

Regulations of BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22

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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 Football League 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 Football League</i>	The BFF Professional League Management Committee consisting of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members whose duties are to organize and manage Federation Cup, Bangladesh Premier League, Bangladesh Championship League, Independence 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>	'BFF U-18 Football 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 Clubs 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 trademark's and/or logos, copyrights and/or designs whether or not registered or applied for and whether registered in part or in whole including any and or present and future names, designations, symbols, logos or identifying music or sounds of 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>ITC</i>	International Transfer Certificate.
<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>Member(s)</i>	Those club teams who are participating in ‘BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22’.
<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 ‘BFF U-18 Football 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>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 Premier League” sponsored / presented by Company A” and/or such other designation as mutually agreed by the parties.

Stadia

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 without limitation parking facilities, VIP and hospitality areas, concourses, concession areas, fencing and entrances.

Team’s Official Delegation

The Participating Club’s Official Delegation will comprise of a maximum of 30 (thirty) players and a maximum of 9 (nine) officials who are named in the Final Registration for the Competition.

Training Sites

Training sites designated by the BFF for use by the Participating teams throughout the duration of the Competition.

Ticketing

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.

Venues

The immediately surrounding area in which the Stadia are located and all the venues of ‘BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22’ 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 will adopt different regulations/guidelines to address the COVID-19 pandemic for the 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22'. 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 will also follow the recommendations provided in the 'AFC Match Operations Protocol During COVID-19 Pandemic' (see **appendix 8**) to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Bangladesh Football Federation also recommends the AFC Match Operations Protocol as a guideline for the teams and will be followed in all 'BFF U-18 Football League' matches until further notice. All stakeholders related to 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' will also follow the 'Guidelines for Prevention and Control of Covid-19' (see **appendix 9**) introduced by BFF as well as all have to complied 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.

SECTION 1: REPRESENTATION

1. The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF)

- 1.1 The BFF stages the ‘BFF U-18 Football League’ (hereafter the “Competition”) for U-18 men’s club teams of the ‘TVS Bangladesh Premier League 2021-22’. Participating clubs of BPL will play in ‘BFF U-18 Football League’ once every year according to BFF’s Calendar.
- 1.2 Any rights associated with the Competition, which has not been granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to a Participating Club in the Competition belongs to BFF.
- 1.3 The current BFF Statutes, all BFF Regulations, Guidelines, Circulars and Codes are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, and organization of the Competition. Any reference in these Regulations to the BFF Statutes refers to the Statutes valid at the time of entry and to all relevant BFF Regulations, Guidelines, Circulars and Codes.
- 1.4 Clubs are not authorized to represent BFF or the Competition without BFF’s prior written approval.
- 1.5 BFF will appoint match officials including Match Commissioner, Referee (**See Appendix 3**) Instructor/Assessor, Referees, Media Officer (hereafter the ‘BFF Organizing Team’) for each match of the Competition for the purpose of match organization.
- 1.6 All Players and Officials registered for participation in this Competition shall undertake to ensure their presence at the BFF Awards Ceremony if they are nominated for an award. Any player or official failing to do so shall be referred to the BFF Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.7 BFF shall follow the Regulations, Circulars, Recommendations and Policies of FIFA & AFC for the organization of the ‘BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22’ in all the ways.

2. Participating Clubs

According to the club licensing regulations and regulations for 'Bangladesh Premier League 2021-22' it is mandatory for all the clubs participated in the ‘TVS Bangladesh Premier League 2021-22’ to participate in the ‘BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22’ organized by BFF. According to the regulations of ‘TVS Bangladesh Premier League 2021-22’ Appendix 1 (Art. 28) failing to do so the concerned club(s) shall immediately be punished with a maximum monetary fine of BDT 2,000,000.00 (twenty) lac only, BFF Disciplinary Committee may even take further action(s) against the concerned Club(s).

3. Security and Safety

3.1 BFF is responsible for devising, planning and implementing adequate security and safety for the Competition at every relevant location (covering all Controlled Access Areas) which shall cover for all relevant persons at all times, including but not limited to the following:

- All participating Club's players and official
- BFF Match Officials
- Media
- Commercial Partners
- Fans and spectators

3.2 A detailed and highly relevant security plan shall be issued in the form of a binding declaration on all parties involved and shall include but not limited to the stadium and its vicinity, the training grounds and also hotels of participating club(s) and BFF match officials. This security plan shall be based on the principles outlined in the FIFA Safety Guidelines.

SECTION 2: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

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

- 4.1 All Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down and published by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).
- 4.2 In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail and is authoritative.
- 4.3 In accordance with the Laws of the Game 2022-23 during the match, each team:
 - may use a maximum of 5 (five) substitutes.
 - has a maximum of three substitution opportunities*
 - may additionally make substitutions at half-time

* Where both teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as a used substitution opportunity for each team. Multiple substitutions (and requests) by a team during the same stoppage in play count as one used substitution opportunity.

- Extra time:
 - If a team has not used the maximum number of substitutes and/or substitution opportunities, any unused substitutes and substitution opportunities may be used in extra time.
 - Whether or not the team has already used the full number of permitted substitutes, each team will have one additional substitution opportunity.
 - Substitutions may also be made in the period between full-time and the start of extra time, and at half-time in extra time – these do not count as used substitution opportunities

- 4.4 If there are fewer than 7 (seven) players on either of the teams, the Match shall be abandoned. In this case, the BFF Professional League Management Committee (and if required the BFF Disciplinary Committee) shall decide on the consequences.
- 4.5 A club must report to the Match Commissioner at least one and a half hour before the start of the match.

5. Duration of Matches

- 5.1 Each Match shall last 90 (ninety) minutes, comprising of two periods of 45 (forty-five) minutes, with an interval of 15 (fifteen) minutes in between from the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period.
- 5.2 Both teams shall walk to the field together from their dressing rooms at least 2 (two) minutes before the end of interval.
- 5.3 Any participating team that causes a delay in the commencement of the first period of the Match and/or the second period of the Match shall be sanctioned with 3,000 (three thousand taka only) for per minute delay, BFF Disciplinary Committee may even take further section(s) against the concerned Club(s).

6. Cancellation of Matches

- 6.1 If the Match cannot commence on time due to Force Majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedures must be followed:
- i. The Match must first be delayed for a minimum of 30 (thirty) minutes, unless the Referee decides that the Match can commence earlier, before a decision to reschedule the Match is taken.
 - ii. At the discretion of the Referee, another delay of a maximum of 30 (thirty) minutes shall be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of delay will allow the Match to commence. Otherwise, at the end of this second 30 (thirty) minutes period, the Referee must declare the Match to have been cancelled.
 - iii. In the case of a cancelled Match, the BFF or the Professional League Management Committee of BFF shall decide within 2 (two) hours of the Referee's decision to cancel the Match whether the Match can be rescheduled, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account, or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue with the Competition. Any disciplinary sanctions resulting from the cancelled Match shall remain in force.
- 6.2 No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in (**Art. 6.1**).

7. Abandonment of Matches

- 7.1 If the Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal time or during any extra time because of any Force Majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedures must be followed:
- i. The Match is automatically suspended for the duration of 30 (thirty) minutes to allow conditions to improve sufficiently to restart the Match, unless the referee decides that the Match can be resumed earlier.
 - ii. At the discretion of the Referee, another suspension of a maximum of 30 (thirty) minutes shall be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of suspension will allow the Match to be resumed. Otherwise, at the end of this second 30 (thirty) minutes period, the Referee must declare the Match to have been abandoned.
 - iii. In the case of a cancelled match, the BFF or the Professional League Management Committee of BFF shall decide within 2 (two) hours of the Referee's decision to cancel the match whether the match can be rescheduled, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account, or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue with the Competition. Any disciplinary sanctions resulting from the cancelled match shall remain in force.
 - iv. In the case a match is abandoned as a result of force majeure for any reason after it has already kicked off, the match shall recommence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full.

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

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

7.2 No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in (**Art. 7.1**).

8. Refusal to Play

If it is not possible to start the match in time or to continue after the start due to the refusal of either one or both participating teams, the referee at his discretion waiting up to 15 (fifteen) minutes shall declare the match abandoned. The Disciplinary Committee of BFF based on the report of the referee and match commissioner shall take action against the club/clubs concerned as per the BFF Disciplinary Code.

9. Stadiums (Stadia)

9.1 The Stadium for the matches in the Competition shall be:

Birshrestha Shahid Shipahi Mohammad Mostofa Kamal Stadium, Kamalapur or any other venue(s) decided by BFF or the Professional League Management Committee of BFF.

9.2 BFF will ensure no Matches and/or other activities are held at the Stadium(s) nominated for the Matches at least 2(two) days prior to the Competition, unless written permission has been given by the BFF. Unless specified or directed by BFF otherwise, the Stadia shall be made available for use for the Competition as of 7 (seven) working days prior to the first Match of the Competition until 1 (one) day after the last Match of the Competition.

10. Team Bench and Technical Area

- 10.1 Only 7 (seven) officials and 9 (nine) substitute players, from the registered 9 (nine) officials and 30 (thirty) players, are allowed to sit on the substitute bench. Registration and Presence of the following 2 (two) officials on each match day are mandatory:
- i. Team Manager
 - ii. Head Coach
- 10.2 Along with the presence of 2 (two) above mentioned officials BFF recommend a team Doctor in the team bench to sit by considering the COVID-19 situation.
- 10.3 Apart from the 2 (two) officials above, the participating teams may register up to 7 (seven) more officials out of the following officials:
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| i. Head of Delegation/Team Leader | viii. Equipment Manager |
| ii. Assistant Manager | ix. Security Officer |
| iii. Assistant Coach | x. Fitness Coach /Trainer |
| iv. Goalkeeper Coach | xi. Doctor |
| v. Media Officer | xii. Technical Director |
| vi. Interpreter | xiii. Physiotherapist |
| vii. Video Analyst | xiv. Masseur |
- 10.4 The names of all the officials and players and their function must be listed on the match starting list. To register an official, concerned club has to submit the official registration form along with the relevant documents (i.e. qualification certificate/coaching license, photo, etc.) of the concerned official within the stipulated deadline declared by BFF. BFF reserves the right to reject any club's official's registration should the concerned club/ club official would not be able to fulfill necessary requirements.
- 10.5 All officials and players on the team bench must wear their accreditation card and masks at all times. The accreditation cards shall always be available for inspection prior to the start of the match. Failure to carry the accreditation card at stadium will result the official/ player concerned being fined minimum BDT 5,000 (five thousand taka only).
- 10.6 All persons on the bench must wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of the players and referees on the pitch. These kits must comply with the AFC Equipment Regulations

11. Warming up

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

12. Footballs

The balls chosen for the competition shall confirm with the Laws of the Game and meet the requirements and bear one of the marks of the FIFA Quality Program for Footballs or any other Football decided by BFF or the Professional League Management Committee of BFF.

