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DEFINITIONS

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

Accreditation Card	Any physical item which is issued by the AFC and/or Organising Association which provides the recipient the right to access a Controlled Access Area (or part thereof) which the Controlled Access Area is under the control of the AFC or the Organising Association.
AFC	The Asian Football Confederation.
AFCAS	The AFC Administration System, the AFC's online competition management and registration system.
AFC Commercial Rights Partner	The entity appointed by the AFC as the sole and exclusive representative of the AFC with regard to the sale of the Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) and the provision of services in relation thereto.
AFC Committee	One (1) or more (as the context defines) of the Standing Committees of the AFC as promulgated within the AFC Statutes.
AFC Delegation	(i) AFC staff; (ii) Match Officials; (ii) AFC Committee members; (iii) AFC guests; and (iv) Referees.
AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee	The AFC's internal organising committee for the Competition which has been appointed in accordance with the AFC Statutes, and which has ultimate authority over all matters relating to the organisation of the Competition.
AFC Marks	All design marks, slogans, designations, names, logos, insignia, emblems or devices (in any application) owned and/or controlled by the AFC (in any language) relating to the AFC itself, but excluding the Competition Marks.

AFC Official Merchandise	Official merchandise of the Competition to which the AFC Marks and the Competition Marks may be applied at the sole discretion of the AFC.
AFC Women’s Futsal Championship	The Competition.
Broadcaster	Any entity, including the Host Broadcaster, which has acquired from the AFC or the AFC Commercial Rights Partner, any rights in respect of the Media Rights of the Competition.
Champion	The Participating Team who is the Winner in the Final.
Commercial Rights	<p>Advertising Rights, Concession Rights, Hospitality Rights, Image Rights, Media Rights, Merchandising Rights, Promotional Rights, Sponsorship Rights, and Travel and Tour Rights.</p> <p>For the purposes of these Regulations, the definitions of Image Rights and Media Rights are replicated from the full list of definitions contained within private agreements between the AFC and the AFC Commercial Rights Partner, and the AFC and the Organising Association.</p>
Competition	The AFC Women’s Futsal Championship 2015, which includes without limitation, all Matches as set out in the Match Schedule, all qualifying matches, all activities on the Pitch (other than Matches), opening ceremonies, presentation or closing ceremonies, press conferences or Official Functions connected therewith.
Competition Marks	<p>Either cumulatively or individually:</p> <p>(i) the competition logo officially adopted by the AFC as a visual design symbol of the Competition;</p> <p>(ii) any mascot officially adopted by the AFC for the Competition;</p>

(iii) any two-dimensional representation of the Competition trophy;

(iv) the official name of the Competition (in any language); and/or

(v) any and all current and future trademarks, and/or logos, and/or copyrights and/or designs whether or not registered or applied for and whether registered in part or in whole including any present and/or future names, designations, symbols, logos or identifying music or sounds of the AFC or the Competition, the AFC Fair Play name and device mark, and other artistic and autographic representations in one, two or three dimensional proportions used by or in association with the Competition.

Complimentary Tickets Tickets which are supplied without charge.

Controlled Access Areas

- (i) any Hall;
- (ii) any Official Training Site;
- (iii) any official hotel (public areas being excepted), subject to and to the extent agreed in an executed hotel agreement;
- (iv) any official exclusion zone encircling a Hall on a Match Day;
- (v) any official parking area, accreditation centre, International Broadcast Compound, and/or hospitality area;
- (vi) the venue of any Official Function;
- (vii) any official AFC fan park;
- (viii) Facility Areas; and/or
- (ix) any other location and/or facility designated by the AFC as a Controlled Access Area and to which access is permitted only to those in possession of an Accreditation Device, Ticket, and/or other officially-sanctioned entry permit.

Digital Media Any digitalised media (including the AFC Website and any related Competition website) created by AFC in

relation to the Competition, including but not limited to any mobile website, mobile application (app), online video channel, data product, photo-sharing account, social media account, and any further form of digital media developed herewith.

Extra Time	Two (2) equal periods of additional time which shall be played in accordance with these Regulations should there be no Winner at the conclusion of a Match in the Knockout Stage.
Facility Areas	The location of Official Functions, ceremonies, press centres, ticket offices, competition hotels, media areas (including without limitation areas used for viewing of any public exhibition), sponsor village areas (including without limitation “AFC fan park” areas, and areas used for the activation of the Commercial Rights), official hospitality areas (including without limitation areas used for the exploitation of the Hospitality Rights), and information centres controlled by or on behalf of the AFC and used in connection with the Competition whether at the Hallor elsewhere at the Venues.
FIFA	The Federation International de Football Association.
Final	The final Match of the Competition which determines the Champion.
Fixed Media	Any magnetic, electronic or digital storage device or method including without limitation DVD, VHS or CD-ROM.
Football Association	The controlling body for football within a country or territory recognised by the AFC.
Force Majeure	Any event affecting the performance or any provision of these Regulations arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, epidemic or other natural disaster, failure or shortage of power supplies, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil

commotion.

Group Stage

The first stage of the Competition held in accordance with these Regulations.

Hall

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

(i) the entire premises (to the extent that a valid Accreditation Card or Ticket is required in order to gain access) of a hall facility inside the outer hall perimeter fence and (on Match days and any day on which any official Team practice session takes place within the hall), the aerial space above such hall premises;

(ii) parking facilities;

(iii) VIP and hospitality areas (including any hospitality village);

(iv) the media tribune;

(v) concessions areas;

(vi) commercial display areas;

(vii) buildings;

(viii) the Pitch;

(ix) any broadcast compound or hall media centre;

(x) any stands; and

(xi) any areas beneath the stands.

Host Broadcaster

The organisation appointed by the AFC 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 Media Rights.

Host City

Any city and/or identifiable metropolitan area in which any Match is staged.

Image Rights	The right to use still and/or moving images and/or representations of images of Participating Teams and Participating Players, all members of the AFC Delegation, Team Official Delegations, and Match Officials, forming part of the Competition.
Kicks from the Penalty Mark	Kicks from the Penalty Mark as described in the Laws of the Game.
Knockout Stage	The second stage of the Competition held in accordance with these Regulations.
Licensee	Any entity to which the AFC or the AFC Commercial Rights Partner has granted 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.
Loser	The Participating Team who is not the Winner.
Match	A Futsal match in its entirety (including a replayed and/or deferred Futsal match, Extra Time and Kicks from the Penalty Mark) which takes place as part of the Competition in accordance with the Match Schedule.
Match Officials	<p>Individually or collectively, any official appointed to one of the following roles in relation to any aspect of a Match in the Competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Referees (separately defined below); (ii) Head of Delegation; (iii) Head of Administration; (iv) AFC General Coordinator; (v) AFC Match Commissioner; (vi) Referee Assessor; (vii) Media Officer; (viii) Security Officer; (ix) Medical Officer; (x) Technical Analysis Group Officer; and, (xi) any other official designation which the AFC deems to be required.
Match Schedule	The official schedule which sets out ,without

limitation, the dates and times on which Matches will be played, the Halls at which the Matches will be played, the names of the Participating Teams.

Media	Any individual entitled to a media Accreditation Card as determined by the AFC.
Media Rights	The right and license to produce, edit, and transmit, for intelligible reception throughout the world in any language and in any format, and on any platform including film, Fixed Media, Digital Media, games, internet, public exhibition, radio, mobile, and television, visual, audio-visual, and/or audio signal and/or image or recording (including without limitation the basic feed, multi feeds, additional feeds, audio feeds, a feed incorporating competition data, basic feed, and unilateral feeds) of the Competition, and all interview activities and action during and forming part of the Competition including Official Functions and the Image Rights by any and all means of transmission distribution, exhibition and reception, now existing or hereinafter developed including but not limited to analogue, digital, satellite cable and interactive communication systems, on a live, delayed, and unlimited repeat basis, in full or in part (including without limitation by way of clips and/or highlights and/or support programmes and/or magazine shows and/or news access), and all rights to exploit any and all commercial opportunities (including for example broadcast sponsorship and commercial airtime opportunities) arising from and/or in connection with such rights.
Member Association	A Football Association which is a member of the AFC.
Official Function	<p>Any event which is officially organised or sanctioned by the AFC in connection with the Competition.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, this expressly includes, without limitation, all matches and/or events held at Official Training Sites, the Opening Ceremony, the Closing Ceremony, any AFC gala dinner, lunch, or banquet, cultural events, official press conferences, and launch events.</p>
Official Training Site	Any site designated by the Organising Association and approved by the AFC for use by the Participating Teams throughout the duration of the Competition for training purposes.

