

Regulations of Bangladesh Championship League 2022-23

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DEFINITIONS

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

<i>Accommodation</i>	Hotels or any other locations providing accommodation to guests for the Competition.
<i>Accreditation or Accredited</i>	The giving of authority to a person or a group of persons, involving certification, which allows the accredited person(s) to undertake specified activities within the Controlled Access Areas.
<i>AFC</i>	Asian Football Confederation.
<i>Appeal Committee</i>	The committee responsible for deciding appeals against any of the Disciplinary Committee's decisions.
<i>BCL</i>	Bangladesh Championship League.
<i>BFF</i>	Bangladesh Football Federation.
<i>BFF Committees & Sub Committees</i>	Committees & Sub Committees including the BFF Executive Committee, BFF Professional League Management Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Appeals Committee, Referees Committee, Technical Committee, Finance Committee, Marketing Committee, Competitions Committee and such other committees & Sub Committees of the BFF as advised by BFF from time to time.
<i>BFF Delegation</i>	Any officials appointed by BFF, including but not limited to the Head of Delegation, Head of Administration, General Coordinator, Match Commissioner, Referee Instructor/Assessor, Referee, Assistant Referees, Fourth Official, Media Officer, Security Officer, Medical Officer and Technical Study Group Officer.
<i>BPL</i>	Bangladesh Premier League.
<i>BFF Professional League Management Committee</i>	The BFF Professional League Management Committee consisting of a Chairman, and required number of members whose duties are to organize and manage Federation Cup, Bangladesh Premier League, Bangladesh Championship League, Independence Cup, Super Cup and Youth Competition on behalf of the BFF including making decisions on any matters related to these Competitions; to arrange the groups, venues and dates for the competitions and matches and delegate, if necessary, the organization of the same to any Member or Committee; to appoint officials for its competitions; to recommend to the Executive Committee amendments or alterations to the Rules, Regulations and Instructions for competition and matches; to submit reports on competitions and matches to the Secretariat.
<i>BFF Headquarters</i>	BFF House, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

<i>BFF Logo(s)</i>	The official logo of BFF, and/or such other official logo, which shall be the only marks used by BFF.
<i>BFF Website</i>	www.bff.com.bd
<i>Best Category Ticket</i>	The best tickets available in the best category seats entitling the ticket holder to sit in the sector immediately adjacent to the VIP area whether in or directly opposite Area to the main stand.
<i>Broadcast Affiliates</i>	Any entity, including the Host Broadcaster, which has acquired from BFF directly or from BFF's Marketing Partner any rights in respect of the Broadcast Rights of the Competition.
<i>Broadcast Rights</i>	The right to broadcast the Competition and the right of access to the Stadia to the exclusion of all others, for the purposes of producing a live television and/or radio signal and/or recordings of the Competition in any form of audio and/or audio-visual medium and the right to license the right to exhibit such live signal and/or recordings and/or part thereof by any and all forms of television and/or radio and/or any media now existing or as may be developed in the future, including, all forms of terrestrial, cable and satellite television, IPTV, broadband (fixed and/or wireless), Internet and Interactive Television on a world-wide basis.
<i>Competition</i>	Bangladesh Championship League which shall include the Matches as set out in the Match Schedule, activities on the field of play (other than matches), opening ceremonies, presentation or closing ceremonies, press conferences or official functions connected therewith.
<i>Competition Data</i>	Any and all information related to the Competition, including Fixture Lists, Image Rights, information and/or statistics about the Participating Members and/or Participating Players, information and/or statistics about their participation and/or performance in the Competitions, match analysis, referee decisions, and any other information in relation to the Competition.
<i>Competition Marks</i>	Any and all current and future competition Trademarks and/or logos, copyrights and/or designs whether or not registered or applied for and whether registered in part or in whole including any and or present and future names, designations, symbols, logos or identifying music or sounds of BFF or the Competition, the BFF Fair Play name and device mark, the official logo, the Competition Trophy and other artistic and autographic representations in one, two or three dimensional proportions used by or in Association with the Competition.

<i>Competition Website</i>	The official website in relation to a Competition Operated exclusively by BFF with a dedicated URL registered, owned and maintained by BFF, at BFF's sole expense, for use exclusively by BFF.
<i>Complimentary Tickets</i>	Tickets which are supplied without charge.
<i>Controlled Access Areas</i>	The locations of the Matches and other events, such as (without limitation) Stadia and their fences and perimeters, the aerial space above the Stadia, and all other locations associated with the Competitions, including the media centers, international broadcast centers, Official Training Sites, designated official hotels (including but not limited to the official hotels for the Participating Club Associations), hospitality and VIP areas and facilities, other areas to which admission is regulated by the accreditation system, and surrounding and adjacent areas to the locations described above.
<i>Commercial Affiliates</i>	Any entity to which BFF directly or indirectly has granted or will grant any aspect of the Commercial Rights in respect of the Competition, including but not limited to Official Sponsors, Official Supporters, Official Licensees and Official Media Partners.
<i>Club Licensing</i>	Refers to the BFF Club Licensing Regulations.
<i>DFA</i>	District Football Association.
<i>Disciplinary Committee</i>	The committee to deal with all disciplinary matters as governed by the BFF Disciplinary Code.
<i>Financial Obligation</i>	Undertaking from the Club to meet its Financial Requirements.
<i>FIFA</i>	The Federation International de Football Association.
<i>Force Majeure</i>	Any event affecting the performance or any provision of this Agreement arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, epidemic or other natural disaster, failure or shortage of power supplies, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock- outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion.
<i>Host Broadcaster</i>	The organization appointed by BFF directly or indirectly to ensure and provide the production of the broadcast signals of the Matches and other events of the Competition, and the provision of all related services in accordance with the Broadcast Rights.
<i>IFAB</i>	'International Football Association Board' – the Game of football as regulated by the Laws of the Game.
<i>Levy</i>	The amount of money payable to BFF.
<i>LTC</i>	Local Transfer Certificate.

