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DEFINITIONS

The terms in Capital letters used in these Regulations (as hereinafter defined) shall have the following meaning(s):

Accommodation Hotels or any other locations providing accommodation to guests for the Competition

Accreditation or Accredited The giving of authority to a person or a group of persons, involving certification, which allows the accredited person(s) to undertake specified activities within the Controlled Access Areas.

AFC The Asian Football Confederation.

AFC Committees AFC Committees including The Disciplinary Committee, Appeals Committee, Referees Committee, Technical Committee, Finance & Marketing Committee, AFC Executive Committee, AFC Women's Committee and such other committees of the AFC as advised by AFC from time to time.

AFC Women's Committee The Women's Committee shall comprise the Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and a minimum of three (3) members and maximum of nine (9) members. The Committee shall deal with all matters related to women's football in accordance with the AFC Statutes and relevant Regulations

AFC Delegation Any officials appointed by AFC, including but not limited to the Head of Delegation, Head of Administration, General Coordinator, Match Commissioner, Referee Assessor, Referee, Assistant Referees, Fourth Official, Media Officer, Security Officer, Medical Officer and Technical Study Group.

AFC Headquarters AFC House, Jalan 1/155B, Bukit Jalil, 57000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

AFC Logo(s) The official logo of AFC, and/or such other official

logo, which shall be the only marks used by AFC, where otherwise mutually agreed by the parties.

AFC Official Merchandise The official merchandise of AFC, to which the AFC Logo and the Competition Marks may be applied, to those products at the sole discretion of AFC.

AFC Website www.the-afc.com

AFCAS AFC Administration System (AFCAS) is a web-based system to manage the AFC's operations and monitor the status of competition and individual registrations.

Best Category Ticket The best tickets available in the best category seats entitling the ticket holder to sit in the sector immediately adjacent to the VIP area whether in or directly opposite Area to the main stand.

Broadcast Affiliates Any entity, including the Host Broadcaster, which has acquired from AFC directly or from AFC's Marketing Partner any rights in respect of the Broadcast Rights of the Competition.

Broadcast Rights The right to broadcast the Competition and the right of access to the Stadia to the exclusion of all others, for the purposes of producing a live television and/or radio signal and/or recordings of the Competition in any form of audio and/or audio-visual medium and the right to license the right to exhibit such live signal and/or recordings and/or part thereof by any and all forms of television and/or radio and/or any media now existing or as may be developed in the future, including, all forms of terrestrial, cable and satellite television, IPTV, broadband (fixed and/or wireless), Internet and Interactive Television on a world-wide basis.

Commercial Affiliates Any entity to which AFC directly or indirectly has granted or will grant any aspect of the Commercial Rights in respect of the Competition, including but not limited to Official Sponsors, Official Supporters,

Official Licensees and Official Media Partners.

<i>Commercial Rights</i>	All rights of commercial exploitation of the Competition , including without limitation all rights of commercial exploitation of the Advertising Rights, Broadcast Rights, Concession Rights, Hospitality Rights, Image Rights, Merchandising Rights, Promotional Rights, Sponsorship Rights, and Travel and Tour Rights, by New Media Rights, Video Rights and/or commercial exploitation by any other means.
<i>Competition</i>	AFC U-16 Women's Championship China 2013 which shall include the Matches as set out in the Match Schedule, including any qualifying matches, activities on the field of play (other than matches), opening ceremonies, presentation or closing ceremonies, press conferences or official functions connected therewith.
<i>Competition Data</i>	Any and all information related to the Competition, including Fixture Lists, Image Rights, information and/or statistics about the Participating Member Associations and/or Participating Players, information and/or statistics about their participation and/or performance in the Competition, match analysis, referee decisions, and any other information in relation to the Competition.
<i>Competition Marks</i>	Any and all current and future competition Trademark's and/or logos, copyrights and/or designs whether or not registered or applied for and whether registered in part or in whole including any and or present and future names, designations, symbols, logos or identifying music or sounds of AFC or the Competition, the AFC Fair Play name and device mark, the official logo, the Competition Trophy and other artistic and autographic representations in one, two or three dimensional proportions used by or in association with the Competition.
<i>Competition Website</i>	The official website in relation to a Competition operated exclusively by AFC with a dedicated URL registered, owned and maintained by AFC, at AFC's sole expense, for use exclusively by AFC.

<i>Complimentary Tickets</i>	Tickets which are supplied without charge.
<i>Controlled Access Areas</i>	The locations of the Matches and other events, such as (without limitation) Stadia and their fences and perimeters, the aerial space above the Stadia, and all other locations associated with the Competitions, including the media centres, international broadcast centres, Official Training Sites, designated official hotels (including but not limited to the official hotels for the Participating Member Associations), hospitality and VIP areas and facilities, other areas to which admission is regulated by the accreditation system, and surrounding and adjacent areas to the locations described above.
<i>FIFA</i>	The Federation International de Football Association.
<i>Force Majeure</i>	Any event affecting the performance or any provision of this Agreement arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, epidemic or other natural disaster, failure or shortage of power supplies, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion.
<i>Host Broadcaster</i>	The organization appointed by AFC directly or indirectly to ensure and provide the production of the broadcast signals of the Matches and other events of the Competition, and the provision of all related services in accordance with the Broadcast Rights.
<i>Match(es)</i>	Each football match(es) in its entirety (including penalty kick) of the Competition, and including any delayed, deferred Matches and/or replays.
<i>Match Schedule</i>	The published schedule containing details of the Competition (which details shall include but not be limited to the names of the Participating Member

Associations, Venues, Stadia, and details of the Match kick-off times)

<i>Media</i>	All members of the written press, on-line editors, photographers, television news crews and the representatives of the Broadcast Rights Holders entitled to media accreditation as determined by AFC.
<i>Member(s) / Member Associations</i>	Those National Associations who are members of FIFA, and who have applied for and been granted Ordinary, Provisional and Associate membership of AFC. For the purpose of this definition ‘Ordinary’, ‘Provisional’ and ‘Associate’ membership shall have the same meaning as contained in AFC Statutes.
<i>National Association(s)</i>	The controlling bodies for association football within each country or territory of Asia.
<i>Neutral Venue Organizing Association</i>	Association where the match is being played as a neutral venue and appointed to assist to organize, stage and host the competition.
<i>Official Functions</i>	Any official event organized in connection with the Competitions, including but not limited to press conferences, official dinners or lunches and banquets.
<i>Official Training Sites</i>	Training sites designated by the Organizing Association for use by the Participating Member Associations throughout the duration of the Competition.
<i>Organising Association(s)</i>	A Member Association(s) and their Local Organising Committee appointed by AFC to organise, stage and host the Competition.
<i>Participating Players</i>	Those players registered and participating in the Competition and any other players under the authority of AFC during the Competition.
<i>Participating Teams(s) /</i>	Those teams participating in the Competitions, under

<i>Member Association(s)</i>	the authority of the Member Associations and AFC during the Competition.
<i>Regional Federation</i>	Consists of WAFF, AFF, SAFF and EAFF
<i>Regulations</i>	Those regulations controlled and published by AFC to be used in connection with the Competition.
<i>Stadia</i>	The official stadia (or any stadium) and the airspace and surrounding areas for the Matches, whether under the control of the Organising Association or otherwise, used for the Matches, including without limitation parking facilities, VIP and hospitality areas, concourses, concession areas, fencing and entrances.
<i>Team's Official Delegation</i>	The Participating Member Association's Official Delegation will comprise of a maximum of 23 players and 8 officials who are named in the Final Registration for the Competition.
<i>Team's Official Duration</i>	The period of time form the official arrival date, to be determined by AFC, till one (1) day after the Participating Member Association's last Match in the Competition.
<i>Ticketing</i>	All operational measures to provide tickets to all spectators of every Match and for Official Functions of the Competition allowing them to enter the Stadia and for a Venue. Ticketing shall include the management of operation necessary for the production, sale, distribution, delivery and payment of the tickets of the Competition.
<i>Venues</i>	The host city and the immediately surrounding area in which the Stadia are located.