Organising Association	Collectively, the host Member Association and (if applicable) its affiliated or wholly-owned Local Organising Committee, appointed and supervised by the AFC, to organise, stage and host the Competition.
Participating Official	Any official who is registered as part of a Team Official Delegation in the Competition.
Participating Player	Any player who is registered as part of a Team Official Delegation in the Competition.
Participating Team	Any representative team affiliated to a Member Association who has qualified for, and participates in, the Competition.
Pitch	The area described in Law 1 of the Futsal Laws of the Game issued by the IFAB and administered by FIFA.
Referee	Any individual appointed to officiate at a Match in the Competition in the role of referee, second referee, third referee, or timekeeper.
Regulations	These Competition Regulations.
Runner Up	The Participating Team who is the Loser in the Final.
Semi Final	The first round of Matches in the Knockout Stage.
Subsidy	Any allowance or payment made by the AFC to each Member Association as a result of their participation in the Competition.
Team Official Delegation	The final-registered delegation of a Participating Team for the Competition which shall comprise of maximum fourteen (14) Participating Players and five (5) Participating Officials. However, at its own cost, each Participating Team may register two (2) additional Participating Players and five (5) Participating Officials.

Third Place	The Participating Team who is the Winner of the 3/4 Playoff.
Ticket	A pass providing access to a venue for the purpose of attending either a Match or Official Training Site or Official Function.
Venue	The Host City and immediately surrounding area in which a Hall is located.
Winner	The Participating Team who scores the highest number of goals in a Match, or where applicable, the higher number of Kicks from the Penalty Mark.

For the purposes of these Regulations, 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 natural persons shall include any legal person or corporation.
- (d) references to the AFC shall include its successors and permitted assigns and, in relation to the availability of the Commercial Rights, its respective Member Associations and AFC Committees.

ARTICLE 1: AFC WOMEN'S FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

1. The AFC Women's Futsal Championship is an AFC competition recognised by the AFC Executive Committee.
2. The AFC stages the Competition every four (4) years unless otherwise informed by the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee.
3. These Regulations set out the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the AFC, the Organising Association, and all Participating Teams taking part in the Competition, and form an integral part of the Organising Association Agreement, its annexes and amendments.
4. The AFC stages the Competition with one (1) of the AFC's Member Association (hereinafter the Organising Association) after the appointment of the Member Association by the AFC Executive Committee.
5. These Regulations and all directives, decisions, guidelines, and circulars issued by the AFC shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation, and hosting of the Competition.
6. Any rights associated with the Competition that are not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to any Member Association in the preliminary stage or final stage of the Competition, belong to the AFC.
7. The AFC Statutes and all AFC and FIFA regulations in force at the time of the final stage of the Competition shall apply. Any reference to the AFC Statutes and to AFC and FIFA regulations refer to those valid at the time of application.

ARTICLE2: RESPONSIBILITIES

The Asian Football Confederation

1. The responsibilities of the AFC shall include, but are not limited to:
 - 1.1 supervising general preparations and deciding on the Competition format, the draw, and the formation of the groups;
 - 1.2 determining the Match Schedule(~~c/~~Article 3.12);
 - 1.3 selecting Halls and Official Training Sites for the Competition after consultation with the Organising Association;
 - 1.4 appointing Match Officials for each Match of the Competition;
 - 1.5 choosing the official Futsal ball and stipulated technical material;
 - 1.6 approving the choice of the WADA-accredited laboratory that will carry out the doping analyses (~~c/~~Article 10.9);
 - 1.7 reporting cases where appropriate to the AFC Disciplinary Committee for its deliberation;
 - 1.8 reporting cases where appropriate to the AFC Disciplinary Committee (~~c/~~Article 11);
 - 1.9 replacing Member Associations that have withdrawn from the Competition (~~c/~~Article 3.5);
 - 1.10 dealing with cases of abandoned Matches or cancelled Matches (~~c/~~Articles 4.17 to 4.21);
 - 1.11 dealing with cases of force majeure (~~c/~~Article 12.17); and,
 - 1.12 dealing with any other aspect of the Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body of the AFC pursuant to these Regulations or the AFC Statutes (~~c/~~Article 12.18).
2. All decisions made by the AFC are final and binding and not appealable.
3. All decisions made by the AFC Disciplinary Committee in relation to the Competition are subject to the operation of the AFC Disciplinary Code.

Member Associations and Participating Teams

4. The principal obligations and responsibilities of each Member Association and their Participating Team are stipulated in the Participating Team Agreement (hereinafter, PTA), these Regulations, the AFC Statutes, and all other AFC regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars.
 - 4.1 A Member Association whose Participating Team has qualified for the Competition (c/Article 3.1) must submit a PTA, either prior to the preliminary competition, or prior to the Competition.
 - 4.2 The PTA shall be completed and submitted to the AFC not later than the deadline provided by the AFC via facsimile, electronic mail, and registered post.
 - 4.3 Failure to submit the PTA to the AFC by the deadline by a Member Association shall result in the participation of their Participating Team being cancelled.
5. Each Member Association whose Participating Team is participating in the Competition shall ensure as a condition of its participation that every member of the Team Official Delegation is aware of and agrees to comply with the PTA.
6. Each Member Association shall undertake to:
 - 6.1 observe all obligations set out in the PTA, these Regulations, the AFC Statutes, and all other AFC regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars, and applicable national and supra-national laws;
 - 6.2 comply with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game approved by FIFA Futsal Committee;
 - 6.3 accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition shall be settled by the AFC in compliance with these Regulations;
 - 6.4 field their strongest representative team throughout the Competition;
 - 6.5 observe the principles of Fair Play;
 - 6.6 ensure the good conduct of its Team Official Delegation who have been provided with an Accreditation Device and of any person carrying out duties on behalf of its Participating Team throughout the Competition, from their arrival in the Host Country until their departure;

- 6.7 accept all the arrangements made by the Organising Association in agreement with the AFC;
 - 6.8 attend and participate in all official activities and events, including without limitation any team arrival meeting, match coordination meeting, press conferences, and other media and marketing activities in accordance with the instructions issued by the AFC;
 - 6.8.1 failure to attend any official activity or event shall result in the Member Association being fined USD5,000.00 (Five Thousand US Dollars only);
 - 6.9 provide to the AFC, prior to the Competition, statistics and photographs of its Participating Players and Participating Officials, historical information related to its Participating Team and national stadium (including photographs), and any further data as requested and in accordance with instructions issued by the AFC; and,
 - 6.10 link the official URL for the Competition on its official website.
7. Each Participating Team is responsible throughout the Competition for:
- 7.1 the insurance coverage (including but not limited to, hospitalisation and surgical operations, team equipment) of their Team Official Delegation, at their own expense, from the date of their arrival in the Host Country until their departure from the Host Country;
 - 7.2 payment of incidental expenses and for any costs incurred by its Team Official Delegation (c/Article 6.9);
 - 7.3 payment of any costs of extending the stay of any member of its Team Official Delegation, the duration of which is determined by the AFC (c/Article 6.11); and,
 - 7.4 obtaining visas to the Host Country of the Competition not later than two (2) months prior to their first Match. This includes all costs related to the visa application process.
8. Should a Member Association and/or its Participating Team fail to secure the necessary visas in time for their arrival to the Competition as a result of non-compliance with Article 2.7, they shall be considered to have withdrawn in accordance with Article 3.4.
9. Each Member Association and/or its Participating Team shall indemnify, defend, and hold the AFC, the Organising Association, and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and all other auxiliary persons free and

- harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines, and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to, any non-compliance with these Regulations by the Member Associations, Participating Teams, their Team Official Delegation, their affiliates and any third-parties contracted to the Member Associations.
10. The Champion may qualify directly and shall undertake, if required, to take part in the following competitions:
 - 10.1 the next edition of the AFC Women's Futsal Championship; and,
 - 10.2 any intercontinental competition(s) arranged by the AFC with other confederations or FIFA.
 11. Member Associations and/or their Participating Teams are not authorised to represent the AFC or the Competition without the prior written approval of the AFC.
 12. All Participating Players and Participating Officials who participate in competitions within Asia shall ensure their presence at the AFC Awards Night in the 2015 calendar year if they are nominated for an annual AFC award.

