



AFF U23 CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

Tournament Regulations

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The AFF U23 Championship is organised by the AFF for the ASEAN Members Associations (MA) and MAs to field their best and strongest team.
- 1.2 These Regulations govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of the AFF, Hosting Member Association, Member Associations, Teams, Players, Team Officials and Match Officials taking part in the 2022 edition of the Competition (Competition).
- 1.3 These Regulations and all related directives, decision, guidelines and circulars issued by the AFF shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting the Competition.
- 1.4 The Competition will be staged from 14 to 26 February 2022 in Cambodia is likely to be materially affected by the COVID 19 pandemic, all parties are directed to pay particular attention to the AFF Match Operations Protocol pertaining to the Competition (the AFF Match Operations Protocol). The AFF Match Operations Protocol has been drafted and issued with the COVID 19 pandemic in mind and sets out the various requirements and obligations which will apply to the unique events all parties currently face. The AFF Match Operations Protocol may be amended from time to time as the COVID 19 pandemic situation and relevant local laws evolve. The AFF Match Operations Protocol shall take precedence over all other AFF rules and regulations relating to the Competition.
- 1.5 The AFF Hosting Obligations form an integral part and shall be read in conjunction with these Regulations and the AFF Match Operations Protocol. The AFF Hosting Obligations shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation, and hosting of the Competition. Failure to adhere to any matter set out in the Hosting Obligations may lead to the imposition of sanctions as set out in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code. In the event of any discrepancy between these Regulations or the AFF Match Operations Protocol and the Hosting Obligations, these Regulations and the AFF Match Operations Protocol shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency, subject to the decision by the Hosting Member Association Health Authorities.
- 1.6 Any rights and Proprietary Interests associated with the Competition that are not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to any Hosting Member Association or Member Association shall vest in the AFF.
- 1.7 Any reference to the AFF Statutes and to AFF, AFC and FIFA regulations refer to those valid at the time of application.

SECTION 2: ADMINISTRATION

2. Management

- 2.1 The Competition shall be organised and managed by the relevant Hosting Member Association, in collaboration with the AFF.

3. Participants

- 3.1 Participants in the Competition shall be those who are Member Associations (MAs) of the AFF affiliated to the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

- 3.2 MAs after confirming their participation and for any reason withdrawing subsequently without the approval of the AFF Competition Committee will be dealt with by the AFF Council with a maximum fine of USD10,000 except in the case of 'force majeure'. The withdrawal shall also be referred to the Article 7 of this Regulations.

4. Committees

- 4.1 AFF U23 Competitions 2022 Tournament Committee ("Tournament Committee").

- 4.1.1 The Tournament Committee shall consist of a Chairman and at least four (4) other Members to be nominated by the AFF Competition Committee as follows:

- (a) AFF President
- (b) Chairman of AFF Competition Committee
- (c) Deputy Chairman of AFF Competition Committee
- (d) Selected Council or Alternate member
- (e) Selected Council or Alternate member
- (f) An AFF Medical Advisor (who shall be an appropriately qualified and experienced medical professional)

It shall be a requirement that any member of this Committee who has an interest in any matter under discussion recuses him/herself from the discussion/decision.

- 4.1.2 The Tournament Committee shall have overall authority for the Competition under the auspices of the AFF Competition Committee and shall have responsibility for all major decisions required in connection with the staging of the Competition. This shall include:

- (a) The Competition format;
- (b) Match scheduling, including dates, kick off times and venues;
- (c) Subject to paragraph 4.1.3 below, any other matters related to potential or actual interruptions of the Competition due to COVID-related matters, including decisions relating to costs should the Competition be re-scheduled or restructured, including;

- a. about match scheduling, which shall include dates, kick off times and venues;
- b. about any matters related to potential or actual interruptions of the Competition due to COVID-related matters;
- c. About any and all other matters affecting the staging of Matches (including cases of force majeure, COVID-related or otherwise);
- (d) The appointment of any further Committee (or sub-Committee) which shall be responsible for any specific element of the Competition organisation including but not limited to the Committees mentioned in paragraphs 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 or 4.5 below, or the appointment of any member of any such Committee (or sub-Committee).

4.1.3 For the avoidance of doubt:

- (a) decisions about the inclusion or exclusion from the Competition of any Team, Player or Official; and
- (b) decisions about the possibility of a Member Association or any related official or player being fined or suspended from the Tournament or from any other AFF competition to be held in future;

shall be made by the AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary and Ethics Committee but the Tournament Committee shall be entitled to make recommendations to the Ad-Hoc Disciplinary and Ethics Committee regarding the severity of any relevant misconduct, especially with regard to breaches of the AFF Match Operations Protocol, and the sanctions which might be appropriate.

Decisions taken by the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all parties involved in the Competition.

4.2 Local Organising Committee

4.2.1 The Hosting MA is required to appoint a Local Organising Committee.

4.2.2 The Local Organising Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that all logistical arrangements are made for the staging of the Matches and that the Matches are staged in compliance with the local laws and with all applicable protocols and regulations. This shall include making all appropriate arrangements for all Match participants, including Teams and Match Officials, including all airport arrangements for arrival into and travel out of the country, and all arrangements for local transport, accommodation, training venues and Match venues.

- 4.2.3 The Local Organising Committee shall also be responsible for ensuring that the relevant Local Medical Committee is provided with the personnel and related resources it needs to properly carry out its designated functions.

All decisions of the Local Organising Committee for matters under its jurisdiction shall be final.

4.3 Local Medical Committee

- 4.3.1 The Hosting MA is required to appoint a Local Medical Committee.
- 4.3.2 The Local Medical Committee shall consist of up to [four (4)] people. The Chairman shall be a qualified medical expert holding a high position in the medical industry of the relevant country.
- 4.3.3 Each Local Medical Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of AFF Match Operations Protocol in so far as that document relates to issues of COVID-19.
- 4.3.4 Each Local Medical Committee will identify and report relevant issues, together with recommendations for how they should be addressed directly to the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee will be responsible for deciding all matters referred to it by the Local Medical Committees.

4.4 Match Committee

- 4.4.1 A Match Committee will be appointed for each match day.
- 4.4.2 Each Match Committee shall consist of the Match Commissioner for the relevant Matches, Referee Assessor and one member from the Local Organising Committee.
- 4.4.3 The Match Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that all Matches are played in compliance with the rules of the game.

All decisions of the Match Committee for matters under its jurisdiction shall be final.

4.5 Security Committee

- 4.5.1 The Hosting MA shall form a Security Committee whose Chairman shall be a security officer holding a high position in the Police Force of the country.
- 4.5.2 Each Team shall include a high-ranking police officer to accompany the Team and he/she shall be a member of the Security Committee.
- 4.5.3 The Security Committee shall follow all guidelines, rules and regulations and measures recommended by FIFA to ensure there is security on and off the field at all times.

- 4.5.4 The Hosting MA shall be responsible for providing security arrangements to all participants, officials and referees to prevent violent incidents. Such security arrangements shall cover the Match Stadium and its vicinity, the training grounds, all participants' hotels, etc.

5. **Interpretation of Rules**

- 5.1 The interpretation of these rules and all matters not provided for shall be dealt with by the Tournament Committee in consultation with AFF whose decision shall be final.

6. **Matters not Provided For**

- 6.1 In the event of any disagreement in the interpretation of these rules, AFF will be the final authority on deciding any such disagreement.

SECTION 3: OBLIGATION

7. **Withdrawal Prior to or After the Commencement of the Competition**

- 7.1 All MAs who are invited by AFF shall participate in the Competition.
- 7.2 Any MA that:
 - 7.2.1 Does not participate in the Competition after having been officially confirmed with AFF; or
 - 7.2.2 withdraws from the Competition after it has commenced; or
 - 7.2.3 does not report for a Match; or
 - 7.2.4 refuses to continue a Match; or
 - 7.2.5 leaves the Stadium prior to the completion of a Match,shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition.
- 7.3 Any MA that withdraws (or shall be considered to have withdrawn) from the Competition other than with the recommendation and approval of the Tournament Committee, shall:
 - 7.3.1 Except as provided for in clause 21: have all its Matches cancelled and considered null and void and, 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 clause 12.2.4;
 - 7.3.2 be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Teams, the AFF, the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, and the MAs. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AFF Council;
 - 7.3.3 return to the AFF any subsidy that had been paid in support of their participation in the Competition or if not yet paid, forfeit their right to that subsidy and the yearly grant.
 - 7.3.4 be disqualified from participating in the next edition of the Competition;
 - 7.3.5 be subject to a fine to be determined by the Tournament Committee; and
 - 7.3.6 be referred to the AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary & Ethics Committee which may impose further sanctions in its discretion.

8. **Force Majeure**

- 8.1 The above clauses 7.3.2 to 7.3.6 will not be applicable in cases of Force Majeure as defined in clause 8.3 below.
- 8.2 The AFF Council shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of Force Majeure.
- 8.3 **"Force Majeure"** shall be any event, or threatened event, affecting or which may affect the performance of any provision of these Hosting Obligations, 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, unforeseen epidemic (which shall not include COVID 19) 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.

9. **Trophy and Medals**

- 9.1 A Challenge trophy called "AFF U23 Championship" shall be awarded to the Champion Team.
- 9.2 Forty (40) medals will be presented to the Champions, Runners-up and 3rd placed Team at the presentation ceremony [twenty-eight (28) for Players and twelve (12) for Team Officials].
- 9.3 A maximum of ten (10) additional medals will be issued on request and with payment.

10. **Official Report**

- 10.1 The Hosting MA shall submit the FIFA Match Report Form (for Tier 2 category), FIFA List of Players Form (for Tier 2 category) and FIFA Referee's Report to FIFA (for Tier 2 category) to FIFA within 48 hours after the completion of each Match.
- 10.2 A detailed statement of accounts showing the gross receipt and the amount deducted for government or municipal taxes must be sent to the FIFA and/or AFC General Secretariat duly completed, within 30 days of the Competition. Levy is payable to FIFA and AFC in accordance with their regulations.
- 10.3 The Hosting MA shall also send a report of the Competition to the General Secretaries of AFC and AFF within 30 days of the completion of the Competition. The report may be brief but shall be as complete as possible and shall contain necessary items such as names of competing countries, names of Referees and Assistant Referees, the difficulties met with the recommendations offered for the benefit of future Competitions.

11. **Stadium Obligation**

- 11.1 All the provisions of this Section 3, clause 11 shall be subject to the provisions of the AFF Match Operations Protocol which shall have precedence.

- 11.2 The Stadium(s) to be utilised shall be nominated by the Hosting MA and are subject to inspection and confirmation by AFF.
- 11.3 AFF reserves the right to refuse the nomination of any Stadium and require the Hosting MA to nominate an alternate Stadium.
- 11.4 All Matches must be played in a Stadium which meet the minimum requirements as per AFF Hosting Obligations.
- 11.5 Each Stadium must also meet the minimum requirement of the FIFA/AFC Stadium Regulations, the FIFA/AFC Safety and Security Regulations and/or any other safety and security standards issued by or contained within relevant FIFA/AFC/AFF guidelines, directives or circulars.
- 11.6 If at any time during the Competition the AFF General Secretariat deems that, for whatever reason, a Stadium is not fit to host a Match, it shall consult with the Hosting MA and propose an alternate Stadium.
- 11.7 Smoking is strictly prohibited within any section of any Stadium and in particular, in the technical area, the vicinity of the Field of Play, the spectator stands, or within competition areas which includes, without limitation, the Team dressing rooms.

SECTION 4: COMPETITION SYSTEM

12. Mode of Competition

12.1 Subject to clause 12.5 and to any directive issued by the Tournament Committee, the AFF U23 Championship consist of three (3) stages as follows:

- 12.1.1 Group Stage
- 12.1.2 Semi-Final Stage
- 12.1.3 Final Stage

12.2 Group Stage

12.2.1 Teams shall be drawn into three (3) groups and will play one round league competition.

12.2.2 At the conclusion of each Match:

- (a) Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win;
- (b) One (1) point for a draw; and
- (c) none (0) for a defeat.

12.2.3 One (1) top team ranked first from each group and one (1) overall best second-placed team shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

12.2.4 Ranking in each group shall be determined in descending order as follows:

- (a) Greater number of points obtained in the group Matches;

If two (2) or more Teams are equal on points, the following criteria are applied to determine the ranking (in descending order):

Head-to-Head criteria

- (b) Higher number of points obtained in the group Matches played among the Teams in question;
- (c) Superior goal difference from the group Matches played among the Teams in question;
- (d) Higher number of goals scored in the group Matches played among the Teams in question;

Tiebreaker

if, after having applied the Head-to-Head criteria, two (2) or more Teams still have an equal ranking, the Head-to-Head criteria shall be reapplied exclusively to the Matches between the Teams in question to determine their final rankings.

If this procedure does not lead to a decision, the Group Results criteria shall apply;

Group Results criteria

- (e) superior goal difference from all group Matches played;
- (f) higher number of goals scored from all group Matches played;
- (g) Kicks from the Penalty Mark if only two (2) Teams still have an equal ranking and have played their last group Match against each other;
- (h) the lower score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the group Matches (Appendix 1); or
- (i) the drawing of lots

12.2.5 One (1) overall best second-placed Team from different groups shall be determined by the method set out in Appendix 2 of the Regulation.

12.3 Semi-Finals and Finals

12.3.1 After the completion of the Group stage, the qualified teams will play the Semi-Final Matches.

12.3.2 In the event that the overall best second-placed team is from the same group, the following format shall be applied:

(a) If the overall best second-placed team is from Group A or Group C:

Semi-Final 1	Winner B vs. Overall Best Runner-Up A or C (SF1)
Semi-Final 2	Winner A vs. Winner C (SF2)

(b) If overall best second-placed team is from Group B:

Semi-Final 1	Winner B vs. Winner C (SF1)
Semi-Final 2	Winner A vs. Overall Best Runner-Up B (SF2)

12.3.3 After the completion of the Semi-Final Stage, the winners and losers of the Semi-Final Matches will play 3rd/4th Placing and Final Match as follows:

3rd/4th Placing	Loser SF1 vs. Loser SF2
Final	Winner SF1 vs. Winner SF2

12.4 The Tournament Committee has the right to reschedule the final Matches of any group/groups if such Matches are deemed to affect the result of the other Matches concerned, they may be rescheduled to be played simultaneously in two different venues.

12.5 The Tournament Committee has the right at any time to reschedule any Matches, including changing the format of the Competition in order to meet requirements imposed by national governments or other relevant authorities. Potential changes include:

12.5.1 Eliminating the Qualification Round in the event that any single Team is not able to participate in the Competition, or reducing the Qualification Round to one Match to be played at a neutral venue;

12.5.2 Reducing the number of Teams in one or more of the Final Round Group Competition in the event that more than one Team is not able to participate in the Competition;

13. **Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game**

13.1 All Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the IFAB and published by FIFA.

13.2 In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail and is authoritative.

13.3 **Substitution**

13.3.1 As per Laws of the Game Law 3 – The Players – Temporary amendment, each Team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes.

13.3.2 To reduce disruption to the Match, each Team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the game, substitutions may also be made at half-time.

13.3.3 If both Teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one of the three opportunities for each Team.

13.3.4 Unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into extra time.

13.3.5 In the Semi-Finals and Final stage, Teams will be allowed to field one (1) additional substitute if the game goes into extra-time. Teams will each have one (1) additional substitution opportunity. Substitutions may also be made before the start of extra time and at half-time in extra time.

13.4 At any stage of a Match, if a Team is only able to field fewer than seven (7) Players, the Match shall be abandoned, and clause 22.3 shall apply.