13. Match Schedule

- 13.1 All matches are played according to the BFF Calendar which shall be approved by the Professional League Management Committee of BFF.
- 13.2 The matches of the club / clubs participating in the AFC and FIFA matches during the progress of the League shall be re-scheduled by the Professional League Management Committee of BFF with the approval of Bangladesh Football Federation. Players as will be required to participate in the national football team shall be governed by FIFA regulations (**See Appendix 2**).
- 13.3 No fixture can be postponed except by Professional League Management Committee of BFF or on the day of the fixture by the referee, as defined in **Law 5** of the Laws of the Game.
- 13.4 Any club which fails to fulfill a scheduled fixture shall be deemed to have forfeited that fixture by the score line of 3 (three) goals to 0 (zero) and shall be liable to further sanctions to be determined by BFF or BFF Professional League Management Committee.
- 13.5 All clubs shall fulfill (postponed) fixtures at the time rescheduled by the Professional League Management Committee of BFF. Clubs shall be informed about the rescheduled match at least 1 (one) day before the match.
- 13.6 All Matches shall be played according to the dates, stadium and kick off times as set by the BFF or the Professional League Management Committee of BFF. Clubs shall be informed the match schedule at least 1 (one) day before the match.

14. Referees

- 14.1 BFF or BFF Referees Committee shall appoint a referee, 2 (two) assistant referees and a fourth official to every match in the 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' BFF or BFF Referees Committee has the sole and complete authority in this regard.
- 14.2 The referees shall be appointed from a panel of referees who have attended the Advanced Referees Course and have passed the full FIFA Fitness Test conducted by the Referees Committee of BFF prior to the commencement of the Football Season of Bangladesh shall be nominated to this panel. Protest against the allotment of the match officials by any participating club of 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' is not allowed in any way.
- 14.3 Every referee (and where necessary the assistant referees and fourth official) shall submit a written report (**See Appendix 3**) to BFF within 12 (twelve) noon of the following day of each 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' match,

notwithstanding the fact that the following day may be a Friday, a Saturday or a public holiday. All cases of misconduct of players, officials or spectators must also be reported. This report shall contain all relevant details of the match including goals, scorers, substitutions, cautions, expulsions and incidents, both on the field of play, in the stadium and in the dressing room area.

- 14.4 BFF may appoint a Referee Assessor to each 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' match to assess the performance of the referee, assistant referee and fourth official. The Referee Assessor shall make an official report to BFF (**See Appendix 4**). These assessments shall be used by BFF to determine referee appointments. Match Commissioner will be entitled to carry out the responsibilities of the Referee Assessor, if required.
- 14.5 BFF shall pay each referee, assistant referees and fourth official match fees. If a match is postponed, after the arrival of the referee and his assistants at the venue, a payment of 50% (fifty Percent) of the match fees shall be made.

15. Competition System

The format of the 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' is a Single Round-Robin league format. Each team shall play every other participating team once in the competition.

16. Technical Rules for the Competition

- 16.1 The winning team in a match shall be awarded 3 (three) points with the losing team receiving no point. If the match ends in a draw, each team shall receive 1 (one) point. The number of goals scored and conceded by each team shall also be recorded.
- 16.2 At the end of the League, the ranking of the teams shall be determined by:
- 16.2.1 The number of points won;
- 16.2.2 i) In situations where there is equality of points for 2 (two) teams for the champion position, there shall be play-off match to determine the position. Both the team concerned shall play one match. The team scoring the greater number of goals in the match will be regarded as winner. If both the teams score the same number of goals, extra time of two periods of 15 (fifteen) minutes each shall be played. The extra-time period is an integral part that match. Thus, if there is no result in the extra-time, kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Laws of the Game, shall be taken to determine the winner.
- ii) The play-off match will be organized within next 7 (seven) days of the last match of the league.
- iii) In situations where there is equality of points for more than 2 (two) teams for the champion position then the position of the concerned teams shall be determined by following steps:
- Greater number of points obtained in the league matches between the Teams concerned;

- Goal difference resulting from the league matches between the Teams concerned;
 - Greater number of goals scored in the league matches between the Teams concerned;
 - Goal difference in all the group matches;
 - Fewer score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the league matches (**According to Art 16.2.3 II**);
 - Toss of coin.
- 16.2.3 i) To determine all other positions of the league, goal difference (the total number of goals scored in all matches minus the total number of goals conceded) shall determine the ranking in case of equality of points;
- ii) Where there is equality in both the number of points and goal difference, the total number of goals scored shall determine ranking of the concerned teams.
- iii) If there is equality in the 3 (three) ranking criteria above for the teams concerned, then the positions of the concerned teams shall be determined by counting the number for the total yellow and red cards received (Yellow Card = 1 point, Two Yellow Cards = Red Card = 2 points, Direct Red Card = 3 points, Yellow Card + Direct Red Card = 4 points), the club gained the lowest number being at the top and the club gained the highest number being at the bottom.
- iv) If there is equality in all 4 (four) ranking criteria above for the teams concerned, then the positions of the concerned teams shall be determined by toss of coin.
- 16.3 All the matches of ‘BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22’ shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA. Bangladesh Football Federation reserves the right to exclude any club from each edition of the ‘BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22’ under any of the following situation:
- 16.3.1 If any club is found to have breached contract with the players, coaches and any other appointed officials.
- 16.3.2 If any club found to be in the fault of violation of any provisions / regulation of the ‘BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22’.
- 16.3.3 If any club is found to have not taken proper care of the visiting team with regard to security, training facilities, etc.
- 16.3.4 If any club is found to have violated the direction and instruction provided by BFF.
- 16.3.5 If any club is found giving walk-over in any match.

SECTION 3: ENTRIES FOR COMPETITION

17. Eligible Teams

The U-18 Men's Football Team of Participating Clubs shall be eligible to participate provided all other terms of these Regulations have been met.

18. Duties and Obligations

On entering the Competition, the Clubs shall automatically undertake:

- 18.1 Each club selected to participate in the competition shall pay an entry fee of BDT 10,000.00 (Ten thousand taka only) to BFF. The amount of such entry fee shall be determined annually by BFF or BFF Professional Football League Committee. The entry fee must be deposited to BFF as per the instruction of BFF.
- 18.2 To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition shall be settled by BFF in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of relevant BFF Committee(s):
 - 18.1.1 To field their strongest team throughout the Competition;
 - 18.1.2 To observe the principles of Fair Play;
 - 18.1.3 To be responsible for the behavior of their players, officials, Clubs, supporters and any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Competition from their arrival until their departure;
 - 18.1.4 To accept all the arrangements made by the BFF;
- 18.3 To attend and participate in all official activities and events such as Team Manager's Meeting, Press Conferences, Club Licensing Seminar/ Workshop, FIFA/ AFC Seminar/ Workshop, TMS Seminar/ Workshop, Conferences other Media & Marketing activities, etc. organized by BFF in accordance with guidelines and / or instructions in circulars issued by BFF regarding, in particular, Media access to Teams. Failure to attend the Team Managers' Meeting, Press Conference and other official function in the Competition will result in the Clubs being fined BDT 50,000 (fifty thousand taka only);
- 18.4 To accept the use and/or sub-license by BFF of any of the records, names and images of the Club (including its mark), players and officials, including any still and moving representation thereof, which must appear or be generated in connection with the Participation of the Participating Clubs and its Players and Officials in the Competition.
- 18.5 No change of kit colors is permitted during the competitions. The BFF shall decide on the kit color (jersey, shorts, and socks) to be worn for each Match on the basis of the equipment information submitted by each Participating Team prior to the Competition.
 - 18.5.1 Home Team shall be given priority to wear 'official' colors;

- 18.5.2 Away Team shall wear 'official' colors unless they clash with the 'official' colors of Home Team;
- 18.5.3 Away Team shall wear 'reserve' colors if its 'official' colors clash with the 'official' colors of Home Team;
- 18.5.4 Away Team shall wear a combination of 'official' and 'reserve' colors if it is necessary to avoid a clash with the 'official' colors of Home Team; and
- 18.5.5 Home Team and Away Team shall wear a combination of 'official' and 'reserve' colors if both the 'official' and 'reserve' colors of Away Team clash with the 'official' colors of Home team.
- 18.6 Participating Clubs shall not use, nor authorize the use of any jersey, symbol, emblem, logo, mark or designation which, in BFF's opinion, is similar to, or is a derivation or imitation, or copyright and intellectual property rights belongs to others.
- 18.7 Throughout the Competition and for each match to which he is registered, each player shall wear the same number allocated to him on the BFF Official Registration Form for Players from 1 ~ 99 submitted to BFF during the registration. The same player may not use different shirt numbers in different matches.

19. Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play and replacement

- 19.1 Participating Clubs shall play in all of their matches in the Competition.
- 19.2 Participating Clubs who will withdraw prior to, or are excluded from playing in the Competition, may be replaced by another Club. BFF Committee(s) concerned shall make the relevant decision, including a change in the Competition system and the Technical Rules for the Competition, if necessary.
- 19.3 If a Participating Club withdraws after entering the Competition, except in cases of Force Majeure recognized by the BFF Professional Football League Committee, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of the Match, or if the club fails to register minimum 20 (twenty) players the Participating Club shall:
 - 19.3.1 Be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition;
 - 19.3.2 Be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by the other Participating Clubs, the BFF and BFF's Commercial and TV partner(s). The amount of compensation will be determined by the BFF or the BFF Professional Football League Committee;
 - 19.3.3 Be disqualified from taking part in the next edition of the Competition;
 - 19.3.4 Be referred to the BFF Disciplinary Committee for additional sanctions and fines depending on the gravity of the situation, then to BFF Executive Committee for final decision;
 - 19.1.1 Return to the BFF any financial stipends that had been paid to them by BFF throughout the Competition or forfeit the right to the same;
 - 19.1.2 BFF Executive Committee may extend the suspension depending on the gravity of the situation and/or damages.

The BFF Professional League Management Committee shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of Force Majeure.

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

20 Size of Delegation Attending Matches

Each Participating club is entitled to an Official Delegation of a maximum of 30 (thirty) players and 9 (nine) officials who must be registered by the clubs as per Article 21-24, from them a maximum of 20 (twenty) players and a maximum of 7 (seven) officials of each team will be receiving full access to the official Competition areas including the field of play and other Controlled Accessed Areas in every match day.

21 Eligibility of players

21.1 A player is eligible to play in the Competition provided he fulfills all the following conditions:

21.1.1 It is mandatory that the player's were born between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2008

21.1.2 An 'Age Determination test' will be organized by BFF or BFF Professional Football League Committee. The 'Age Determination Test' shall judge the age of the player. For this process all the players should present physically to the hospital nominated by BFF or BFF Professional Football League Committee as per the date and time decided by BFF with Players Registration Form, Passport-size colored photo 2 (two) copies and Online Verified Birth Certificate. Regarding the age determination the decisions on the basis of the 'Age Determination Test' result is final and binding to all concerned, no appeal can be lodged against that decision.