Organising Association

13. The principal obligations and responsibilities of the Organising Association are regulated in the Organising Association Agreement, its annexes and amendments, these Regulations, all AFC directives, decisions, guidelines, and circulars, as well as the AFC Statutes and various AFC regulations.
14. For the duration of the Competition, the Organising Association, in cooperation with the relevant government authorities, is responsible for:
 - 14.1 payment of all taxes, fees, duties and any other costs related to the importation and/or exportation of equipment, merchandise and/or goods to be used for the Competition;
 - 14.2 concluding all necessary insurance in connection with the staging and organising of Matches, including third-party liability and spectator accident coverage;
 - 14.3 guaranteeing law and order as well as safety at each Venue; and
 - 14.4 complying with all guidelines and instructions issued by the AFC.

15. The Organising Association(s) shall discharge the AFC and hold it harmless from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against the AFC and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation of the Competition to the exclusion of damages caused by AFC or the members of its delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.
16. The Organising Association shall ensure that any decision made by the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

ARTICLE 3: ENTRY, WITHDRAWAL, MATCH SCHEDULE, COMPETITION SYSTEM

Entry

1. Qualification to participate in the Competition for the Participating Teams of ten (10) Member Associations may occur by virtue of:
 - 1.1 being invited by the AFC.
2. Eligible Participating Teams of respective Member Associations shall complete a PTA and submit it to the AFC in accordance with Article 2.4.
3. All decisions by the AFC regarding entry to the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee are final and not appealable.

Withdrawal prior to Commencement of the Competition

4. Any Member Association that withdraws or is excluded from the Competition prior to its commencement may be replaced by another Member Association.
5. The AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee shall be responsible for making any necessary decisions, including without limitation whether to:
 - 5.1 replace the Member Association;
 - 5.2 change the competition system (~~c/~~Article 3.15); and/or
 - 5.3 change the technical rules (~~c/~~Article 4).
6. All decisions of the AFC in this regard are final and non-appealable.
7. Any Member Association who withdraws from the Competition in accordance with Article 3.4 may be referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

Withdrawal after Commencement of the Competition

8. Any Member Association that:
 - 8.1 withdraws from the Competition after it has commenced; or
 - 8.2 does not report for any of its Matches; or
 - 8.3 refuses to continue any of its Matches at any stage; or

- 8.4 leaves the Hall prior to the completion of any of its Matches, shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition after its commencement.
9. The Participating Team of any Member Association that withdraws from the Competition after it has commenced shall:
- 9.1 have all its Matches cancelled and considered null and void. For the avoidance of doubt, all points and goals in those Matches shall not be taken into consideration when determining the final rankings in the Group Stage pursuant to Articles 3.20 and 3.21;
 - 9.2 be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by the other Member Associations, the AFC, the AFC Commercial Rights Partner, Broadcasters, and the Organising Association. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AFC;
 - 9.3 be disqualified from participating in next edition of the AFC Women's Futsal Championship and its qualifying competitions (if any);
 - 9.4 be disqualified from participating in any tournaments listed in Article 2.10, if qualification has been attained;
 - 9.5 be referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee for possible additional sanctions; and,
 - 9.6 return to the AFC any Subsidy that had been paid in support of their participation in the Competition or if not yet paid, forfeit their right to said Subsidies.
10. The above Article 3.8 and Article 3.9 are not applicable in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee.
11. The AFC shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of Force Majeure.

Match Schedule

12. All Matches shall be played according to the dates, kick-off times, and in the Halls as determined by the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee.
13. The Match Schedule shall be determined following the Final Draw.

14. The AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee retains final discretion to amend the Match Schedule

Competition System

15. The Competition shall consist of two (2) stages:
 - 15.1 the Group Stage; and,
 - 15.2 the Knockout Stage.

Group Stage

16. The ten (10) Participating Teams will be divided into two (2) groups of five (5) teams.
17. Each Participating Team shall play against the other Participating Teams within its group once in accordance with the Match Schedule.
18. The duration of Matches shall be played in accordance with Article 4.5 and Article 4.6.
19. At the conclusion of each Match:
 - 19.1 three (3) points shall be awarded to the Winner;
 - 19.2 one (1) point shall be awarded to each Participating Team for a draw;
 - 19.3 zero (0) points shall be awarded to the Loser.
20. The ranking in each group shall be determined in descending order as follows:
 - 20.1 greater number of points obtained in group Matches;
 - 20.2 if two (2) or more Participating Teams have obtained equal number of points in group Matches:
 - 20.2.1 greater number of points obtained in the group Matches between the Participating Teams concerned;
 - 20.2.2 goal-difference resulting from the group Matches between the Participating Teams concerned;
 - 20.2.3 greater number of goals scored in the group Matches between the Participating Teams concerned;

20.2.4 if, after having applied Articles 3.20.2.1 to 3.20.2.3, Participating Teams still have an equal ranking, Articles 3.20.2.1 to 3.20.2.3 are reapplied exclusively to the Matches between the Participating Teams in question to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, the following Articles apply;

20.2.5 goal-difference resulting from all group Matches;

20.2.6 greater number of goals scored in all group Matches;

20.2.7 Kick from the penalty mark, concerning only if two (2) Participating Teams;

20.2.8 the lowest score, calculated according to the formula set out in Appendix 1 to these Regulations, relating to the number of yellow and red cards received in group Matches; or

20.2.9 the drawing of lots.

21. On the basis of Article 3.20 at the conclusion of the Group Stage:

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

21.2 the remaining Participating Teams in each group shall be eliminated from the Competition.

Knockout Stage

22. The Knockout Stage shall consist of the Semi Finals, 3/4 Playoff, and Final.

23. Each round of the Knockout Stage shall be conducted in accordance with the Match Schedule.

24. The duration of Matches, including Extra Time and Kick from the penalty mark (if required), shall be played in accordance with Articles 4.5 to 4.16

25. At the conclusion of each Semi Final:

25.1 the Participating Teams who are the Winners shall qualify for the Final; and

25.2 the Participating Team who are the Losers shall qualify for the 3/4 Playoff.

26. At the conclusion of the 3/4 Playoff:

- 26.1 the Participating Team who is the Winner shall be declared Third-Place;
and
 - 26.2 the Participating Team who is the Loser shall be declared Fourth-Place.
27. At the conclusion of the Final:
- 27.1 the Participating Team who is the Winner shall be declared Champion;
and
 - 27.2 the Participating Team who is the Loser shall be declared Runner-Up.

ARTICLE 4: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Matches Played in Accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

1. All Matches shall be played in accordance with the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game laid down by the IFAB and published by FIFA.
2. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail and is authoritative.
3. The nine (9) substitutes listed on a Match Starting List (c/Article 5.27) may take part in the relevant Match. There is no limit on the number of substitutions that may be made by each Participating Team.
4. If a Participating Team, at any stage of a Match, is only able to field fewer than three (3) players, the Match shall be abandoned and Article 4.19 shall apply.