For the purposes of this Regulation and provided the context so permits:

- (a) The singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
- (b) The masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice versa.
- (c) Reference to persons shall include any legal person or corporation.
- (d) References to AFC shall where the context permits include its successors and permitted assigns and, in relation to the availability of the Commercial Rights, its respective members, national bodies and Organising committees.

SECTION 1: REPRESENTATION

1. Asian Football Confederation

- a) The AFC stages the AFC U-16 Women's Championship (Final) (hereafter the 'Competition') for the U-16 women's national teams once every two (2) years.
- b) Any rights associated with the Competition which has not been granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to a Participating Member Association in the Competition belong to AFC.
- c) AFC stages the Competition with AFC's Member Association (hereinafter the Organising Association) following the appointment of this Association by the AFC Executive Committee.
- d) The current AFC Statutes, all AFC Regulations, Guidelines, Circulars and Codes are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organization and hosting of the Competition. Any reference in these Regulations to the AFC Statutes refers to the Statutes valid at the time of entry and to all relevant AFC Regulations, Guidelines, Circulars and Codes.
- e) The top three (3) ranked teams of the Competition shall qualify and undertake to take part in the following competitions:
 - i. FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Costa Rica 2014
 - ii. Intercontinental competitions arranged by AFC with other Confederations, if any.
- f) The winner of the Competition is not authorized to represent AFC or the Competition without AFC's prior written approval.
- g) AFC may appoint match officials including Match Commissioners, Referees, General Coordinators, Referee Assessors, Media Officers, Medical Officers, Doping Control Officers, Security Officers, etc. (hereafter the 'AFC Delegation') for each match of the Competition for the purpose of match organization.
- h) All Players and Officials registered for participation in this Competition shall undertake to ensure their presence at the AFC Awards Night of the AFC Competitions Calendar Year if they are nominated for an award. Any player or official failing to do so shall be referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

2. Participating Member Associations

- a) The obligations and responsibilities of the Participating Member Associations are stipulated in the Participating Team Agreement (PTA), its annexes and

amendments, the AFC List of Requirements (LOR) and in these Regulations and other AFC Regulations, Guidelines and Circulars and any other agreements reached between AFC and the Participating Member Association.

- b) Each Member Association taking part in the Competition shall ensure, as a condition of its participation in the Competition that every member of its delegation(s) (players and officials) complies with the Participating Team Agreement to be issued by AFC.
- c) The eligible Member Association shall complete the Participating Team Agreement in full and submit it to the AFC Secretariat not later than the entry deadline communicated to the Member Association. If the Participating Team Agreement does not reach the AFC Secretariat by the entry deadline, the participation of the eligible Member Association will be cancelled.
- d) Only the Participating Team Agreement submitted to the AFC Secretariat by fax and courier post will be valid and taken into consideration.

3. Organising Association/ Federation

- a) For the duration of the Competition, the Organising Association(s) / Federation, and the relevant government authorities are responsible the following:
 - i. Concluding – with reputable insurers at their own cost – all necessary insurance in connection with the staging and organizing of the matches, including third-party liability and spectator accident coverage;
 - ii. Guaranteeing law and order as well as safety at the venue and in the stadiums, thus ensuring the application of the FIFA Safety Regulations.
 - iii. Complying with the guidelines and instructions issued by AFC
- b) The Organising Association(s) / Federation shall discharge AFC and hold it harmless from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against AFC and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organization and course of the Competition to the exclusion of damages caused by AFC or the members of its delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.
- c) The Organising Association(s) / Federation shall exempt (indemnify and hold harmless) AFC from all third party claims for damages relating to Match organization, regardless of whether individual Matches in question take place or not.

SECTION 2: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

4. Matches played in accordance with the Laws of the Game

- a) All Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
- b) In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail and is authoritative.
- c) Only three (3) substitutes listed on the Match Starting List may take part in the Match. A player who has been substituted out may take no further part in the Match.
- d) If there are fewer than seven (7) players on either of the teams, the Match shall be abandoned. In this case, the AFC Women's Committee (and if required the AFC Disciplinary Committee) shall decide on the consequences.

5. Duration of Match

- a) Each Match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising two periods of forty-five (45) minutes, with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes in between from the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period.
- b) If the result is draw after full time during the knock-out stage matches, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game. Extra time is not applicable for this Competition.
- c) If the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for other reasons beyond control, the results shall be decided by the drawing of lots by the Referee in the presence of the AFC Match Commissioner and the two (2) team captains.
- d) If, through the fault of a Team, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed, Art. 20 c) of these Regulations shall apply.

6. Cancellation of Matches

- a) If the Match cannot commence on time due to Force Majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedures must be followed:
 - i. The Match must first be delayed for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes, unless the Referee decides that the Match can

commence earlier, before a decision to reschedule the Match is taken.

- ii. At the discretion of the Referee, another delay of a maximum of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of delay will allow the Match to commence. Otherwise, at the end of this second thirty (30) minute period, the Referee must declare the Match to have been cancelled.
- iii. In the case of a cancelled Match, the AFC shall decide within two (2) hours of the Referee's decision to cancel the Match whether the Match can be rescheduled, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account, or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue with the Competition. Any disciplinary sanctions resulting from the cancelled Match shall remain in force.

b) No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in *Art. 6 a)*.

7. Abandonment of Matches

- a) If the Match is stopped by the Referee because of any Force Majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedures must be followed:
 - i. The Match is automatically suspended for the duration of thirty (30) minutes to allow conditions to improve sufficiently to restart the Match, unless the referee decides that the Match can be resumed earlier.
 - ii. At the discretion of the Referee, another suspension of a maximum of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of suspension will allow the Match to be resumed. Otherwise, at the end of this second thirty (30) minute period, the Referee must declare the Match to have been abandoned.
 - iii. In the case a match is abandoned as a result of force majeure for any reason after it has already kicked off, the match shall recommence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full.

The following principles shall apply to the recommencement of the match:

- A) the match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was initially abandoned;
- B) no additional substitutes may be added to the 'Match Starting List';
- C) the teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
- D) players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
- E) any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
- F) the kick-off time, date (foreseen for the following day) and location shall be decided by the AFC;
- G) any matters requiring further decision shall be treated by the AFC.

b) No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in *Art. 7 a)*.