21.1.3 The U-18 players who were already registered in 'Bangladesh Premier League 2021-22' are eligible to participate in the 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' in favor of their concerned club. It is mandatory for the concerned player to be eligible by the 'Age Determination Test' for the registration.

21.1.4 The U-18 players who were already registered 'Bangladesh Championship League 2021-22' may eligible to participate in the 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22'. But it is mandatory for the concerned player to be eligible by the 'Age Determination Test' for the registration. In addition the player shall submit the clearance from his last concerned club.

21.1.5 The U-18 players who are included in the final registration (35 Players) in 'Senior Division Football League 2021-22' and 'Second Division Football League 2021-22' are not eligible to participate in this competition. All the U-18 players out of the said final list of 'Senior Division Football League 2021-22' and 'Second Division Football League 2021-22' are eligible to participate in this competition by submitting clearance from their concern club with the mandatory 'Age Determination Test'.

- 21.1.6 The players who were already participated in ‘Pioneer (U-15) Football League 2021-22’ and it is mandatory that the players were born on or before 31 December 2008 are eligible to participate in this competition without any ‘Age Determination Test’ but they need to submit the copy of Accreditation Card which was provided by BFF.
- 21.2 A player is deemed ineligible if:
- 21.2.1 There is a violation of **Art. 21.1**;
 - 21.2.2 He is fielded despite being served a suspension;
 - 21.2.3 BFF finds that a document(s) submitted during registration is/are false.
- 21.3 For a player less than 18 (eighteen) years of age, the maximum duration of the contract shall be 3 (three) years. However, the contract must be signed by the concerned player at BFF House in presence of an Officer of BFF whenever a contract is more than 1 (one) year. For every player concerned club must need to submit the ‘Parental Consent Form’ (**Appendix 11**) along with the registration form.
- 21.4 In the event there is a dispute pertaining to the status of a player, the case will be referred to BFF Player Status Committee.

22 Registration of Players

- 22.1 Registration to determine a squad of a minimum of 20 (twenty) players and up to a maximum of 30 (thirty) players are mandatory;
- 22.2 Start List to identify the starting 11 (eleven) and up to 9 (nine) substitute players for each Match during the Competition.
- 22.3 Each club must submit a final player list with the supporting documents in accordance with Art. 22.4 by the deadline announced by BFF.
- 22.4 Mandatory documentations for the registration of players are, but not limited to, the following:
- Official Registration Form for players;
 - Passport-size colored photo 2 (two) copies (taken within 3 (three) months prior to the submission of the registration);
 - List of players in club letter head or as per the prescribed format of BFF.
 - Online verified Birth Certificate (Mandatory for Every Player)
 - Educational Certificate/ Passport copy (if any)
 - Clearance from last club (Where needed).
- 22.5 BFF reserves the right to request for additional documents than those stipulated in **Art 22.4** above.
- 22.6 If a Participating Club fails to register a minimum of 20 (twenty) players, the team will be considered to have withdrawn in accordance with **Art. 19.3**.
- 22.7 Before the expiry of existing contract with the club, the transfer of a local player’s registration from one club to another must be in writing on the official

transfer form (hereinafter known as the 'Local Transfer Certificate' or 'LTC'). This form is attached as **Appendix 7**. In such cases, BFF shall not re-register a player with a new club unless the registration form is accompanied by a valid LTC. The LTC shall be issued by the player's former club. Such transfer of a local player's registration can only occur during the Registration Window specified by BFF.

- 22.8 Throughout the every Stage of the competition each player shall wear the same number allocated to him on the BFF Official Registration Form for Players submitted to BFF during the registration window. Jersey number 1 shall be reserved for the Goalkeeper.
- 22.9 Participating Club must register a minimum of 3 (three) goalkeepers in their Registration for the players without any condition.
- 22.10 Each column in the BFF Official Registration Form for the Players must be completed with correct information.
- 22.11 Players with missing documentations will not be eligible for registration. All eligible players will be issued with official eligibility cards (Accreditation Card). Should the card have been misplaced, the teams shall be required to pay BDT 1,000.00 (One thousand taka only) as the production fee for every card lost, to replace it.
- 22.12 In case any Participating Club found guilty of violating **Art. 22.7**, the sanction will be pronounced in accordance with BFF Disciplinary Code.
- 22.13 Should the BFF Secretariat not receive the 'FINAL LIST of PLAYERS' with all required document by the deadline announced by BFF, the Participating Club shall be automatically disqualified from the Competition and be considered to have withdrawn in accordance with **Art. 19.3**.
- 22.14 It is responsibility of the clubs to ensure that all the supporting documents in accordance with **Art. 22** are sent in good time and reach BFF Secretariat in Dhaka before the deadline announced by BFF. Proof of submission is not proof of receipt.
- 22.15 If any discrepancy arises about the status of any player shall be dealt by the Player Status Committee of BFF and an appeal may be lodged according to the BFF statutes within 5 (five) days of the date of imposition of the original sanction against the decision of the Player Status Committee of BFF.
- 22.16 The maximum number of temporary transfers of registration (loan) allowed to any club in a season shall not exceed 3 (three).
- 22.17 Participating Clubs of 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' are not permitted to register any foreign player.
- 22.18 The following measures and penalty will be followed by the Player Status Committee of BFF if any player is found guilty of receiving money from more than 1 (one) club in order to play for them:
 - A time limit of 72 (seventy-two) hours will be given to the concerned player to amicably solve the issue with the concerned clubs failing which the player shall immediately be suspended for 1 (one) year.
 - The player will be eligible to take part in the Competition in case of resolving the matter amicably within the stipulated 72 (seventy-two) hours' time limit.

- If the player fails to amicably solve the issue, he will have to refund through BFF all the money taken from the concerned club(s) within 1 (one) week, the date of which will be started from the date of suspension of the concerned player.
- If the player fails to refund the money to the concerned club(s) within the 1 (one) week time limit he will be suspended for another 1 (one) year.

If any club is found guilty in any way for the above matter, disciplinary sanction shall be imposed to the concerned club(s) depending on the gravity of the offence

23 Match Starting List

- 23.1 Participating Clubs must mark the team Captain & Goalkeepers on the 'Player Selection List'. On match days, each club shall provide a team sheet, consisting of 'Officials on the Bench' list with the names of 7 (seven) officials (including team boy or masseur) who shall be entitled to sit on the bench and 'Player Selection List' with the names of 11 (eleven) players who will start the Match and other 9 (nine) players who are designated as to the BFF Match Commissioner at least 90 (ninety) minutes before the kick-off of the Match. The official 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' team sheet (**See Appendix 5**) must be used for this purpose.
- 23.2 After the 'Match Starting List' has been completed and signed by both teams and returned to the BFF Match Commissioner, and if the Match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions apply:
- 23.2.1 If any of the 11 (eleven) players listed on the Match Starting List selected to start the Match are not able to start the Match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the Match Starting List. During the Match, 5 (five) players may still be replaced;
- 23.2.2 The replaced players shall no longer be eligible to participate in the match.

24 Registration of Officials

For the registration of officials for the Competition, officials must be registered using the 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' – Official Registration Form for Officials (**See Appendix 10**).

- 24.1 Documentations for the registration of Officials are, but not limited to, the following (unless already previously submitted to BFF):
- Official Registration form for Officials;
 - Passport-size colored photo 2 Copies (taken within 3 months prior to the submission of the registration);
 - Copy of valid NID [mandatory for local officials who are above 20 (twenty) years old].
 - Copy of passport for foreign officials containing full name and number, date of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality (group passport will not be accepted);

- Copy of visa for foreign official(s) (containing the visa's date of issue and expiry.
 - Copy of Passport/Birth Certificate for the official(s) less than 20 (twenty) years of age;
 - Certificate/Qualifications based on his/her function:
 - Head Coach, Technical Director, Assistant Coach, Goalkeeper Coach and Fitness Coach/ Trainer: Individual's coaching certificate or coaching license according to BFF Club Licensing Regulations;
 - Doctor: Medical Qualification.
 - Physiotherapist: Chartered Physiotherapy Qualification.
- 24.2 Should the BFF not receive the proof of identity and copy of valid visa according to the **Art.24.1** along with the registration form by the stipulated deadline the Disciplinary Committee of BFF will take decision regarding the official's registration.
- 24.3 BFF has the right to ask further documentations for the clarification of the eligibility of the officials other than documentations listed in the (**Art. 24.1**).

SECTION 5: MEDIA

25 General Requirements

The Participating Clubs are encouraged to link the BFF website (www.bff.com.bd) to its own website respectively upon entry to the Competition.

26 Media

Where required, the BFF will be responsible for the production of media bibs for photographers, TV and ENG crews.

27. Media Access Areas

- 27.1 No representatives of the written press or radio journalists are allowed on the field of play or the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators.
- 27.2 Only those photographers who have the approval from BFF Media Wing, TV cameramen of the Host Broadcaster and the main visiting broadcaster and the personnel required to operate the electronic television cameras of the Host Broadcaster are allowed in the area between the boundaries of the field of play and the spectators, where they will carry out their work in the specific locations assigned to them.
- 27.3 The team dressing-rooms are strictly off limits to representatives of the Media before, during and after the Match.
- 27.4 Bangladesh Football Federation shall ensure the Host Broadcaster and all Broadcast Affiliates have free access to the Stadium from 2 (two) days prior to match day until 1 (one) day after the Match, in order to access the technical issues of each and to assemble and construct the relevant infrastructure required for the execution of the Broadcast Rights.
- 27.5 The BFF is responsible for ensuring that Broadcast Rights are protected and that no broadcaster and/or video or ENG camera crews are allowed access to the stadium without the prior written permission of BFF.

28 Training Session

All Training Sessions must be opened to the Media. Should the Participating Clubs wish to close its Training Session to the Media, it shall open for at least the first 15 (fifteen) minutes of the training.

29 Press Conferences

- 29.1 The Participating Clubs must attend the pre-match press conference, if any, to be conducted under the supervision of BFF Media Officer.
- 29.2 The Head Coach of each Participating Clubs is obliged to attend and participate in the Pre-Match/League Press Conference to be held at least 1 (one) day before the Match.

- 29.3 Both teams are obliged to ensure attendance of their Head Coach at Post-Match Press Conference after each match. The losing team will seat for the Post-Match Press Conference first and in case of draw situation the 'Team-A' will seat for the press conference first.
- 29.4 Interpretation of the coaches and players' language into Bengali during the interview with media and at the press conferences is the responsibility of each participating team.
- 29.5 Non-compliance with clauses **Art 25.1, 25.2 and 25.3** above will result in disciplinary action which may include a fine of a minimum of BDT 10,000 (Ten thousand taka only) and the Head Coach may be subject to a ban from the dressing room and/or the substitutes' bench.

30 Mixed Zone

Players and Officials of the Participating Clubs shall enter the Mixed Zone on their way from the team dressing room to the team bus after the Match.