<i>Match(es)</i>	Each football match(es) in its entirety (including extra time) of the Competition, and including any delayed, deferred Matches and/or replays.
<i>Match Schedule</i>	The published schedule containing details of the Competition (which details shall include but not be limited to the names of the clubs, Venues, Stadia, and details of the Match kick-off times).
<i>Media</i>	All members of the written press, on-line editors, photographers, television news crews and the representatives of the Broadcast Rights Holders entitled to media accreditation as determined by BFF.
<i>Neutral Venue</i>	Where the match is being played as a neutral venue and appointed to assist to organize stage and host the competition.
<i>Official</i>	Office bearers and members of various committees, sub-committees, managers, coaches, trainers, match commissioners, referees, asst. referees, referee assessors, medical officers and staffs of Bangladesh Football Federation and Bangladesh Championship League participating clubs.
<i>Official Functions</i>	Any official event organized in connection with the Competitions, including but not limited to press conferences, official dinners or lunches and banquets.
<i>Player Status Committee</i>	The committee to monitor compliance with transfer regulations of players.
<i>Participating Players</i>	Those players registered and participating in the competition and any other players under the authority of BFF during the Competition.
<i>Regulations</i>	Those regulations controlled and published by BFF to be used in connection with the Competition.
<i>Season</i>	Will commence on the first day of the first registration period fixed by BFF and it would continue to the previous day of the first day of the next registration period fixed by BFF.
<i>SAFF</i>	South Asian Football Federation.
<i>Sponsorship Rights</i>	An association with the Competition and/or BFF (subject to the special provisions regarding the development of BFF Logo as set out in this Agreement and/or the BFF Guidelines) by any combination of Commercial Rights, including title sponsor of the Competitions or any of them such as “Bangladesh Championship League” sponsored / presented by Company A” and/or such other designation as mutually agreed by the parties.
<i>Stadia</i>	The official stadia (or any stadium) and the airspace and surrounding areas for the Matches, whether under the control of the Hosting Team or otherwise, used for the Matches, including

<i>Team's Official Delegation</i>	without limitation parking facilities, VIP and hospitality areas, concourses, concession areas, fencing and entrances. The Participating Club's Official Delegation will comprise of a maximum of 35 (thirty five) players and a maximum of 9(nine) officials who are named in the Final Registration for the Competition.
<i>Training Sites</i>	Training sites designated by the Home Clubs for use by the away teams throughout the duration of the Competition.
<i>Ticketing</i>	All operational measures to provide tickets to all spectators of every Match and for Official Functions of the Competition allowing them to enter the Stadia and for a Venue. Ticketing shall include the management of operation necessary for the production, sale, distribution, delivery and payment of the tickets of the Competition.
<i>Venues</i>	The immediately surrounding area in which the Stadia are located and all the venues of BCL will be approved by BFF.

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

- (a) The singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
- (b) The masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice versa.
- (c) Reference to persons shall include any legal person or corporation.

References to BFF shall where the context permits include its successors and permitted assigns and, in relation to the availability of the Commercial Rights, its respective members, BFF and Professional League Management committee.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Bangladesh Football Federation may adopt different regulations/guidelines to address the COVID-19 pandemic for the ‘Bangladesh Championship League 2022-23’. The different regulations/guidelines will remain in effect for as long as FIFA/AFC/BFF considers them appropriate. Due to the continuously evolving understanding of COVID-19, BFF may modify or supplement this regulation at any time.

Furthermore, Bangladesh Football Federation may follow the recommendations provided in the ‘AFC Match Operations Protocol during COVID-19 Pandemic’ (**see appendix 16**) to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Bangladesh Football Federation also recommends the new AFC Match Operations Protocol as a guideline for the participating teams and will be followed in all ‘Bangladesh Championship League 2022-23’ matches until further notice. Bangladesh Football Federation also recommends the ‘Recommendations for Prevention and Control of Covid-19’ (**see appendix 17**) to all the stakeholders related to ‘Bangladesh Championship League 2022-23’, also have to comply with all the applicable Government guidance regarding COVID-19.

Each Participating Club is responsible for compliance with the above-mentioned regulations as well as any of the further applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and decisions (will be imparted through letters/circulars/amendments in regulations) issued by the BFF in relation to COVID-19.