8. Stadiums (Stadia)

- a) The Stadium for the matches in the Competition shall be nominated upon bidding to host, by the Member Association and subject to inspection and approval by AFC. The cost of the inspection visit will be borne by the Organizing Association.
- b) Unless stipulated otherwise in these Regulations, Matches in the Competition must be played in a stadium which meets all the requirement of and standards stated in the 'AFC Stadia Regulations' and in compliance with the safety & security standards, Marketing Regulations for AFC U-16 Women's Championship China 2013 and other AFC guidelines and instructions for international Matches.
- c) The Organising Association shall ensure that no Matches and/or other activities are held at the Stadium(s) nominated for the Matches at least thirty (30) days prior to the Competition, unless written permission has been obtained from AFC. Unless specified or directed by AFC otherwise, the Stadia shall be made available for use for the Competition as of seven (7) working days prior to the first Match of the Competition until one (1) day after the last Match of the Competition.
- d) All matches of the Competition may only be played on fields of play with the following dimension:
 - i. Length : 105 meters (115 yards)
 - ii. Width : 68 meters (75 yards)

9. Team Bench and Technical Area

- a) Up to a maximum of eight (8) Team officials and a maximum of twelve (12) players (substitutes, injured or not playing) are allowed to sit on the team bench during the Match, provided they are in possession of the appropriate Accreditation Cards.
- b) All officials and players on the team bench must wear their Accreditation cards at all times.
- c) All persons on the bench must wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of the players and referees on the pitch. These kits must comply with the AFC Equipment Regulations.
- d) Team 'A' shall occupy the left hand side bench and Team 'B' shall be on the right hand side as viewed from 4th Official Bench.

10. Warming up

- a) The participating teams shall be entitled to warm up on the field of play before the Match if the weather permits.
- b) During actual play, a maximum of six (6) players from each team may warm up at the same time but without a ball (except for the goalkeeper), behind the goal closest to their substitutes' bench or in a space determined by the AFC Match Commissioner. The players may be assisted by two (2) officials from the team bench.

11. Official Training Sessions at the Stadium

- a) Depending on the weather and condition of the pitch, the Participating Member Association will be entitled to a forty-five (45) minutes Official Training Session in the Stadium where they are due to play on one (1) day or two (2) days before the Participating Member Association's first Match in the Stadium concerned.
- b) The field of play must be prepared to Match conditions for this session. If the field of play is not in good condition, the AFC Match Commissioner may shorten or cancel the Training Session and direct the teams to inspect the field of play wearing training shoes only.
- c) If an artificial pitch is to be used for the matches, the Participating Member Association are entitled to have either a two (2) one-hour official training sessions or one (1) two-hours official training session in the Stadium where they are due to play on, one day or two days before their match.

- d) If teams choose not to train at the match stadium, they have to inform AFC Match Commissioner of their Official Training time at other designated Official Training Site approved by AFC. This shall be treated as Official Training Session.
- e) AFC will decide the specific official training schedule for the Participating Member Association.

12. Official Training Sites

- a) Official Training Sites, that conform to the AFC Marketing Regulations, in good condition and situated near the Official Team Hotel shall be made available to the Participating Teams at least seven (7) days prior to the team's first Match in the Competition.
- b) The Participating Member Associations in the Competition shall use only those Training Sites which have been officially designated for training by AFC.
- c) These Official Training Sites are reserved for training and practice Matches and shall not be used for other Matches and events as from seven (7) days prior to the first match in the competition, unless written permission has been obtained from the AFC.
- d) AFC will decide the specific training schedule for the Participating Member Associations.

13. Footballs

- a) The footballs for the Competition shall be selected and supplied by AFC as follows:
 - i. Each Participating Member Association will receive fifteen (15) training balls before the Competition.
 - ii. The Organising Association will be provided ten (10) Match balls for each Match
 - iii. Participating Member Associations are required to bring their AFC-provided training balls with them to the Competition.
- b) Whenever the footballs are delivered to the home country of the Participating Member Associations, the Participating Member Association is responsible to cover the cost of any taxes and/or fees pertaining to the clearance of these footballs.

14. Match Schedule

- a) All Matches shall be played according to the dates, stadium and kick-off times as set by the AFC Women's Committee.

15. Competition System

- a) The Competition shall consist of two stages
 - i. Group Stage (League System)
 - ii. Knockout Stage consisting of the Semi-Finals and Final (Knockout system)
- b) The winners of each Group shall qualify for the Semi-Finals of the Competition.

16. Technical Rules for the Competition

Group Stage

- a) The teams of the twelve (12) Member Associations taking part in the Competition shall be divided into four (4) groups of three (3) teams each.
- b) In the Matches of Group stage, the ranking in each group is determined as follows:
 - i. Greater number of points obtained in all group Matches;
 - ii. If two or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criterion, their places shall be determined as follows:
 - A) Greater number of points obtained in the group Matches between the Teams concerned;
 - B) Goal difference resulting from the group Matches between the Teams concerned;
 - C) Greater number of goals scored in the group Matches between the Teams concerned;
 - D) Goal difference in all the group Matches;
 - E) Greater number of goals scored in all the group Matches;
 - F) Kicks from the penalty mark if only two Teams are involved and they are both on the field of play;
 - G) Fewer score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the group Matches; (please see Appendix 1)
 - H) Drawing of lots

- c) In the Matches of league system, three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) point for a loss.

Knockout Stage

- a) In the knockout stage, the Team having scored most goals in the Match will qualify for the next round. If both Teams score the same number of goals in the Match after ninety (90) minutes, no extra time shall be played and penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner as per *Art. 5*.

SECTION 3: ENTRIES FOR COMPETITION

17. Entries

- a) Twelve (12) Member Associations may participate in this Competition by virtue of:
 - i. Their ranking from the previous edition of Competition;
 - ii. Qualifying through the AFC U-16 Women's Championship 2013 (Qualifiers);
 - iii. Being invited
- b) The eligible Member Association shall complete an official entry form in full and submit it to the AFC not later than the entry deadline communicated to the Member Association.
- c) All decisions by the AFC Women's Committee regarding entries are final and not subject to appeal.

18. Eligible Teams

- a) The U-16 National Women's Teams of Participating Member Associations shall be eligible to participate in the provided all other terms of these Regulations have been met.
- b) Only the Member Associations who fulfill the following criteria are eligible to participate in this Competition :
 - i. Member Association must have a Women's Committee / Department which is under the governance of the Member Association.
 - ii. Member Association must have an U-16 Women's Competition with a minimum duration of 3 months and participated by a minimum of 4 teams. This can also be a school league organized by the Ministry of Education / Sports.
 - iii. Head Coach of the National U-16 Women's Team must hold at least an AFC "B" Certificate.
 - iv. Member Association must assign one female Coach to the Team. The female coach must hold a minimum of AFC "C" Certificate or its equivalent.