Duration of Matches

5. Each Match shall last forty (40) minutes, comprising of two (2) periods of twenty (20) minutes (hereinafter, normal playing time).
6. There shall be an interval of fifteen (15) minutes between the periods, commencing from the whistle ending the first period and ending upon the whistle starting the second period.
7. Each Participating Team may call for one (1) time-out per half, consisting of one (1) minute.
8. The Participating Officials are authorized to request the Third Referee or the Timekeeper (if there is no Third Referee), for a one (1) minute time-out using the document provided. The Timekeeper grants the time-out when the Participating Team that has requested it is in possession of the ball and the ball is out of play, using a different whistle or acoustic signal than that used by the Referee.

Extra Time

9. If no Winner is determined at the end of normal playing time during the Knock-Out Stage, Extra Time shall be played. There shall be no Extra Time played during the 3 / 4 Playoff.
10. Extra Time shall consist of two (2) periods of five (5) minutes, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, but no interval between the periods of Extra Time. As a rule, the Participating Players shall remain on the pitch during this five (5) minute break (at the discretion of the Referees).

11. There shall be no time-outs provided to the Participating Teams during Extra Time.

Determining the Winner by Penalty Kicks

12. If a Match is level after the two (2) periods of Extra Time, Kicks from the Penalty Mark shall be taken to determine the Winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.
13. The Referee shall decide which goal will be used for the Kicks from the Penalty Mark:
 - 13.1 The Referee may choose which goal will be used without tossing a coin for reasons, without limitation, including safety and security, state of the Pitch, and lighting quality.
 - 13.2 The Referee's decision is final and non-appealable.
14. To ensure that this procedure is strictly observed, the Referee shall be assisted by the Second and Third Referees and the Timekeeper, who shall also note down the number of the Participating Players on each Participating Team who take Kicks from the Penalty Mark.
15. If Kicks from the Penalty Mark cannot be completed due to Force Majeure, the Pitch or its surrounds not being fit for play, or any other reason, the result shall be decided by the drawing of lots by the Referee in the presence of the AFC Match Commissioner/AFC General Coordinator and the two (2) captains of the Participating Teams.
16. If, through the fault of a Participating Team, the Kick from the Penalty mark cannot be completed, Article 3.8 of these Regulations shall apply.

Cancellation of Matches

17. If a Match cannot commence on time due to Force Majeure, the Pitch or its surrounds not being fit for play, Hall conditions, floodlight failure or any other reason, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - 17.1 the Match must be delayed for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes. During this delay, the Referee may decide that the Match can commence prior to the completion of the delay;
 - 17.2 following the first delay, either:

17.2.1 an additional delay of thirty (30) minutes shall occur if in the discretion of the Referee this second delay may allow the Match to commence; or

17.2.2 the Match is declared cancelled by the Referee;

17.3 following two (2) delays of third (30) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match cancelled;

17.4 within two (2) hours of the decision to cancel the Match, the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee must decide, taking all sporting and organisational considerations into account, whether the Match can be rescheduled, 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.

18. Decisions made pursuant to Article 4.17 are non-appealable.

Abandonment of Matches

19. If a Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal playing time or during any Extra Time due to Force Majeure, the Pitch or its surrounds not being fit for play, Hall conditions, floodlight failure, or any other reason, the following procedure shall be followed:

19.1 the Match is stopped for thirty (30) minutes. During this stoppage, the Referee may decide that the Match can commence prior to the completion of the stoppage;

19.2 subsequent to the first stoppage, either:

19.2.1 an additional stoppage of thirty (30) minutes shall occur if in the discretion of the Referee this second stoppage may allow the Match to be resumed; or

19.2.2 the Match is declared abandoned by the Referee;

19.3 following two (2) stoppages of thirty (30) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match abandoned;

19.4 within two (2) hours of the decision to abandon the Match, the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee must decide, taking all sporting and organisational considerations into account, whether the Match result at the time of abandonment is valid, whether the Match can be rescheduled

and completed, or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue with the Competition.

20. Should the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee, pursuant to Article 4.19.4, determine that an abandoned Match should be rescheduled and completed, the following principles shall apply:
 - 20.1 the Match shall recommence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full;
 - 20.2 the Match shall recommence with the same Participating Players on the Pitch and same substitutes at the time it was initially abandoned;
 - 20.3 any Participating Player sent off during the abandoned Match may not be replaced;
 - 20.4 any sanction imposed before the Match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the rescheduled Match;
 - 20.5 any other matters not set out above shall be decided by the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee in its sole discretion.
21. Decisions made pursuant to Article 4.19 and Article 4.20 are non-appealable.

Pitch

22. If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the Pitch, the Referee shall decide whether the Pitch is playable or not. If the Referee declares that the Match cannot commence on time, Article 4.17 is applicable.
23. All Matches shall be played on a Pitch with the following dimensions:
 - 23.1 Length (touch lines): 38 – 42 meters; and
 - 23.2 Width (goal lines): 20 – 25 meters.

Team Bench and Technical Area

24. A maximum of six (6) registered Participating Officials and a maximum of nine (9) substitute Participating Players are permitted to sit on the team bench during a Match, provided they are in possession of the appropriate Accreditation Card.
25. Participating Officials on the team bench must possess the appropriate Accreditation Card together with a SAD (**S**upplementary **A**ccess **D**evice) which shall be worn during the Match at all times and available for inspection whenever requested by any AFC official.

26. All individuals on the team bench must wear kit that contrasts with the kit of the Participating Players and Referees present on the Pitch. This kit must comply with the AFC Equipment Regulations (c/Article 8).
27. Team 'A' shall occupy the team bench on the left when facing the Pitch when viewed from the VIP Tribune.

Warming up

28. Each Participating Team shall be entitled to warm-up on the Pitch before a Match whenever possible.
29. During a Match, a maximum of five (5) substitute Participating Team from each Participating Team may warm-up, but without the ball, at the designated area behind their team bench, as long as they do not obstruct the movement of Participating Players and Referees and behave responsibly. If space is restricted, the AFC General Coordinator or the AFC Match Commissioner shall instruct the Participating Teams accordingly the day before the match.

Official Training Sessions at Halls

30. Depending on the condition of the Pitch, each Participating Team is entitled to an official training session of forty-five (45) minutes duration in the Hall in which they are due to play either one (1) or two (2) days prior to their first Match at approximately the same time as the Match kick-off.
31. The Pitch must be prepared to Match-condition for this official training session. If the Pitch is not in good condition, the AFC General Coordinator may shorten or cancel the official training session and direct the Participating Teams to inspect the Pitch.
32. If a Participating Team chooses not to train at a Hall, they must provide the AFC General Coordinator with the time and location of their official training session at another designated Official Training Site approved by the AFC. This shall be treated as their official training session and they shall forfeit the right to train at that particular Hall in future.
33. The AFC will decide the official training schedule for the Participating Teams.

Futsal Balls

34. The Futsal balls for the Competition shall be selected and supplied by the AFC.

35. Each Participating Team shall receive ten (10) training balls upon their official arrival date (as determined by the AFC) which they are required to utilise throughout the Competition.
36. Participating Teams are only permitted to use the training balls provided by the AFC for training and warming-up purposes.
37. Participating Teams that utilise training balls not provided by the AFC shall be referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

ARTICLE 5: TEAM OFFICIAL DELEGATION

Eligibility of Players

1. Each Member Association shall ensure that when selecting its representative team that all players:
 - 1.1 are duly registered with the AFC pursuant to these Regulations;
 - 1.2 hold the nationality of its country and are subject to its jurisdiction;
 - 1.3 are eligible to participate for the representative team of the Member Association in accordance with Article 5-8 of the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes.
2. Individuals who meet the criteria set out in Article 5.1 are Participating Players and eligible to participate in the Competition, subject to the provisions of the AFC Disciplinary Code.
3. Each Member Association is responsible for fielding only eligible Participating Players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the AFC Disciplinary Code.
4. A Participating Player shall be deemed ineligible, without limitation, if:
 - 4.1 there is a violation of Article 5.1; or
 - 4.2 she participates in a Match contrary to a decision of the AFC Disciplinary Committee, these Regulations, or the operation of the AFC Disciplinary Code; or
 - 4.3 the AFC determines that any document submitted during registration is false.