14. **Duration of Matches**

14.1 **Group Stage**

14.1.1 Each Match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising of two (2) periods of forty-five (45) minutes (normal playing time). Matches shall start at the time set out in the Match Schedule.

14.1.2 There shall be an interval of fifteen (15) minutes between the periods in normal time, commencing from the whistle ending the first period and ending upon the whistle starting the second period.

14.2 **Semi-Final Stage**

14.2.1 If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time in the Semi-Final, Extra Time shall be played.

14.2.2 If no decisive results obtained after the end of Extra Time, the winner shall be determined by taking kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Laws of the Game.

14.3 **3rd/4th Placing**

14.3.1 If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time, the winner shall be determined by taking kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Laws of the Game.

14.4 **Final Stage**

14.4.1 If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time in the Final, Extra Time shall be played.

14.4.2 If no decisive results obtained after the end of Extra Time, the winner shall be determined by taking kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Laws of the Game.

15. **Extra Time**

15.1 In case that Extra Time is applied, it shall consist of two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes each, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, as well as a short drink break, not exceeding one (1) minute, at the end of half-time in Extra Time.

16. **Determining the Winner by Kicks from the Penalty Mark**

16.1 Where the Regulations provide, if a Match is level after Extra Time, Kicks from the Penalty Mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game.

16.2 If Kicks from the Penalty Mark cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for any Force Majeure reason, the result shall be decided by the drawing of lots by the Referee in the presence of the Match Commissioner and the captains of the two (2) Teams.

16.3 If through the fault of a Team, the Kicks from the Penalty Mark cannot be completed, the Clause on "Withdrawal After Commencement of the Competition" in the relevant Regulations shall apply.

SECTION 5: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

17. Provisions

- 17.1 All the provisions of this Section 5 (clause 18 to clause 30) shall be subject to the provisions of the AFF Match Operations Protocol which shall have precedence.

18. Field of Play

- 18.1 The Hosting MA shall ensure that the Field of Play is in playable condition.
- 18.2 The Match Commissioner together with the General Coordinator will inspect each Stadium prior to the Match and ensure that all arrangements are in accordance with the Laws of the Game. If the conditions of the Field of Play including the dimension of the goal and field are not in accordance with the Laws of the Game, the Match Commissioner shall issue instructions for the Hosting MA to ensure rectification.
- 18.3 All Matches shall be played on a Field of Play in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- 18.4 If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the Field of Play prior to the Match, the Referee shall decide whether the Field of Play is playable. If the Referee declares that the Match cannot commence on time, Clause 21, Cancellation of Matches, shall apply.

19. Team Bench and Technical Area

- 19.1 Up to a maximum of twelve (12) registered Team Officials are allowed to sit on the Team bench during the Match, provided they are in possession of the appropriate accreditation and access card.
- 19.2 The Head Coach, Team Manager and Team Doctor must form part of these twelve (12) designated Team's officials who are sitting on the bench.
- 19.3 Up to a maximum of twelve (12) registered Players (substitutes, injured or not playing) will be seated in the stand located behind the team bench, provided they are in possession of the appropriate accreditation and access card.
- 19.4 Team Officials must always wear their Accreditation Card. Players should be able to show their Accreditation Card when they enter to the Field of Play area, on the Team bench and shall always be available for inspection whenever requested by Match Officials/AFF Officials.
- 19.5 All individuals on the Team bench must wear kit that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials present on the Field of Play. This kit must comply with the Equipment Regulations.

'Team A' shall occupy the Team bench on the left when facing the Field of Play from the Fourth Official's bench.

19.6 Players (including substitutes/substituted and sent off Players) are not permitted to wear or use any form of electronic or communication equipment (except where EPTS is allowed). The use of any form of electronic communication by Team Officials is permitted where it directly relates to Player welfare or safety or for tactical/coaching reasons but only small, mobile, hand-held equipment (e.g., microphone, headphone, earpiece, mobile phone/smartphone, smartwatch, tablet, laptop) may be used. A Team Official who uses unauthorised equipment or who behaves in an inappropriate manner as a result of the use of electronic or communication equipment will be dismissed from the technical area. The use of Electronic Performance and Tracking Systems (EPTS) must be in line with equipment regulations and bear the IMS (International Match Standard) mark.

19.7 Individuals serving suspension, non-selected Players and Team Officials part of a Team Delegation but not listed in 'Officials on the Team Bench List' are not permitted to enter the Field of Play and/or sit on the Team bench. They may sit at the designated area in the stand for Team Delegations.

19.7.1 Appendix 3 sets out the restrictions that apply inside the Controlled Access Areas for Players and Officials who have been expelled or are serving a Match suspension.

20. **Delay of kick-off**

20.1 Any Team that causes a delay of any scheduled kick-off of a Match (as determined by the Official Countdown) may be sanctioned by the AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary & Ethics Committee in its discretion.

20.2 For the avoidance of doubt, this includes the kick-off to commence the first period and second period of a Match, and if applicable, the kick-off to commence the first period and second period of Extra Time.

21. **Cancellation of Matches**

21.1 Where any Team has withdrawn (or shall be considered to have withdrawn) from the Competition, all its future Matches in the Competition shall be cancelled and considered null and void and, for the avoidance of doubt, all points and goals in the Matches that have taken place shall not be taken into consideration when determining the final rankings in the Group Stage pursuant to clause 12.2.4;

21.2 In the event that any Team is not be able to field a team for any Match due to COVID-related matter, the referee shall (upon receiving instruction from the Match Commissioner) declare the Match is cancelled and the other Team shall be declared the winner by the score 3-0.

- 21.3 In the event that both Teams are not able to field a team for any Match due to COVID-related matter, the referee shall (upon receiving instruction from the Match Commissioner) declare the Match is cancelled and score shall be declared as 0-0. In the event that the cancelled Match is a knock-out tie (SF), and should both Teams also be precluded (as confirmed by the Local Medical Committee) from fielding a team in the next scheduled round, no drawing of lots will be required, both Teams will be eliminated and instead the Team that lost the other knock-out tie (SF), leading to the next round (Final) shall be reinstated and shall play in place of the eliminated Teams.
- 21.4 In the event that any Team is not be able to field a team for any Match due to any other reason not related to COVID, the referee shall declare the Match cancelled and the other Team shall be declared the winner by the score 3-0. In the event that the Match so cancelled is a Semi-Final or Final and, as a result of such declaration, the scores are level and no Extra Time or penalty kicks are possible, the winner shall be the other Team.
- 21.5 If a Match cannot commence for any reason, the following procedure shall be followed, should the Match not be cancelled prior to the match day:
- 21.5.1 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;
- 21.5.2 Following the first delay, either:
- (a) 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
 - (b) The Match is declared cancelled by the Referee.
- 21.5.3 Following two (2) delays of thirty (30) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match cancelled.

22. **Abandonment of Matches**

- 22.1 If a Match is stopped by the Referee for any other reason except for that set out in Clause 13.4, the following procedure shall be followed:
- 22.1.1 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;
- 22.1.2 Subsequent to the first stoppage, either:
- (a) 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
 - (b) The Match is declared abandoned by the Referee.

- 22.1.3 Following two (2) stoppages of thirty (30) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match abandoned.
- 22.2 Should it be determined that an abandoned Match should be rescheduled and completed, the following principles shall apply:
 - 22.2.1 The Match shall recommence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full;
 - 22.2.2 The Match shall recommence with the same Players on the Field of Play and same substitutes at the time it was initially abandoned;
 - 22.2.3 No additional substitutes may be added to the Player Selection List or Match Starting List;
 - 22.2.4 The Teams may only make the number of substitutions within the remaining substitution opportunities to which they were still entitled when the Match was abandoned;
 - 22.2.5 Any Player sent off during the abandoned Match cannot be replaced;
 - 22.2.6 Any sanction imposed before the Match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the rescheduled Match;
 - 22.2.7 The kick-off time, date and Stadium of the re-scheduled Match shall be decided by the Tournament Committee; and
 - 22.2.8 Any other matters not set out above shall be decided by the Tournament Committee in its sole discretion.
- 22.3 If a Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal playing time or during any Extra Time as a result of a Team being able to only field fewer than seven (7) Players, the Match shall be declared abandoned and the Team who is able to field more than seven (7) Players shall be declared the winner by the score 3-0, or the score at the time of abandonment, whichever is higher.

23. **Match Interruption**

- 23.1 The Referee can interrupt a Match if the Field of Play is not fit for play or for any other issues which are not in line with the Laws of the Game.
- 23.2 The Match Commissioner may, after consulting with the Local Organising Committee responsible and/or Security Officer, advise the Referee to suspend the Match in the event that safety and security is not guaranteed in the Stadium and/or there exists potential danger to the Teams and/or spectators.
- 23.3 If a Match is suspended before the completion of normal playing time or Extra Time, the following recommendations are to be considered subject to the nature of incident. A Match shall restart at the same minute when it was suspended:

- 23.3.1 Suspended for up to 15 minutes: The Teams should stay on the Field of Play subject to the nature of the suspension;
- 23.3.2 Suspension for 15 – 30 minutes: The Teams should go to the Team dressing rooms. They should be allowed to have ten (10) minutes warm up before the restart of the Match. A ten (10) minute warning shall be given to all the parties involved (e.g., Teams, Match Officials, spectators, Broadcast Licensees, Media).
- 23.3.3 Suspension for more than 30 minutes: The Teams should go to the Team dressing rooms. They should be allowed to have twenty (20) minutes warm up before restart of the Match. A twenty (20) minute warning shall be given to all the parties involved (e.g., Teams, Match Officials, spectators, Broadcast Licensees, Media).
- 23.3.4 Suspension for more than 60 minutes: The Match may be considered appropriate to be abandoned, subject to the situation. After the final decision is made, the Match Commissioner and General Coordinator should inform the Teams prior to any other parties.

24. **Warming Up and Cooling Down**

24.1 Before a Match

- 24.1.1 Each Team shall be entitled to warm-up on the Field of Play before a Match if the weather and/or pitch condition permits. Such warm-up should not affect the condition of the Field of Play during the Match. The Match Commissioner may shorten or cancel the warm-up, if it may severely affect playing conditions of the Field of Play (FOP) during the Match.
- 24.1.2 The warm-up shall strictly commence fifty (50) minutes prior to kick-off until twenty (20) minutes prior to kick-off, unless otherwise instructed by the Match Commissioner.
- 24.1.3 Only Players and registered Team Officials on the bench for the Match are allowed to take part in the warm-up session. Remaining Team Officials, non-playing Players and suspended Team Officials/Players are NOT PERMITTED to join the warm-up on the pitch.

24.2 During a Match

- 24.2.1 If there is adequate space behind the goal, the warm-up area shall be located behind the goal on the side closest to the Team benches.
 - (a) Maximum six (6) Players from each Team may warm-up simultaneously, assisted by maximum two (2) Team Officials per Team.
- 24.2.2 If there is insufficient space behind the goals, both Teams shall warm-up behind/beside their respective Team bench or, within the area as identified by the Match Commissioner.

(a) In such cases, maximum of three (3) or six (6) Players from each Team may warm-up simultaneously, assisted by maximum two (2) Team Official per Team, depending on the area available for warm up, decided by the Match Commissioner.

(b) Setting up of equipment by Teams shall not be permitted in such cases.

24.2.3 Players must wear bibs with assigned or contrasting colour.

24.2.4 Only goalkeepers can warm up with the football.

24.2.5 Team Officials assisting in the warm-up shall not give instructions to the goalkeeper or any other outfield Players who are playing in the match.

24.3 Post-Match Cool Down

24.3.1 Upon request, Team's cool down may be accommodated after each Match as instructed by the Match Commissioner, providing that the following rules are observed:

(a) Any cool down after a game may last no longer than 30 minutes;

(b) Depending on the pitch condition, Teams shall cool down at the designated area identified by the Match Commissioner. No access will be granted to the goal areas;

(c) Activities shall be restricted to post-exercise cool down for the Players who actually played in the Match (e.g., Stretching, jogging).

(d) Teams are not allowed to set up or use any training equipment.

(e) Training session for substitutes shall not be accommodated.

(f) The Local Match Committee may impose further restrictions (in particular, to protect the pitch).

25. Cooling Break

25.1 Depending on the weather conditions, a cooling break may be implemented on a match-by-match basis.

For purposes of distinction, official and mandatory cooling breaks will not be pre-established. However, the climatic conditions prior to a Match will be evaluated by the Local Medical Committee/ Local Medical Officer in charge.

25.2 The Local Medical Officer will recommend cooling breaks to the AFF Match Commissioner and/or the AFF General Coordinator, taking into account factors such as the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) exceeded 32 degrees Celsius, time of the day, the amount of cloud cover and Stadium location, etc... Responsibility for the implementation and control of the cooling break resides with the referee.

- 25.3 Cooling breaks of maximum three (3) minutes duration shall be implemented by the Referee at approximately thirty (30) minutes into the run-of-play in both halves (i.e., around the thirtieth [30th] minute and seventy-fifth [75th] minute respectively).
- 25.4 The following rules shall apply to any cooling break:
- 25.4.1 The ball must be out of play for the break to commence;
 - 25.4.2 The Referee will signal the start of the break (informing both Teams and the Match Officials);
 - 25.4.3 All Players will go to their respective Team bench or technical area and use ice and cold towels to cool down; and
 - 25.4.4 After three (3) minutes the Referee will signal the conclusion of the break, after which the Match will restart at the time at which play was stopped.
 - 25.4.5 Three minutes will then be added to stoppage time at the end of each half.

26. **Drinking Procedure During Match**

- 26.1 Water bottles are allowed around the Field of Play, at least one (1) metre outside the touchline and the goal line (respecting marketing and advertising obligations around the Field of Play).
- 26.2 Water bottles shall be placed very carefully so they do not interfere with the Assistant Referees (ARs) running on the touchline; it is suggested that water bottles are NOT placed on each of the half part of the touchline behind the AR1 and AR2.
- 26.3 No water bottles are allowed in the goal area. Water bottles must be outside the goal, not touching the post or the goal net.
- 26.4 Players can drink at any time during a Match. If drinking in front of the technical area, Players shall remain on the Field of Play whereas substitutes and Team Officials must remain outside the Field of Play.
- 26.5 If medical staff enters the Field of Play, they shall solely treat injured Players and not give instructions or distribute water bottles.
- 26.6 Water bottles, water bags or ice cubes shall not be thrown on the Field of Play.

27. **Official Training at the Stadium**

- 27.1 Depending on the weather and condition of the Field of Play, each Team is entitled to an official training of maximum sixty (60) minutes duration in the Stadium in which they are due to play either one (1) or two (2) days prior to their first Match in the Stadium in the Competition.
- 27.1.1 If the Field of Play is an artificial pitch, each Team is entitled to have either two (2) official trainings of sixty (60) minutes duration or one (1) official

training of one-hundred-and-twenty (120) minutes to be held one (1) and/or (2) days prior to their first Match in the Stadium in the Competition

- (a) The Official Training Sessions must be opened to the media. Should the 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.
- (b) If official training is held at any Stadium, the areas accessible by Media shall be the same as available during a Match and such access shall be security controlled and subject to the possession of valid accreditation.
- (c) Use of footballs shall only be permitted within the confirmed timeframes of the official training.

27.2 The Field of Play must be prepared to Match-condition for official training. If the Field of Play is not in Match-condition, the Match Commissioner may shorten or cancel the official training and direct the Teams to inspect the Field of Play wearing training shoes only.

27.3 If a Team chooses not to train at a Stadium, they must provide the Match Commissioner with the time and location of their official training at another designated Official Training Site approved by the AFF. This shall be treated as their official training, and they shall forfeit the right to train at that particular Stadium prior to the Match for the duration of the Competition.

27.4 The Hosting MA is required to provide at least one (1) ambulance equipped with advanced life supporting equipment and an adequate number of security personnel during the Official Training at the Stadium.