19. Duties and Obligations

- a) On entering the Competition, the Member Associations shall automatically undertake:

- i. To observe any agreements entered into with AFC as well as AFC Statutes, Regulations, policies, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by AFC and the applicable national and supra-national laws;
 - ii. To comply with the Laws of the Game laid down by the IFAB and published by FIFA;
 - iii. To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition shall be settled by AFC in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of relevant AFC Committee(s);
 - iv. To field their strongest team throughout the Competition;
 - v. To observe the principles of Fair Play;
 - vi. To be responsible for the behavior of their players, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Competition, either at home or from their arrival in the host country until their departure;
 - vii. To accept all the arrangements made by the Organizing Association in agreement with the AFC;
 - viii. To attend and participate in all official activities and events such as Team Manager's Meeting, Press Conferences, other Media & Marketing activities, etc. organized by AFC and/or the Organizing Association in accordance with guidelines and/or instructions in circulars issued by AFC regarding, in particular, Media access to Teams. Failure to attend the team managers' meeting, Press Conference and other official function in the Competition will result in the Member Association being fined US\$5,000.00 (Five Thousand US Dollars only);
 - ix. To accept the use and/or sub-license by AFC of any of the records, names and images of the Member Association (including its mark), players and officials, including any still and moving representation thereof, which must appear or be generated in connection with the Participating of the Member Association and its Players and Officials in the Competition.
- b) In their capacity as the Organizing Association, shall automatically undertake:
- i. To make the appropriate arrangements for the staging of their matches, visiting teams and AFC Delegation in accordance with the Regulations;
 - ii. To guarantee that access to the stadium will be granted to the AFC Delegation, officials and players of the visiting teams, sponsors, traveling fans and media without any discrimination of gender, race or nationality.

20. Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play and replacement

- a) Participating Member Associations shall play all of their teams' Matches in the Competition.
- b) Participating Member Associations that withdraw prior to, or are excluded from playing in the Competition, may be replaced by another Member Association. AFC Committees concerned shall make the relevant decision,

including a change in the Competition system and the Technical Rules for the Competition if necessary.

- c) If a Participating Member Association withdraws after entering or does not report for a Match at any Stage of the Competition, except in cases of Force Majeure recognized by the AFC Women's Committee, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of the Match, the Participating Member Association shall:
- i. Be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition;
 - ii. Have all its matches cancelled and considered null and void (all points, goals scored and goals against will not be counted and taken into consideration when deciding the ranking in the Group);
 - iii. Be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by the other Participating Member Associations, the AFC and AFC's Commercial and TV partner(s). The amount of compensation will be determined by the AFC Executive Committee;
 - iv. Be disqualified from taking part in the next edition of the Competition (and its qualifying competitions, if any);
 - v. Be disqualified from taking part in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Costa Rica 2014, if qualification has been attained;
 - vi. Be referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee for additional sanctions and fines depending on the gravity of the situation, then to AFC Executive Committee for final decision;
 - vii. Return to the AFC any financial stipends that had been paid to them by AFC throughout the Competition or forfeit the right to the same;
 - viii. AFC Executive Committee may extend the suspension depending on the gravity of the situation and/or damages.
- d) The AFC Women's Committee shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of Force Majeure.

SECTION 4: TEAM'S OFFICIAL DELEGATION: OFFICIALS & PLAYERS

21. Size of Delegation Attending Matches

- a) Each Participating Member Association is entitled to an Official Delegation of a maximum of twenty-three (23) players and eight (8) officials who must be registered by the Member Association as per *Art. 22 - 31*. The Team's Official Delegation will be receiving with full board, Accommodation and local transportation benefits as well as full access to the official Competition areas including the field of play and other Controlled Accessed areas.
- b) At their own cost, each Participating Member Association can nominate, up to an additional four (4) officials who will receive the same access to all competition areas. However, the total number of officials who will sit on the team bench must not exceed eight (8) officials as confirmed by the 'Officials on the Team Bench' form submitted prior to the start of the match.

22. Eligibility of Players

- a) A player is eligible to play in the Competition provided she fulfils all the following conditions:
 - i. She is duly registered with the AFC by the Member Association according to the provisions of these Regulations;
 - ii. She is a bona fide citizen of the country she represents, provided she fulfills the provision of *Art. 24*.
 - iii. She was registered for the AFC U-16 Women's Championship 2013 (Qualifiers); or
 - iv. She was not registered for the AFC U-16 Women's Championship 2013 (Qualifiers), however she was born on or after 1st January 1997.
- b) A player is deemed ineligible if:
 - i. There is a violation of *Art. 22 a)*;
 - ii. She is fielded despite being served a suspension;
 - iii. The player fails a doping test;
 - iv. AFC finds that document(s) submitted during registration is/are false.
- c) In the event there is a dispute pertaining to the status of a player, the case will be referred to FIFA.

23. Stages of Registration of Players

- a) There are three (3) stages of player's registration:

- i. Preliminary Registration to determine a squad of a minimum of eighteen (18) players and up to a maximum of fifty (50) players.
- ii. Final Registration to specify a minimum of eighteen (18) players and up to a maximum of twenty-three (23) players from the squad declared in the Preliminary Registration for the Competition.
- iii. Start List to identify the starting eleven (11) and up to twelve (12) substitute players for each Match during the Competition.

24. Documentations for Registration of Players

- a) For the registration of players for the Competition, players must be registered using the 'AFC U-16 Women's Championship China 2013 Official Registration Form for Players'.
- b) Documentations for the registration of players are, but not limited to, the following (unless already previously submitted to AFC and available in AFCAS):
 - i. Official Registration form for Players;
 - ii. Color Copy of valid passport containing full name, passport number, date of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality (group passport will not be accepted);
 - iii. Color Copy of national ID (when applicable);
 - iv. Birth Certificate;
 - v. Passport-size colored photo (taken within 3 months prior to the submission of the registration)
- c) In cases of registration of naturalized players, the Member Associations concerned must present proof of naturalization by providing supporting documents issued by the competent authorities of their countries as proof of the Player's nationality in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes. The supporting documents are, but not limited, to those listed in Appendix 2.
- d) AFC reserves the right to request for additional documents than those stipulated in clauses b) and c) above.

25. Principles for Registration of Players

- a) A Participating Member Association can register no less than eighteen (18) players and no more than fifty (50) players for the Competition in the Preliminary Registration in accordance with *Art. 26*.

- b) If a team fails to register a minimum of eighteen (18) players, the team will be considered to have withdrawn in accordance with *Art. 20 c*).
- c) Throughout the Competition, each player shall wear the same number allocated to her from 1 ~ 23 submitted to AFC during the Final Registration in accordance with *Art. 27* below. Jersey No 1 shall be reserved for Goalkeeper.
- d) Participating Member Associations must register a minimum of three (3) goalkeepers in their Preliminary and Final Registration for the players without any condition.
- e) Each column in the AFC Official Registration Form for the Players must be completed with correct information.
- f) Players with missing documentations will not be eligible for registration. All eligible players will be issued with official AFC Accreditation Cards. Should the card have been misplaced, the teams shall be required to pay a USD 1,000 (One thousand US Dollars only) production fee for every card lost, to replace it.
- g) In case any Participating Member Association is found guilty of violating *Art. 22 b*), the sanction will be pronounced in accordance with AFC Disciplinary Code.
- h) It is responsibility of the Member Association to ensure that all original forms and supporting documents in accordance with *Art. 24* are sent in good time and reach AFC Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia or submitted via AFCAS online registration before the deadline announced by AFC. Proof of submission is not proof of receipt.
- i) Should the AFC Secretariat not receive the AFC Official Registration Form with all required document by the deadline announced by AFC, the Member Association shall be automatically disqualified from the Competition and be considered to have withdrawn in accordance with *Art. 20 c*).

