4.1 The Board shall consist of three (3) members as follows :

17.4.1.1. A Chairman appointed by the AFC

17.4.1.2. The Chairman of the Tournament Committee

17.4.1.3. The representative from the AFC

17.4.2 The duties of the Board of Appeal shall be to examine all protests or written requests and/or complaints made by the managers and/or officials of participating teams. Such a written protest, request or complaint must be handed to the Match Commissioner within two (2) hours of the incident in question and must be accompanied by a fee of US\$500.00 or its equivalent, which will be refunded at the discretion of the Committee.

17.4.3 All Board of Appeal decisions shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal, judicially or otherwise.

18. REFEREES

18.1 AFC Referees' Committee shall appoint ONLY FIFA registered Futsal Referees to officiate in the tournament.

19. PROTESTS

19.1. Protests concerning the eligibility of players who take part in this tournament shall be submitted to the Match Commissioner with a copy to AFC Secretariate as soon as the Final Registration of Players has been circulated to participating teams.

19.2. Other protests must be made in writing to the Match Commissioner not later than two (2) hours after the end of each match.

19.3. All protests must be accompanied by a fee of US dollars Five Hundred only (USD 500.00) which will not be refunded in the event the protest is found to be trivial and/or without sufficient justification.

20. WITHDRAWALS / WALKOVERS / ABANDONED MATCHES

20.1. WITHDRAWALS - FINES AND PENALTIES

- 20.1.1. A fine of USD1,000.00 (US dollars One Thousand only) for withdrawal of teams after closing date of entry but before groupings of teams take place.
- 20.1.2. A fine of USD5,000.00 (US dollars Five Thousand only) for withdrawal of teams after the groupings of teams have been announced.
- 20.1.3. A fine of USD8,000.00 (US dollars Eight Thousand only) for withdrawal of teams less than fifteen (15) days before the commencement of the Tournament.
- 20.1.4. A fine of USD10,000.00 (US dollars Ten Thousand only) for withdrawal of teams after arriving at the venues or in the course of the Tournament.
- 20.1.5. Any team which withdraws from tournament under 20.1.3 or 20.1.4 shall face disciplinary measures except for reasons of force de majeure.
- 20.1.6. A National Association that withdraws prior to, during or is excluded from playing in this tournament, it may be replaced by another National Association. The AFC Futsal Committee shall make the appropriate decision.
- 20.1.7.
 - a. Depending on the circumstances and the decision of the AFC Competition Committee, any National Association that withdraws may be ordered to reimburse AFC and host National Association for any expenses the latter have already incurred as a result of their involvement in this tournament, and also pay compensation for any damages or losses incurred.
 - b. In addition to the above, the committee may recommend the suspension of the National Association from participating in any AFC/FIFA tournaments for a period of time to be decided by the AFC Executive Committee.

20.2. WALKOVERS

If a walkover is given, the team conceding the walkover shall forfeit the match and the game shall be awarded to the opposing team in accordance with the provisions of Article 20.3.2 of these regulations

20.3. ABANDONED MATCHES

20.3.1. If a match has to be suspended or abandoned as a result of incidents (walkouts by teams, lack of order, spectators invading the pitch, bad pitch conditions, etc), the Match Commissioner must decide within two (2) hours of such incidents and determine the action to be taken.

20.3.2. Should it be necessary to award a match to an opponent, three (3) points shall be awarded with a score of 5-0 or possibly more if the score at the time of stoppage showed a greater number of goals for the team declared the winner.

21. LAWS OF THE GAME

21.1. All matches shall be played according to the Futsal Laws of the Game authorized and published by FIFA.

21.2. In the case of conflicting interpretation of the Futsal Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.

22. PITCHES & FUTSAL BALLS

22.1. The host National Association shall guarantee that the pitches chosen comply with the Futsal Laws of the Game. They shall be subject to the approval of the AFC Futsal Committee. All pitches shall have identical dimensions : length 38/42 m, width : 18/22 m.

22.2. All matches shall be played on wooden or synthetic surface, flat carpet or artificial turf. The surface must be smooth and flat and non-abrasive.

22.3. The balls used shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Futsal Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three designations: the official "FIFA INSPECTED" logo or the reference "INTERNATIONAL MATCH BALLS STANDARD". The balls for the final competition shall be selected and supplied by AFC.

23. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, THE HOST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

23.1. Responsibilities of the participating National Associations

The participating National Associations shall be responsible for :

- 23.1.1. The conduct of their members of their delegation (officials and players) before, during and after matches, from the moment they enter the host country until the time of their departure.
- 23.1.2. Sickness and accident insurance for all members of their delegation.
- 23.1.3. Incidental expenses incurred by the delegation during the course of their stay in the host country and for any cost incurred by additional members of the delegation.

23.2. Responsibilities of the Host National Association :-

The host National Association shall be responsible throughout the competition for :

- 23.2.1. the maintenance of order, safety and security in and around the venue halls, training halls and their vicinity, as well as in the hotels where the delegations are staying.
- 23.2.2. ensuring that the matches are played under optimum conditions of safety and security. It imperative that the host National Association works closely with the relevant local authorities.
- 23.2.3 Adequate liability insurance cover for the halls (pitches).

24. DOPING CONTROL

24.1. Doping is prohibited

- 24.1 Doping is any attempt by a player himself, or at the instigation of another person, to enhance his mental and physical performance unphysiologically or to treat ailments or injury (when this is medically unjustified), for the soled purpose of taking part in a championship.
- 24.2 The use of substance or a procedure that is intended to modify or destroy samples of urine or other substances being examined in doping tests also constitutes an act of doping.
- 24.3. Any association taking part in the Championship shall undertake to comply with the AFC/FIFA Doping Control Regulations in force by signing the Declaration of Agreement, which will be sent to the associations with a circular.

- 24.4. Doping control will be carried out systemically after each match. Four players from each team shall be drawn by lots. The first two players drawn from each team shall be tested and the other two shall replace them in the case of injury. If there is a suspicion of doping, the AFC/FIFA match commissioner and/or the referee of the match in question is entitled to summon additional players to be tested.
- 24.5. The AFC/FIFA Organising Committee shall be responsible for deciding which laboratory among those accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) will carry out the analysis of the samples.
- 24.6. Every player, including substitutes and injured or suspended players sitting on the team substitutes' bench, will be liable to undergo doping control. Any player or team that refuses to participate in doping control or falsifies the results of test or attempts to do so, or is found guilty of having taken prohibited substances, whether intentionally or not, shall be referred to the AFC/FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
- 24.7. Any official who encourages or incites a player, either intentionally or through negligence, to commit such an infringement as stated in Art. 24 shall be referred to the AFC/FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
- 24.8. Furthermore, reference is made to the AFC/FIFA Doping Control Regulations in force, which contain the list of prohibited substances and methods, as well as to the AFC/FIFA Disciplinary Code in force.

25 SECURITY MATTERS

- 25.1 The host National Association is responsible to provide adequate security arrangements to prevent violent incidents on the pitch and in the vicinity.
- Such security arrangements shall cover the stadium and its vicinity, the training grounds and also the residence of teams, referees and officials.
- 25.2 The host National Association concerned shall be subject to severe disciplinary measures if adequate security arrangements are not provided. Sanctions will also include fines and suspensions.

26 FAIRPLAY

- 26.1 In every match of this tournament, fairplay should be actively promoted through the Fairplay flags, A-boards, cards, posters, etc.
- 26.2 A Fairplay contest will take place in this tournament and the winning team shall be awarded a Fairplay Trophy.



B. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

27. SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

- 27.1 The Host National Association shall be responsible in close co-operation with the AFC for publishing a souvenir programme which should contain the following items:
- 27.1.1 The names and photographs of officials and players of each participating team.
 - 27.1.2 The regulations governing the Championship.
 - 27.1.3 The fixtures and other relevant information deemed appropriate.
- 27.2 English must be one of the languages of the souvenir programme. Competing countries shall supply the list of their fourteen (14) players and five (5) officials together with their photographs, in good time before the start of the tournament to facilitate publication. They should also assist in every way possible as requested by the Tournament Organizing Committee.

28. COMPETITION REPORT

- 28.1 The host National Association shall send reports of the Tournament to the General Secretary of AFC within thirty (30) days of the completion of the tournament. The report may be brief, but shall be as complete as possible and shall contain necessary items, such as names of competing countries, the fixtures and results of all matches played, name of referees and assistant referees, the difficulties met with and the recommendations offered for the benefit of future tournaments.