28. Training Pitches

28.1 A minimum of four (4) standard training pitches approved by the AFF needs to be available and each training pitch shall have the following during the Team's training:

28.1.1 At least one (1) movable goalpost with net;

28.1.2 Dressing room with proper toilet and washing facilities;

28.1.3 Medical room equipped with basic medical amenities or one (1) ambulance with paramedics; and

28.1.4 Secured from access by general public and fencing around the facility with controlled entrances to prevent unauthorised access (to guarantee the implementation of a closed training session).

28.2 All training pitches must comply with all relevant FIFA/AFC/AFF regulations, and any other safety and security standards issued by or contained within relevant FIFA/AFC/AFF guidelines, directives, or circulars.

28.3 All training pitches shall be nominated by the Hosting MA and are subject to inspection and confirmation by the AFF.

- 28.4 AFF reserves the right to refuse the nomination of training pitches and require the Hosting MA to nominate an alternate training pitch.
- 28.5 If at any time during the Competition the AFF Competition Secretariat or AFF General Secretariat deems that, for whatever reason, the training pitches are not fit to stage training, it shall consult with the Hosting MA and propose an alternate training pitch.
- 28.6 No Training Equipment of any kind (e.g., Free kick walls, mannequins, speed ladders, marker cones, slalom poles etc.) will be provided by the AFF and/or the Hosting MA. If Teams wish to use any Training Equipment during the training sessions, they must provide it themselves (and use of such Training Equipment shall be at the Teams' own risk).

29. **Ball Person**

- 29.1 The use of a multiple football system is mandatory in all Competitions to limit the time the ball is out of play.
- 29.2 A maximum of six (6) ball persons shall be appointed and be:
 - 29.2.1 Dressed in neutral clothing that are different in colours than the Teams and Match Officials;
 - 29.2.2 Of an age capable of performing their duties;
 - 29.2.3 Instructed beforehand of their duties and capable of performing them to satisfaction; and
 - 29.2.4 Shall wear face masks and gloves at all times and be provided with sanitisers to regularly disinfect the balls.
- 29.3 Stools/low chairs shall be provided for ball persons during Matches.
- 29.4 Any sponsor advertising on kits (shirt, shorts, and socks) worn by ball person is prohibited, unless approved by the AFF.
- 29.5 A total of eight (8) cones shall be provided for the Ball Persons who shall collect and disinfect the balls out of play and place them on the cones.

30. **Footballs**

- 30.1 The footballs chosen for the Competition shall conform to the Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three quality standard designations licensed by FIFA:
 - 30.1.1 "FIFA QUALITY PRO"; or
 - 30.1.2 "FIFA QUALITY"; or
 - 30.1.3 "IMS - INTERNATIONAL MATCH STANDARD".

SECTION 6: TEAM DELEGATION

31. Team Official Delegation

- 31.1 All Players and Officials of a Team Official Delegation will be issued with Accreditation Cards authorised by the AFF General Secretariat.
- 31.2 Teams shall ensure that no unauthorised persons are permitted entry into the Team dressing room, Field of Play, or any other Controlled Access Area without being in possession of the necessary Accreditation Card.

32. Registration of Team Officials

- 32.1 Team shall register a maximum of twelve (12) officials no later than fourteen (14) days before the commencement of the Competition provided that the number of designated officials may be reduced by order of the Tournament Committee.
- 32.2 A Head Coach, Team Manager, a Health/Medical Officer and an English-speaking Media Officer must form part of these designated twelve (12) officials.
- 32.3 Registered Team Official shall be granted full access to all official Competition areas, including the Field of Play and other necessary Controlled Accessed Areas, as determined by the Tournament Committee.
- 32.4 At their own cost, each Team 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 twelve (12) officials as confirmed by the 'Officials on the Team Bench' form submitted prior to the start of the Match.
- 32.5 Each Team Manager and Team Media Officer shall be responsible for Team coordination and media-related matters with AFF and commercial partner. They shall participate in all Official Functions related to Matches in the Competition, including without limitation the Match Coordination Meeting and all Press Conferences.
- 32.6 Team officials will need to additionally submit copies of relevant Health Declaration documents in accordance with the AFF Match Operations Protocol.
- 32.7 Once the Final Registration has been received by the AFF, Teams may replace any of the registered Officials at any stage with twenty-four hours' notice to the AFF Secretariat by submitting the official documents, subject to the below conditions:
 - 32.7.1 To replace an Official, a Team must provide his or her Accreditation Card to the AFF and shall receive the Accreditation Card of the replacement Official in exchange; and
 - 32.7.2 Replacement Official shall only be eligible to participate in the Competition after receiving their Accreditation Card.

33. Registration of Players

33.1 Eligibility of Players

- 33.1.1 Only players born on **01 January 1999 (23 and below years of age)** or after who are bona fide nationals of the country they represent are eligible to participate in this competition in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes.
- 33.1.2 In cases of registration of Players who have acquired a new nationality (cf. Article 7 - Acquisition of a new nationality, FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes), the documents set out in Appendix 4 must also be submitted.
- 33.1.3 In cases of registration of Players who hold a passport entitling them to represent more than one (1) MA (cf. Article 6 - Nationality entitling players to represent more than one association, FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes), the documents set out in Appendix 5 must also be submitted.

33.2 Stages of Registration of Players

33.2.1 Preliminary Registration

- (a) Team shall register a Preliminary Registration List of not more than fifty (50) Players with a copy of the registered Players' passport no later than fourteen (14) days before the commencement of the Competition. Such registration shall be submitted to the General Secretary of the Hosting MA and with a copy to AFF.
- (b) Team must register a minimum of three (3) goalkeepers in their Preliminary Registration List.

33.2.2 Final Registration

- (a) Team shall register a Final Registration List of minimum twenty-three (23) and maximum twenty-eight (28) Players from the Preliminary Registration List at the Team Manager's Meeting, which shall be held one day before the commencement of the Competition.
- (b) Jersey numbers 1 to 28 shall be allocated for the Competition. Jersey number 1 shall be reserved for a goalkeeper. Each Players shall wear the same number allocated in the Final Registration during all Matches in the Competition.
- (c) Each Team must register a minimum of three (3) goalkeepers in their Final Registration List.
- (d) For each Match, a Team shall only select any twenty-three (23) Players (11 starting Players and 12 substitutes) from the final registration list of twenty-eight (28) Players.

- 33.3 Documentations for the registration of Players are, but not limited to, the following:
 - 33.3.1 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);
 - 33.3.2 Copy of national ID, if applicable;
 - 33.3.3 Copy of birth certificates (if requested);
 - 33.3.4 Copy of relevant Health Declaration documents as determined by the Tournament Committee (e.g., vaccination certificate, medical certificate, serology test, etc);
 - 33.3.5 Passport-size coloured photo (taken within 3 months prior to the submission of the registration); and
 - 33.3.6 Where original documents are not in English, the original and an accredited translation shall be provided.
- 33.4 Once the Final Registration has been received by the AFF, Teams may replace any of the registered Players up to six (6) hours prior to their first Match in the Competition, subject to the below conditions:
 - 33.4.1 Any replacement Player(s) must have been registered in the Preliminary Registration;
 - 33.4.2 To replace a Player, a Team must provide his Accreditation Card to the AFF and shall receive the Accreditation Card of the replacement Player in exchange;
 - 33.4.3 Replacement Players shall only be eligible to participate in the Competition after receiving their Accreditation Card.

34. **Failure to Submit**

- 34.1 Failure to submit the duly completed Team's Registration (Players and Team Officials) by the deadline will be subjected to:
 - 34.1.1 Sanctioned by AFF with a fine of USD10,000;
 - 34.1.2 Disqualification from the Competition; and
 - 34.1.3 Referral to the AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary & Ethics Committee for further sanctions.

35. **Accreditation Card**

- 35.1 Players and Team Officials listed on the Final Registration List will be issued with Accreditation Cards bearing a photograph and personal details, authorised by AFF, to participate in the Competition.
- 35.2 The Accreditation Card remains the property of the AFF at all times. The AFF General Secretariat may revoke, cancel, and/or confiscate an Accreditation Card at any time for any reason, including without limitation, misuse or abuse.
- 35.3 The registered Team Official shall be granted full access to all official Competition areas, including the Field of Play and other necessary Controlled Accessed Areas, as determined by the AFF.
- 35.4 Should a card be misplaced, the relevant Team shall be required to pay USD500 as a replacement production fee.

36. **Player Selection List**

- 36.1 For all Matches, each Team will receive a 'Player Selection List' on which the numbers and full names (last name, first name) of the Players are listed one (1) day before the match (MD-1).
- 36.2 Each Team must mark on the 'Player Selection List' the eleven (11) field Players and twelve (12) substitutes including the Team captain.
- 36.3 Each Player who is marked on the Player Selection List must be available at the 'Player and Equipment Check' undertaken by the Match Commissioner on match day.
- 36.4 Each Team must submit their 'Player Selection List' signed by the Head Coach and/or the Team Manager together with the 'Officials on the Substitution Bench' form with the names of the Team Officials who shall be entitled to sit on the Team bench in accordance with the Competition Regulations to the Match Commissioner electronically (soft copy via WhatsApp) when the Team departs the hotel to the Stadium. A physical/hard copy shall be submitted to the Match Commissioner upon arrival at the Stadium or latest by ninety (90) minutes prior to the commencement of each Match.

37. **Match Start List**

- 37.1 Upon receipt of the 'Player Selection List', the Match Commissioner will issue the 'Match Start List'.
- 37.2 The 'Match Start List' shall be signed by the Match Commissioner, whose signature will make it an official document.
- 37.3 The Match Commissioner together with the Fourth Official, will check the Accreditation Cards and playing kits of the Players listed on the Match Starting List seventy-five (75) minutes before the Match. Each Player must be in possession of their Accreditation Card. Only those Players possessing an Accreditation Card are entitled to participate in the Match.

- 37.4 Following the production of the Match Start List but prior to the commencement of the Match:
- 37.4.1 If any of the 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.
 - 37.4.2 The Team shall immediately submit a 'Player Replacement Form' signed by the Team Manager and Head Coach to the Match Commissioner, who shall produce an updated 'Match Start List'.
 - 37.4.3 There is no limit to the number of replacements.
 - 37.4.4 The replaced Player(s) shall no longer be eligible to participate in the Match. The Team may still undertake five (5) substitutions during the Match. The Team shall not be entitled to add any further substitutes; the number of substitutes shall be reduced accordingly.
 - 37.4.5 The replaced Player(s) may still sit on the Team bench during the Match. If so, they may be subject to doping control.

SECTION 7: LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS

38. Provisions

- 38.1 All the provisions of this Section 7 (clause 39 to clause 44) shall be subject to the provisions of the AFF Match Operations Protocol which shall have precedence.

39. Team Delegation

39.1 Arrival and Departure

- 39.1.1 With reference to the AFF Match Operations Protocol and the relevant Host Member Association Health Authorities Regulations , each Team may arrive at the Competition Venue no later than the evening of four (4) days (MD-4) before the commencement of the tournament.

- 39.1.2 The official arrival date shall be determined by the AFF, subjected to the Host Member Association Health Authorities Regulations, which will be communicated to teams accordingly.

39.2 Accommodation for the Teams

- 39.3 The Hosting MA is responsible for all costs incurred including accommodation, meals, and laundry from the moment the Teams arrive until they depart, subject to any additional COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities as follows:

- 39.3.1 Single or twin sharing rooms for each member of the Teams as determined by AFF.

- 39.3.2 Daily meals with sufficient quantity, including light meals on match days for all member of the Teams. Halal food, 'pork-free' or specific dietary requirements should be catered for;

- 39.3.3 Six (6) pieces of laundry service per person per day for all members of Teams (non-cumulative and no dry cleaning); and

- 39.3.4 Four (4) litres of drinking water per person per day and sufficient ice for all member of the Teams.

- 39.4 Each Team at their own expense, throughout their stay are solely responsible for:

- 39.4.1 any incidental expenses incurred for the duration of their stay; and

- 39.4.2 the insurance coverage of its Team official delegation (including without limitation hospitalisation and surgical operations, COVID-19 measures, Team equipment), for all Matches.

39.4.3 Teams are also responsible to arrange all the necessary COVID-19 testing requirements as well as protocol measures prior departing their home country and to adhere to any further testing requirements upon arrival, subjected to the Host Member Association Health Authorities Regulations which will be communicated to teams accordingly.

39.5 Transportation

39.5.1 The Hosting MA shall provide two (2) bus for the visiting Teams, one (1) luggage van and internal transportation which includes transport to training ground, Matches and other essential movements only.

39.5.2 A car to be made available for the Team Manager for official Team essential needs only.

39.6 Security facilities to be provided in the Stadium and hotel including police outriders for Teams on match days.

40. **AFF Delegation and Match Officials**

40.1 The Hosting MA will provide the following arrangements for AFF Delegation and Match Officials, subject to any additional COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities:

40.1.1 Single rooms for each member of AFF Delegation and Match Officials. AFF Delegation and Match Officials to be accommodated at a separate hotel from the Teams.

40.1.2 Daily meals with sufficient quantity, including light meals on match days for all members of AFF Delegation and Match Officials. Halal food, 'pork-free' or specific dietary requirements should be catered for.

40.1.3 Six (6) pieces of laundry service per person for all members of AFF Delegation and Match Officials (non-cumulative). Two (2) pieces of dry-cleaning service every alternate day for AFF Delegation only.

40.1.4 Four (4) litres drinking water per person and sufficient ice for all members of AFF Delegation and Match Officials.

40.1.5 AFF Competition Secretariat rooms for AFF Delegation at the hotel fully equipped with Office Equipment as per the AFF Hosting Obligations. If a Secretariat is not available, the Hosting MA shall allow the AFF Delegation to use the hotel business centre.

Each AFF Official (except Referees and Assistant Referees) shall receive a SIM Card with international call with nominal value inclusive of Internet upon their arrival to the venue.

- 40.2 Transportation
- 40.2.1 The Hosting MA will provide internal transportation for training, Matches and sightseeing as follows:
- (a) Head of Delegation, Tournament Director and Match Commissioner to be provided with a car each.
 - (b) Vans for Match Officials and Referee Assessor.
 - (c) General Coordinator and the AFF Secretariat to be provided with a Van.
 - (d) Additional vehicle will be requested for additional AFF Official(s).
- 40.3 Four (4) sets of Match recording (USB/DVD) to be made available immediately after the Match for distribution as follows:
- 40.3.1 Referee Assessor/Match Officials;
 - 40.3.2 Two (2) playing Teams; and
 - 40.3.3 AFF Competition Secretariat.
- 40.4 The appointed AFF Delegation and Match Officials will be paid the following:
- 40.4.1 A daily allowance.
 - 40.4.2 Incidental charges and miscellaneous fees such as visa fees, etc.
 - 40.4.3 Reimbursement of the air tickets (Economy Class only) from their capital city to venue and return.

41. **Bio-Secured Bubble**

- 41.1 Teams and match officials shall be placed in a Bio-Secured Bubble with strict controlled itinerary during the entire duration of the competition.
- 41.2 The itinerary shall only include movement to the following locations:
- (a) Team Hotel;
 - (b) Training Venues; and
 - (c) Match Venues only.
- 41.3 Teams and match officials are not allowed to go anywhere outside of the areas listed above as well as to refrain from any physical contact with anyone outside the Bio-Secured bubble.
- 41.4 Any other request shall be made to the respective Liaison Officer.
- 41.5 Anyone outside the Bio-Secured Bubble shall not be allowed to have any physical contact with the Teams and/or match officials under any circumstances. This includes

in all competition official areas such as hotel rooms, hotel lobby area, training venues as well as stadiums.