31 Interviews

- 31.1 If requested by BFF, the Participating Clubs should have their Head Coach and 1 (one) player available for the day before each Match and/or on the Match day for an interview of up to 10 (ten) minutes, to be recorded by the main TV rights-holding or by BFF's official website (www.bff.com.bd).
- 31.2 Players and Officials of Participating Clubs are not permitted to give interviews during the Match on the field of play or in its immediate vicinity. However, the BFF Media Officer may designate an area between the substitutes' benches and dressing rooms in which "flash" interviews for the Host Television Broadcaster only can take place at the end of the Match. Players and Officials violating this Article will be subject to disciplinary measures.
- 31.3 If requested by BFF for the 'flash' interviews, the Head Coach and at least 1 (one) key player from both Participating Clubs must be available for at least the Host Broadcaster and the TV rights-holding broadcaster.
- 31.4 All interview locations should be assigned by BFF Media Officer.

SECTION 6: EQUIPMENT/KIT

32. Equipment Regulations

Each Participating Club is responsible for compliance with the AFC Equipment Regulations (as in www.the-afc.com) and any further applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and decisions issued by the BFF in relation to any Equipment.

- 32.1 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.
- 32.2 Any Kit that does not comply with these Regulations is strictly prohibited.
- 32.3 By no later than the deadlines stipulated by BFF, each Participating Club taking part in 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' must submit a Complete Sample Set of Official and Reserve Jersey to BFF. All samples must display a player number and player name.
- 32.4 Both the Official Kit and Reserve Kit shall be taken to every Match of the relevant Competition.
- 32.5 The colors of the Official Kit must be noticeably different from and contrasting to the colors 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 a Match Official.
- 32.6 The Equipment Regulations are in force from the time the Participating Club's Official Delegation arrive at a Controlled Access Areas until the time the Team's Official Delegation depart from such areas.

33. Numbers and Identifications



- 33.1 A number must appear on the back (centered) of all shirts used as Playing Equipment. The number must be between 25 cm (twenty-five centimeters) and 35 cm (thirty-five centimeters) in height, clearly legible and positioned in the center back of the shirt. The stroke width of the number must be between 3 cm (three centimeters) and 5 cm (five centimeters). The number must be entirely visible when the shirt is tucked into the shorts.
- 33.2 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 centimeters) and 15 cm (fifteen centimeters) in height, clearly legible and be the same color as the number on the back of the shirt.
- 33.3 The number must also appear on the front of the shorts positioned on either leg. The number must be between 10 cm (ten centimeters) and 15 cm (fifteen centimeters) in height and clearly legible.
- 33.4 Based on the principle of light and dark contrast of used colors and irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, the color used for any number appearing on Playing Equipment must be clearly legible and distinguishable from a distance for all Participating Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the colors used for the Playing Equipment. This distinction may be achieved by displaying the numbers on a single-colored 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 BFF, it is decided that the number appearing is clearly legible and distinguishable from a distance by all Participating Players, the Match Officials, spectators and media, from the colors used for the Equipment. A 'number zone' may be created on the front of the shirt.
- 33.5 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.
- 33.6 All types of identification may be printed, embroidered or sewn on as a badge and shall be attached permanently to the Playing Equipment. No types of identification may be attached with Velcro or other temporary means.
- 33.7 All types of identification must not interfere with other elements of the Playing Equipment identifying the Participating Player and must not obstruct the clear distinction of the Participating Players and the opposing team.

34. Player Names

- 34.1 Participating Players must be identified by their surname or popular name on the back of the shirt.
- 34.2 Participating Player names may appear on the back of a shirt used as Playing Equipment for all Matches in the Competitions organized by BFF.
- 34.3 In the event that a Participating Player name appears on the back of a shirt:
 - 34.3.1 the name must be positioned above the number on the back of the shirt;
 - 34.3.2 the letters shall be between 5cm (five centimeters) and 7.5cm (seven

and a half centimeters) in height and must be separated from the number by at least 4 cm (four centimeters). 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-colored patch or surrounded by a border or shadow outline;



34.3.3 the letters must be the same color as that of the number on the back of the shirt. They may not contain any Manufacturer Identification, advertising, design features or other elements.

34.3.4 the name must be clearly distinguishable from the color of the shirt. It must contrast (light on dark or vice versa) with the color of the shirt.

35. Sleeve Patches

Each Participating Club shall allow space on the sleeves of the player's uniform available (or such other part of the player uniform as BFF may determine) to affix to the relevant Match identifier in a form, manner and position to be determined by BFF as below:

- 'BFF U-18 Football League' sleeve patch on the right;
- BFF Logo sleeve patch on the left.

36. Sponsor Advertising

- 36.1 In the competition organized by BFF the Participating Clubs may engage in Sponsor Advertising only on the front of the shirt forming part of its Playing Equipment.
 - 36.1.1 This Sponsor Advertising may be displayed no more than once.
 - 36.1.2 No sponsor advertising is allowed on shorts and/or socks.
- 36.2 The total area used must not exceed 200 cm² (two hundred square centimeters).
- 36.3 The advertising surface may be placed on the front of the shirt either:
 - 43.3.1 horizontally, across the chest; or
 - 43.3.2 vertically, on the Right or Left, or in the center of the torso.
- 36.4 The height of the letters must not exceed 10 cm (ten centimeters). Participating Clubs may choose, at their own discretion, the script and color of then lettering. No Manufacturer Identification, Decorative Element, or other elements may be incorporated.
- 36.5 The following categories of Sponsor Advertising are prohibited in all Competitions organized by BFF:
 - 36.5.1 Tobacco;
 - 36.5.2 Gambling;
 - 36.5.3 Sponsor Advertising containing slogans of a political, religious or racial nature; or
 - 36.5.4 Sponsor advertising for causes that offend common decency.
- 36.6 Any bans or restrictions deriving from the legislation of Bangladesh or territory in which any Match is taking place shall also apply.

37. Electronic performance and tracking systems (EPTS)

Where wearable technology (WT) as part of electronic performance and tracking systems (EPTS) is used in match/es in a competition organized by BFF, concerned Club/Team must ensure that the technology attached to the players' equipment is not dangerous. BFF would like to emphasize that any device worn is at the risk and responsibility of the Participating Player and/or Participating Club/Team concerned. BFF recommends using Electronic Performance and Tracking Systems (EPTS) those meets the requirements for wearable EPTS under the FIFA Quality Program for EPTS.

SECTION 7: TICKETING

38 Policy

- 38.1 The entire ticketing system regulating ticket design, pricing policy, procedures and implementation shall be approved by BFF.
- 38.2 All tickets shall incorporate only those Logos and Marks of the Competition and the official Commercial Affiliates and Broadcast Affiliates as requested and/or agreed by BFF as parts of the ticket design.

39 Complimentary Tickets

BFF shall make available 50 (fifty) complimentary tickets in the gallery areas for each participating clubs of the particular match. BFF is entitled to include the provision of complimentary tickets in sponsorship and commercial contracts made on behalf of the 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22'.

SECTION 8: MEDICAL AND DOPING CONTROL

Bangladesh Football Federation will follow the regulations of local governments and recommendations / guidelines by FIFA, AFC and WHO as health is of prime importance.

The 'AFC Match Operations Protocol During COVID-19 Pandemic (Appendix 8: COVID-19)' (see appendix 9) is recommended by BFF to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

40 Medical Personnel

BFF shall provide, at its own cost, the following medical personnel on match day at the Stadium where the match is organized:

On-Pitch Medical Services:

- 1 (one) on pitch Medical Officer trained in Emergency Medicine.
- Maximum 8 (eight) trained stricture bearers in good physical condition.

41 Anti-Doping

- 41.1 Doping is prohibited. BFF shall inform the Participating Club by means of a circular of the doping control procedure. List of prohibited substances/methods can be downloaded from the AFC or WADA website (www.wada-ama.org).
- 41.2 The BFF shall be responsible for the approval of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited laboratory which will carry out the analysis of samples.
- 41.3 In doping-related matters, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations apply in

full. In the event of any discrepancy between the national regulations and the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the provisions set out in the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations shall prevail. The BFF Disciplinary Code and all relevant FIFA and AFC directives will as well apply to this Competition. The FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations can be downloaded from the following link:

<https://resources.fifa.com/image/upload/1724-revision-of-the-fifa-anti-doping-regulations.pdf?cloudid=fiurwplbdov861cgsbdi>.

SECTION 9: DISCIPLINARY LAWS AND PROCEDURES

42 Disciplinary Measures and Appeals

- 42.1 Disciplinary measures and appeals are dealt with in compliance with the current BFF Statutes, BFF Disciplinary Code and the relevant BFF circular(s).
- 42.2 BFF may initiate investigations should it suspect and/or is aware of any violations of the Laws of the Game and contravention of its Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Instructions and decisions by the Clubs, Officials and Players.
- 42.3 BFF may impose the disciplinary measures for any violations of the Laws of the Game and contravention of its Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Instructions and decisions by the Clubs, Officials and Players.
- 42.4 A club must not pay or offer any fee or remuneration to a referee or assistant referee nor shall it provide him with any gifts or incentives. Breach of this rule shall result in the offending club's expulsion from the 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' and it and its officials, coaches and players shall be liable to further sanctions to be determined by the Professional League Management Committee of BFF. Referees are obliged to bring any such approach to the immediate attention of BFF. Failure of a referee to report any such approach shall lead to his omission from the 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' panel of referees and to other disciplinary sanctions as appropriate.
- 42.5 Any referee who accepts any payment, inducement or gift from any Club at any time shall be expelled from the 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' panel of referees and be liable to further sanctions to be determined by BFF or BFF Professional Football League Committee.
- 42.6 Any club which plays an unregistered (or ineligible) player or players in a match shall be deducted 3 (three) points from its point table for each match in which this occurs and shall be deemed to have forfeited the league fixture by the score line of 3 (three) goals to 0 (zero). However, result will stand for the winning team if the match score is more than 3 (three) goals.
- 42.7 No club, its officials, coaches, players or supporters may approach a referee and attempt to influence him in refereeing a match. If any club, its officials, coaches, players or supporters are guilty of making such an approach, the club shall be punished and it and its officials, coaches, players or supporters shall be liable to further sanctions to be determined by BFF or BFF Professional Football League Committee.