29. TROPHY, MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES

- a. The AFC will present a Challenge Trophy to the Champion Team. It will remain in the possession of the National Association concerned until the next championship. The winner will return it in perfect condition to the AFC at least three (3) months before the start of the next competition. The team will also receive a reduced-size replica of the Challenge Trophy which they will be allowed to keep permanently.
- b. The National Association of the Champion team shall be responsible for the insurance and safe custody of the Challenge Trophy. The holders will be held responsible in the event of loss or damage to the trophy.
- c. The AFC will also be responsible in awarding the following medals:

- i. Nineteen (19) gold medals to the Champion Team.
 - ii. Nineteen (19) silver medals to the Runner-up Team.
 - iii. Commemorative medals.
 - iv. AFC will present certificates of merit to the teams in the final competition.
- d. In addition to the above, the host National Association and/or their sponsors will be obliged to present the following awards.
- i. The most valuable player (MVP) of the tournament.
 - ii. The most valuable player for each match.
 - iii. The highest goal scorer of the tournament.
 - iv. Fair Play Award and any other awards as deemed necessary by AFC

30. POST MATCH INTERVIEWS

- 30.1 It is obligatory that all team coaches attend post-match interviews arranged by the organizers. Any team not cooperating will be subject to disciplinary action including fines.

31. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- 31.2 All matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be dealt with by The Tournament Committee.

C. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

32. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 32.1 The host will get a subsidy of USD200,000.00. All the commercial and TV right of this championship belongs to the host National Association upon AFC approval.
- 32.2 The host National Association shall provide the following for the Visiting teams;
- 32.2.1 Accommodation in a good hotel for players and officials not exceeding nineteen (19) persons per team. (7 double

rooms, 5 single rooms and 1 room for equipment and medical services)

- 32.2.2 Suitable meals, three times a day, and additional light food on match days, for the teams scheduled to play in the evenings.
 - 32.2.3 Reasonable laundry but not dry cleaning or pressing. This includes playing and training outfits plus a shirt and a pair of trousers daily.
 - 32.2.4 Internal transportation for training, matches and sightseeing.
 - 32.2.5 Free medical treatment, including limited hospital facilities for injuries and illness sustained or incurred during the duration of the tournament.
 - 32.2.6 A briefing room in the hotel for the teams equipped with whiteboard and stationery together with TV monitor and video player.
- 32.3 Each visiting team taking part in the tournament must bear the following expenses;
- 32.3.1 The travel expenses of its delegation to and from the Tournament venue, or a city designated by AFC
 - 32.3.2 Any cost arising for additional members of the delegation
 - 32.3.3 Any costs for extending the duration of the stay
 - 32.3.4 Other expenses arising from the accident and travel insurance taken out for the players and officials taking part in the tournament.

33. EXPENSES FOR AFC OFFICIALS AND REFEREES

33.1 AFC OFFICIALS

- 33.3.1. First/business class return air passage between the two (2) countries. AFC will advise on the status of the officials for air tickets.
- 33.3.2 Board and lodging in a first class hotel.
- 33.3.3 An allowance of US dollars one hundred only (US\$100.00) per day from two (2) days before and one (1) day after the duration of the tournament.

- 33.1.4 Internal transport for the duration of the tournament
- 33.1.5 Incidental expenses including visa fees/airport tax, if any.
- 33.1.6 Reasonable laundry service
- 33.1.7 Medical and limited hospitalization benefits for illness and injuries sustained or incurred during the duration of the tournament.

33.2 REFEREES

- 33.2.1 Return economy class air passage between the two (2) countries.
- 33.2.2 Board and lodging in a first class hotel.
- 33.2.3 Incidental expenses including visa fees/airport tax, if any.
- 33.2.4 Daily allowance of US dollars one hundred only (US\$100.00) per day of two (2) days before and one (1) day after the duration of tournament.
- 33.2.5 Laundry services for refereeing outfit and one shirt and one pair of pants per day per referee.
- 33.2.6 Medical and limited hospitalization benefits for illness and injuries sustained or incurred during the duration of the tournament.

33.3 INSURANCE

- 33.3.1 The host National Association must provide insurance coverage, including air travel for AFC officials and referees from the time of their departure from home till they return.

34. OTHER MATTERS

- 34.1 The host National Association is also responsible for the following.
 - 34.1.1 The publication of a tournament souvenir programme.
 - 34.1.2 Printing and display of posters and street banners to promote and publicise the tournament.
 - 34.1.3 The presentation of awards as per the tournament regulations.