26. Preliminary Registration of Players

- a) Each Member Association entering the Competition shall submit to AFC Secretariat, via email, courier or online registration, the AFC Official Registration Form for the Players and the supporting documents in accordance with *Art. 24* by the deadline communicated by AFC.
- b) Once the AFC Official Registration Form has been received by AFC and after the deadline under no circumstances will the Member Associations be allowed to submit additional names or replacement of players for

registrations, even if their quota of fifty (50) players has not been fulfilled.

27. Final Registration of Players

- a) Participating Member Associations are required to submit a final registration of a minimum of eighteen (18) players and a maximum of twenty-three (23) players numbered from 1 to 23 from the squad list of fifty (50) players in the Preliminary Registration by ten (10) days before the First Match in the Competition.
- b) Once the final registration of a minimum of eighteen (18) players and a maximum of twenty-three (23) players have been submitted and received by AFC, Participating Member Associations can still replace any of these players on any grounds, up until six (6) hours before the first Match Day of the Competition.
- c) However, the replacement player (i.e. 'new player') must be nominated from the list of up to fifty (50) players already registered in accordance to the Preliminary Registration of Players.
- d) Participating Member Association must hand over the official accreditation card of the player to be replaced to the AFC General Coordinator. The AFC General Coordinator will then, in exchange, hand over the official AFC Accreditation Card of the replacement player.
- e) Only when the replacement player has received her official Accreditation card will she be considered to be registered for the Competition and eligible to participate in the Competition.

28. Match Starting List

- a) The Member Association must hand their 'Officials on the bench' list with the names of eight (8) officials who shall be entitled to sit on the bench and 'Player Selection List' with the names of eleven (11) players who will start the Match and other twelve (12) players who are designated as either substitutes, suspended or not playing, to the AFC Match Commissioner at least ninety (90) minutes before the kick-off of their Match. The team captain must be identified on the 'Player Selection List'.
- b) After the 'Match Starting List' has been completed and signed by both Teams and returned to the AFC Match Commissioner, and if the Match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions apply:
 - i. If any of the eleven (11) players listed on the Match Starting List selected to start the Match are not able to start the Match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes

- listed on the Match Starting List. During the Match, three (3) players may still be replaced;
- ii. The replaced players shall no longer be eligible to participate in the match.

29. Registration of Officials

- a) Each Member Association entering the Competition shall submit to AFC Secretariat via fax, courier or AFCAS online registration, the AFC Official Registration Form for Officials and the supporting documents in accordance with *Art. 30-31* by the deadline communicated by AFC.

30. Documentations for Registration of Officials

- a) For the registration of officials for the Competition, officials must be registered using the 'AFC Official Registration Form for Officials'.
- b) Documentations for the registration of Officials are, but not limited to, as following (unless already previously submitted to AFC and available in AFCAS);
 - i. Official Registration form for Officials;
 - ii. Passport-size colored photo (taken within 3 months prior to the submission of the registration)
 - iii. Color copy of valid passport containing full name, passport number, date of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality (group passport will not be accepted)
 - iv. Color copy of National ID (when applicable, unless the official is a foreigner from a non AFC Member Association)
 - v. Certificate / Qualifications based on his/her function:
 - i) Head coach and Assistant Coach: Individual's coaching certificate or coaching license
 - ii) Doctor: Medical Qualification
- c) AFC has the right to ask further documentations for the clarification of the eligibility of the officials other than documentations listed in the *Art. 30 b)* above.

31. Principles for Registration of Officials

- a) The Member Associations can nominate maximum twelve (12) officials in the registration.

- b) The Member Association is entitled to register 'Video Analyst', as one of officials who will record the Matches in the Competition while this recording shall be strictly used only for technical purpose.
- c) Each column in the AFC Official Registration Form for the Officials shall be filled up with correct information.
- d) Officials with missing documentations will not be eligible for registration. All eligible Officials will be issued with official accreditations cards. Should the card have been misplaced, the Member Association shall be required to pay a USD 1,000 (One thousand US Dollars only) production fee for every card lost, to replace it.
- e) It is responsibility of the Member Associations to ensure that all original forms and supporting documents in accordance with *Art. 32* are sent in good time and reach AFC Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia or submitted via AFCAS online registration before the deadline according to the deadline announced by AFC. Proof of submission is not proof of receipt.
- f) Should the AFC Secretariat not receive the AFC Official Registration Form with all required document in accordance with *Art. 32*, the team shall be automatically disqualified from the Competition and be considered to have withdrawn in accordance with *Art. 20 c*).
- g) Member Association may replace or add any of its officials until seven (7) days before each Match of the Participating Member Associations in the Competition provided all necessary documents have been submitted as per *Art. 30-31*. Further, the Accreditation Card of the replaced official must be returned to the AFC before the Accreditation Card of the new official can be produced. The new official is not considered part of the Team's Official Delegation until he/she receives his/her Accreditation Card.

SECTION 5: LOGISTICS & OFFICE EQUIPMENT

32. Visa Application

- a) Participating Member Association must apply for visas to the host country of the Competition not later than one (1) month before the first Match of the Competition and to pay all visa application costs for itself.
- b) If a Participating Member Association fails to secure a visa in time for their arrival as a result of non-compliance of *Art. 32 a)*, the Participating Member Association will be considered to have withdrawn in accordance to *Art. 20 c)*.
- c) Organizing Association must guarantee and ensure that entry visa will be granted to the AFC Delegation, officials and players of the visiting teams, sponsors, travelling fans and media without any discrimination of gender, race or nationality.
- d) Organizing Association should assist broadcasters visiting from overseas in providing them with any documents or approvals they need for visas, accreditations, temporarily importing television equipment and shooting in the host city.

33. Taxes

- a) The Organising Association must cover all taxes and/or fees related to any importation and/or exportation of equipment, merchandise and/or goods to be used for the Competition.
- b) The Organising Association is required to cover the cost of any advertising taxes and/or fees or similar taxes at the Stadia and/or within the Venue.

34. Arrival & Departure, Travel Arrangements

- a) Each Participating Member Association taking part in the Competition shall arrive in the team hotel reserved for it in the host country by the official arrival date to be determined by AFC and leave one (1) night after completion of the team's last match in the Competition.
- b) All Participating Member Associations shall pay for their own airfares (international and domestic airfares) from the Participating Member Associations home venue to the venue of the match and vice-versa.
- c) Participating Member Associations are required to purchase the published-fare air tickets (full fare air tickets) for their delegation to and from the Host Country to allow for potential change of departure dates. Tickets must be

endorsable and date changes must be allowed with or without any penalties. AFC will not be responsible for any penalties incurred for date changes.

- d) Any costs relating to non-compliance to *Art. 34 b), c), d) or e)* shall be borne by the Participating Member Association concerned.
- e) Participating Member Association shall undertake not to play in any commercially driven Matches when traveling to and from the venue of the Competition.