43 Players and Officials Cautioned or Dismissed from the field of play

- 43.1 All clubs selected to participate in the ‘BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22’ shall honor the ethos of football and be committed to participate in the spirit of fair play.
- 43.2 BFF’s appointed Match Commissioner shall oversee the spirit of fair play at each ‘BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22’ match. The Match Commissioner shall make a report to BFF (**See Appendix 6**).
- 43.3 Any matters brought to the attention of the Disciplinary Committee of BFF by referees, match commissioners, referee assessors or BFF Professional Football League Committee, the Disciplinary Committee shall have the authority to impose the sanctions or take other actions it deems appropriate as per the BFF Disciplinary Code.
- 43.4 Any player, club, official or referee or any concerned who is affected by a decision passed by the Disciplinary Committee and has an interest justifying amendment or cancellation of such decision may submit an appeal to the Appeal Committee of BFF enclosing all supporting documents within 7 (seven) days of the date of imposition of the original sanction.
- Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal shall transfer an appeal fee of BDT 10,000 (ten thousand taka only) to BFF’s bank account before expiry of the time limit for submitting the reasons for appeal.
 - If this requirement has not been complied with, the appeal is not admissible.
 - This amount will be reimbursed to the appellant if he wins the case. Costs and expenses are payable by the party who loses the case.
 - If the appeal is considered to be improper, costs and expenses shall be paid in addition to the deposit.
- 43.5 An appeal may be lodged to the Appeal Committee of BFF against any decision passed by the Disciplinary Committee of BFF, unless the sanction pronounced is:
- a warning;
 - a reprimand;
 - a suspension for less than 3 (three) matches or of up to 2 (two) months;
 - a fine of less than BDT 50,000 (Fifty thousand taka only) imposed on a club or of less than BDT 25,000 (Twenty Five thousand taka only) in other cases.
 - decisions passed in compliance with **Article 64** of BFF Disciplinary code.
- BFF Appeal Committee shall take further decision as per the BFF Disciplinary Code.
- 43.6 BFF shall maintain a record of yellow and red cards awarded against each player and official.
- 43.6.1 A player who is sent-off (receives a red card) during a match (either a straight red card or two yellow cards) shall automatically be suspended for the next match. If the offence for which the red card is issued is of a

serious nature, the BFF Disciplinary Committee can increase the period of suspension.

- 43.6.2 A player who accumulates 3 (three) cautions (yellow cards) in 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' matches shall be suspended for the next match and the same 1 (one) match suspension will be applied after the subsequent 3 (three) cautions (yellow cards) of the player. A player who accumulates 9 (nine) cautions or 4 (four) direct red cards shall be required to appear before the BFF Disciplinary Committee to explain why his registration for the 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' should not be cancelled or any other sanction including fines. If a club accumulates 4 (four) or more yellow cards in a single match shall be fined for BDT 10,000 (ten thousand taka only).
- 43.6.3 If any club coach, player, or official is indulged in criticizing the BFF Official, BFF, BFF Professional Football League Committee, 'BFF U-18 Football League' a Match Commissioner, Referee Assessor, Referee, Referee's Assistant or a Fourth Official in public through media will tantamount to an offence followed by a sanction with maximum fine of BDT 50,000.00 (Fifty thousand taka only). Even BFF Disciplinary Committee can take other actions it deems appropriate as per the BFF Disciplinary Code.
- 43.6.4 BFF may impose any sanction it deems appropriate in response to incidents brought to its attention by the Match Commissioner and/or Referee.

44 Indiscipline or Violent Conduct by players and/or officials

- 44.1 Any player or official reported for indiscipline or violent conduct anywhere in the stadium including but not limited to the field of play, the changing rooms, at the Training Sites and in the hotels shall be dealt with by the relevant BFF Committees in accordance with these Regulations, the BFF Statutes and Disciplinary Code.
- 44.2 All players or club officers are completely forbidden to carry mobile phone or any electronic communication device or destructive items during the running of the game.
- 44.3 If the above mentioned **Art 40.2** is violated, the concerned club officer and player shall be subject to punishment and expel from the stadium. The breach of this regulation will directly result in Stadium Ban for 3 (three) matches of the official or player concerned. Depending on the gravity of the offence the Professional League Management Committee of BFF shall have the authority to impose any further sanctions or take other actions its deems appropriate.

45 Fixed Match

The following measures and penalty will be followed by the BFF for any fixed or got-up match:

- 45.1 A special high-power committee will be formed to identify the fixed match/matches. This committee can take necessary help from the law enforcement/intelligence agency.
- 45.2 BFF will make, as far as possible, the videography of all the matches.
- 45.3 The result and points of the identified fixed match will be forfeited/nullified and additional 6 (six) points will be deducted from the already earned points of the teams concerned. If the concerned club does not have sufficient points in that case these 6 (six) points shall be adjusted, if necessary, from the points earned by the concerned club in the next match(es) of the current league. Moreover, this clause would be applicable, if required, in the matches of the subsequent league.
- 45.4 Punishment, monetary and match suspension/stadium ban, shall be taken against the club, club official or player who is found to have been liable for any fixed match/matches. In addition, the concerned committee may refer the case to the BFF Disciplinary Committee for other actions it deems appropriate as per the BFF Disciplinary Code.
- 45.5 BFF shall follow the Action Plan of FIFA & AFC to combat Match Manipulation and as well as shall uphold the Recommendations and Regulations of FIFA & AFC concerning Fixed Match.
- 45.6 The decision of the BFF Disciplinary Committee concerning fixed-match is final and binding.

46 Protest

- 46.1 Subject to the following provisions, protests are objections of any kind to occurrences that have a direct effect on Matches organized in the Competition (state and marking of the pitch, accessory, match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations, footballs, etc.) and any matters related to the breach of these Regulations.
- 46.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall first be submitted in writing to the BFF Match Commissioner within 2 (two) hours of completion of the Match by the team concerned and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing to the BFF Secretariat accompanied by a fee of BDT 10,000.00 (Ten thousand taka only). The protest shall be addressed to the Chairman of the BFF Professional League Management Committee and the protest be disposed off within 48 (forty-eight) hours. The protest fee shall not be refunded if the protest is rejected. The plaintiff club shall confirm the protest by registered letter, to be sent to the BFF Secretariat no later than 2 (two) days after the Match in question.
- 46.3 Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a Match shall be made to the Referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the BFF Match Commissioner by the head of the team delegation no later than 2 (two) hours after the Match.
- 46.4 No protests may be made against the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.
- 46.5 If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine and the protest fee of BDT 10,000.00 (Ten thousand taka only) will be forfeited.
- 46.6 Once the Competition has ended, any protests described in this article shall be disregarded.

47 Arbitration

- 47.1 Pursuant to BFF Statutes, clubs are forbidden from taking disputes to a civil court but may only submit them to the appropriate body of BFF in accordance with the applicable procedure.
- 47.2 Furthermore, any disputes involving BFF, Clubs, confederations, leagues, teams, players, officials and licensed agents in connection with the Competition shall be promptly settled by negotiation.

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

SECTION 10: ADMINISTRATION

48 Awards

Champion and Runners-Up team shall be awarded the Championship and Runners-Up trophy and medals respectively. Besides this, Fair Play trophy will be awarded to the well-disciplined team of the league. In respect of the Fair Play Trophy, FIFA / AFC policies shall be followed. Moreover, trophy/crest/gift will be rewarded to the ‘most valuable player’, the ‘Highest Goal Scorer’ of the competition.

BFF shall provide monetary prizes to the Champion and Runners-Up teams of the ‘BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22’, the amount of the prize money shall declare during the Progression of the competition.

49 Prize Presentation Ceremony

49.1 Time and date of the prize presentation ceremony will be decided by BFF or the Professional League Management Committee of BFF.

49.2 The teams and individuals that qualify to receive the Awards, Trophy and Medals are required to attend the prize presentation ceremony. Teams may be represented by the Team’s Official Delegation subject to BFF’s prior approval.

50 Special Provisions

50.1 Any disputes arising from the application of these Regulations shall be settled by the jurisdiction of BFF and, if subsequently necessary and BFF’s decision is not final, by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

50.2 The BFF Professional League Management Committee shall issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the commencement of the Competition. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

51 Matters not provided for

Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of Force Majeure shall be decided by the BFF or Professional League Management Committee of BFF, whose decisions are final.



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Senior Vice-President &

Chairman Professional League Management Committee
Bangladesh Football Federation



Md. Abu Nayeem Shohag

General Secretary

Bangladesh Football Federation

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

As provided for in **Art. 16.2.3 II** of this Competition Regulation, the “Fewer score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the group Matches” will be calculated as follows:

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

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

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

Annexe 1, art. 1 of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players

Annexe 1, article 1

1. Clubs are obliged to release their registered players to the representative teams of the country for which the player is eligible to play on the basis of his nationality if they are called up by the association concerned. Any agreement between a player and a club to the contrary is prohibited.
2. The release of players under the terms of paragraph 1 of this article is mandatory for all international windows listed in the international match calendar (cf. paragraphs 3 and 4 below) as well as for the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup™, the FIFA Confederations Cup and the championships for “A” representative teams of the confederations, subject to the relevant association being a member of the organizing confederation.
3. After consultation with the relevant stakeholders, FIFA publishes the international match calendar for the period of four or eight years. It will include all international windows for the relevant period (cf. paragraph 4 below). Following the publication of the international match calendar only the final competitions of the FIFA World Cup™, the FIFA Confederations Cup and the championships for “A” representative teams of the confederations will be added.
4. An international window is defined as a period of nine days starting on a Monday morning and ending on Tuesday night the following week (subject to the temporary exceptions below), which is reserved for representative teams’ activities. During any international window a maximum of two matches may be played by each representative team (subject to the temporary exceptions below), irrespective of whether these matches are qualifying matches for an international tournament or friendlies. The pertinent matches can be scheduled any day as from Wednesday during the international window, provided that a minimum of two full calendar days are left between two matches (e.g. Thursday/Sunday or Saturday/Tuesday).
5. Representative teams shall play the two matches (subject to the temporary exceptions set out in paragraph 4 of this article) within an international window on the territory of the same confederation, with the only exception of intercontinental play-off matches. If at least one of the two matches is a friendly, they can be played in two different confederations only if the distance between the venues does not exceed a total of five flight hours, according to the official schedule of the airline, and two time-zones.
6. It is not compulsory to release players outside an international window or outside the final competitions (as per paragraph 2 above) included in the international match calendar. It is not compulsory to release the same player for more than one “A” representative team final competition per year. Exceptions to this rule can be established by the FIFA Council for the FIFA Confederations Cup only.

7. For international windows, players must be released and start the travel to join their representative team no later than Monday morning and must start the travel back to their club no later than the next Wednesday morning following the end of the international window, subject to the temporary exception below. For a final competition in the sense of paragraphs 2 and 3 above, players must be released and start the travel to their representative team no later than Monday morning the week preceding the week when the relevant final competition starts and must be released by the association in the morning of the day after the last match of their team in the tournament.

- i. During the international windows that have been extended in accordance with paragraph 4 (i), players must start the travel back to their club no later than the morning following the end of the international window.

8. The clubs and associations concerned may agree a longer period of release or different arrangements with regard to paragraph 7 above.

9. Players complying with a call-up from their association under the terms of this article shall resume duty with their clubs no later than 24 hours after the end of the period for which they had to be released. This period shall be extended to 48 hours if the representative teams' activities concerned took place in a different confederation to the one in which the player's club is registered. Clubs shall be informed in writing of a player's outbound and return schedule ten days before the start of the release period. Associations shall ensure that players are able to return to their clubs on time after the match.