Registration of Players

5. There are three (3) stages of player registration:
 - 5.1 Preliminary Registration: each Participating Team must submit a squad of minimum fourteen (14) players and maximum twenty-five (25) players (c/Articles 5.15 to 5.19);
 - 5.2 Final Registration: each Participating Team must submit minimum fourteen (14) players and maximum sixteen (16) players from the Preliminary Registration squad (c/Articles 5.20 to 5.22).

- 5.3 Player Selection List: each Participating Team must submit a Player Selection List prior to each Match which identifies the starting five (5), nine (9) substitutes, and the two (2) reserve players (if any) (*cf*Articles 5.23 to 5.26).
6. Throughout the Competition, each Participating Player shall wear the same number allocated during the Final Registration. Jersey number 1 shall be reserved for a goalkeeper.
 7. Each column in the “AFC Official Registration Form for Players” must be completed with the correct information.
 8. Any individual with missing documentation shall not be eligible for registration as a Participating Player.
 9. All Participating Players will be issued with Accreditation Cards authorised by the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee. Should a card be misplaced, the relevant Participating Team shall be required to pay USD1,000 (one thousand US Dollars only) as a replacement production fee.
 10. Should the AFC not receive the “AFC Official Registration Form for Players” with all required documents by the stipulated deadline, the Participating Team concerned shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition in accordance with Article 3.8.

Documents for Registration of Players

11. Participating Players must be registered online via the AFCAS online system, with the supporting documents set out below (unless already previously submitted to the AFC and available in AFCAS):
 - 11.1 “AFC Official Registration Form for Players”;
 - 11.2 a colour copy of a validly-issued passport, containing the full name, passport number, date of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality of the relevant individual. Group passports shall not be accepted;
 - 11.3 a colour copy of a national identification card (where applicable); and
 - 11.4 one (1) passport-size colour photo (taken within three (3) months of the registration).
12. In cases of registration of players who have acquired a new nationality (*cf*Article 7, FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes), the Member

Association concerned must additionally provide the supporting documents set out in **Appendix 2**.

13. In cases of registration of players who hold a passport entitling them to represent more than one (1) Member Association (*cf* Art. 6 FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes), the Member Association must provide the supporting documents set out in **Appendix 3**.
14. The AFC reserves the right to request additional documents in all cases.

Preliminary Registration

15. Each Participating Team shall submit to the AFC via the AFCAS online system, the “AFC Official Registration Form for Players” and the supporting documents in accordance with Articles 5.11 to 5.14 by the deadline provided by the AFC.
16. Each Participating Team shall register no less than fourteen (14) players and no more than twenty-five (25) players for the Competition in the Preliminary Registration squad.
17. If a Participating Team fails to register a minimum of fourteen (14) players, it shall be considered to have withdrawn in accordance with Articles 3.4 to 3.7
18. Each Participating Team must register a minimum of three (3) goalkeepers in their Preliminary Registration squad.
19. Once the “AFC Official Registration Form for Players” has been received by the AFC, and after the deadline has passed, under no circumstances shall Member Associations be permitted to submit additional names or replace any registered individual, even if their quota of twenty-five (25) players has not been filled.

Final Registration

20. Participating Teams are required to submit a Final Registration squad of minimum fourteen (14) players and maximum sixteen (16) by the deadline provided by the AFC.
 - 20.1 the Final Registration squad may only be comprised from those maximum twenty-five (25) players selected in the Preliminary Registration squad.
 - 20.2 The Participating Players must be assigned jerseys numbered from 1-16. Number 1 shall be reserved for a goalkeeper.

21. Each Participating Team must register a minimum of two (2) goalkeepers in their Final Registration squad.
22. Once the Final Registration squad has been received by the AFC, Participating Team may replace any of the registered Participating Players up to six (6) hours prior to their first Match in the Competition, subject to the below conditions:
 - 22.1 Any replacement player(s) must have been registered in the Preliminary Registration squad.
 - 22.2 Replacement players shall only be allocated the vacated shirt numbers.
 - 22.3 To replace a Participating Player, a Participating Team must provide her Accreditation Card to the AFC General Coordinator. The AFC General Coordinator shall provide the Accreditation Card of the replacement player in exchange.
 - 22.4 Only when a replacement player has received her Accreditation Card will she be considered to be registered as a Participating Player and eligible to participate in the Competition.

Player Selection List

23. For each Match in the Competition, each Participating Team will receive a 'Player Selection List' on which the numbers and full names (last name, first name) of the Participating Players are listed prior to their arrival at the Hall.
24. Each Participating Team must indicate on the Player Selection List the five (5) Participating Players, including the team captain, who will start the Match the nine (9) Participating Players who are designated as substitutes., and two (2) additional Participating Players who are reserves (if any).
25. Each Participating Team must hand their Player Selection List together with the 'Officials on the Team Bench' List with the names of the six (6) Participating Officials who shall be entitled to sit on the team bench to the AFC Match Commissioner at latest ninety (90) minutes prior to the commencement of each Match.
26. Failure to adhere with Articles 5.23 to 5.25 shall result in the matter being referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

Match Starting List

27. Upon receipt of the Player Selection List, the AFC Match Commissioner will produce, through AFCAS, the 'Match Starting List'.

28. The AFC Match Commissioner will ask to see the Accreditation Cards and kits of the Participating Players listed on the Match Starting List. Each Participating Player must be in possession of their Accreditation Card. Only those Participating Players possessing an Accreditation Card are entitled to participate in Matches.
29. Following the finalisation of the Match Starting List but prior to the commencement of the Match:
 - 29.1 If any of the five (5) Participating Players selected to start the Match are unable to start for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the Match Starting List.
 - 29.2 The Team Manager for the Participating Team shall immediately notify the Referees and the AFC Match Commissioner of the change to the Match Starting List.
 - 29.3 There is no limit to the number of Participating Players that may be replaced pursuant to Article 5.30.1.
 - 29.4 The replaced player(s) shall no longer be eligible to participate in the Match and may not be replaced by a reserve player.
 - 29.5 No Participating Players listed as substitutes on the Match Starting List may be replaced. Should such a Participating Player be unable to be fielded for any reason, the number of listed substitutes shall be reduced accordingly.
30. Failure to adhere with Article 5.30 shall result in the matter being referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

Registration of Officials

31. There shall only be one (1) registration period for Participating Officials.
32. Each Participating Team shall submit to the AFC, the “AFC Official Registration Form for Officials” and the supporting documents by the deadline provided by the AFC.
33. Each Participating Team shall nominate minimum (5) and maximum ten (10) Participating Officials who will be entitled to access the Team’s Hotel, Training Sites, Official Area and Pitch with ‘Team Official’ designation on the Accreditation Card.