41.6 Teams and match officials are required to adhere strictly to the prevailing Safe Management Measures that are put in place by the AFF, Hosting MA and local authorities as well as to strictly follow the SOPs at all times.

41.7 Any breach of the protocols set out above shall be sanctioned by the AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

42. **Visa**

42.1 Each Team must apply for all necessary visas for their Team Official and/or Players prior to their arrival. Visa application costs shall be borne by each Team.

42.2 Any Team unable to fulfil a fixture as a result of failing to secure visas shall be referred to the AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary & Ethics Committee.

42.3 The Hosting MA shall ensure that visas and/or entry to the relevant territory are granted to the AFF Delegation, all members of any Team Delegation, the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, Media, and travelling supporters, without any discrimination on the basis of, without limitation, gender, race, or nationality.

43. **Airport Reception**

43.1 The Hosting MA shall ensure that LOC representatives are present at the immigration/custom checkpoints to assist AFF Delegation/Officials and Teams for clearance purposes.

43.2 The Hosting MA also shall ensure all respective official vehicles are on time to pick-up the AFF Delegation/Officials and Teams.

44. **Liaison Officers**

44.1 Each Team shall be provided with an English-speaking Liaison Officers during their entire official duration. The Liaison Officers shall be with the Team all the time.

44.2 AFF Delegation (except Referees and Assistant Referees) shall be provided with an English-speaking Liaison Officers during their entire official duration. The Liaison Officers shall be with the AFF Delegation all the time.

44.3 Apart from the Liaison Officers for Participating Teams and AFF Delegation and Match Officials who are confined in the “biomedical bubble”, the Hosting MA shall provide additional support staff (who are part of the LOC) for the Teams, AFF Delegation and Match Officials AFF dignitaries at all times. These support staff shall be outside of “biomedical bubble” and act as the point of contact for Liaison Officers to assist in additional duties or coordination whenever required.

SECTION 8: MEDIA OBLIGATIONS

45. Provisions

- 45.1 All the provisions of this Section 8 (clause 46 to clause 58) shall be subject to the provisions of the AFF Match Operations Protocol which shall have precedence.

46. Team Obligation

- 46.1 Each Team Media Officer shall be responsible for coordinating all Team and media-related matters with the AFF.
- 46.2 They shall participate in all Official Functions related to Matches in the Competition, including without limitation the Match Coordination Meeting and all press conferences.

47. Press Conferences and Interviews

- 47.1 The AFF reserves all rights in respect to the coordination of all public relations and communication activities relating to the Competition including without limitation the coordination of all press conferences, interviews and release of press statements and the selection of designated media areas for the conducting of all press conference and interview sessions.
- 47.2 The Teams shall be responsible to ensure the provision of interpretation services where any of their Players or Team Officials conduct press conferences and interviews in languages other than English. For the avoidance of doubt, the interpretation services provided shall be for translation of dialogues from all other languages to the English language.
- 47.3 Teams shall assist the AFF and where applicable the AFF Commercial Rights Partner with the coordination of all press conference and/or interview sessions by ensuring that the members of their Team Delegation selected to conduct any such activities are available and brought to scheduled sessions in a timely manner. For the avoidance of any doubt, the Team shall be responsible for ensuring that members of its Team Delegation that are selected to participate in any such media activity are explicitly requested to attend in accordance with the instructions of the AFF.
- 47.4 The Teams shall ensure that the selected members of their Team Delegation conducting any press conference or interview sessions refrain from making any statements or references which will or is likely to damage or bring into disrepute the good name, image and reputation of the AFF, Competition or sport of association football.
- 47.5 The Teams shall ensure, during any press conference or interview session, that:
- 47.5.1 The products or other identifiers of their affiliated MA, the Team Delegation, Players, Team Officials, or their commercial partners or any associated third parties do not appear or are not used in any manner.

- 47.5.2 Their Players and Team Officials do not make reference to any third-party products or entities.

48. **Pre-Match Press Conference**

- 48.1 The attendance of the Head Coaches and if requested, one (1) selected starting Player from each Team in a Pre-Match Press Conference to be held one day before the Match are compulsory.
- 48.2 The Team Media Officer must ensure the attendance of the Head Coach and one (1) selected Player.
- 48.3 The Teams shall be responsible for ensuring the provision of interpretation and translation services for its Head Coach and starting Players who conduct media sessions in languages other than English. For the avoidance of doubt, the interpretation and translation services provided shall be for translation of dialogues from all other languages to the English language. In case the interpretation into the local language of the host country is necessary, it shall be the responsibility of the Hosting MA to ensure the same.

49. **Post-Match Press Conference**

- 49.1 A post-Match conference will be conducted at the Stadium and will commence no later than 15 minutes after the final whistle. Both Teams are obligated to make their Head Coach and if requested, one (1) selected Players available for the Post-Match Press Conference.
- 49.2 In the event the Head Coach is suspended for the Match, the Team shall request the individual replacing the Head Coach on the Team bench to attend any scheduled press conferences or interview sessions.
- 49.3 The Teams shall be responsible for ensuring the provision of interpretation and translation services for its Head Coach and if requested, selected Players who conduct media sessions in languages other than English. For the avoidance of doubt, the interpretation and translation services provided shall be for translation of dialogues from all other languages to the English language. In case the interpretation into the local language of the host country is necessary, it shall be the responsibility of the Hosting MA to ensure the same.

50. **Mixed Zone**

Subject to any COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, in the event that a Mixed Zone is operational, the following must be adhered to:

- 50.1 The Head Coach and Players shall be required to enter the Mixed Zone on their way from the Team dressing room to the Team bus at the end of the Match.
- 50.2 Speaking to the media in the mixed zone is not compulsory. However, it is strongly advised that the Head Coach and Players give brief interviews to the media, who will be separated from the Head Coach and Players by barriers.

- 50.3 Team Media Officer is responsible for briefing the Head Coach and all Players prior to the Match, so they are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.

51. **Promotional Interviews and Flash Interviews**

Subject to any COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, in the event that any promotional and/ or Flash interviews are required, the following must be adhered to:

- 51.1 If requested by the AFF, the Hosting MA and/or Host Broadcaster (HB), Teams should have their Head Coach and one (1) selected Player, if requested, to be made available for an interview to be recorded for the purpose of Competition promotion.
- 51.2 For the 'Flash' interviews, if requested by the HB, the Head Coach and at least one (1) key Player from both Teams must be available for the TV rights HB upon their request. All Players and the Head Coach of each Team must be briefed by their respective Team Media Officer prior to the Match, so they are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.
- 51.2.1 In the final minutes of the game, the HB or other broadcaster representatives shall inform the AFF Media Officer of the Players who are selected for the flash interview.

52. **Team Dressing Room**

Subject to any COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, in the event that any Team Dressing Room filming are required, the following must be adhered to:

- 52.1 Team dressing rooms are always strictly off-limits to any Media during the Competition. The Teams shall ensure that their respective media personnel observe and comply with these provisions.
- 52.2 Notwithstanding the above, the AFF reserves the right to grant the Host Broadcaster access to the Team dressing rooms prior to the arrival of a Team Delegation to record and film the Team's playing kit and equipment.

53. **Field of Play**

Subject to any further COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, the following must be adhered to:

- 53.1 Media and/or any unauthorised third parties are strictly prohibited from entering the Field of Play or any prohibited areas in the Stadium including technical zones and the area between the boundaries of the Field of Play and spectator stands. The Hosting MA shall ensure that no such parties shall be allowed access or brought to the said areas unless otherwise authorised by the AFF.
- 53.2 Notwithstanding the above, only accredited and authorised photographers, television crew and cameramen, the Host Broadcaster or any authorised Broadcast Licensee shall be allowed access to the Field of Play and the area between the boundaries of

the Field of Play and spectator stand to enable the performance of obligations and exercise of rights relating to the Competition in accordance with the AFF's accreditation policy.

54. **Drones**

54.1 The use of drones or any flying object in the vicinity of the Stadium at Matches or Official Training is strictly prohibited.

54.1.1 The use of drones shall include drones being flown above the perimeter of a Stadium or an Official Training Site; and

54.1.2 The Hosting MA shall be liable for drones being flown by spectators, media and broadcasting representatives and/or any other individual regardless on the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight.

55. **Video Recordings**

55.1 The Team shall ensure that no member of its Team Delegation or any third parties produce, exploit, and/or further distribute any film material relating to the Competition or the participation of a Team in the Competition, for any commercial or non-commercial purposes without prior written consent of the AFF.

55.2 Teams shall be permitted to make their own recordings of Matches subject to the following:

55.2.1 Only members of the Team Delegation may make such recordings;

55.2.2 Only one (1) camera per MA may be used;

55.2.3 Only lightweight, amateur equipment may be used, not the type of professional equipment used by professional broadcasters;

55.2.4 During filming, the Team Official making the recording must wear the technical bib. Only one (1) such bib will be distributed to each Team. It must be returned when the Team is eliminated from the Competition;

55.2.5 The Team Official must contact the AFF Media Officer before the Match to locate a suitable position;

55.2.6 No other recording is allowed, including without limitation, in the Team dressing rooms, Mixed Zone, at press conferences or any other location or for any reason other than listed above;

55.2.7 Filming is permitted for technical football purposes only as opposed to any general documentation of the stay in the Hosting MA Country and the Competition.

55.3 Under no circumstances shall recordings or images taken in the Stadium or other Controlled Access Area be publicly distributed or otherwise used for any type of commercial or non-commercial exploitation, either during or after the Competition.

Any abuse of video footage constitutes a serious violation of the Media Rights and will be sanctioned by the AFF.

56. **Open Training Session**

Subject to any COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, in the event that Training Sessions are open, the following must be adhered to:

- 56.1 The Official Training Sessions must be opened to the media. Should the 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.
- 56.2 If official training is held at any Stadium, the areas accessible by Media shall be the same as available during a Match and such access shall be security controlled and subject to the possession of valid accreditation.

57. **Media and Media Access Area**

Subject to any COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, the following must be adhered to:

- 57.1 The Hosting MA shall be responsible for the management and provision of support to all Media of the Competition through the implementation of:
 - 57.1.1 Accreditation procedures;
 - 57.1.2 Procurement and setting up of Media Access Area(s); and
 - 57.1.3 Coordination of all media-related activities at any Stadium and Official Training Sites.
- 57.2 The Hosting MA shall provide the AFF with all media accreditation requests together with details relating to the specific request including:
 - 57.2.1 The name and designation of the requesting persons;
 - 57.2.2 The media company they represent;
 - 57.2.3 Their nationality; and
 - 57.2.4 The type of media coverage they intend to cover for the Competition.
- 57.3 Upon receipt of approval by the AFF, the Hosting MA shall produce and issue Accreditation Cards to approved Media in a timely manner and shall be responsible for any delay resulting in the issuance or provision of such accreditation to the Media.
- 57.4 The Hosting MA shall ensure that designated media access area(s) may only be accessed by authorised Media with valid Accreditation Cards and that no Media shall be allowed access to any parts of the Stadium or Official Training Sites other than as permitted under their respective accreditations.
- 57.5 The Teams shall ensure that any officials or media persons or third parties accompanying them possess valid Accreditation Cards to gain access into the relevant areas at any Stadium and/or Official Training Sites and shall comply with all applicable terms and instructions as issued by the AFF.

57.6 The Teams shall ensure that no media representatives accompany them in the Team bus to and from the Stadium or Official Training Sites.

57.7 All approved Media shall comply with the Photographer Operations Guidelines as set out in Appendix 6 and have access to and remain in the designated Media Access Areas as follows:

57.7.1 Photographers shall adopt positions behind the advertising boards at the back of each goal posts or such other areas as advised by the AFF, subject to availability of space.

58. **Breach of Media Obligations**

58.1 Failure to attend and/or fully participate in any official activities or events shall result in the MA being fined at least USD10,000.

58.2 Any breach of the rules regarding media obligations may also be subject to additional sanctions by the AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary & Ethics Committee.

SECTION 9: EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

59. **Scope of Application**

- 59.1 These Regulations govern the authorisation of all Equipment, Sponsor Advertising, and Manufacturer Identification used inside of any Control Access Area by the:
- 59.2 Team Delegations;
 - 59.3 Match Officials; and
 - 59.4 Ball persons, Player escorts and flag bearers.
- 59.5 Where no provision of these Regulations is applicable, the corresponding Competition Regulations, the Laws of the Game issued by the International Football Association Board and administered by FIFA (Laws of the Game), and the FIFA/ AFC Equipment Regulations apply in descending order.
- 59.6 MAs and/or Teams are solely responsible and liable for the conduct of their Team Delegations relating to the correct implementation of these Regulations.
- 59.7 For the avoidance of doubt, football boots are expressly excluded from the provisions of these Regulations.

60. **General Principles**

- 60.1 The authorisation of any Kit is subject to the following provisions:
- 60.1.1 Each MA or Team is responsible for compliance with these Regulations and any further applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and decisions issued by the AFF in relation to any Equipment.
 - 60.1.2 The wearing of any Kit on the Field of Play remains subject foremost to the authority of the referee as defined in the Laws of the Game.
 - 60.1.3 Any Kit that does not comply with these Regulations is strictly prohibited.
 - 60.1.4 The authorisation to wear Equipment for the Competition must be sought in writing from the AFF within the appropriate deadlines specified in the relevant Competition Regulations.

61. **Playing Equipment**

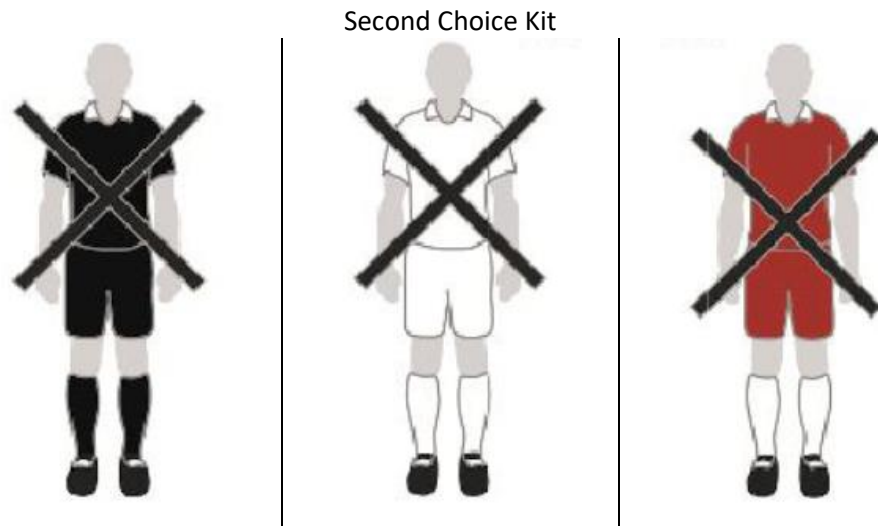
- 61.1 Each item of Playing Equipment must be worn identically by all Players of the same Team and must be manufactured identically by the same Manufacturer. Different components of Playing Equipment may be produced by different Manufacturers.
- 61.2 In accordance with Law 4 of the Laws of the Game, the inside of all Playing Equipment must comply with the Laws of the Game and may be freely used by the MA provided that under any prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, no detrimental effect is caused to the identical visible appearance and clear distinction of the Players.