- 34.2 The host National Association will retain all the gate collections in full.

- 34.3 In the event of flight difficulties, the host National Association must look after the visitors' welfare until their departure.

(ATTACHMENT)

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Preamble

Doping has become a constant preoccupation of international sports organizations and national governments.

The fundamental aims of doping control are threefold:

- to uphold and preserve the ethics of sport;
- to safeguard the physical health and mental integrity of the player*;
- to ensure that all competitors have an equal chance.

AFC introduced doping control to ensure that the results of the matches in its competitions are a fair reflection of the strength of the contenders.

The AFC Medical Committee shall have overall responsibility for implementing doping control at all AFC competitions.

*** Reference to the male gender in these Regulations in respect of players applies to both males and females.**

I. DEFINITION

Doping is any attempt by a player himself *, or at the instigation of another person such as his manager, coach, trainer, doctor, physiotherapist or masseur, to enhance his mental and physical performance unnaturally or to treat ailments or injury – when this is medically unjustified – for the sole purpose of taking part in a competition. This includes using (taking or injecting), administering or prescribing prohibited substances prior to or during a competition. These stipulations also apply, out of competition, to anabolic steroids and peptide hormones, as well as to substances producing similar effects.

Other prohibited methods (e.g. blood doping) or manipulation of the doping specimens shall also classify as doping.

Doping contravenes the ethics of sport and constitutes an acute or chronic health hazard for players, with possible fatal consequences.

Prohibited substances in the context of these regulations are included as Appendix A.

The substances listed at Appendix A may not be taken or used by, or administered to players, even for medical reasons, while they are preparing for or taking part in a competition. The only exception to this is local anaesthetics for combating pain (excluding cocaine).

Corticosteroids may only be used for local applications (otological, ophthalmological or dermatological), inhalations (asthma, allergic rhinitis) or for local or intra-articular injections, if the medical indications have clearly been proven and submitted to AFC prior to the event.

II. DOPING CONTROL ORGANISATION

1. Administrative arrangements

- 1.1. The AFC Medical Committee and the relevant competition organising committee shall reserve the right to instigate random doping tests during all preliminary, interim and final competition matches at AFC tournaments, including friendly matches during the preparatory period. The Committee shall also be responsible for deciding at which laboratory of those recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) the analyses of such tests shall be carried out. In addition, unannounced doping tests can also be out-of-competition, e.g. at team training camps.
- 1.2 The AFC Medical Committee and the relevant competition organising committee shall designate an AFC medical officer to carry out doping tests at the matches in question as well as unannounced out-of-competition doping tests.
- 1.3 The AFC medical officer must be a physician. He shall be responsible for the entire doping test procedure, including the immediate dispatching of urine specimens to the relevant laboratory and forwarding of copies of the forms to AFC. AFC shall provide him with the materials required to carry out the tests. An assistant may also be deployed if necessary, e.g. at double-headers.

2. Obligations of national associations and players

- 2.1 All national associations shall, by signing the "Declaration of Agreement," undertake to comply with these doping control regulations for AFC competitions and out-of-competition.
- 2.2 Every player designated to undergo a doping test, either as a result of the draw by lot or because of being suspected of doping by the AFC commissioner or the referee of the match, shall be obliged to undergo any medical examination which the AFC medical officer deems necessary and to cooperate with the latter in this respect.
- 2.3 Every player selected is obliged to provide a urine specimen.
- 2.4 If a player refuses to provide a specimen, he and/or any other implicated persons shall be subject to sanctions by AFC.
- 2.5 Refusal to undergo a doping test or any attempt to manipulate it shall be considered the same as a positive doping test.

3. Doping test procedure

- 3.1 A minimum of two players from each competing team shall be tested at every match at which doping tests are to be carried out. Four players from each team shall be drawn by lot. The first two players drawn shall be tested and the other two shall replace them in the case of injury.
- 3.2 The AFC medical officer shall obtain the official players' lists for both teams from the AFC match commissioner before the game. Form 0-1 (Appendix C) shall be completed before each match by the team doctor and handed over personally or by a person of trust to the AFC medical officer. The team doctor shall enter in legible handwriting on Form 0-1 any medicaments taken by all of the players or administered to them in the 72 hours preceding the match, indicating the name of the product, the diagnosis, the dose, when and for how long prescribed and the method of administration. Details of the medicaments declared on Form 0-1 shall be disclosed only if a doping test proves positive. Should a medicament indicated on Form 0-1 prove to be a prohibited substance, the AFC medical officer shall have the right to conduct further investigations, which could lead to the player's suspension. Form 0-1 shall otherwise remain in the possession of the AFC medical officer at all times.
- 3.3 The players to be tested shall be drawn by lots by the AFC medical officer in the doping control room at half-time.