10. If a player does not resume duty with his club by the deadline stipulated in this article, at explicit request, the FIFA Players' Status Committee shall decide that the next time the player is called up by his association the period of release shall be shortened as follows:

- a) international window: by two days
- b) final competition of an international tournament: by five days

11. Should an association repeatedly breach these provisions, the FIFA Players' Status Committee may decide:

- a) to further reduce the period of release;
- b) to ban the association from calling up a player(s) for subsequent representative teams' activities

Annexe 1, art. 3 par. 2 of the Regulations on the status and Transfer of Players

Annexe 1, article 3, par. 2

2. Associations wishing to call up a player must notify the player in writing at least 15 days before the first day of the international window (cf. Annexe 1, article 1 paragraph 4) in which the representative teams' activities for which he is required will take place. Associations wishing to call up a player for the final competition of an international tournament must notify the player in writing at least 15 days before the beginning of the relevant release period. The player's club shall also be informed in writing at the same time. Equally, associations are advised to copy the association of the clubs concerned into the summons. The club must confirm the release of the player within the following six days.

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REFeree's REPORT



Match NO

11

Team A		Team B	
Played in / Host City		Date	
Stadium		Time	
NUMBER OF SPECTATORS		Added HALF -TIME	Added Full-TIME
RESULT AFTER 90 MINUTES		IN FAVOUR OF	
HALF-TIME SCORE		IN FAVOUR OF	
RESULT IN EXTRA TIME (IF GIVEN)		IN FAVOUR OF	
RESULT AFTER PENALTIES (IF GIVEN)		IN FAVOUR OF	
REFEREE		NATIONALITY	
ASSISTANT REFEREE 1		NATIONALITY	
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2		NATIONALITY	
FOURTH OFFICIAL		NATIONALITY	

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Kicks from the penalty mark / X = goal / O = missed

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Kicks from the penalty mark / X = goal / O = missed

No									
X/O									

INDICATE WHETHER THE GOAL WAS SCORED AS A PENALTY (P) OR AN OWN GOAL (OG) - INDIQUER SI LE BUT A

Please note the following instructions concerning the exact timing of the different events:

Example: 1st half 47m 20s = 48+ / 2nd half 2m 20s = 48

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CONDITION OF THE PITCH AND EQUIPMENT						
WHICH DESIGNATION APPEARED ON THE BALL?	<input type="checkbox"/> FIFA APPROVED	KICK -OFF TIME	THE MATCH STARTED ON	YES / NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FIFA INSPECTED					
	<input type="checkbox"/> INTERNATIONAL MATCHBALLS STANDART					
	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE					

Other Comments:

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Team A				
Cautions				
Shirt No	Player	Min	Offence Type	Reason

Team B				
Cautions				
Shirt No	Player	Min	Offence Type	Reason

Expulsions					Expulsions				
Shirt No	Player	Min	Offence Type	Reason	Shirt No	Player	Min	Offence Type	Reason

INCIDENTS CAUSED BY PLAYERS OR OFFICIALS*	

*e.g. circumstances of red cards, racist behaviour, unsporting behaviour, violence towards persons or objects, insulting people, provocation, etc.

INCIDENTS CAUSED BY SPECTATORS*	

*e.g. racist behaviour, throwing missiles, displaying insulting slogans, pitch invasion, incendiary devices, violence towards persons or objects etc.

OTHER INCIDENTS BEFORE OR AFTER THE MATCH	

DATE	NAME	SIGNATURE OF REFEREE

TEAM A	TEAM A
Played in / Host City	DATE
STADIUM	TIME
RESULT	IN FAVOUR

•	Incidents related to players and officials (for example circumstances of the red cards, racist behaviour, etc).
•	Incidents related to the spectators (for example racist behaviour, violence towards persons or objects, letting off incendiary devices, invasion of the pitch, throwing missiles, displaying insulting slogans, uttering insulting words or sounds, etc).
•	Other incidents even if it occurred before or after the match or during half time.
Date:	
Name:	
Signature	

ABBREVIATIONS (cf. articles 46 and 47 FDC*)

A = unsporting behaviour such as minor foul play, dangerous play or holding on to an opponent's shirt or any part of his body;

B = showing dissent towards match officials by word or action (criticising decisions, protesting);

C = persistently infringing the Laws of the Game;

D = delaying the restart of play;

E = failing to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw in;

F = entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission;

G = leaving the field of play without the referee's permission;

H = serious foul play such as excessive or brute force;

I = violent conduct such as brutal or aggressive actions;

J = spitting at an opponent or any other person;

K = denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area);

L = denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opposing goal by committing an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick;

M = using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures;

N = receiving a second caution during the same match (cf. art. 17 par. 2).

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REFEREE ASSESSOR'S REPORT

1	REFEREE ASSESSOR'S NAME:		
	TEAM A	TEAM B	
	PLAYED IN (CITY - VILLE) / /		
	FINAL SCORE	IN FAVOUR OF	
	HALF-TIME SCORE	IN FAVOUR OF	
	REFEREE	NATIONALITY	
	ASSISTANT REFEREE1:	NATIONALITY	
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2:	NATIONALITY	
FOURTH OFFICIAL	NATIONALITY		
2	CORRECTNESS AND CONSISTENCY IN DECISION-TAKING		TOTAL 40 POINTS
	CORRECT AND CONSISTENT INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF THE LAWS AND SPIRIT OF THE LAWS.	30	
	APPLICATION OF THE ADVANTAGE LAW.	10	

3	CONTROL OF THE GAME						TOTAL 30 POINTS	
	CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS WHEN NECESSARY.						20	
	MANNER, ASSERTIVENESS, IMPARTIALITY, CLEAR SIGNALS AND DECISIONS.						10	
4	PHYSICAL FITNESS, MOVEMENT AND POSITIONING						TOTAL 20 POINTS	
	STAMINA, SPEED, ACCELERATION WHENEVER NECESSARY.						10	
	POSITIONING						10	
5	COOPERATION WITH THE ASSISTANT REFEREES						TOTAL 10 POINTS	
	EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK WITH ASSISTANT REFEREES.						5	
	QUICK OR SLOW REACTION TO ASSISTANT REFEREE'S SIGNALS.						5	
6	TOTAL NUMBER OF POINTS DIVIDED BY 10							
	DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY OF THE GAME		EASY		DIFFICULT		VERY DIFFICULT	

	SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT																			
7	EVALUATION OF THE ASSISTANT REFEREES																			
	ASSIST REF 1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	9	10	10
	COMMENTS:																			
	ASSIST REF 2	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	9	10	10
	COMMENTS:																			
8	COMMENTS ON FOURTH OFFICIAL																			
9	DATE										SIGNATURE OF THE REFEREE ASSESSOR									
THIS REPORT MUST BE FAXED TO THE FIFA SECRETARIAT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE MATCH.																				

Appendix 5

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Team Sheet

MATCH NO:

Team A:
Jersey Color:
Played at:
Date:

Team B:
Jersey Color:
Stadium:
Time:

Jsy.	Name	P	S	N
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19.				
20.				

Coach:

(Signature)

Jsy.	Name	P	S	N
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19.				
20.				

Coach:

(Signature)

Official in Charge

Referee	:	
Assistant Referee 1	:	
Assistant Referee 2	:	
Fourth Official	:	
Match Commissioner	:	

Use P/S/N to indicate the categories of each player

P: Player	S: Substitute	N = Not Eligible, Suspended, Injured or Not Selected
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Match Commissioner Signature: _____

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT



Match NO

11

Team A		Team B	
Played in / Host City		Date	
Stadium		Time	
NUMBER OF SPECTATORS			
RESULT		IN FAVOUR OF	
HALF-TIME SCORE		IN FAVOUR OF	
MATCH COMMISSIONER		NATIONALITY	
REFEREE		NATIONALITY	
ASSISTANT REFEREE 1		NATIONALITY	
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2		NATIONALITY	
FOURTH OFFICIAL		NATIONALITY	

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Example: 1st half 47m 20s = 48+ / 2nd half 2m 20s = 48

Team A					Team B				
Substitutions					Substitutions				
Shirt No	Out	Shirt No	In	Min	Shirt No	Out	Shirt No	In	Min

OBSERVATION OF THE ORGANISATION

GENERAL ORGANISATION	
CONDITION OF THE PITCH AND EQUIPMENT	
SECURITY SERVICES	
POLICE	
MEDICAL SERVICE	
MEDIA ORGANISATION	

Other Comments:

Team A				
Cautions				
Shirt No	Player	Min	Offence Type	Reason

Team B				
Cautions				
Shirt No	Player	Min	Offence Type	Reason

Expulsions					Expulsions				
Shirt No	Player	Min	Offence Type	Reason	Shirt No	Player	Min	Offence Type	Reason

INCIDENTS CAUSED BY PLAYERS OR OFFICIALS*	
*e.g. circumstances of red cards, racist behaviour, unsporting behaviour, violence towards persons or objects, insulting people, provocation, etc.	

INCIDENTS CAUSED BY SPECTATORS*	
*e.g. racist behaviour, throwing missiles, displaying insulting slogans, pitch invasion, incendiary devices, violence towards persons or objects etc.	
OTHER INCIDENTS BEFORE OR AFTER THE MATCH	

DATE	NAME	SIGNATURE OF MATCH COMMISSIONER

TEAM A	TEAM A
Played in / Host City	DATE
STADIUM	TIME
RESULT	IN FAVOUR
Comissioners	

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LOCAL TRANSFER CERTIFICATE

Issued By

In Favor of

We certify that in accordance with the rules, regulations and bye-laws of the BFF and/or the BFF U-18 Football League' governing the status and transfer of players,

(Name of Player)

formerly a member of

(Name of Club)

Having duly fulfilled his obligations towards his former Club, is free to pursue activities relating to association football and register with the new Club affiliated to the Bangladesh Football Federation and we as well have received the transfer money in full from theclub.

As From

Date _____

Signature of General Secretary

Issuing Club's Stamp

Name (in BLOCK letters)



AFC Match Operations Protocol During COVID-19 Pandemic (Edition 2021)



AFC MATCH OPERATIONS PROTOCOL DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

(EDITION 2021)

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PREAMBLE

This AFC Match Operations Protocol during COVID-19 Pandemic (“AFC MOP”) is a compilation of recommended operational guidelines and measures to be observed and applied by the AFC, Host Organisations, Participating Teams/Participating Clubs and all other relevant stakeholders in relation to the staging, organising and hosting of AFC Competitions and Matches (collectively the “Stakeholders” and each a “Stakeholder”) played during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as any and all persons affiliated to the Stakeholders and/or carrying out duties on their behalf (collectively the “Individuals” and each an “Individual”).

It is aimed at minimising the risk of COVID-19 by establishing standardised protocols with a focus on additional measures, which shall be applied to all Matches held in the context of the pandemic.

The document has been developed based on relevant protocols from FIFA, Football Confederations and Football Associations across the world as well as international health organisations. As the situation evolves, the AFC General Secretariat may further update this document as required and as advised by the AFC COVID-19 Advisory Expert Group, which shall be communicated to the relevant stakeholders accordingly.