34. Only six (6) Participating Officials can be registered for each Match. The following three (3) Participating Officials must be registered in the “Participating Officials on the Substitution Bench” Form by the AFC Match Commissioner:
 - 34.1 Team Manager;
 - 34.2 Head Coach; and
 - 34.3 Doctor or Physiotherapist.
35. Each Participating Team shall register any other three (3) Participating Officials to sit on the team bench.
36. Office Bearers (e.g. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Members of the Board) of the Participating Team or Member Associations are eligible to be registered as Participating Officials.
38. Each Participating Team is entitled to register a ‘Video Analyst’ who shall be the only member of a Team Official Delegation entitled to record Matches in the Competition. This recording shall be strictly used only for technical purposes, and should not interfere with Match operations or be utilised by any Broadcasters.
39. Each Team Manager and Team Media Officer shall be responsible for coordinating all Participating Team and media-related matters with the AFC. They shall be expected to work in a full-time, exclusive capacity from the Participating Team’s arrival at each Venue until one (1) day after the Participating Team’s final Match in the Competition. They shall participate in all Official Functions related to Matches in the Competition.
40. Each column in the “AFC Official Registration Form for Officials” must be completed with correct information.
41. Any individual with missing documentation shall not be eligible for registration as a Participating Official.
42. All Participating Officials will be issued with official eligibility cards authorised by the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee. Should a card be misplaced, the relevant Member Association shall be required to pay USD1,000 (One Thousand US Dollars only) as a replacement production fee.
43. Should the AFC not receive the “AFC Official Registration Form for Officials” with all required documents by the stipulated deadline, the Member Association concerned shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition in accordance with Articles 3.4 to 3.7.

44. Once the “AFC Official Registration Form for Officials” has been received by the AFC, Member Associations may replace any of the listed Participating Officials at any stage of the Competition with twenty-four (24) hours notice to the AFC, subject to the below conditions:
- 44.1 To replace a Participating Official, a Member Association must provide their Accreditation Card to the AFC General Coordinator. The AFC General Coordinator shall provide the Accreditation Card of the replacement official in exchange.
 - 44.2 Only when a replacement official has received their Accreditation Card will they be considered to be registered as a Participating Official and eligible to participate in the Competition.

Documents for Registration of Officials

45. Participating Officials must be registered on the “AFC Official Registration Form for Officials” submitted via the AFCAS online system, with the supporting documents set out below (unless already previously submitted to the AFC and available in AFCAS):
- 45.1 “AFC Official Registration for Officials”;
 - 45.2 a colour copy of a validly-issued passport, containing the full name, passport number, date of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality of the relevant individual. Group passports shall not be accepted;
 - 45.3 a colour copy of a national identification card (where applicable);
 - 45.4 one (1) passport-size colour photo (taken within three (3) months of the registration);
 - 45.5 evidence of their qualification based upon their function:
 - 45.5.1 Head Coach: required coaching certificate or licenses as decided by the AFC Technical Committee;
 - 45.5.2 Assistant Coach: required coaching certificate or licenses as decided by the AFC Technical Committee;
 - 45.5.3 Team Doctor: relevant medical qualification.
46. The AFC reserves the right to request additional documents in all cases.

Size of Delegation at Matches

47. Each Participating Team shall register between fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) Participating Players and between five (5) and ten (10) Participating Officials (c/Articles 5.20, 5.34).
48. The Team Official Delegation shall be granted full access to all official Competition areas, including the Pitch and other necessary Controlled Accessed Areas, as determined by the AFC.
49. If a Participating Team has selected fifteen (15) or sixteen (16) Participating Players in the Final Registration squad pursuant to Article 5.20, all related additional costs of those one (1) or two (2) additional Participating Players shall be borne by the Participating Team. Such additional Participating Players shall receive the same access rights as set out in Articles 5.30.1 to 5.30.5.
50. If a Participating Team has nominated between six (6) and ten (10) Participating Officials pursuant to Article 5.34, all related additional costs of those one (1) to five (5) additional Participating Officials shall be borne by the Participating Team. Such additional Participating Officials shall receive the same access rights as set out in Articles 5.35 and 5.36.

ARTICLE 6: LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Arrival and Departure

1. Each Participating Team shall arrive at the official hotel at the Venue in the Competition two (2) days before the commencement of its first Match.
2. Each Participating Team shall depart the Host Country one (1) day after their final Match in the Competition.
3. The AFC is responsible for the board and lodgings of the Participating Teams up to one (1) clear day after their last Match. In the case of exceptional circumstances (e.g. delays or complications with the flights), the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee shall determine financial responsibility.

Airfares

4. Each Participating Team is responsible for payment of all airfares (international and domestic airfares) for their Team Official Delegation from:
 - 4.1 their departure from the territory of the Member Association (or any other location) to the Venue of their first Match; and,
 - 4.2 their departure from the Venue of their final Match.
5. Each Participating Team is required to purchase published-fare air tickets which are endorsable and allow for date changes (with or without penalty) for their Team Official Delegation, for travel to and from the Host Country.
6. Any costs relating to non-compliance with Articles 6.4 to 6.5 shall be borne by the relevant Member Association.

Accommodation, Meals, and Refreshments

7. Only official hotels approved by the AFC shall be used as accommodation by the Team Official Delegations during the Competition. The AFC Delegation and Team Official Delegations shall be accommodated in different hotels at all times.
8. Each Participating Team, from the arrival of their Team Official Delegation (as approved by the AFC) until one (1) day after their final Match in the Competition, shall be provided:
 - 8.1 accommodation in a suitable five or four star hotel for the Team Official Delegation, not exceeding nineteen (19) persons, which shall comprise of seven (7) double rooms and five (5) single rooms;

- 8.2 one (1) additional empty room for the purposes of medical treatment and storage;
 - 8.3 one (1) briefing room shall be shared by two (2) Participating Teams set aside in said hotel for the duration of the Competition equipped with whiteboard, DVD player and television;
 - 8.4 three (3) meals per day (international buffet style) and one (1) additional light meal on Match-days in a dedicated dining area for the Team Official Delegation (not exceeding nineteen (19) persons);
 - 8.5 minimum three (3) liters of water per person per day for the Team Official Delegation (not exceeding nineteen (19) persons), as well as ice and refreshments;
 - 8.6 minimum three (3) liters of water per person per day for the Team Official Delegation (not exceeding nineteen (19) persons), as well as ice and refreshments, for each official training session and each Match; and
 - 8.7 laundry services but no dry cleaning or pressing for playing and training equipment up to six (6) pieces per day per person for the Team Official Delegation (not exceeding nineteen (19) persons).
9. Each Participating Team shall pay for incidental expenses incurred by its Team Official Delegation during the course of their stay in the Host Country. Each Participating Team shall also pay all related costs for additional one (1) to two (2) Participating Players if any and one (1) to five (5) additional Participating Officials if any.
 10. Each Participating Team shall pay for any costs incurred by additional members of their delegation not part of their Team Official Delegation.
 11. Each Participating Team shall pay for any extension of stay in the Host Country of any member of their Team Official Delegation, other than where expressly permitted in these Regulations.

Team Liaison Officer

12. Each Team Official Delegation shall be provided with a Team Liaison Officer proficient in English and (if applicable) the local language of the Member Association.

Local Land Transportation

13. Each Participating Team, from the arrival of their Team Official Delegation (as approved by the AFC) until one (1) day after their final Match in the Competition, shall be provided:
 - 13.1 one (1) bus with minimum thirty-five (35) seats; and
 - 13.2 one (1) sedan car,for transportation of the Team Official Delegation to training, Matches, Official Functions, and airport transfers.
14. Each Participating Team shall be provided one (1) additional luggage truck for airport transfers, each Match day, and (if applicable) for hotel transfers between Venues.
15. Failure to provide the requirements set out in Article 6.13 by the Organising Association shall result in the matter being referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee who may order the forfeiture of any Subsidy and any other sanction they deem suitable.

ARTICLE 7: MEDIA

Media Access in Stadia

1. No representatives of the written press and radio journalists are permitted on the Pitch or the area between the boundaries of the Pitch and the spectators, with the exception of accredited Media who shall carry out their duties in the specific locations assigned to them.
2. Only photographers, 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 Pitch and the spectators, where they will carry out their work in the specific locations assigned to them.
3. No Media representatives are permitted to enter any Participating Team dressing-room at any stage of any Match.
4. The Organising Association shall ensure that the AFC, the Host Broadcaster, and all Broadcasters have free access to each Hall from five (5) days prior to each Match until one (1) day following each Match, to allow for the resolution of any technical issues and for the assembly of the relevant infrastructure required to execute the Media Rights.
5. The Organising Association is responsible for ensuring that the Media Rights are protected and that no unofficial or unauthorised broadcaster and/or video or ENG camera crews are permitted access to any Hall without the prior written permission of the AFC.