In addition to the AFC medical officer, the following persons must be present:
 - an official representative from each of the two competing teams

 - if requested, the AFC match commissioner or his deputy.
- 3.4 The AFC medical officer shall conduct the draw as follows:
 - referring to the official players' lists he shall check the names and shirt numbers of the players;

 - he shall then spread out on a table the Plexiglas tags containing the numbers of all the players eligible and able to play as well as the injured players sitting on the bench in each of the two teams;

- he shall make sure that none of the numbers is missing before placing them into two different coloured dark fabric bags, one for each team;
- he shall then draw four numbers from each bag and, without looking at them, place each of them in separate envelopes marked 1 to 4 for each team. The fabric bags shall be set aside in two separate, sealed envelopes.
- finally, he shall seal all eight envelopes, sign them, have them countersigned by the team representatives and store them in a safe place.

The two players from each team whose numbers have been placed in envelope 1 and 2 shall undergo a doping test. However, if either of these two players is injured before the match is over, the one whose number is in envelope 1 shall be replaced for the doping test by the one in envelope 3 and the one whose number is in envelope 2 shall be replaced for the doping test by the one in envelope 4. The AFC medical officer shall decide whether or not the injury is severe enough to prevent the player from undergoing a doping test.

- 3.5. If there is suspicion of doping, the AFC commissioner and/or the referee of the match in question are entitled to summon additional players to be tested. Furthermore, if a player is shown a red card and sent off during the match because his behaviour is unusually aggressive or irrational, he may also be ordered to undergo a doping test at the end of the match in addition to the players who have already been drawn by lots.
- 3.6. Fifteen minutes before the end of the game (90 minutes) the AFC medical officer shall open envelopes 1 and 2 for each team in the doping control room in the presence of a representative of each team (preferably from the bench – otherwise the AFC Medical Officer will take form 0-2 to the bench) and, if requested, the AFC commissioner.
- 3.7 The AFC medical officer shall then indicate on Form 0-2, “Summons to Doping Test”, the name and number of the player drawn and hand the relevant copies of the form to the representatives of each team and the AFC commissioner.
- 3.8 If a player is shown the red card at any time of the match, a member of the delegation concerned, an escort or the AFC medical officer shall stay with the player in the doping test area until the names of the players drawn for the doping test are known and ensure that he is available to undergo the test, if necessary.
- 3.9 Each national association and/or team concerned shall be responsible for ensuring that players drawn to undergo a doping test are taken by a designated authorised person (escort) to the doping test area straight from the pitch as soon as the match is over.
- 3.10 Should AFC decide to conduct out-of-competition doping tests, the AFC medical officer shall identify himself to the head or deputy head of delegation of the relevant team by presenting his accreditation and discuss the procedure for doping control with him, the team doctor and, if applicable, the coach.

3.11 The head of delegation of the relevant team shall give the AFC medical officer an up-to-date list of the players at the training camp, including any who are absent at the time the doping test is undertaken. The reasons for any such absences shall be given to the AFC medical officer, as well as the scheduled time of arrival at or return to the training camp for these players. The AFC medical officer shall decide whether these players are to be included in the draw procedure for players having to undergo a doping test.

3.12 The AFC medical officer shall hand the team doctor a copy of Form 0-1, on which the team doctor shall enter all the drugs administered and pre-scribed to all the players involved in the training camp, if necessary, after consultation with the players. The arrangements set forth herein in par. 3.2 shall also apply with respect to the particulars to be entered on Form 0-1 and the procedure for using this form.

3.13 The AFC medical officer shall draw the names of the players who are required to undergo a doping test. In addition to the AFC medical officer and, if applicable, his assistant, two official representatives of the team concerned shall be in attendance.