35. Accommodation, Local Hospitalities, Meals and Refreshments

- a) Only official hotels approved by AFC shall be used in the Competition.
- b) The Participating Member Associations will be provided with the following in the official hotel for the Official Delegation from official arrival date to be determined by AFC to one night after the Member Association's last Match in the Competition.
 - i) Accommodations for the Team's Official Delegation as per *Art. 23*, not exceeding thirty-one (31) persons [Eleven (11) double rooms, nine (9) single rooms]. All rooms must be on the same floor whenever possible or split to two floors, depending on the hotel floor layout.
 - ii) One (1) empty room shall be set aside for each Participating Member Association at the team's hotel for the purposes of medical treatment and storage.
 - iii) Minimum of six (6) briefing room for twelve (12) teams on sharing basis for the whole duration of the Competition shall be set aside at the team's hotel equipped with whiteboard, DVD player and TV.
 - iv) Suitable meals three times a day in international buffet style of sufficient quantity and an additional light meal on Match days in a dedicated dining area for each Participating Member Association's Official Delegation
 - v) A minimum of three (3) liters of water per person per day for each Participating Member Association's Official Delegation—ice and refreshments for the teams at the hotel.
 - vi) A minimum of three (3) liters of water per person per day for each Participating Team's Official Delegation ice and refreshments for the teams per training session and per Match.

vii) Laundry but no dry cleaning or pressing for playing and training outfits (8 pieces per day per person) for each Participating Member Association's Official Delegation

viii) Liaison Officers proficient in English and the language of the Participating Member Associations.

- c) The Participating Member Associations shall pay for incidental expenses incurred by its delegation members during the course of their stay in the host country and for any costs incurred by additional members of the delegation and extending their stay other than those mentioned in these Regulations.
- d) The Organising Association shall assist AFC's Commercial Affiliates to secure Accommodation, on the same terms and conditions as are available to AFC, on reasonably sufficient quantity of hotel Accommodation in first class hotels in the Venue, transportation services from the hotel Accommodation and the centre of Venue and, if applicable, air transportation to the Venue.

36. Local Land Transportation

- a) The Participating Member Associations will be provided with the following for the Official Delegation from the official arrival date to be determined by AFC to one day after the Member Association's last Match in the competition.
- i. One (1) bus with forty-five (45) seats and one (1) sedan car for training, Matches, transfers to and from the airport of the Venue and Official Functions
 - ii. One (1) luggage truck during airport transfers and on Match days.
- b) The Organising Association must provide, at its own cost, the local transportation as agreed in Organising Association Agreement (OAA) to the AFC Delegation for the Competition, from the moment they arrive at the Competition Venue until one (1) day after the Competition for the purposes of training, Matches, airport transfers and official functions.

SECTION 6: MEDIA

37. General requirements

- a) The Organising Association is responsible to ensure all Media requirements and facilities, as stated in the AFC Stadia Regulations and Organising Association Agreement (OAA), are met at its own cost.
- b) The Participating Member Associations are encouraged to link the competition website (www.the-afc.com) to its own website respectively upon entry to the Competition.

38. Media Accreditation

- a) The Organizing Association must implement a media accreditation programme as instructed by AFC to control and manage access to the Stadiums.
- b) Where required, the Organizing Association will be responsible for the production of media bibs for photographers, TV and ENG crews under supervision by AFC. The Organizing Association will be responsible for their distribution before and collection after the match.
- c) All reasonable security measures must be put in place, at the cost of the Organizing Association, to protect the commentary area, camera positions and the equipment of the broadcasters.

39. Media Access Areas

- a) No representatives of the written press or radio journalists are allowed on the field of play or the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators.
- b) Only those Accredited photographers, TV cameramen of the Host Broadcaster and the main visiting broadcaster and the personnel required to operate the electronic television cameras of the Host Broadcaster are allowed in the area between the boundaries of the field of play and the spectators, where they will carry out their work in the specific locations assigned to them.
- c) The team dressing-rooms are strictly off limits to representatives of the Media before, during and after the Match.
- d) The Organising Association shall ensure that AFC, the Host Broadcaster and all Broadcast Affiliates have free access to the Stadia from three days prior to Match day until one day after the Match, in order to access the technical

issues of each and to assemble and construct the relevant infrastructure required for the execution of the Broadcast Rights.

- e) The Organising Association is responsible for ensuring that AFC's Broadcast Rights are protected and that no broadcaster and/or video or ENG camera crews are allowed access to the stadium without the prior written permission of AFC.

40. Training Session

- a) All Training Sessions must be opened to the Media. Should the Participating Teams wish to close its Official Training Session to the Media, it shall open for at least the first fifteen (15) minutes of the training. If the Official Training is to be held at the Match stadium, the areas accessible by the Media shall be the same areas available to them on Match day, and the access to such areas must be security controlled.

41. Press Conferences

- a) The Participating Member Associations must attend a pre-Match press conference to be conducted under supervision of AFC Media Officer and/or AFC General Coordinator one day prior to each Match (or the first match) of the Competition which is decided by AFC.
- b) The Head Coaches and one (1) starting player of each Participating Member Associations are obliged to attend and participate in a pre-Match press conference to be held at least one day before the Match (or the competition, to be decided by AFC).
- c) Both teams are obliged to ensure attendance of their Head Coach at Post-Match press conference after each match.
- d) Interpretation of the coaches and players' language into English during the interview with media and at the press conferences is the responsibility of each participating team. Interpretation into local language will be the responsibility of the Organising Association.
- e) Non-compliance with clauses a), b), c) and d) above will result in disciplinary action which may include a fine of a minimum of USD 1,000 (US Dollar One thousand only) and the Head Coach may be subject to a ban from the dressing room and/or the substitutes' bench.

42. Mixed Zone

- a) Players and officials of the participating Member Associations shall enter the Mixed Zone on their way from the team dressing room to the team bus after the Match.

43. Interviews

- a) If requested by AFC, the Participating Member Associations should have their Head Coach and one player available for the day before each Match and/or the Match day for an interview of up to ten (10) minutes with the main TV rights-holding broadcaster (or local TV rights-holding broadcaster) or AFC's official website – www.the-afc.com in the territory of the relevant Team, for the purpose of continental news-exchange distribution to all Competition Right holders.
- b) Players and officials of Participating Teams are not permitted to give interviews during the Match on the field of play or in its immediate vicinity. However, the AFC Media Officer and/or AFC General Coordinator may designate an area between the substitutes' benches and dressing rooms in which "flash" interviews for the Host Television Broadcaster only, including the visiting TV rights-holding broadcaster if there is, can take place at the end of the Match. Players and officials violating this Article will be subject to disciplinary measures.
- c) If requested by AFC for the 'flash' interviews, the Head Coach and at least one (1) key player from both Participating Teams must be available for at least the Host Broadcaster and the TV rights-holding broadcaster.
- d) All interview locations should be assigned by AFC Media Officer and/or AFC General Coordinator.

44. Audio/ Video Recording of Matches

- a) The Organizing Association is responsible, at its own cost, to provide four (4) copies of DVD of each match of the Competition to AFC General Coordinator or AFC Match Commissioner immediately after the match. The Organizing Association shall guarantee the DVD is of good quality and covering entire duration of the match.
- b) Failure to provide any of the provision of Art. 44 a) will result in a minimum fine of USD 5,000 (US Dollar Five thousand) and any further action that AFC Disciplinary Committee may deem necessary, which may include the forfeiture of host subsidies (if any) due to the Organizing Association.

- c) The Participating Member Associations in the Finals will be provided with Digital Video Disc (DVD) of each Match of the Competition by AFC.