- 61.3 Subject to the approval of the AFF, Playing Equipment may contain special performance or comparable tools to support the performance of Players. Any such tool integrated into Playing Equipment must not affect the identical visible appearance of the Playing Equipment of all Players of the same Team, including:
- 61.3.1 Being transparent or the identical colour as the respective part of the Playing Equipment associated with the performance tool;
 - 61.3.2 Not being designed or used in a manner limiting the ability of all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media to clearly distinguish the opposing Teams irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light;
 - 61.3.3 Not bearing any identifications associated with any Team or Manufacturer; and
 - 61.3.4 Not being used as a Decorative Element.
- 61.4 Playing Equipment shall be composed of structural sections which are combined in order to make up a full shirt, pair of shorts or socks, such as sleeves, shirt collar, leg of shorts or top edges of a sock. Any such structural section may be determined by a change of fabric (e.g., cotton or polyester) and/or technique (e.g., woven).
- 61.5 No structural section of the Playing Equipment or material used for numbers, Player names, badges or to identify the MA, the Manufacturer or any third party, may be made of reflective material or change colour or appearance due to any external influence, including pressure, light or water.

62. Colours

- 62.1 Teams must declare the first and second colours (second colour must be completely different from the Team's first colour) of their respective Teams and they are obliged to use these colours for all their Matches. To avoid clash of colours, colours to be worn by Teams for Matches shall be determined at the Team Managers' Meeting.





- 62.2 The choice of colours for the Official Kit and Reserve Kit must be registered on the relevant forms issued by the AFF upon entry in the Competition.
- 62.3 No item of Kit worn by an outfield Player or goalkeeper shall contain more than four (4) colours. Colours used in identifications of MA, Manufacturer Identification and/or other marks or insignia are not deemed a colour of the Playing Equipment. Furthermore, one (1) colour must be clearly predominant on the shirt, shorts and socks.
- 62.4 With the sole exception of vertically or horizontally striped and chequered shirts using two (2) colours equally in a non-dominant manner, in the event that three (3) or four (4) colours are used on the surface of any Playing Equipment, one (1) of the colours used must be clearly predominant and the remaining colours on the same item of Playing Equipment must be clearly minor. The predominant colour must be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the item of Playing Equipment. In the event of vertically or horizontally striped or chequered shirts using two (2) colours equally in a non-predominant manner, the third or fourth colour on the surface of the shirt shall be used in a manner not affecting the predominant visual impression of the two (2) colours used as stripes and checkers and one (1) of these two (2) colours must be predominant on the shorts or socks.
- 62.5 The main (predominant) colour must be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the Kit item in question.
- 62.6 Notwithstanding Clause 62.2, a fifth Colour may be used for numbering and naming purposes. The colours used for numbering and naming purposes shall be the same for all outfield Players of the same Team.
- 62.7 Both the Official Kit and Reserve Kit shall be taken to every Match of the relevant Competition.
- 62.8 The colours of the Official Kit must be noticeably different from and contrasting to the colours of the Reserve Kit. Teams may be requested to mix the Official Kit and Reserve Kit for Matches in order to create a visible contrast with the other Team and must comply with any such instruction from the Match Commissioner.

- 62.9 The colours worn by the goalkeeper must be noticeably different from those worn by the outfield Players of his or her own Team. Furthermore, the goalkeeper colours for a Match must contrast to the Playing Equipment worn by the opposing Team and the Match Officials. The Playing Equipment of all goalkeepers of the same Team must be identical.
- 62.10 All Goalkeepers registered in a Team Delegation must wear the same jersey colours declared to the AFF upon entry to the Competition. Goalkeepers are not entitled to personal colours.
- 62.11 Each Team shall wear its Official Kit as declared on the relevant forms issued by the AFF upon entry into the Competition during Matches. If in the opinion of the referee or Match Commissioner, the colours of the Teams might cause confusion or prove unsuitable for television broadcast, the host Team shall wear its Official Kit while the visiting Team will wear either its Reserve Kit or a combination of both as instructed by the referee or Match Commissioner.
- 62.12 Undershorts/tights must be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts or the lowest part of the shorts.
- 62.13 The AFF will decide on Match colours for all matches.
- 62.14 To change its registered colours, a MA or Teams submits a written request to the AFF at least seven (7) days before the respective Match together with a sample of the amended Equipment.

63. Numbers

- 63.1 A number must appear on the back (centred) of all shirts used as Playing Equipment. The number must be between 25 cm (twenty-five centimetres) and 35 cm (thirty-five centimetres) in height, clearly legible and positioned in the centre back of the shirt. The stroke width of the number must be between 3 cm (three centimetres) and 5 cm (five centimetres). The number must be entirely visible when the shirt is tucked into the shorts.





- 63.2 Numbers should range from 1 - 28 in figures universally used, with the first goalkeeper's number being 1.
- 63.3 The number must also be displayed on the front of each shirt in any position at chest level. The number must be between 10 cm (ten centimetres) and 15 cm (fifteen centimetres) in height, clearly legible and be the same colour as the number on the back of the shirt.
- 63.4 The number must also appear on the front of the shorts positioned on either leg. The number must be between 10 cm (ten centimetres) and 15 cm (fifteen centimetres) in height and clearly legible.
- 63.5 Based on the principle of light and dark contrast of used colours and irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, the colour used for any number appearing on Playing Equipment must be clearly legible and distinguishable from a distance for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the colours used for the Playing Equipment. This distinction may be achieved by displaying the numbers on a single-coloured patch. The number may be surrounded by a border or shadow outline. A 'number zone' must be created on the back of the shirt unless, at the discretion of the AFF, it is decided that the number appearing is clearly legible and distinguishable from a distance by all Players, the Match Officials, spectators and media, from the colours used for the Equipment. A 'number zone' may be created on the front of the shirt.
- 63.6 The numbers may be sewn on or affixed to the kit item by heat transfer. The numbers may not be attached with Velcro or other temporary means.

- 63.7 The Official Emblem may only appear once on the bottom of each figure of the number on the back of the shirt. Its size shall not exceed 5 cm² (five square centimetres) and shall not affect the legibility of the number.



The emblem of the Member Association may appear once at the bottom of each figure of the number on the back of the shirt.

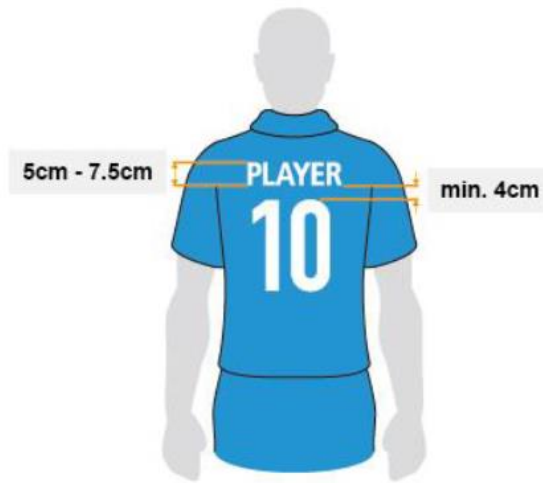
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- 63.8 Except for the Official Emblem, a number shall not contain, or give the visual impression of, any Manufacturer Identification or elements which at the discretion of the AFF create an association with a Manufacturer, sponsor or any third party.

64. **Player Names**

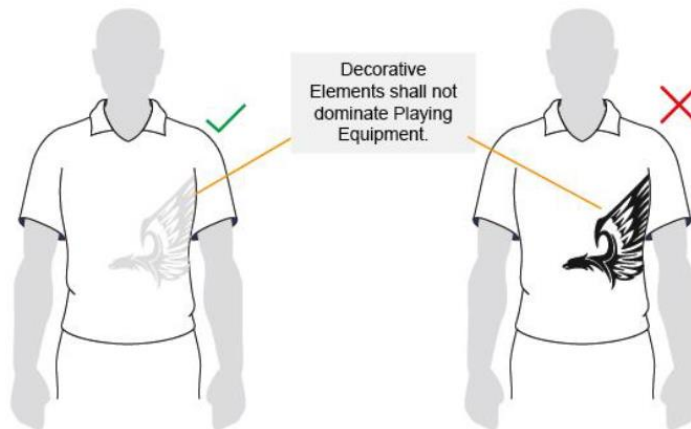
- 64.1 Players must be identified by their surname or popular name on the back of the shirt. The name must be identical with that declared on the relevant forms issued by the AFF upon entry to the Competition.
- 64.2 Player names must appear on the back of the shirt used as Playing Equipment in all Competitions.
- 64.3 In the event that a Player name appears on the back of a shirt:
- 64.4 The name must be positioned above the number on the back of the shirt;
- (a) The letters shall be between 5 cm (five centimetres) and 7.5 cm (seven and a half centimetres) in height and must be separated from the number by at least 4 cm (four centimetres). They may be in upper and/or lower case. For better legibility, they may be surrounded by a border or shadow outline. In the case of striped shirts, the name must be either affixed to a neutral-coloured patch or surrounded by a border or shadow outline;
 - (b) The letters must be the same colour as that of the number on the back of the shirt. They may not contain any Manufacturer Identification, advertising, design features or other elements.
 - (c) The name must be clearly distinguishable from the colour of the shirt. It must contrast (light on dark or vice versa) with the colour of the shirt as specified in Clause 62.

Player's name must be **5 - 7.5cm** in height. The name must be separated from the number by at least **4cm**.



65. **Decorative Elements**

65.1 Playing Equipment may contain Decorative Elements which shall not be designed or used in a manner limiting the ability of all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media to clearly distinguish the opposing Teams irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light. Decorative Elements shall not dominate Playing Equipment.



65.2 Decorative Elements contained in Official Kit and Reserve Kit may be identical, provided that no Decorative Elements are designed or used in a manner limiting the distinction between the Official Kit and Reserve Kit.

65.3 Decorative Elements must be permanently incorporated in Playing Equipment using one (1) or more of the following techniques.

- (a) Jacquard Weave;
- (b) tonal print;
- (c) embossing; or

(d) any other technical solution approved by the AFF.

65.4 Decorative Elements shall not distract or limit the legibility of any Player number and name. No letter or number may be used as a Decorative Element.

65.5 Decorative Elements may form part of a Manufacturer's generic product line, provided these Decorative Elements do not display, stylise, or produce the visual impression of a Manufacturer Identification, Country, religious symbol, corporate symbol, or other comparable symbol.

65.6 In case of dispute regarding the nature of any representation on Equipment, the AFF at its discretion shall decide whether it shall be regarded as a Manufacturer Identification, Decorative Element, or Sponsor Advertising.

66. Sleeve Free Zone

66.1 The Sleeve Free Zone is exclusively reserved for specified AFF badges. No other elements shall be positioned immediately adjacent to these AFF badges.

66.2 The Sleeve Free Zone must be on the RIGHT SIDE which is at least 12 cm (twelve centimetres) high, 8 cm (eight centimetres) wide and be centred between the shoulder point and the elbow point.



67. Special Equipment for Players

67.1 General Principles

(a) Except for the specific Special Equipment items set out below, in accordance with Law 4 of the Laws of the Game, a Player may use Special Equipment provided that its sole purpose is to protect him physically and poses no danger to him or any other Players. Special Equipment must be made of material that is not dangerous to the Player wearing it or any other Player. The use of Special Equipment remains subject to the inspection and approval of the AFF and/or the Referee of a Match.

(b) Special Equipment shall not affect the clear distinction for all Players, Match Officials, spectators, and media of opposing Teams irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light.

- (c) No structural section of, or material used for, Special Equipment or any other Equipment listed in may be made of reflective material or change colour or appearance due to any external influence, including pressure, light, and water.

67.2 Captain's Armbands

- (a) Captain's armbands shall be of one (1) dominant colour, or exceptionally composed of the colours of the National Flag clearly distinguishable from the colour used on the sleeves of the shirt of a Player. Captain's armbands must be separate from the shirt.
- (b) Captain's armbands shall remain free of, and shall not produce, subject to the discretion of the AFF, the visual effect of a Manufacturer Identification, a sponsor, any Decorative Element or further elements, except for the word "captain" or an abbreviation or translation thereof or the Official Emblem of the MA.

67.3 Goalkeeper Gloves

- (a) Goalkeepers may wear goalkeeper gloves of any colour. The goalkeeper gloves shall be separate from the shirt. Goalkeepers of the same Team may wear different goalkeeper gloves.
- (b) The name and/or the number of the goalkeeper may appear once on each goalkeeper glove. The letters used shall not exceed 2cm (two centimetres) in height.
- (c) MAs or Teams may display one (1) single type of identification on each goalkeeper glove, chosen from:
 - (i) Official Emblem: maximum 50 cm² (fifty square centimetres);
 - (ii) Official Symbol: maximum 50 cm² (fifty square centimetres);
 - (iii) Official Name: maximum 12 cm² (twelve square centimetres);
 - (iv) National Flag: maximum 25 cm² (twenty-five square centimetres); or
 - (v) Country Name or City Name: maximum 12 cm² (twelve square centimetres).
- (d) The identification may be freely positioned on the goalkeeper gloves and shall be displayed no more than once.
- (e) Any letters used for the Official Name, Country Name, or City Name must not exceed 2 cm (two centimetres) in height.
- (f) Only one (1) type of Manufacturer Identification may appear once on each goalkeeper glove. Such manufacturer identification must not exceed 20 cm² (twenty square centimetres).
- (g) A Quality Seal or Technology Label may be used once on each goalkeeper glove in any position, but not exceeding 10 cm² (ten square centimetres).

67.4 Goalkeeper Cap

- (a) Goalkeepers may, irrespective of the prevailing conditions, wear a goalkeeper cap of any colour. The goalkeeper cap must be produced by the Manufacturer of one (1) of their items of Playing Equipment. Goalkeepers of the same Team may wear different goalkeeper caps.
- (b) The name and/or the number of the goalkeeper may appear once on the goalkeeper cap. The letters used shall not exceed 2 cm (two centimetres) in height.
- (c) MAs or Teams may display one (1) single type of identification on a goalkeeper cap, chosen from:
 - (i) Official Emblem: maximum 50 cm² (fifty square centimetres);
 - (ii) Official Symbol: maximum 50 cm² (fifty square centimetres);
 - (iii) Official Name: maximum 12 cm² (twelve square centimetres);
 - (iv) National Flag: maximum 25 cm² (twenty-five square centimetres);
 - (v) Country Name or City Name: maximum 12 cm² (twelve square centimetres).
- (d) This type of identification may be freely positioned on the goalkeeper cap and shall be displayed no more than once.
- (e) Any letters used for the Official Name, Country Name, or City Name must not exceed 2 cm (two centimetres) in height.
- (f) Only one (1) type of Manufacturer Identification may appear once on each goalkeeper cap. Such manufacturer identification must not exceed 20 cm² (twenty square centimetres). The positioning of this identification is unrestricted.

67.5 Gloves worn by Outfield Players

- (a) Outfield Players may wear gloves. The gloves shall be separate from the shirt.
- (b) Neither the name (nor abbreviation) nor the number of a Player may be displayed on the gloves.
- (c) MAs or Teams may display one (1) single type of identification on each glove of an outfield Player, chosen from:
 - (i) Official Emblem;
 - (ii) Official Symbol;
 - (iii) Official Name;
 - (iv) National Flag; or
 - (v) Country Name or City Name.
- (d) This type of identification may be freely positioned on the gloves and shall be displayed no more than once. The size of the type of identification shall not exceed 12 cm² (twelve centimetres).

67.6 Headband and Wristband

- (a) Players may wear a headband or wristband. Neither the name (nor abbreviation) nor the number of a Player may be displayed on a headband or wristband.
- (b) MAs or Teams may display one (1) single type of identification on a headband or wristband, chosen from:
 - (i) Official Emblem;
 - (ii) Official Symbol;
 - (iii) Official Name;
 - (iv) National Flag; or
 - (v) Country Name or City Name.
- (c) This type of identification may be freely positioned on the headband or wristband and shall be displayed no more than once. The size of the identification shall not exceed 12 cm².