For the purpose of this AFC MOP, all defined terms shall bear the same meaning as ascribed to them in the relevant Competition regulations and the AFC Competition Operations Manual (“Manual”), unless the context requires otherwise.

SECTION 1 | GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Scope of Application

This AFC MOP shall apply to all AFC football, futsal and beach soccer Competitions and Matches played during the COVID-19 pandemic, until such time as the AFC Executive Committee decides otherwise.

It shall be read in conjunction with the relevant Competition regulations, the Manual and all other protocols, directives, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by the AFC in connection with its Competitions and Matches. Where no provision of this AFC MOP is applicable, FIFA's Return to Football - International Match Protocol shall apply, where appropriate.

For the avoidance of doubt, where the relevant authorities of a host country have imposed additional and/or stricter requirements than those set out in this AFC MOP, such additional and/or stricter requirements shall prevail. Nothing in this AFC MOP shall affect any obligations arising from any applicable national laws, and the relevant Stakeholder or Individual (as appropriate) shall be solely responsible for complying with all applicable laws and protocols.

2. Preventative Measures

Each Stakeholder and Individual shall collectively ensure to implement the following preventative measures ("Preventative Measures") at all times, as recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and FIFA.

- **Hand hygiene:** provisions shall be in place for regular and thorough hand washing or hand sanitising with an alcohol-based rub.
- **Respiratory hygiene:** the AFC requires that all Individuals wear face masks covering the nose and mouth. The only exception to this requirement shall be:
 - Participating Players and Match Officials on the Field of Play during the Match (all Participating Players and Participating Officials on the team bench shall wear face masks);
 - Participating Players, Participating Officials and Match Officials during any warm-up (pre-Match or during the Match) or training;
 - commentators while commentating in designated positions, and;
 - presenters while presenting to the camera.

Unless otherwise approved in writing by the AFC, face masks must be clear and free from any visible marks, branding, insignia, statements, slogans, names or numbers, in accordance with the AFC Equipment Regulations. No religious or political message or image in any form, any offensive symbol or message is permitted.

- **Physical distancing:** a minimum distance of 1m (one metre) shall be maintained by all Individuals except for those listed above as exceptions to wearing face masks.

- **Cleaning and hygiene regimes:** all spaces and surfaces shall be regularly and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
- **Risk communication and awareness:** it is critical to ensure a clear risk communication strategy is in place, which ensures all Individuals understand and comply with the requirements set out in this document.
- **Monitoring and testing:** comprehensive protocols for self-monitoring, health checks and testing shall be put in place.
- **Defining and tracing contacts:** adequate records shall be maintained to enable contact tracing by the relevant authorities, whenever necessary.
- **Management of people with COVID-19, its symptoms and their contacts:** any Individual who develops symptoms, or is suspected of having contracted, or has been confirmed as having COVID-19, shall not enter any Controlled Access Area and be subject to the medical protocol of the relevant authorities.
- **Management responsibility and planning:** the Host Organisation shall be responsible for ensuring that the medical protocol set out by the relevant authorities of the host country and the AFC are fully adhered to.

Full details of the Preventative Measures are stipulated in Annexe B of [FIFA's Return to Football – International Match Protocol](#).



SECTION 2 | MEDICAL MEASURES

3. Health Monitoring Activities

From at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Match, all Individuals involved in the Match shall implement the following self-health monitoring activities:

- daily body-temperature screening;
- symptom check to assess any of the following:
 - fever;
 - dry cough;
 - tiredness;
 - aches and pains;
 - sore throat;
 - diarrhoea;
 - conjunctivitis;
 - headache;
 - loss of taste or smell, and;
 - skin rash, or discolouration of fingers or toes.

Participating Teams/Participating Clubs shall regularly monitor their Participating Players and Participating Officials through the respective medical personnel (e.g. Team Doctor or Team Medical Liaison Officer). All other Individuals should monitor themselves. It is strongly recommended to keep detailed evidence of the daily health monitoring activities (e.g. keeping “health-diaries”), in preparation for any enquiries and investigations by the relevant authorities.

Individuals who are unwell or are experiencing any of the symptoms listed above are urged to self-isolate and follow local health protocols set out by the relevant authorities of the country.

4. Testing Requirements

A robust testing regime is essential to effectively detect and isolate the relevant Individuals and prevent the spread of COVID-19. It is also critical to build psychological confidence within the Individuals involved in the Match by ensuring they are safeguarded within a “biomedical bubble”.

COVID-19 testing is mandatory for all Participating Players, Participating Officials, Match Officials and the AFC Delegation, in accordance with the requirements as below:

- the Polymerase Chain Reaction (“PCR Test”) for SARS-COV-2 shall be strictly used as the diagnostic testing procedure;
- testing shall be conducted no earlier than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the Individual's departure to the Venue and test results shall be submitted to the AFC before departure. Any exceptions due to existing medical protocols set out by the relevant authorities of the country shall be subject to the AFC's written approval;

- any Individual who has previously tested positive for COVID-19 shall provide such medical and other supporting documents as required by the AFC and the relevant authorities as evidence to prove their recovery, which shall be subject to the written approval of the AFC;
- Individuals shall be subject to additional COVID-19 testing upon arrival at the host country and throughout the duration of their stay in the host country, in accordance with the protocol set out by the relevant authorities of the host country, and;
- the AFC reserves the right to request additional documents in all cases.

For a PCR test to be considered valid by the AFC, the following information must be provided in the test results:

- Patient Information
 - Name of the individual (as in passport)
 - Gender, date of birth and age
 - Identification number (e.g. passport number, national ID)
- Specimen Information
 - Specimen type (e.g. Nasopharyngeal / Oropharyngeal)
 - Date and time of receipt of specimen
 - Date and time of reporting
 - Sample location collection
 - Details of the targeted genes (e.g. E, N, S, ORF1b)
- Laboratory Information
 - Laboratory name
 - Accreditation
 - Signature of authorised laboratory scientist (person responsible to verify the analysis of specimen)
 - The result must be in the laboratory letterhead.
- Details of the result, in any positive case, preferably with the Cycle Threshold (CT) value. (e.g. E gene = positive [CT=33.32]; ORF1b gene=positive [CT= 28.23])

Test results are sensitive personal data and shall be dealt in accordance with the directives of the relevant authorities of the country.

Responsibilities of the Host Organisation

Host Organisations shall be responsible to ensure all other Individuals involved in the Match (e.g. drivers, on-pitch medical staff, hotel staff, etc) are tested in accordance with the above requirements, with special focus on those in close contact with the Participating Players, Participating Officials, Match Officials and the AFC Delegation. In principle, only those who have been tested negative shall be allowed to access a Controlled Access Area.

Host Organisations, in consultation with the relevant authorities of the host country, shall establish a comprehensive testing regime for all the Individuals involved in the Match to ensure all Matches are played in a safe environment. They are required to organise tests for Participating Players, Participating Officials, Match Officials and AFC Delegation upon their arrival at the host country. In addition to the test upon arrival, periodic regular tests shall be conducted throughout the duration of the Competition, as follows.

Recommended Testing Schedule

MD-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating Players and Participating Officials 	To alleviate false positive and negative results and assist for clinical assessment and mitigate possible spread of infection during training and prior travel.
Before Departure to the Venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating Players and Participating Officials Match Officials AFC Delegation 	Within 72 hours prior to departure (mandatory)
Upon Arrival at the Venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating Players and Participating Officials Match Officials AFC Delegation 	Host Organisations shall arrange tests upon arrival at the airport or at the official hotel.
MD-6 or MD-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host Organisation staff third-party service providers (e.g. drivers, hotel staff, cleaners) any other Individual involved in the Match 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host Organisations shall conduct testing before deployment of local personnel on MD-6 to alleviate false positive and negative results. A second testing to be conducted at least 2 to 3 days prior to the Match
Inconclusive Test Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any relevant Individual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An individual whose result is inconclusive shall be re-tested immediately. In case the second test is still inconclusive, it shall be considered as negative, subject to monitoring for any symptoms for decision-making.
Regular Periodic Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating Players and Participating Officials Match Officials AFC Delegation Host Organisation staff third-party service providers (e.g. drivers, hotel staff, cleaners) any other Individual involved in the Match 	Subsequent routine test to be conducted during the duration of the Competition, subject to the epidemiology of the infection, protocol and guidelines of the relevant authorities of the host country, the AFC and the recommendations of the AFC Covid-19 Advisory Expert Group.
Testing for Positive Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any relevant Individual 	Subject to the guidelines and protocols from the relevant authorities of the host country on management of positive cases.

Post Competition Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating Players and Participating Officials • Match Officials • AFC Delegation 	Testing shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements set out by the relevant authorities (e.g. home country, airlines).
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Host Organisations are required to designate competent laboratory facilities that can carry out the PCR analyses, which shall be duly accredited by the relevant authorities of the host country. The laboratories shall be able to deliver the test results in a timely manner, preferably within twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) hours after each test. Trained and qualified personnel shall perform the PCR Tests (nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal) and serology tests as deemed necessary. Host Organisations shall provide the AFC with the details of the relevant laboratory facilities, for its approval.

5. Management of Positive Cases

Generally, in cases where Individuals test positive, they should isolate immediately and report to the relevant authorities of the country they are in, to be dealt in compliance with the laws and protocols in place.

In addition to the above, Individuals who are considered as contacts, as identified by the relevant authorities of the host country, may also be required to isolate and report in accordance with the laws and protocols.

In any case, Individuals shall strictly comply with the laws and protocols set out by the relevant authorities.

SECTION 3 | MATCH OPERATIONS PROTOCOL

6. General Principles

In accordance with the Preventative Measures required under this AFC MOP, the following general principles shall be applied to every Individual, space and activity taking place at the Stadium:

- **Personnel planning:** only essential personnel confirmed by the AFC Match Commissioner should be deployed for work at the Stadium.
- **Screening:** all Individuals entering the Stadium shall be subject to a temperature check at the point of entry. Any Individual who develops symptoms, or is suspected of having contracted, or has been confirmed as having COVID-19, shall not be permitted to enter the Stadium.
- **Zoning and access control:** Stadiums shall be divided into four (4) zones to avoid overcrowding and to prevent any uncontrolled contact between the Individuals.
- **Wearing face masks:** face masks covering the nose and mouth shall be worn by all Individuals with the exception of those listed in Article 2.
- **Cleaning and sanitising:** all spaces, surfaces and objects shall be cleaned regularly. Hand sanitisers shall be located in prominent areas throughout the Stadium.
- **Physical distancing:** a minimum physical distance of 1m (one metre) shall be maintained by all Individuals with the exception of Participating Players and Match Officials on the Field of Play during the Match and Participating Players, Participating Officials and Match Officials during any warm-up (pre-Match or during the Match) or training.
- **Contact tracing:** records shall be maintained for the purpose of contact tracing, as required by the relevant authorities of the host country.