3.14 The AFC medical officer shall conduct the draw as follows:

- referring to the official players' lists, he shall check the names and shirt numbers of the players;
- he shall then spread out on a table the Plexiglas tags containing the numbers of all the players registered in accordance with par. 3.11;
- he shall make sure that none of the numbers is missing before placing them into a dark fabric bag;
- he shall then draw four numbers from this bag.

The two players drawn first shall undergo a doping test. The other two players drawn can also be called for testing.

If one or more of the players drawn are injured or ill, the AFC medical officer shall decide whether they will still need to undergo a doping test or whether they can be replaced by other players already or yet to be drawn.

4. Doping control room

4.1. In the case of competition doping tests, only the following people shall be allowed into the doping test area:

- the players who have been drawn by lots
- an official delegate from the two participating teams, preferably the team doctor
- the AFC medical officer
- the accredited assistant(s) of the AFC medical officer
- a local official, if requested
- the AFC commissioner, if requested

- an interpreter approved by AFC, if requested.
- 4.2. In the case of out-of-competition doping tests only the following people shall be allowed into the doping test area:
- the players who have been drawn by lots
 - the AFC medical officer
 - the accredited assistant(s) of the AFC medical officer
 - the team doctor, if requested
 - an interpreter approved by AFC, if requested.
- 4.3. The players drawn to undergo a doping test shall remain in the waiting room of the doping test area until they are called in to give specimens. Non-alcoholic drinks that are free of doping substances shall be made available to the players in the form of unopened and sealed bottles or cans placed in a refrigerator in the doping control room. If a player wishes to take his own food and non-alcoholic drinks to the doping test, it is entirely at his own risk.
- 4.4. The local security bodies shall take the necessary measures to ensure that no persons other than those authorised in par. 4.1 enter the doping test area. The entrance door must be constantly guarded by a member of the local security authorities.

Responsibility for security during out-of-competition tests shall be borne by the relevant team delegations. The AFC medical officer is entitled to refuse unauthorised persons access to the doping control room.

5. Taking specimens

- 5.1 The AFC medical officer is responsible for the doping test procedure. He shall check the player's identity against the player's accreditation and Form 0-2.
- 5.2 First, the player himself shall pick the utensils required for the procedure:
- a sealed and sterilised beaker
 - a polystyrene box containing two transparent glass bottles, one marked specimen "A" and the other specimen "B", each packed and sealed in a transparent plastic bag. A code number is laser-engraved on the bottles and the bottle caps and also marked on the polystyrene box.
- 5.3 The player shall urinate into the sterilised beaker under the supervision of the AFC medical officer or his assistant. The urine volume shall be at least 75 ml ("A" 50 ml, "B" 25 ml), unless unexpected problems arise, in which case 50 ml ("A" 35 ml, "B" 15 ml) shall suffice. The decision shall rest with the AFC Medical Officer.

5.4 The player shall decide whether he or the medical officer shall pour the urine into bottles "A" and "B". The decision taken shall be documented in writing on Form 0-3. If the player decides to do it himself, the AFC medical officer shall explain the procedure to him.

5.5 The AFC Medical Officer shall ascertain the pH value and the specific weight using the last remaining drops of urine in the beaker.

5.6 After the urine sample has been poured into bottles "A" and "B", either the player himself or the AFC Medical Officer (cf. par. 5.4) shall close them tight, both of them first having checked that the bottles are in good and proper condition. The player shall ensure that no urine can leak out and compare the code numbers on both bottles, the bottle caps and the particulars on Form 0-3 once again. Form 0-3 shall then be signed by the player, the person accompanying him and the AFC medical officer.

5.7 The AFC Medical Officer shall then complete Form 0-4, containing the following information: date, match, venue, match number, code number of the "A" and "B" specimens, pH value and specific weight of the urine specimens.

The "A" and "B" specimens of all the players tested and the yellow copy of Form 0-4 shall be delivered the laboratory by courier or by the AFC Medical Officer.

Procedure if the stipulated urine volume of 75 ml is not obtained:

5.8. The player shall select a polystyrene box as in par. 5.2. Without removing the red security ring he shall open bottle "A" only and select an interim sealing set (interim sealing device and numbered security tape). The player or the AFC Medical Officer (cf. par. 5.4.) shall pour the urine into bottle "A" and seal it using the interim sealing device before replacing the cap on the bottle. Next, he shall place bottle "A" back in the polystyrene box, which also contains bottle "B", and seal it with the security tape, the number of which is registered on Form 0-3. The player shall then return to the waiting room, keeping the poly-styrene box containing his partial urine specimen in his possession.