67.7 Special Medical Protection Items

- (a) Special medical items, including without limitation, headgear, face masks, knee and arm protectors, eye protection, and splints, may be approved by the AFF and are subject to Law 4 of the Laws of the Game.
- (b) Except for one (1) tonal Manufacturer Identification which is not visible in use, no special medical item shall display the branding of its Manufacturer or any third party.

67.8 Items Worn Under Playing Equipment

- (a) Players may wear Special Equipment under the Playing Equipment, including without limitation undershirts and singlets, underwear, t-shirts, and thermal shorts.
- (b) Such Special Equipment worn under the Playing Equipment may be separate from, or permanently attached to, the shirt or shorts.
- (c) The colour of any visible Special Equipment worn under the Playing Equipment must be of the same group of basic colours as the corresponding part (e.g., sleeves or legs) of the Playing Equipment. In the event that a Player is wearing a short-sleeve shirt, a long-sleeve t-shirt worn under the Playing Equipment must be of the same visual appearance as the long-sleeve shirt worn by other Players of the same Team.
- (d) Sponsor advertising, political statements, and/or other messages, including without limitation, personal messages and/or illustrations, are strictly prohibited on Special Equipment used inside of Control Access Areas.

67.9 Warm-Up Bibs

- (a) AFF may decide to provide warm-up bibs for Matches in AFF Competitions. In case of any such restriction, the AFF will exclusively provide each MA or Team with a sufficient number of warm-up bibs in contrasting colours for its use before and during Matches, as well as for official training.
- (b) In the event that the AFF decides not provide warm-up bibs for any Matches in AFF Competitions, warm-up bibs shall be clearly distinguishable, irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the colours of the shirts being used as Playing Equipment and the Match Officials.
 - (i) MAs or Teams may display any type of identification on the warm-up bibs.
 - (ii) The MAs or Teams at their sole discretion may determine the number and types of identifications to be displayed, their size, and their exact locations.
 - (iii) Only one (1) type of Manufacturer Identification may appear once on each bib. Such manufacturer identification must not exceed 20 cm² (twenty square centimetres). The positioning of this identification is unrestricted.
 - (iv)

68. Special Equipment in the Controlled Access Area

68.1 General Principles

- (a) Clause 68 shall apply to any Special Equipment worn in any Controlled Access Area by the Team Delegation or Match Officials. For the avoidance of doubt, the application of Clause 68 includes wearing Special Equipment in a Controlled Access Area, without limitation, at both official training and Matches.
- (b) No sponsor advertising is permitted on any Special Equipment worn in any Controlled Access Area by the Team Delegation or Match Officials.
- (c) The AFF will issue additional Regulations governing the Competition which may contain specific rules for Special Equipment.

68.2 Tops

- (a) The Team Delegation and Match Officials may wear tops (including without limitation tracksuit jackets, rain jackets, winter jackets, coats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts) in the Controlled Access Area.
- (b) MAs or Teams may display any type of identification on the tops.
- (c) MAs or Teams at their sole discretion may determine the number and types of identifications to be displayed, their size, and their exact locations.
- (d) Only one (1) type of Manufacturer Identification may appear once on each top. Such manufacturer identification must not exceed 20 cm² (twenty square

centimetres). The positioning of this identification is unrestricted. Refer to Appendix 7.

68.3 **Bottoms**

- (a) The Team Delegation and Match Officials may wear bottoms (including without limitation tracksuit bottoms, rainwear bottoms, shorts, and winter trousers) in the Controlled Access Area.
- (b) MAs or Teams may display any type of identification on the bottoms.
- (c) MAs or Teams at their sole discretion may determine the number and types of identifications to be displayed, their size, and their exact locations.
- (d) Only one (1) type of Manufacturer Identification may appear once on each bottom. Such manufacturer identification must not exceed 20 cm² (twenty square centimetres). The positioning of this identification is unrestricted. Refer to Appendix 7.

69. **Special Equipment for Other Persons**

69.1 **Ball Persons, Player Escorts and Flag Bearers**

- (a) The AFF may provide ball persons, Player escorts (if any) and flag bearers with all Equipment for AFF Competitions.
- (b) Ball persons may wear Special Equipment consisting of a dominant colour which must be clearly distinguishable for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the colours of the Players of the opposing Teams and the Match Officials, irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light.
- (c) The AFF may issue Competition Regulations governing the Competition which may contain specific rules for Special Equipment.

70. **Other Equipment Items**

70.1 **Footballs**

- (a) Law 2 of the Laws of the Game applies to the use of footballs.

70.2 **Football Boots**

- (a) Law 4 of the Laws of the Game applies to the use of football boots.
- (b) Players of the same Team may wear football boots of different Manufacturers and different visual appearance.

70.3 **Shin guards**

- (a) Law 4 of the Laws of the Game applies to the use of shin-guards.

- (b) Players of the same Team may wear shin-guards of different Manufacturers and different visual appearance.

70.4 Field Equipment

- (a) Law 1 of the Laws of the Game applies to the use of certain types of Field Equipment, including without limitation goals, goal nets, flag posts and their flags.
- (b) All Field Equipment utilised by the Teams in the technical area and on the Field of Play for storage, technical use, refreshments and medical treatment before and during a Match, must remain free of all forms of Sponsor Advertising and Manufacturer Identification. Additional Field Equipment must be approved in advance by the AFF.
- (c) Only one type of Manufacturer Identification is allowed on Player bags and Team equipment bags: maximum 25 cm² (twenty-five square centimetres).

71. Breach of Equipment Regulations

71.1 Any breach of the foregoing contained in Section 9: Equipment Regulations, will be subject to following sanction by the AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary & Ethics Committee:

71.1.1 Sanction by AFF with a fine of USD5,000 (1st infringement);

71.1.2 Sanction by AFF with a fine of USD10,000 (Repeated infringements);

71.1.3 Further infringement will result in more severe sanctions.

SECTION 10: TICKETING

72. Provisions

- 72.1 All the provisions of this Section 10 (clause 73 to clause 75) shall be subject to the provisions of the AFF Match Operations Protocol which shall have precedence.
- 72.2 Subject to any further COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, Ticketing matters below maybe adjusted to reflect the then-current situation in the host country/venue.

73. Match Tickets, Invitation (VVIP) and Car Park Pass

- 73.1 The Hosting MA shall provide complimentary tickets, invitation (VVIP) and car park pass to the AFF and its appointed commercial partner for each Match in the competition as follows:

73.1.1 AFF

- (a) 50 x VIP (Corporate Box)
- (b) 100 x 1st Best
- (c) Car Park stickers – Refer to AFF Hosting Obligations.

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- (a) 50 x VIP (Corporate Box)
- (b) 450 x 1st Best
- (c) 500 x 2nd Best
- (d) Car Park stickers – Refer to AFF Hosting Obligations.

- 73.2 The Hosting MA shall also provide complimentary tickets to Teams for each of their Match as follows:

73.2.1 Two (2) Invitations or VVIP Tickets;

73.2.2 Twenty (20) x 1st Best Tickets;

73.2.3 Gallery Tickets – 5 tickets for each Team Player and Official; and

73.2.4 Car Park sticker – 3 pieces.

74. Purchasable Tickets

- 74.1 The Hosting MA must make available at least eight percent (8%) of the net saleable capacity of a Stadium available exclusively to the supporters of each MA (visiting Team), in a segregated, safe area to be determined by the AFF and the Hosting MA.
- 74.2 Each MA (visiting Team) must declare and confirm the number of Tickets to be purchased 48 hours prior to the kick-off of the Match.
- 74.3 Each MA (visiting Team) is responsible for all Tickets purchased, even if not utilised. The price of the Tickets shall not exceed the price of comparable Tickets that are sold to the general public in the Hosting MA.

75. **Ticket Terms and Conditions**

- 75.1 The Ticket Terms and Conditions shall set forth the rules applicable to all holders of Tickets for Matches and Official Functions relating to the sale, purchase and use of the Tickets as well as access to the Stadia and other Controlled Access Areas. The Hosting MA shall provide to AFF any specific Stadia provisions that are to be included in the Ticket Terms & Conditions at least 30 days prior to final approval of the Ticket Terms and Conditions.
- 75.2 The Ticket Terms and Conditions shall, at a minimum, contain statements that reflect the following:
- 75.2.1 Tickets cannot be used for promotional and/or commercial purposes;
 - 75.2.2 The holder of the Ticket may not take any dangerous, commercial, political or religious item into the Stadia;
 - 75.2.3 AFF and the Hosting MA reserve the right to refuse entry to the Stadia or to eject from the Stadia anyone attempting to breach or breaching any and all Ticket Terms and Conditions; and
 - 75.2.4 The sales restrictions of the Ticket Policy.
- 75.3 AFF and the Hosting MA shall take all measures and ensure that the Ticket Terms and Conditions are brought to the attention of every holder of a Ticket prior to purchase and/or receipt of said Ticket.
- 75.4 AFF and the Hosting MA shall collaborate to enforce the Ticket Terms and Conditions on any Ticket holder. For avoidance of doubt, any measures with regard to Stadia access, especially refusal and access control, shall be the responsibility of the Hosting MA.

SECTION 11: SAFETY AND SECURITY

76. Provisions

- 76.1 All the provisions of this Section 11, clause 77 shall be subject to the provisions of the AFF Match Operations Protocol which shall have precedence.

77. Safety and Security

- 77.1 All matters relating to safety and security shall be undertaken in compliance with the FIFA/AFC Stadium Regulations and FIFA/AFC Safety and Security Regulations.

- 77.2 The Hosting MA shall, in conjunction with the relevant government authorities and/or Stadium owners, devise, plan, and implement adequate security and safety measures for the Competition at all Controlled Access Areas within the Venue and other relevant locations to protect all relevant persons, including without limitation the AFF Delegation, Team Delegations, Media, and spectators, and all goods brought in by the AFF Delegation and Team Delegations.

- 77.3 The Hosting MA is also responsible for providing the following facilities/services to all participants, officials and referees to prevent incidents and breach of bio-secured bubble, subject to any additional COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities:

- 77.3.1 Accommodation shall be on a dedicated floor or level with exclusive entrance and elevator and/or lift;

- 77.3.2 Security shall be deployed at each dedicated floor and lobby area of the hotel;

- 77.3.3 Security arrangements shall also cover the Match Stadium and its vicinity, the training grounds as well as all other official areas identified; and

- 77.3.4 Security facilities to be provided shall also include police outriders on match days.

SECTION 12: MEDICAL AND ANTI DOPING

78. Provisions

78.1 All the provisions of this Section 12 (clause 79 to clause 87) shall be subject to the provisions of the AFF Match Operations Protocol which shall have precedence.

79. Ambulances at Stadium

79.1 Two (2) ambulances to be stationed ninety (90) minutes before the commencement of each Match at the designated tunnel near the Medical Room and the Field of Play.

79.2 One (1) ambulance to be stationed for the care of Team Officials, VIPs and AFF Delegation.

79.3 Ambulances to leave stadium only after both the Teams have left the stadium.

80. Medical Rooms at Stadium

80.1 Each Stadium to have two (2) fully equipped and fully operational medical rooms for medical care of the Team Official Delegations and AFF Delegation.

80.2 The first medical room shall be located in the tunnel close to the Field of Play and Team dressing rooms for emergency treatment of seriously injured Players.

80.3 A second medical room shall be located in the vicinity of the VVIP/VIP tribunes to provide emergency and related medical services. Alternatively, a mobile paramedic can be allocated to cover the VVIP/VIP tribunes.

80.4 Subject to any further COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, the Local Organising Committee may be required to provide additional facilities (Example - isolation rooms) to ensure the smooth running of the Competition.

81. Medical Treatment of Players on the Field of Play

81.1 Referee may authorise one, at the most 2 doctors to enter the field of play to assess the injury and arrange the Player's safe and swift removal from the field of play.

81.2 Stretcher-bearers should only enter the field of play with a stretcher following a signal from referee.

81.3 A Player is not allowed to receive treatment on the field of play.

81.4 Exception:

81.4.1 A goalkeeper who is injured;

81.4.2 A goalkeeper and outfield Player who have collided and need immediate attention;

- 81.4.3 Players from same Team who have collided and need immediate attention;
- 81.4.4 A severe injury has occurred, e.g., swallowed tongue, concussion, broken leg; or
- 81.4.5 A Player is injured as the result of a physical offence (reckless or serious foul play). However, the assessment/treatment needed to be completed quickly.

81.5 Procedure:

- 81.5.1 Two (2) Teams of stretcher bearers' will be seated on a bench close to the touch line on each side of the pitch.
- 81.5.2 If a Player needs medical treatment on the field of play during a Match, the following procedure must be observed:
 - (a) At a signal from the referee, the Team doctor and his assistant leave the bench and run towards the injured Player; and
 - (b) At the same time, the stretcher bearers closest to the injured Player start running towards the Player, carrying the open stretcher.

82. **Medical Provisions for Extreme Environment Conditions: Heat and Haze**

- 82.1 The Hosting MA at its own cost, shall set-up the following provisions in case of extreme environment conditions.
- 82.2 Hot Environment Equipment

Once the decision to introduce cooling breaks has been established, the Hosting MA shall provide the following:

- 82.2.1 two (2) cooler boxes (one (1) per Team) with adequate quantities of ice during each half of the Match for cooling breaks (i.e., 30th & 75th min.). Teams may use their own cooling items, if they so require;
- 82.2.2 face towels soaked in ice cold water for Players and Match Officials (i.e., 11 x 2 = 22 + 4= 26) for each cooling break;
- 82.2.3 additional cold bottled water for Players and Match Officials for each cooling break; and
- 82.2.4 emergency medical services:
 - (a) heat stroke diagnostic equipment and treatment logistics (rectal temperature thermometer, medications for anti-convulsion, tub and tepid water spray etc.
 - (b) a medical Team conversant with treatment of heat related injuries.

82.2.5 Haze (Air Pollution)

The Hosting MA shall provide the following in the event there is haze and air pollution:

82.2.6 an emergency medical Team / trained in such emergencies, including if possible, access to a Respiratory Physician (an expert in dealing with such emergencies);

82.2.7 additional medical personnel; and

82.2.8 adequate medical supplies and equipment.

83. **Official Training**

83.1 Official Training locations to be equipped with basic emergency medical equipment, massage tables and supply of ice, and staffed with paramedic/medical personnel. An Ambulance must be stationed at each official training locations equipped with advance life support equipment and trained emergency medical personnel.

84. **Accommodation**

84.1 Medical services and facilities to be set-up at hotels for the Teams and the AFF Delegation.

84.2 The Hosting MA to provide contact details of the designated doctor(s) that will be on-call twenty-four (24) hours for the duration of the Match and/or Competition.

85. **Hospital**

85.1 One (1) to two (2) hospitals per Stadium to be identified to provide, as a minimum, twenty-four (24) hour accident and emergency department services, including without limitation the ability to manage major trauma.

85.2 All designated hospitals to be located within the proximity of a Stadium and Accommodation as to minimise any response time for emergency incidents and/or the transfer of a patient to hospital.

85.3 The transfer by road of any officially escorted medical emergency vehicle should not exceed fifteen (15) minutes, and in the event that this cannot be guaranteed due to logistical, geographical or other challenges, helicopter evacuation and transfer should be comprehensively catered for.

86. **Anti-Doping**

86.1 Doping control may be carried out in accordance with the latest FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations.

86.2 The Doping Control Officer is responsible for the implementation of doping control in all Matches. The Hosting MA shall appoint a local doping control officer (must be a Medical Doctor) to provide assistance in doping control matters.

86.3 The Hosting MA shall ensure that all Stadiums have the required doping control facilities. It is recommended that the doping control room be within the vicinity of both Team dressing rooms. The waiting and sampling area must be air-conditioned, well ventilated, brightly lit and with easy washable and non-slippery floors.