Training Sessions

6. All training sessions are open to the Media.
7. Should a Participating Team wish to close its training session to the Media, it shall, as a minimum, open the session for the first fifteen (15) minutes.
8. If a training session occurs at a Hall, the areas accessible by the Media shall be those same areas available to them during Matches. Access to such areas must be security-controlled by the Organising Association.

Press Conferences

9. The Head Coach of each Participating Team is obliged to attend and participate in:
 - 9.1 a pre-Match press conference for each Match in the Competition in which their Participating Team competes, to be held at least one (1) day prior to each Match; and
 - 9.2 a post-Match press conference for each Match in the Competition in which their Participating Team competes.
10. Each Team Media Officer must ensure attendance of the Head Coach.
11. Each Participating Team is responsible (if applicable) for the interpretation of its Head Coach into English. Interpretation into the local language (if applicable) shall be the responsibility of the Organising Association.
12. Non-compliance with Articles 7.9 to 7.11 shall result in the matter being referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee. The AFC Disciplinary Committee shall issue:
 - 12.1 a minimum fine of USD5,000 (US Dollars Five thousands only) against the Member Association; and/or
 - 12.2 a ban from the dressing room and/or the substitutes' bench against the Head Coach.

Mixed Zone

13. Following each Match, Participating Players and Participating Officials shall enter the Mixed Zone on their way from the dressing room to their bus.
14. Non-compliance with Article 7.13 shall result in the matter being referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

Interviews

15. If requested by the AFC, each Participating Team shall make their Head Coach and one (1) Participating Player available the day before each Match and/or the day of the Match for an interview of up to ten (10) minutes, to be recorded by the Host Broadcaster or other Broadcaster, or by the AFC official website.
16. All interview locations shall be assigned by an AFC Media Officer and/or the AFC General Coordinator.

17. Non-compliance with Articles 7.15 and 7.16 shall result in the matter being referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

Flash Interviews

18. Participating Players and Participating Officials are not permitted to give interviews during the Match, on the Pitch, or in its immediate vicinity, without the express permission of the AFC.
19. An 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 Broadcaster and the visiting Media Rights-holding Broadcaster (if applicable), may occur following each Match.
20. If requested by the AFC to participate in 'flash' interviews, the Head Coach and minimum one (1) Participating Player from both Participating Teams must be available.
21. Non-compliance with Article 7.18 to 7.20 shall result in the matter being referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

Recording of Matches

22. Each Participating Team shall be provided with a DVD of each Match of the Competition by the AFC.

ARTICLE 8: EQUIPMENT

AFC Equipment Regulations

1. Each Participating Team must comply with the AFC Equipment Regulations.
2. The AFC Equipment Regulations are operational from the arrival of each Team Official Delegation at a Controlled Access Area until the departure of each Team Official Delegation from such areas.

AFC Badges

3. Each Participating Team shall allow space on its playing jersey to affix:
 - 3.1 one (1) AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2015 sleeve badge on the right arm; and,
 - 3.2 one (1) AFC campaign sleeve badge on the left arm.

Kit Approval Procedure

4. Each Participating Team shall submit to the AFC for its approval one (1) sample of all kit, as defined in the AFC Equipment Regulations, by **the deadline provided by the AFC.**
5. Each Participating Team shall submit to the AFC for its approval one (1) sample of all other apparel to be worn by their Team Official Delegation within the Controlled Access Areas during the Competition by **the deadline provided by the AFC.**
6. Should any equipment submitted to the AFC infringe the AFC Equipment Regulations or these Regulations, the relevant Participating Team shall be required to resubmit corrected equipment to the AFC. In addition, the relevant Participating Team may be required to present additional samples at any Team Workshop.
7. The AFC Match Commissioner, the AFC General Coordinator, and/or the AFC Marketing Manager all have the right and duty to inspect the kit of each Team Official Delegation at each Venue, and are entitled to seize and send such items to the AFC Headquarters for further inspection following each Match.

Responsibility

8. The AFC has the sole authority to approve the equipment (including kit) set out in the AFC Equipment Regulations.

9. Each Participating Team agrees to indemnify the AFC and hold it harmless from any and all damages in the event that a conflict arises as a result of a contract existing between a Participating Team and its sponsor(s) which contravenes the AFC Equipment Regulations.
10. Non-compliance with Article 8 shall result in the matter being referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

ARTICLE 9: TICKETING

Terms and Conditions

1. In collaboration with the Organising Association, the AFC shall issue special ticketing terms and conditions which are applicable to all Ticket holders, including without limitation Member Associations, and which must be communicated to all relevant parties.

Complimentary Tickets

2. The AFC shall provide each Participating Team with the following Ticket allocation for each of the Matches contested by its Participating Team:
 - 2.1 one (1) VVIP Ticket;
 - 2.2 two (2) VIP Tickets; and,
 - 2.3 fifteen (15) Category 1 Tickets.
3. The AFC shall provide each Participating Team with two (2) Category 1 Tickets for all other Matches of the Competition.

Purchasable Tickets

4. Each Member Association may purchase maximum eight percent (8%) of the net saleable capacity of each Hall for each of its Matches, in an area determined by the AFC and the Organising Association.
5. This allocation shall be comprised of a mixture of Category 1 and Category 2 Tickets. The number of Tickets to be purchased must be declared to the AFC two weeks prior to the competition.
6. Each Member Association shall be responsible for the cost of all Tickets requested by the deadline regardless of whether they are ultimately utilised.

ARTICLE 10: MEDICAL & ANTI-DOPING

Medical Facilities and Treatment

1. The Organising Association is responsible, for each Participating Team from the arrival of their Team Official Delegation (as approved by the AFC) until one (1) day after their final Match in the Competition, the costs of the following medical treatments sustained or occurring within the Host Country:
 - 1.1 outpatient treatment (non-admission to hospital);
 - 1.2 minor surgeries (e.g. suturing);
 - 1.3 radiological investigations; and
 - 1.4 emergency treatment.
2. The Organising Association is responsible for the costs of the medical treatment set out at Article 10.1 of the AFC Delegation from their arrival in the Host Country until their departure from the Host Country.
3. Each Participating Team is responsible, for all members of its Team Official Delegation, for the cost of any:
 - 3.1 hospitalisation (admission to hospital);
 - 3.2 surgical operations not provided for in Article 10.1; and
 - 3.3 specialised investigative procedures.

Gender Verification

4. Gender verification is not mandatory for female Participating Players.
5. Recognising the possibility that the gender of female Participating Players may be challenged and require further investigation, the AFC reserves the right to undertake the appropriate measures necessary to identify and determine gender.
6. All measures pursuant to Article 10.5 shall be undertaken in strict confidence.

Anti-Doping

7. Doping is prohibited. The AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, the AFC Disciplinary Code, and all relevant AFC directives in relation to anti-doping are applicable to the Competition.
8. The AFC shall inform each Member Association by means of a circular of the doping control procedure for the Competition.
9. The AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee shall be responsible for the approval of the WADA-accredited laboratory which shall carry out the analysis of all doping samples.

ARTICLE 11: DISCIPLINARY

Disciplinary Measures

1. All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the current AFC Statutes, AFC Disciplinary Code, AFC Code of Ethics and any relevant AFC circular.
2. The AFC may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the Member Associations one (1) month before the first Match of the Competition at latest.
3. All Participating Players agree to:
 - 3.1 respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
 - 3.2 behave accordingly; and
 - 3.3 refrain from doping (c/Article 10.7).