As soon as the player is able to give a further urine specimen, he shall select a new, sealed and sterilised beaker, into which he shall then urinate under the supervision of the Medical Officer or his assistant.

The AFC Medical Officer or the player (cf. par. 5.4) shall then pour the urine from bottle "A" into the beaker containing the freshly produced urine. If the urine volume is still below 75 ml, the process must be repeated.

Once the urine volume of 75 ml has been obtained, the procedure shall be continued as from par. 5.4. to par. 5.7.

6. Analysis of specimens and communication of results

6.1 Analysis of the specimens shall be carried out in a laboratory recognised by the IOC (cf. par. 1.1).

6.2 The laboratory shall proceed with the analysis of specimen "A", keeping specimen "B" in a refrigerator at the laboratory.

- 6.3 The head of the laboratory shall send the test results by fax or e-mail to the AFC General Secretary or the AFC Medical Officer responsible within 24 hours of receiving the specimen.
- 6.4 If the analysis of specimen "A" proves negative, AFC shall inform the head of delegation of both teams and the responsible AFC committees. The "B" specimen shall be disposed of 30 days after the announcement of the analysis result, so that it can no longer be used for additional testing.
- 6.5 If the analysis of specimen "A" proves positive, the AFC Medical Officer responsible shall immediately inform the AFC General Secretary of the communication from the laboratory and, if applicable, the relevant particulars on Form 0-1.

7. Right to request an analysis of specimen "B"

- 7.1. If the analysis of specimen "A" is confirmed as positive by the AFC Medical Officer's medical report, the AFC General Secretary shall at once confidentially notify the chairmen of the Disciplinary Committee, the Competition Organising committee and the Sports Medical Committee and the national association of the player concerned, which shall have the right to request a second analysis using specimen "B" within 24 hours of being notified.
- 7.2 If a second analysis is requested, AFC shall communicate this request immediately to the head of the laboratory where the "B" specimen is being kept. An analysis of specimen "B" shall be carried out as soon as possible, but not later than within 48 hours of AFC's request, by personnel who were not directly involved with the analysis of specimen "A".
- 7.3. An AFC representative may be present when the bottle containing specimen "B" is opened. The association concerned shall have the right to have a representative present, in addition to the player concerned.
- 7.4. The results of the analysis of specimen "B" shall be sent immediately to the AFC General Secretary or the AFC Medical Officer responsible by fax or by e-mail.
- 7.5. If no request for a second test is made, the laboratory shall dispose of specimen "B" after 30 days have elapsed.

8. Procedure if the analysis of specimen "B" proves positive

- 8.1. If the analysis of specimen "B" proves positive, the case shall be submitted to the Disciplinary Committee, which based on the AFC Medical Committee's medical report, shall determine the degree of responsibility of the player and/or persons belonging to his national association. The Disciplinary Committee shall determine appropriate sanctions.
- 8.2. AFC shall have the exclusive right to publish the test results and the consequences thereof.

III. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

1. Matters not provided for in these regulations shall be settled by final decision of the relevant organising committee or, in the case of out-of-competition tests, by the AFC Disciplinary Committee.
2. The regulations for doping tests at AFC competitions and out of competition shall be implemented and construed according to the Malaysian federal law and the rules of the football-specific chamber of the Cours of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
3. **Any dispute arising from or related to the present regulations will be settled in accordance with AFC jurisdiction and , if necessary, by the football-specific chamber of CAS in Lausanne, Switzerland, in accordance with its regulations.**



AFC competition:

National association: _____

Declaration of Agreement for National Associations

The undersigned

(NAME OF PRESIDENT – IN BLOCK LETTERS)

(NAME OF GENERAL SECRETARY – IN BLOCK LETTERS)

herewith confirm that they have read and understood the entire Doping Control Regulations for AFC Competitions including the respective preliminary competitions, and Out of Competition, (edition 2003) and, by signing below, acknowledge them as fully binding upon the team, the team delegation and any persons taking care of the players.

This applies to the Doping Control Regulations for AFC Competitions and Out of Competition and their implementation.

The Doping Control Regulations for AFC Competitions and Out of Competition are subject to Malaysian federal law and the rules of the football-specific chamber of the Cours of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

Place

Date

Signatures:

(President)

(Stamp of the national association) (General Secretary)