87. **Obligations for Medical Treatment**

87.1 The respective MA must conclude the necessary general insurance policies for their Players and Team Officials whilst the Hosting MA will provide insurance cover for the duration of the Competition including repatriates.

87.2 The Hosting MA shall provide free medical treatment, including hospital facilities for injuries and emergencies incurred and sustained during the Competition as follows:

87.2.1 out-patient treatment (non-admission to hospital);

87.2.2 minor surgeries (e.g., suturing);

87.2.3 radiological investigations (x-rays); and

87.2.4 emergency treatment.

87.3 However, the Teams shall be responsible for the cost of the following treatments:

87.3.1 hospitalisation (admission to hospital);

87.3.2 surgical operations not provided for in Clause 87.2; and

87.3.3 specialised investigative procedures (e.g., MRI, C-Scan).

87.4 The Hosting MA will provide insurance cover for AFF Delegation and Match Officials for the duration of the Competition including repatriates.

87.5 The Hosting MA shall also be responsible for the costs of the medical treatments for all members of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials from their arrival until their departure.

SECTION 13: DISCIPLINARY MEASURES, APPEALS AND PLAYERS CAUTIONED OR DISMISSED FROM FIELD OF PLAY

88. Disciplinary Measures

- 88.1 All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the current AFF Statutes, AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code and any relevant AFF circulars.
- 88.2 The AFF may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the MAs thirty (30) days before the first Match of the Competition at least.
- 88.3 All Players agree to:
- 88.3.1 Respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
 - 88.3.2 Behave accordingly; and
 - 88.3.3 Refrain from doping.

89. Good Conduct

- 89.1 MAs are liable for the improper conduct of:
- 89.1.1 any member of its Team Delegation; and/or
 - 89.1.2 Any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Competitions.
- 89.2 For any violation, the AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary & Ethics Committee may issue any sanction listed in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

90. Cautions and Expulsions

- 90.1 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 AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code except where expressly set out below and pursuant to any disciplinary circulars issued therein.
- 90.2 The rules pertaining to cautions (yellow cards) and expulsions (red cards) imposed during the Competition shall be as follows:
- 90.2.1 Subject to clause [90.2.3], any Players/Team Official who receives two (2) cautions during any stage in the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which he received the second caution.
 - 90.2.2 If a Players/Team Official received a second caution during his Team's final match in the Group Stage, the automatic suspension shall be carried forward to the Semi-Final Stage of the Competition.

90.2.3 Any Players/Team Officials who completes the Group Stage having cumulatively received one (1) caution shall not carry-over that caution to the Semi Finals.

90.2.4 A player or official who is expelled during the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which they were expelled. If the player or official was expelled in their team's final match in the Competition, the suspension shall be carried forward as provided in the Code.

91. Sanctions for Non-Compliance

91.1 Every Member Association, Team, Player, Team Official and Match Official (the "Party" or "Parties") participating in the AFF U23 Championship 2022 (the "Competition") are bound by the AFF Match Operations Protocols (the "AFF MOP") and relevant regulations set up by the Host Member Association's Health Authorities (the "Local Authorities") in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

91.2 Any breach of the provision(s) set out in the AFF MOP by any Party shall be sanctioned by the AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary and Ethics Committee with a fine of at least USD10,000 (Ten Thousand US Dollars). Further, the concerned Party's Member Association shall also be sanctioned with a fine of at least USD10,000 (Ten Thousand US Dollars).

91.3 The AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may also, at its discretion impose further sanctions on the Party/Parties, which for the avoidance of doubt includes exclusion of the relevant Party/Parties from the Competition.

91.4 In addition to any such sanction(s) imposed hereinabove, a Party in breach and/or the concerned Member Association may also be sanctioned by the appropriate Local Authorities, in line with Safe Management measures that have been implemented in accordance with the regulations enforced by the Local Authorities, with imprisonment and/or a fine, as deemed fit by the Local Authorities.

91.5 Any Party in breach of the AFF MOP may be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Teams, the AFF, the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, and the Member Associations. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AFF Council.

92. Protest

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

92.2 Unless otherwise stipulated, to be considered valid, protest shall be:

92.2.1 Submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner within two (2) hours of the end of the Match in question;

- 92.2.2 Followed up with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, sent to the Secretariat of the AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary & Ethics Committee at aff.legal@aseanfootball.org within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the Match;
- 92.2.3 Accompanied by non-refundable fee of USD500 submitted to the AFF bank account within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the Match.
- 92.3 No protest shall be lodged relating to the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected to play. Such decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal, unless expressly otherwise stipulated in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 92.4 Should AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary & Ethics Committee determine that a protest is unfounded or irresponsible, it may impose a fine.
- 92.5 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded. Following the completion of the final Match of the Competition, all protest shall be disregarded.
- 92.6 The AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary & Ethics Committee shall make decisions on protest. The AFF Ad-Hoc Disciplinary & Ethics Committee may transfer a protest to the Competition Committee for its decision if it is deemed to be purely operational in nature.

SECTION 14: MATCH ORGANISATION

93. Provisions

- 93.1 All the provisions of this Section 14 (clause 94 to clause 96) shall be subject to the provisions of the AFF Match Operations Protocol which shall have precedence.

94. Official Countdown

- 94.1 The official countdown established for each Match is informed to all Teams and persons responsible for organising the Match. Its purpose is to ensure consistency in all pre-Match operations. It shall be distributed at the Match Coordination Meeting held on one (1) day before the Competition starts to all the people responsible for the organising the Match on order to ensure consistency in all pre-Match operations.
- 94.2 These instructions are intended to act as a guideline to facilitate and coordinate the work of all the persons involved in organising Matches at the different Stadia.
- 94.3 AFF attaches particular importance to the following points:
- 94.3.1 Preparation of the field of play and the enclosure
 - 94.3.2 Care of the Teams at the Stadium
 - 94.3.3 Loudspeakers, scoreboard, floodlights
 - 94.3.4 Safety and security services
 - 94.3.5 First-aid services
 - 94.3.6 Protocol (VIP box, flags, FIFA anthem)
 - 94.3.7 Media facilities and services
 - 94.3.8 Doping control (if any)
 - 94.3.9 Official reports
 - 94.3.10 AFF Match Operations Protocol

95. Controlled Access Areas (CAA)

- 95.1 In order to ensure orderly Match procedure, only persons with special accreditation and entrusted with specific responsibilities will be permitted access to the Controlled Access Areas.
- 95.2 The Controlled Access Areas includes:
- 95.2.1 any Stadium;
 - 95.2.2 any Official Training Venue/Pitch;
 - 95.2.3 any official hotel (public areas being excepted), subject to and to the extent agreed in any executed hotel agreement;
 - 95.2.4 any official exclusion zone encircling a Stadium on a match day;
 - 95.2.5 any official parking area, accreditation centre, International Broadcast Compound, and/or hospitality area;

- 95.2.6 the venue of any Official Function;
- 95.2.7 any official fan park;
- 95.2.8 Facility Areas; and/or
- 95.2.9 any other location and/or facility designated by the AFF as a Controlled Access Area, associated to the Competition to which access is permitted only to those in possession of an Accreditation Card, Ticket, and/or other officially sanctioned entry permit.

95.3 Orders in the Enclosure & Surroundings

- 95.3.1 Apart from the Players in each Team, the refereeing group, the ball persons and the flag bearers, only the following people will be given access to the inner enclosure, subject to any further COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities.

AFF Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFF Head of Delegation • AFF Tournament Director • AFF Representatives • AFF Match Commissioner • AFF Referee Assessor • AFF Media Officer • AFF General Coordinator • AFF Secretariat
Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officials • Players
Venue Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA General Secretary • Stadium Manager • Venue Coordinator • Chief of Police and/or Security Officer • Limited number of Service Staff (janitor, cleaner, etc)
Media Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographers • Cameraman (no commentators) for Host Broadcaster • Auxiliary personnel (“runners”) for AFF, Host Broadcaster
AFF Commercial Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial partner representatives
Sponsor, if any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited Personnel

96. **Match Ceremonies**

Subject to any COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, the following must be adhered to:

96.1 Opening Ceremony

96.1.1 Any opening ceremony shall not affect any pre-Match operations, including without limitation Teams' warm-up and the pre-Match ceremony.

96.1.2 The Field of Play shall be strictly protected from damage caused by any activity related to the opening ceremony.

96.1.3 The Hosting MA shall submit a comprehensive event plan outlining the number of workers, a flow plan, the run-down and other related information for AFF review and approval.

96.2 Pre-Match Ceremony

96.2.1 The pre-Match countdown shall follow **Appendix 8**.

96.2.2 The pre-Match ceremony shall follow **Appendix 9**.

96.3 Prize Presentation Ceremony

96.3.1 A prize presentation ceremony, managed and controlled by the AFF and coordinated with the Hosting MA, shall be held immediately after the Final to present the awards, trophies, and medals.

96.3.2 The Players and Teams that qualify to receive the awards, trophies, and medals are required to attend the relevant prize presentation ceremony. Team shall be represented by their Team Official Delegation. No other officials, Players, or staff may participate. Players and Team Officials who have been expelled or are serving a Match suspension are allowed to take part in the award ceremony as set out in **Appendix 3**.

Appendix 1 Determining the Ranking in a Group using Fair Play criteria

1. Each Team shall be awarded points for receiving red and yellow cards as indicated below:
 - 1.1. per yellow card: one (1) point;
 - 1.2. per red card (as a consequence of two yellow cards): three (3) points;
 - 1.3. per red card (direct): three (3) points; and
 - 1.4. per yellow card followed by a red card (direct): four (4) points.

2. The Team receiving the least number of points shall be ranked highest. The remaining Teams shall be ranked in descending order.

Scenario 1

1. Should all groups consist of the same number of Teams, the overall best second-placed Team from among different groups shall be determined in descending order as follows:
 - 1.1. higher number of points obtained in all group Matches;
 - 1.2. superior goal difference from all group Matches;
 - 1.3. higher number of goals scored from all group Matches;
 - 1.4. the lower score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the group Matches in accordance with Appendix 1; or
 - 1.5. drawing of lots.

Group A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Team A	3	2	1	0	3	0	3	7
Team B	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
Team C	3	0	2	1	0	3	-3	2
Team D	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1

Group B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Team E	3	3	0	0	4	0	4	9
Team F	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	6
Team G	3	1	0	2	4	4	0	3
Team H	3	0	0	3	1	7	-6	0

- a) Team B and Team F are the second-placed Teams from each group.
- b) Both Teams have six (6) points, therefore, criteria 1.1 does not determine the overall best second-placed Team. Team B has a goal difference of +3 whereas Team F has a goal difference of +2. Applying criteria 1.2, Team B is ranked as the best second-placed Team.

Scenario 2

2. Should the groups consist of different numbers of Teams, the Teams in each group will have played a different number of Matches in total. In order to ensure equality, all Teams shall be compared across the same number of Matches, the number of which shall be decided by the AFF Tournament Committee. In principle, the results between the relevant Teams and the bottom-placed Team in the relevant group shall be considered null and void. In such case, the best-ranked Team from among different groups shall be determined in descending order as follows:
 - 2.1. higher number of points obtained in Matches identified by the AFF;
 - 2.2. superior goal difference from the Matches identified by the AFF;

- 2.3. higher number of goals scored from the Matches identified by the AFF;
- 2.4. the lower score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the group Matches in accordance with Appendix 1; or
- 2.5. drawing of lots drawing of lots

Group A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Team A	3	2	1	0	3	0	3	7
Team B	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
Team C	3	0	2	1	0	3	-3	2
Team D	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1

Group B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Team E	4	3	1	0	14	1	13	10
Team F	4	3	0	1	5	2	3	9
Team G	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5
Team H	4	0	2	2	2	9	-7	2
Team I	4	0	1	3	2	11	-9	1

- a) Team B and Team F are the second-placed Teams from each group.
- b) Groups A and B have played a different number of matches. In order to identify the overall best second-placed Team, the number of matches shall be equalised.
- c) The number of matches to be identified shall be equal to that played in Group A (i.e., the group with the lower number of matches per Team). Accordingly, the number of matches played in Group B shall be reduced to three (3) matches per Team. In principle, the match between Team F and Team I, who is the bottom-placed Team in the group, will be considered null and void
- d) Assuming Team F won the match against Team I, 3-0, we will have a new calculation for Team F:

Group B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Team F	3	2	0	1	2	2	0	6

- e) After applying criteria 2.1, both Team B and Team F are equal, having accrued six (6) points. Team B has a goal difference of +3 and Team F has a goal difference of 0, and after applying criteria 2.2, Team B is identified as the overall best second-placed Team

In operating the procedure set out in Scenario 2, the points or rankings of the other Teams in the same group shall not be affected. Any new calculation is solely for the purpose of determining the overall best second-placed Team among the groups.

Appendix 3 Expulsions and Suspensions at Competitions

Restrictions that apply inside the Controlled Access Areas for Players and Officials who have been expelled or are serving a Match suspension.

Venue	Player		Official	
	Expulsion	Suspension	Expulsion	Suspension
Field of Play	ordered to leave the field of play and its surroundings	banned from the field of play and its surroundings	ordered to leave the field of play and its surroundings	banned from the field of play and its surroundings
Team Bench	ordered to leave the Team bench	banned from the Team bench	ordered to leave the Team bench	banned from the Team bench
Technical Area	cannot sit in the technical area	banned from the technical area	cannot sit in the technical area	banned from the technical area
Dressing Room	shall stay in either the dressing room or doping control room accompanied by a chaperon until 75th minute	banned from the dressing room at any time before and during the Match in question (can join after the final whistle)	banned from entering the Team dressing rooms at half time if sent off during the first half of the Match	banned from the Team dressing rooms at any time before and during the Match in question (can join after the final whistle)
Stands	allowed to sit in the stands, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded as of 75th minute, if he is not picked for doping control	allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate surroundings of the field of play.	allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate surroundings of the field of play, for the rest of the Match, provided that integrity and security are safeguarded	allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate surroundings of the field of play.
Team Bus	allowed to take the Team bus	allowed to take the Team bus but not allowed to talk to the media upon arrival or departure	allowed to take the Team bus	allowed to take the Team bus but not allowed to talk to the media upon arrival or departure
Award Ceremony	allowed to take part in the award ceremony	allowed to take part in the award ceremony	allowed to take part in the award ceremony	allowed to take part in the award ceremony
Mixed Zone	not allowed in the mixed zone	banned from the mixed zone	not allowed in the mixed zone	banned from the mixed zone

Press Conferences	not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference	banned from all Match-related press conferences	not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference	banned from all Match-related press conferences
Official Training	N/A	allowed to attend and participate in official training	N/A	allowed to attend and participate in official training
Media Activities	not allowed to undertake any media activities in the Stadium	not allowed to undertake any media activities during the course of the Match	not allowed to undertake any media activities in the Stadium	not allowed to undertake any media activities during the course of the Match
Doping Control Room	eligible for doping control and shall stay accompanied by a chaperon until 75th minute	N/A		
Contact and Communication	not allowed in the VIP tribune	can sit in an area designated by the AFF	not allowed in the VIP tribune	can sit in an area designated by the AFF

Appendix 4 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 one of the following categories of documents:	
(a)	i) Letter from the MA 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 ii) Letter from the Player declaring that he has never played for any representative Teams of any MA (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 the Player seeks to rely on 2(a) as opposed to 2(b), they must provide one of the following categories of documents:	
(a)	i) Evidence that their father or mother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and ii) Evidence that such person is their biological parent.	
(b)	i) Evidence that their grandfather or grandmother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and ii) Evidence that such person is their biological grandparent.	
(c)	Evidence that the Player has lived continuously on the territory of the relevant Association for at least five (5) years after the age of 18*.	