SECTION 7: EQUIPMENT/KIT

45.AFC Equipment Regulations

- a) The participating Member Associations must comply with the AFC Equipment Regulations governing the AFC Competitions.
- b) The AFC Equipment Regulations are in force from the time the Member Association's Official Delegation arrive at a Controlled Access Areas until the time the Team's Official Delegation depart from such areas.

46.Sleeve Patches

- a) Each Participating Member Association shall, for each match in which it participates, allow space on the sleeves of the players uniform available (or such other part of the player uniform as AFC may determine) to affix to the relevant Match identifier in a form, manner and position to be determined by AFC as below.
 - i. AFC U-16 Women's Championship sleeve patch on the right
 - ii. AFC Dream Asia Logo sleeve patch on the left

47.Kit Approval Procedure

- a) The Equipment Regulations require the Participating Member Associations to submit to AFC, for AFC's approval, one sample of all kit which the AFC Equipment Regulations cover. At the same time, when required, the Participating Member Associations shall submit also to AFC, for AFC's approval, one sample of all other apparel to be worn by their Team's Official Delegation within the Controlled Access Areas during the Competition Period.
- b) The Participating Member Association shall submit to the AFC Secretariat the above-mentioned equipment by a date to be determined by AFC. If any equipment submitted infringes any of the AFC Equipment Regulations and/or event Regulations, AFC will require the Participating Member Associations to take corrective action and resubmit to AFC the corrected equipment.
- c) All items to be used by a Participating Member Associations within the Controlled Access Areas during the Competition period shall be subjected to AFC's approval in accordance with the procedure set forth by AFC.
- d) The AFC Match Commissioner, the AFC General Coordinator, and/or the AFC Marketing Manager has/have the right and duty to check kit items at the Match venue and are entitled to send such items to the AFC Headquarters for further control after the Match.

48. Responsibility

- a) AFC takes final decisions regarding the approval of kits and other items mentioned in the AFC Equipment Regulations. AFC declines all responsibility and authority in the event of conflicts arising from contract between a Member Association and its sponsor(s) on account of the advertising provisions of the AFC Equipment Regulations. The teams agree to hold AFC harmless from any and all damages which may arise from decisions regarding kits.

SECTION 8: TICKETING

49. Policy

- a) The entire Ticketing system regulating ticket design, pricing policy, procedures and implementation shall be approved by AFC.
- b) Cost of printing match tickets shall be borne by Organising Association.

50. Terms and Conditions

- a) AFC will, in collaboration with the Organising Association, issue special Ticketing terms and conditions which will apply to all ticket holders, including but not limited to National Associations, and which must be communicated to all relevant parties.

51. Complimentary Tickets

- a) AFC will provide each Participating Member Association with the following allocation per Match it features in ;
 - i. One (1) VVIP tickets
 - ii. Five (5) VIP Tickets
 - iii. Twenty (20) 'Category 1' tickets
- b) AFC will provide each Participating Member Association with two (2) 'Category 1' tickets per Match other teams feature in.

52. Purchasable Tickets

- a) Each Participating Member Association has the right to purchase up to 8% of net saleable capacity of each stadium for the Match it features in, in segregated and safe area determined by AFC and Organising Association.
- b) This 8% allocation shall be comprised of a mixture of Category 1 and Category 2 tickets. The Participating Member Associations must declare the number of seats required (up to 8% of the net saleable capacity) one month prior to the start of the competition. The Participating Member Associations is responsible for the cost of all seats declared.

SECTION 9: MEDICAL & ANTI-DOPING

53. Medical Treatment

- a) Participating Member Associations must pay for any and all costs of hospitalization, surgical operation and specialized investigative procedures for all members of its delegation.
- b) The Organizing Association must provide, at its own cost, the following to the Participating Member Associations from the Team's Official Duration and to the AFC Delegation from the moment they arrive to the Venue until one (1) day after the Competition:
 - i. Medical treatment, including hospital facilities for injuries and emergencies related to the Match, sustained/occurring during their stay in the host country. The treatment must cover basic/primary medical care as listed below:
 - Outpatient treatment
 - Minor surgeries (suturing, etc.)
 - Radiological Investigation
 - Emergency Treatment
 - ii. An emergency medical room located in close proximity to player's dressing room/field of play, fully equipped with emergency medical supplies.
 - iii. An air-conditioned, brightly lit and well ventilated doping control room is to be made available at all times at the stadium, equipped with necessary facilities.

54. Medical Personnel

- a) The Organizing Association must provide, at its own cost, the following medical personnel on match day at the Stadium where the match is organized:
 - i. On- Pitch Medical Services:
 - One (1) on pitch Medical Officer trained in Emergency Medicine
 - Eight (8) trained stretcher bearers in good physical condition
 - A team of support Para-medical staff trained in emergency medical care (CPR/ATLS)
 - ii. Doping control personnel:

- One Doping Control Assistant (must be physician)
- Four (4) Doping Stewards
- One (1) Security Officer

55. Anti-Doping

- a) Doping is prohibited. AFC shall inform the Member Associations by means of a circular of the doping control procedure and list of prohibited list.
- b) The AFC Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the approval of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) – accredited laboratory which will carry out the analysis of samples.
- c) The AFC Disciplinary Code, the Anti-Doping Regulations, as well as all relevant AFC directives will apply to this tournament.

56. Gender Verification

- a) Gender verification is not mandatory for female players. However, recognizing the possibility of the player's gender being challenged or doubt that requires further investigation, AFC reserves the right to take appropriate mechanism for the determination of the gender. Strict confidentiality will be observed in the conduct of the proceedings.

SECTION 10: DISCIPLINARY LAWS AND PROCEDURES

57. Disciplinary measures and appeals

- a) Disciplinary measures and appeals are dealt with in compliance with the current AFC Statutes, AFC Disciplinary Code, AFC Code of Ethics and the relevant AFC circular(s).
- b) AFC may initiate investigations should it suspect and/or is aware of any violations of the Laws of the Game and contravention of its Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Instructions and decisions by its Member Associations, officials and players.
- c) AFC may impose the disciplinary measures for any violations of the Laws of the Game and contravention of its Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Instructions and decisions by its Member Associations, officials and players.

58. Players and Officials cautioned or dismissed from the field of play

- a) A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the Match following the Match in which she received the second caution.
- b) Single yellow card received in the Qualifiers will not be carried forward to the Final of the Competition.
- c) Single (1) yellow card received in the matches of Group stage will not be carried forward to the Semi-Final match of the Competition.
- d) A player and/or official who was sent off during the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the Match following the Match in which he/she was sent off. If the player and/or official was sent off in his/her team's last Match in the Competition, the suspension will be carried forward as indicated in the AFC Disciplinary Code.
- e) Any player and/or official who was sent off during the Competition shall remain suspended from further play until his/her case has been decided by the AFC Disciplinary Committee.
- f) A suspended player and/or official shall not be allowed on the substitution bench and technical area.
- g) Each Member Association shall bear the responsibility of monitoring the cautions and/or suspensions received by its players and officials and to ensure that all players and officials registered and/or fielded during the Competition are eligible to play.