Cautions and Expulsions

4. All matters relating to cautions and/or expulsions, including the carrying forward of cautions between stages of the Competition, shall be undertaken in accordance with the AFC Disciplinary Code except where expressly set out below.
5. Any Participating Player who completes the Group Stage having cumulatively received one (1) caution shall not carry-over that caution to the Knockout Stage.

Indiscipline or Violent Conduct

6. Any individual reported for any act of indiscipline or violent conduct at a Hall (including without limitation within the team dressing room or on the Pitch), Official Training Site, Accommodation, or any other location within the Venue of a Match shall be referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

Protest

7. A protest is an objection of any kind to any matter that has a direct effect on Matches and any matters related to breach of these Regulations.
8. Unless otherwise stipulated, protests shall be:
 - 8.1 submitted in writing to the AFC Match Commissioner within two (2) hours of the Match in question;

- 8.2 followed up with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, sent to the AFC General Secretariat by facsimile or registered letter within twenty four (24) hours of the end of the Match.;
- 8.3 accompanied by a fee of USD500 submitted within twenty four (24) hours of the end of the Match,
- to be considered valid.
9. No protest shall be lodged relating to the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal, unless expressly otherwise stipulated in the AFC Disciplinary Code.
10. Should the AFC Disciplinary Committee determine that a protest is unfounded or irresponsible, it may impose a fine and the protest fee shall be forfeited.
11. If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded. Following the completion of the final Match of the Competition, all protests shall be disregarded.
12. The AFC Disciplinary Committee shall make decisions on protests. The AFC Disciplinary Committee may transfer a protest to the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee for its decision if it is deemed to be purely operational in nature.

Arbitration

13. Any dispute in connection with the Competition shall be promptly settled by negotiation.
14. In compliance with the AFC Statutes, Member Associations, Participating Teams, Participating Players, and Participating Officials are prohibited from initiating disputes in an ordinary court of law and must submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the AFC.
15. Member Associations, Participating Teams, Participating Players, and Participating Officials acknowledge and accept that, once all internal channels have been exhausted at the AFC, their sole recourse shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).The Code of Sports-related Arbitration shall be applicable. The language of arbitration shall be English.
16. The jurisdiction of the CAS to resolve disputes is only available where it has not been expressly excluded or a decision is declared as final and binding and not subject to appeal.

ARTICLE 12: ADMINISTRATION

Awards

1. The following awards shall be presented:
 - 1.1 The Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2015;
 - 1.2 Top Goal scorer of the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2015;
 - 1.3 AFC Fair Play Award for the AFC Women's Futsal Championship 2015; and
 - 1.4 Commemorative medals for the Referees of the Final.
2. The Most Valuable Player of the Competition is awarded to the Participating Player who has a major influence on each of her Matches and the Competition overall.
3. The Top Goal scorer is awarded to the Participating Player who has scored the highest number of goals in the Competition. In the event of a tie, the number of assists will be taken into account to identify the winner.
4. The AFC Fair Play Award is awarded to the Participating Team who has collected the most Fair Play points in the Competition.
5. The AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee may decide to introduce further awards in their discretion.

Trophy and Medals

6. The original Competition trophy is presented to the Champion for a period of six (6) months. The Champion Member Association shall subsequently be awarded a scaled-down replica by the AFC as its permanent possession. The AFC may request for the return of the trophy at an earlier date. The AFC is responsible for engraving the trophy with the name of the winning Participating Team. The trophy will remain the property of the AFC.
7. The Champion Participating Team shall be responsible for the loss of or any damage to the trophy. It shall be returned in perfect condition when requested by the AFC.
8. The Champion Participating Team may produce a copy of the trophy, provided it is clearly marked as a replica and does not exceed four-fifths (4/5) of the size of the original.

9. If for any reason the Competition should cease to be held, the trophy shall be returned to the AFC.
10. The AFC shall award the following medals:
 - 10.1 Twenty six (26) medals to the Champion;
 - 10.2 Twenty six (26) medals to the Runner-Up; and
 - 10.3 Twenty six (26) medals to the Third Place.
11. No additional medals shall be produced by the AFC.

Prize Presentation Ceremony

12. A prize presentation ceremony shall be held immediately after both the 3/4 Playoff and the Final to present the awards, trophies, and medals listed in Articles 12.6 to 12.11.
13. The Participating Team and Participating Players that qualify to receive the awards, trophies, and medals shall attend the relevant prize presentation ceremony. Participating Teams may be represented by the Team Official Delegation for the prize presentation ceremony following the Final.

Protocol

14. The AFC Protocol Guidelines shall apply for all Matches.

Special Instructions

15. The AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee shall, in conjunction with the Organising Association, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the Host Country.
16. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

Force Majeure

17. The AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee is the only body capable of declaring a Force Majeure event.

Matters not provided for

18. Matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee. Such decisions are binding and final.

Ratification

19. These Regulations were ratified by the AFC Executive Committee on 25 July 2015 and came into force immediately.

For the AFC Executive Committee:

President:

Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa

Deputy General Secretary:

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

1. This Appendix 1 sets out the calculation provided for in Article 3.20.2.8 of these Regulations.
2. Each Participating Team shall be awarded points for receiving red and yellow cards as indicated below:
 - 2.1 per yellow card: one (1) point;
 - 2.2 per red card (as a consequence of two yellow cards): three (3) points;
 - 2.3 per red card (direct):three (3) points; and,
 - 2.4 per yellow card followed by a red card (direct): four (4) points.
3. The Participating Team receiving the least number of points shall be ranked highest. The remaining Participating Teams shall be ranked in descending order.

APPENDIX 2: Registration of Players who have acquired a New Nationality

No.	Documents	Attached (please tick)
1.	Official Registration Form for Players with passport photo.	
2	The player must provide <u>one of the following categories of documents</u> :	
a)	1) Letter from the Member Association of the player's previous nationality or country of birth declaring that the player has never played (either in full or in part) for its representative teams in an official competition of any category of any type of football; and 2) Letter from the player declaring that he has never played for any representative teams of any Member Association (either in full or in part) in an official competition of any category of any type of football.	
b)	Decision of the FIFA Players' Status Committee allowing the player to change Association.	
3.	Clear copy of player's passport	
4.	Clear copy of player's national ID card	
5.	If a player seeks to rely on 2(a) as opposed to 2(b), they must provide <u>one of the following categories of documents</u> :	
a)	1) Evidence that their father or mother was born on the territory of the relevant Member Association; and 2) Evidence that such person is their biological parent.	
b)	1) Evidence that their grandfather or grandmother was born on the territory of the relevant Member Association; and 2) Evidence that such person is their biological grandparent.	
c)	Evidence that the player has lived continuously on the territory of the relevant Member Association for at least five (5) years after the age of 18.	

*Players under the age of 23 must provide a decision of the FIFA Players' Status Committee, regardless of the period of time lived continuously on the territory of

the Association. APPENDIX 3: Registration of Players who have a nationality entitling them to represent more than one Association

No.	Documents	Attached (please tick)
1.	Official Registration Form for Players with passport photo.	
2	A player must provide <u>one of the following categories of documents</u> :	
a)	<p>1) Letter from the Member Association of the player's previous nationality or country of birth declaring that the player has never played (either in full or in part) for its representative teams in an official competition of any category of any type of football; and</p> <p>2) Letter from the player declaring that he has never played for any representative teams of any Member Association (either in full or in part) in an official competition of any category of any type of football.</p>	
b)	Decision of the FIFA Players' Status Committee allowing the player to change Association.	
3.	Clear copy of player's passport	
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b)	<p>1) Evidence that their grandfather or grandmother was born on the territory of the relevant Member Association; and</p> <p>2) Evidence that such person is their biological grandparent.</p>	
c)	Evidence that the player has lived continuously on the territory of the relevant Member Association for at least two (2) years.	



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