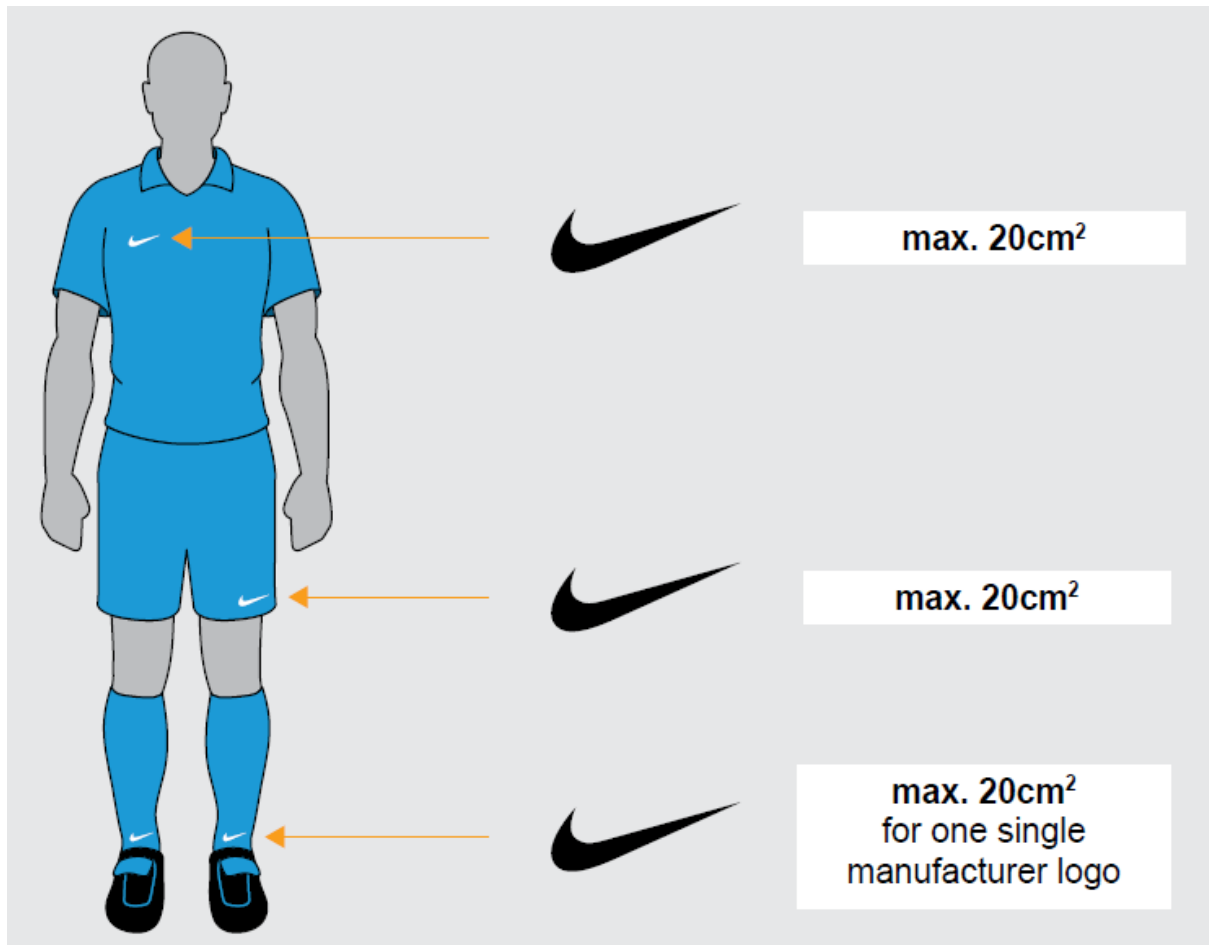
*Players relying on category 5 (c) under the age of 23 must provide a decision of the FIFA Players' Status Committee

Appendix 5 Registration of Players Who Have a Nationality Entitling Them to Represent More Than One Football Association

No.	Documents	Attached (Please tick)
1.	Official Registration Form for Players with passport photo.	
2.	The Player must provide one of the following categories of documents:	
(a)	i) Letter from the MA 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 ii) Letter from the Player declaring that he has never played for any representative Teams of any MA (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 the Player seeks to rely on 2(a) as opposed to 2(b), they must provide one of the following categories of documents:	
(a)	i) Evidence that their father or mother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and ii) Evidence that such person is their biological parent.	
(b)	i) Evidence that their grandfather or grandmother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and ii) Evidence that such person is their biological grandparent.	
(c)	Evidence that the Player has lived continuously on the territory of the relevant Association for at least five (5) years	

Subject to any COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, the following must be adhered to by accredited Photographers:

1. Failure to adhere to this Guidelines may result in the ejection from a Stadium and refusal of accreditation for future Competitions.
2. All photographers requiring access to the competition must contact the Hosting MA and complete the necessary application procedures to clear their request.
3. All photographers requiring pitch-side access must wear a Media Identity Bib or they will not be allowed onto pitch-side. Bibs are available from the Hosting MA at the entrance to a Stadium in exchange for a journalist ID card.
4. Team lists will be made available latest forty-five (45) minutes before kick-off in the media centre.
5. Access to the Field of Play is not permitted at any time, including before and after the Match.
6. Before the start of each Match, photographers may shoot the line-ups of the Teams from the touchline but must not enter the Field of Play.
7. Once the Match starts, photographers must stay behind the advertising boards behind the goals and are not permitted to change sides until half-time, the end of normal playing time, or the start of extra time. When changing ends on half time, photographers should pass along the opposite side of the Team benches from, behind the advertising boards. Under no circumstances will photographers be allowed to shoot from either touchline during the Match, except when seats have been allocated in any particular Match.
8. The Head Coaches of the Teams, if requested, shall attend a press conference that will commence immediately after the Match. At the press conference, all photographers must stand at the rear of the room and allow journalists to be seated towards the front.
9. An Official Photographer may work from any position, including touchlines, but should not move during the Match. The instructions provided by the AFF, Match Commissioner, Media Officer and General Coordinator at a Stadium shall be followed.
10. Photographers are required to obtain the prior authorisation of the AFF before setting up any remote camera in designated areas.





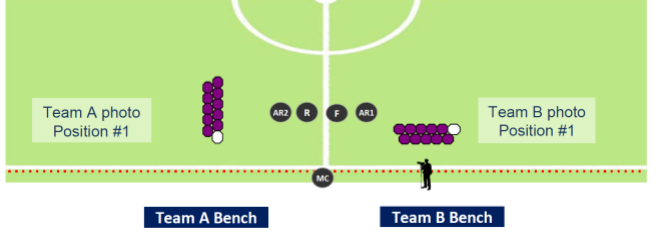
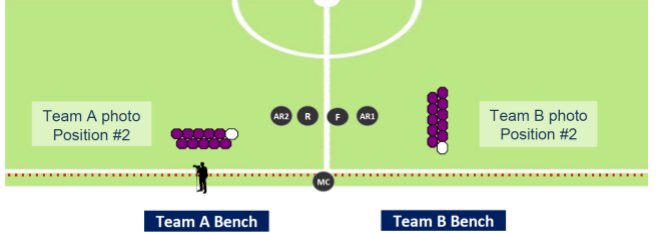

Appendix 8 Pre-Match Countdown


Subject to any further COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, the following must be adhered to:

Time	Arrival at Venue
- 4 hours	Match Commissioner / General Coordinator / Venue Coordinator
- 105' mins	Arrival team A – Temperature checks and COVID protocol on Arrival
- 95' mins	Arrival team B – Temperature checks and COVID protocol on Arrival
	Teams to submit "Player Selection List" & "Officials on the Substitution Bench" list to Match Commissioner upon arrival
- 90' mins	Latest arrival of Referees and Referees Assessor
- 80' mins	Match Start List produced and distributed to Teams, Media, Broadcaster, Announcer, Match Officials, VIP, LOC, etc.
- 75' mins	4th Official with Match Commissioner visit Team dressing rooms for equipment and safety check of Players.
- 55' mins	Ball persons in position
	Stretcher bearers in position
- 50' mins	Teams' warm-up on the pitch (if conditions permitting)
- 30' mins	Announcements of Team line-ups and Referees, Assistant Referees and 4 th Official
- 20' mins	End of warm-up
	2 nd check on pitch and pitch equipment
- 13' mins	Substitutes and Team Officials leave dressing rooms
- 10' mins	Players leave dressing rooms
	Ball persons and Stretcher bearers leave for their positions
- 9' mins	Players in final regrouping position.
	Last check by the 4th Official of Players' jewellery, studs and shin guards
- 7' mins	FIFA anthem played
	Followed by FIFA Living Football flag enter pitch
	With Match Commissioner / General Coordinator leading Referees and Players
	National Anthems of Teams are played.
- 3' mins	Followed by Team photos
- 2' mins	Coin toss
- 1' mins	Final check on goals & nets by Assistant Referees
- 0' mins	Kick-off
Half-time shall be of 15 minutes duration from whistle to whistle	
Media Conferences (Mixed Zone)	
The Team coaches are requested to be available for the mixed zone with some Players after the end of the game. The members of your delegation will be contacted via AFF and venue coordinator in charge.	
Distribution:	Teams AFF Officials Referees VIPs

Appendix 9 Pre-Match Ceremony

Please refer to the AFF MOP for this, unless subject to any further COVID-19 measurements as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities. Below will be a guide of the COVID measures in place for reference:

<p>Teams' Entrance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Following the FIFA Anthem, the Living Football Flag shall enter the pitch. Followed by the Match Commissioner (MC) or General Coordinator (GC). Followed by Match Officials behind the MC/GC. <u>Team A</u> shall follow behind the Match Officials and <u>Team B</u> to follow Team A. 	
<p>Teams' Position</p>	
<p>VIP handshake</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO VIP HANDSHAKE</p>
<p>Photo Session</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Team B</u> photo shall be taken by official Photographer FIRST. <u>Team A</u> to face other Photographers behind goal line advertisement board. Official photographer finish with <u>Team B</u> and walk to <u>Team A</u> to take Team photo. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Team A</u> Photo taken by Official Photographer. <u>Team B</u> to face other Photographers behind goal line advertisement board. 	
<p>Team handshake</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Handshake and the swapping of pennants are discouraged. Team should only line up for individual Team photos. The coin toss should take place as usual, but keeping a physical distance 	

<p>Team Entry for Second Half</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) At half-time break, the Players and match officials shall return to their dressing room directly b) After the half-time break, following the Match Commissioner's signal, the Teams shall re-enter the pitch separately without crowding at the tunnel area. 	
<p>Post-Match Handshake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Teams are advised to leave the pitch as soon as possible without gathering inside the centre circle b) Handshakes with the match officials and opponent Team is not necessary. c) The swapping of shirts is discouraged 	 

Pre-Match Announcers Text

Time	Items	Announcement	Remarks
T-30	Introduction of match	Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to ____ (<i>Stadium name, City name</i>) for today's match of the ____ (<i>Competition Name</i>) between ____ (<i>Team A Name</i>) and ____ (<i>Team B Name</i>)	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the match information.
	Introduction of Team A	Here are the Team line-ups, for ____ (<i>Team A Name</i>). Number ____ (<i>Players number</i>), ____ (<i>popular name</i>) The substitutes are, number ____ (<i>Players number</i>), ____ (<i>popular name</i>) The Head Coach is ____ (<i>Head Coach name</i>), from ____ (<i>country of origin</i>)	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the Team A Players' and Head Coach Photos and name (if applicable)
	Introduction of Team B	Here are the Team line-ups, for ____ (<i>Team B Name</i>). Number ____ (<i>Players number</i>), ____ (<i>popular name</i>) The substitutes are, number ____ (<i>Players number</i>), ____ (<i>popular name</i>) The Head Coach is ____ (<i>Head Coach name</i>), from ____ (<i>country of origin</i>)	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the Team B Players' and Head Coach Photos and name (if applicable)
	Introduction of Match Officials	The referee for this match is ____ (<i>name of referee</i>) from ____ (<i>country of origin</i>) The assistant referees are ____ (<i>name of assistant referee 1</i>) from ____ (<i>country of origin</i>) and ____ (<i>name of assistant referee 2</i>) from ____ (<i>country of origin</i>) The fourth official is ____ (<i>name of Fourth Official</i>) from ____ (<i>country of origin</i>)	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer Giant Screen shall display the Match Officials' name
			Giant Screen shall go on LIVE by T-12'
-9*	Teams' Flag March-in		LIVE - March in of Teams' flag
-7* (MC/GC to Q)	Teams' March-in	Ladies and gentlemen, let's welcome the Teams of ____ (<i>Team A Name</i>) and ____ (<i>Team B Name</i>)	After Teams' flag are in position. MC/GC to give the Q
	FIFA Anthem		Anthem to be tuned down slowly at the signal of MC/GC
	Introduction of VVIP (only when instructed by MC/GC)	Ladies and Gentlemen, we have the pleasure to invite the AFF President, His Excellency Maj Gen Khiev Samth and the dignitaries onto the pitch to be introduced to the Players and match officials.	AFF Protocol will escort the VVIPs to the FOP
After tuning down FIFA Anthem	Team *A National Anthem	<i>Ladies and Gentlemen, please stand up for the national anthem of ____ (Team A Name)</i>	Team A national anthem is played immediately after the announcement
After end of 1 st anthem	Team *B National Anthem	and now the national anthem of ____ (<i>Team B Name</i>)	Team B national anthem is played immediately after the announcement

**National Anthems are played only for National Team Competitions. Host national anthem will always be the second anthem even if they are Team A*

During the Match Announcers Text

Time	Items	Announcement	Remarks
	Goal Scorer	Goal for ____ (<i>name of Team</i>) by Players number ____ (<i>Players number</i>), ____ (<i>popular name of Players</i>)	Immediately after the MC/GC give the confirmation of goal scorer Giant Screen shall display Graphic for Goal. TV Replay or Photo of Players.
	Own goal	Own goal by ____ (<i>name of Team who scored the own goal</i>)	Immediately after the MC/GC give the confirmation Team name (the Players shall NOT be mentioned) Giant Screen shall display Match Results.
	Substitution	Substitution for ____ (<i>name of Team</i>); Players number ____ (<i>Players number</i>), ____ (<i>popular name of Players</i>) replaced by Players number ____ (<i>Players number</i>), ____ (<i>popular name of Players</i>)	Announce only when Players cross touch line or approximately 2-3 seconds after the start of 2nd half Giant Screen shall display Graphic for Substitute. Photo of Players.
	Additional time	There will be ____ (<i>minutes added</i>) minutes of additional time.	Announce when Fourth Official show the Additional Time at the touchline. Giant Screen shall display Graphic for Additional Time.
Halftime	Half-time Score	Ladies and gentlemen, the half-time score is ____ (<i>Team A Name, [score]</i>), ____ (<i>Team B Name, [score]</i>)	Immediately after half-time Whistle
75 th minute	Number of spectators	Ladies and gentlemen, the official attendance for today's match is ____ (<i>number of spectators</i>). Thank you for attending!	Giant screen to show the graphic and text

After the Match Announcers Text

Time	Items	Announcement	Remarks
Full-time (after whistle)	Final Score	Ladies and gentlemen, the final score is ____ (<i>Team A Name, [score]</i>), ____ (<i>Team B Name, [score]</i>)	Immediately after final whistle
	Next Match Information	Ladies and gentlemen, we thank you for your attendance this evening and hope you enjoyed the match as much as we did. The next match to be played here is between ____ (<i>Teams name</i>) at ____ (<i>time</i>), ____ (<i>date</i>). Hope to see you again and good night.	



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