59. Indiscipline and Violent Conduct by players and/or officials

- a) Any player or official reported for indiscipline or violent conduct anywhere in the stadium including but not limited to the field of play, the changing rooms, at the Training Sites and in the hotels shall be dealt with by the relevant AFC Committees in accordance with these Regulations, the AFC Statutes, Disciplinary Code and Code of Ethics.

60. Protest

- a) Subject to the following provisions, protests are objections of any kind to occurrences that have a direct effect on Matches organized in the Competition (state and marking of the pitch, accessory, Match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations, footballs, etc.) and any matters related to breach of these Regulations.
- b) Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall first be submitted in writing to the AFC Match Commissioner within two (2) hours of the Match by the team concerned and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing to the AFC General Secretariat accompanied by a fee of USD 500 (US dollars five hundred only). The plaintiff Member Association shall confirm the protest by registered letter, to be sent to the AFC Secretariat no later than two (2) days after the Match in question.
- c) Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a Match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the AFC Match Commissioner by the head of the team delegation no later than two (2) hours after the Match.
- d) No protests may be made against the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.
- e) If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine and the protest fee of USD 500 (US dollars five hundred only) will be forfeited.
- f) Once the final Match of the Competition has ended, any protests described in this article shall be disregarded.

61. Arbitration

- a) Pursuant to AFC Statutes, Member Associations are forbidden from taking disputes to a civil court but may only submit them to the appropriate body of AFC in accordance with the applicable procedure.

- b) Furthermore, any disputes involving AFC, Member Associations, confederations, leagues, teams, players, officials and licensed agents in connection with the Competition shall be promptly settled by negotiation.

- c) If no solution can be reached, or a formal appeal is envisaged, the issue shall be exclusively resolved under the auspices of the arbitration chamber set forth in the AFC Statutes, namely the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) with headquarters in Lausanne. The Code of Sports-related Arbitration of the CAS and all the relevant CAS Regulations shall apply. The language of arbitration is English.

SECTION 11: ADMINISTRATION

62. Awards

- a) For the Competition, the following Player Awards and Team Award will be presented:
 - i. The Most Valuable Player of the AFC U-16 Women's Championship 2013
 - ii. Top Goal Scorer for the AFC U-16 Women's Championship China 2013
 - iii. AFC Fair Play Award for the AFC U-16 Women's Championship China 2013
- b) The Most Valuable Player of the Competition is given to the player who has a major influence on the individual Matches, and the Competition overall.
- c) The Top Goal Scorer award is given to a player who has scored the most number of goals in the Competition. This is calculated based on the number of goals scored by an individual player from the group stage to the final. In the event that there is a tie in the number of goals scored, the number of assists will be taken into account.
- d) The AFC Fair Play Award is awarded to the team who has collected the most Fair Play points from the group stage to the final.
- e) There are no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by the AFC Women's Committee.

63. Trophy and Medals

- a) AFC Competition trophy is presented to the winner of the Competition for one (1) year. AFC may request for the return of the trophy at an earlier date. AFC is responsible for engraving the trophy with the name of the winning Member Association. The trophy will remain the property of AFC. The champion Member Association will be awarded a scaled-down replica of the trophy by AFC as its permanent possession.
- b) The champion Member Association shall be responsible for the loss, or any damage to the trophy (and trophy casing) and shall return it in perfect condition when requested to do so by AFC.
- c) The champion Member Association may have a copy of the trophy made, provided the copy is clearly marked as a replica and does not exceed 4/5 (four fifths) of the size of the original.

- d) If for any reason, the Competition should cease to be held, the trophy shall be returned to the AFC Secretariat.
- e) AFC will also be responsible for awarding the following medals:
 - i. Thirty-five (35) Champions medals to the champion Member Association;
 - ii. Thirty-five (35) Runner-up medals to the runner-up Member Association;
 - iii. Thirty-five (35) Third-place medals to winner of the 3rd-placed Member Association;
 - iv. Thirty-five (35) AFC Fair Play medals to the winner of AFC Fair Play Award Member Association
 - v. Five (5) special commemorative medals to the referees of the Final Match
- f) Additional medals may not be produced;

64. Prize Presentation Ceremony

- a) A prize presentation ceremony will be held immediately after the Final Match of the Competition to award the Awards, Trophy and Medals as stipulated in *Art. 62-63*.
- b) The Member Associations and individuals that qualify to receive the Awards, Trophy and Medals shall attend the prize presentation ceremony. Teams may be represented by the Team's Official Delegation for the final Match awarding ceremony.

65. Protocol

- a) The AFC Protocol Guidelines will apply for all the Matches in the Competition.

66. Special Provisions

- a) Any disputes arising from the application of these Regulations shall be settled by the jurisdiction of AFC and, if subsequently necessary and AFC's decision is not final, by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- b) The AFC Women's Committee shall, in conjunction with the Organising Association, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the country hosting Matches of the Competition. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

67. Matters not provided for

- a) Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of Force Majeure shall be decided by the AFC Women's Committee, whose decisions are final.

68. Ratification

- a) These Regulations were ratified by the AFC Executive Committee on 22 April 2013 and came into force immediately.

For the AFC Executive Committee

Acting President:
Zhang Jilong

General Secretary:
Dato' Alex Soosay

Kuala Lumpur, 22 April 2013

For the purposes of this Regulation and provided the context so permits:

- (a) The singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
- (b) The masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice versa.
- (c) Reference to persons shall include any legal person or corporation.
- (d) References to AFC shall where the context permits include its successors and permitted assigns and, in relation to the availability of the Commercial Rights, its respective members, national bodies and hosting committees.

APPENDIX 1: Determining the Ranking in a group using Fair Play criteria

As provided for in *Art. 16 b) ii. G)* of this Competition Regulation, the 'Fewer score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the group Matches' will be calculated as follows:

Each team will receive points for receiving red and yellow cards as indicated below:

- i. Each yellow card (1 point)
- ii. Each red card as a consequence of two yellow cards (3 points)
- iii. Each direct red card (3 points)
- iv. Each yellow card followed by a direct red card (4 points)

The team receiving the least number of points will be ranked the highest.

APPENDIX 2: Registration of Naturalized Players: Documents to be provided to AFC

Documents to be submitted for registration of naturalized player who has NOT YET participated in a Match (either in full or in part) in an official competition of any category or any type of football.

No.	Documents	Attached (please tick)
1.	Registration form for naturalized player, including passport photo	
2	Must provide the following:	
a)	Letter from the Member Association of the player's previous nationality stating that the player concerned has never played (either in full or in part) for any representative teams of the Member Association in an official competition of any category or any type of football.	
AND		
b)	Letter from the player herself stating she has never played for any representative teams of any Member Association (either in full or in part) in an official competition of any category or any type of football.	
OR		
c)	Decision of FIFA Players' Status Committee allowing player to change Association	
3.	Clear copy of player's passport	
4.	Clear copy of player's Birth certificate	
5.	Clear copy of player's national ID card when applicable	
6.	Must provide either one of the following evidence:	
a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificate or passport of father/mother of the player showing he/she was born on the territory of the relevant Association ... AND 	
OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents proving that the father/mother is indeed the biological father/mother of the player ... 	
OR		
b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificate or passport of grandfather/ grandmother showing he/she was born on the territory of the relevant Association ... AND • Documents proving that the grandfather/ grandmother is indeed the biological grandfather/grandmother of the player 	