7. Stadium Zoning and Access Control

A clear zoning system and strict access controls protocols shall be put in place to minimise contact between the different groups of Stakeholders. At all times, the number of personnel within each zone should be kept to the absolute minimum required.

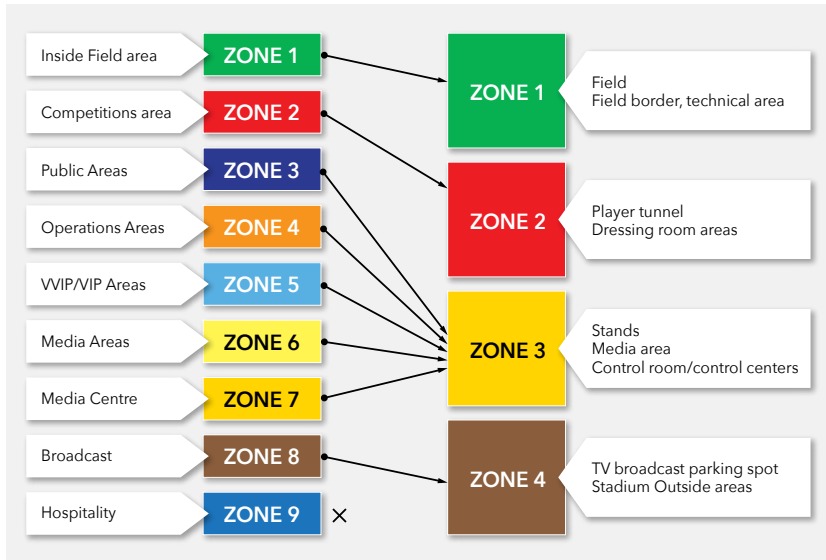
The Host Organisation shall be responsible for the configuration of the zones, taking into account the flow and capacity of the Stadium facilities. It shall also be responsible for establishing the maximum number of personnel allowed into each zone during each time, in consultation with the AFC Match Commissioner and the relevant authorities of the host country.

Security personnel appointed by the Host Organisation shall be responsible for controlling access in each zone at the perimeter of each zone. Access boards and signages shall be sufficiently provided at each access control point to reduce the time taken and contact made with any security personnel. Preparation and set-up for access control operations must be completed prior to the first (earliest) arrival of the officials involved in the Match. For all

entrances, the Host Organisation shall set up measures for temperature checks and identify an isolation room/area nearby in case of any temperature measurement exceeding the threshold.

For Matches held during the COVID-19 pandemic, the following four (4) zones shall apply:

- Zone 1: Field of Play Area
- Zone 2: Official Area
- Zone 3: Stadium Internal Area
- Zone 4: Stadium External Area



In principle, only those Individuals from the “biomedical bubble” shall be allowed to access Zone 1 and 2. Any exception to this principle shall be subject to the written approval of the AFC Match Commissioner.

Zoning is required on all days when the Participating Teams/Participating Clubs and Match Officials are on-site, especially on Match day (“MD”) and MD-1.

Example Personnel Planning for Zone 1: Field of Play Area

Group	Team Arrival	Kick-off	Full time	Team Depart
Players	0	22	22	0
Substitutes & Officials	0	32	32	0
LOC Staff	5	10	10	8
Referees	0	5	0	0
Ball Persons	0	6	0	0
HB	23	15	15	13
Medical/Doping	0	0	2	0
PHO	0	tbd	tbd	0
Stretchers	0	8	8	0
Hygiene Personnel	0	3	3	0
Groundsmen/Service Crew	16	0	0	16
Security	4	4	4	4
Commercial Partner	7	0	7	0

** Exact figures for each Match shall be produced by the Host Organisation and confirmed by the AFC Match Commissioner.*

Example Personnel Planning for Zone 2: Official Area

Group	Team Arrival	Kick-off	Full time	Team Depart
Players	22	0	4	4
Substitutes & Officials	32	0	4	4
LOC Staff	10	5	5	7
Referees	5	0	5	0
Ball Persons	6	0	6	0
HB	5	0	0	0
Medical/Doping	2	2	0	2
PHO	0	0	0	0
Stretchers	8	0	0	0
Hygiene Personnel	3	0	0	0
Groundsmen/Service Crew	0	0	0	0
Security	4	4	4	4
Commercial Partner	2	2	2	2

** Exact figures for each Match shall be produced by the Host Organisation and confirmed by the AFC Match Commissioner.*

Example Personnel Planning for Zone 3: Stadium Internal Area

Group	Team Arrival	Kick-off	Full time	Team Depart
Security	10	10	10	10
Stretchers	4	4	4	0
Police & Firefighters	6	6	6	0
Stadium Operators	5	5	5	5
LOC Staff	8	8	8	0
AFC Staff / Commercial Partner	10	10	10	10
Team guests	12	12	12	0
HB	26	19	19	16
Medical/Doping	2	2	0	0
Media (Journalists)	0	tbd	tbd	0
Video Analysts	4	4	4	4
Hygiene Personnel	5	5	5	8

** Exact figures for each Match shall be produced by the Host Organisation and confirmed by the AFC Match Commissioner.*

Example Personnel Planning for Zone 4: Stadium External Area

Group	Team Arrival	Kick-off	Full time	Team Depart
Security	50	50	50	20
HB	14	14	14	11
Groundsmen/Service Crew	16	16	16	0
Commercial Partner	2	2	2	2

** Exact figures for each Match shall be produced by the Host Organisation and confirmed by the AFC Match Commissioner.*

8. Match Coordination Meeting and Official Countdown

Match Coordination Meetings are recommended to take place online to minimise any unnecessary physical contact. However, physical meetings may take place if deemed necessary by the AFC Match Commissioner, provided that the meeting room is large enough to ensure physical distancing.

In addition to the standard agenda, extra attention should be paid to the special arrangements made in consideration of COVID-19. These arrangements shall include the timings of Stadium disinfection, set-up of thermal scanners at the entrances, sealing of dressing rooms, staggered

departure and arrival of Participating Teams/Participating Clubs, and be reflected in the Official Countdown accordingly.

Preventative Measures, as well as Stadium zoning and access control shall be in place in the same way as on Match days until the departure of all officials involved.

Additional meetings involving the medical personnel of each Stakeholder may also be arranged by the AFC or the Host Organisation, if necessary.

9. Submission and Distribution of Documents

Whenever possible, documents transmitted in relation to the Match (e.g. Player Selection List, Officials on the Substitution Bench Form and Match Start List) shall be submitted and distributed digitally.

Participating Teams/Participating Clubs are required to submit the original copy to the AFC Match Commissioner for the record, as instructed by the AFC Match Commissioner.

10. Disinfecting the Stadium



All spaces, surfaces and objects within the Stadium shall be disinfected regularly, in line with a formal hygiene and cleaning plan for the Stadium.

On Match days, the disinfection must take place early in the morning prior to the first (earliest) arrival of the officials involved in the Match. The Host Organisation shall communicate the schedule of the disinfection to the AFC Match Commissioner to ensure the timings are reflected in the Official Countdown for the relevant Match.

It is the responsibility of the Host Organisation to coordinate with the relevant authorities of the host country to ensure compliance with any protocol of the host country.

All costs related to disinfecting the Stadium shall be borne by the Host Organisation.

Dressing rooms shall be sealed with a signage or label (e.g. “disinfected area”) following the disinfection, only to be opened by the relevant Participating Team/Participating Club.

11. Arrival of Participating Teams/Participating Clubs and Match Officials

Participating Players, Participating Officials and Match Officials must wear face masks upon their arrival at the Stadium.

A separate time and drop-off area shall be arranged for the arrival of Participating Teams/ Participating Clubs and subsequently the Match Officials with a minimum gap of ten (10) minutes.

Implementation of different entry gates and different routes to the respective dressing rooms are recommended as much as possible (e.g. Team A and Team B enter the Stadium from different gates).

The Head Coach on arrival interview will be conducted by the Host Broadcaster while ensuring adequate physical distancing as well as using a dedicated microphone on stand for the Head Coach.



12. Dressing Rooms

Team Dressing Rooms

The use of the dressing rooms shall be minimised as much as possible.

Depending on the size of the dressing rooms, additional rooms adjacent to the existing dressing rooms shall be used as extended dressing rooms for teams to allow physical distancing. If used, these additional rooms must also be disinfected.

Any spa, sauna, wet room, jacuzzi, ice-bath or similar facility should not be used and, if possible, remain closed.

Once the disinfection of the team dressing rooms is completed, only members of the relevant Team Official Delegation may enter the dressing rooms, unless otherwise approved in writing by the AFC Match Commissioner.

Referee Dressing Rooms

The same requirements as established for the team dressing rooms shall be applied to the referee dressing rooms.

Once the disinfection of the referee dressing rooms is completed, only the relevant Match Officials may enter the dressing rooms, unless otherwise approved in writing by the AFC Match Commissioner.

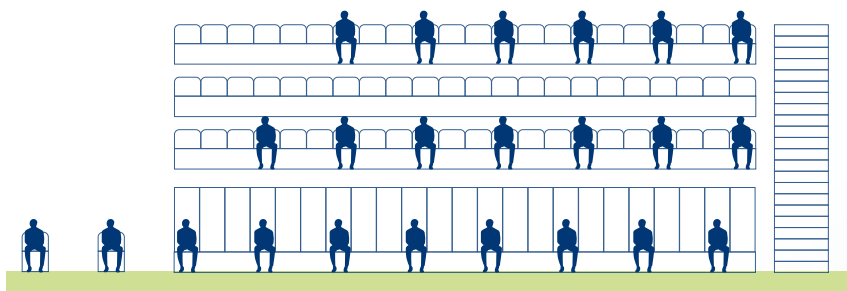
13. Team Benches, Technical Seats and Additional Seats



Physical distancing must be observed in the team benches and technical seats. For this purpose, additional seats may be required to extend the team benches (e.g. by providing additional seats next to the existing team benches or by utilising adjacent seats in the stands with direct access to the field area) to accommodate the number of Participating Players and Participating Officials who are allowed to sit on the team bench in accordance with the relevant Competition regulations.

Technical seats for any member of the Team Official Delegation who are not registered to sit on the team bench shall be provided in the stands adjacent to the team benches. These seats shall be segregated from any additional seats for the team bench and from any other seats in the stands, with separate access routes to ensure the members of the Team Official Delegation do not contact any Individual out of the “biomedical bubble”.

A strict access control protocol shall be in place for any additional seats for the team bench and technical seats.



14. Accreditation Card and Equipment Check

The Accreditation Card and Equipment check by the AFC Match Commissioner and Fourth Official shall be conducted in accordance with the Official Countdown, but not within the dressing rooms.

It shall be conducted at the dressing room entrance or any other designated area adjacent to the relevant team dressing room, in compliance with physical distancing.

15. Pre-Match Warm-up

The pre-Match warm-up timings shall be maintained as per standard practice in accordance with the Official Countdown of the relevant Match.

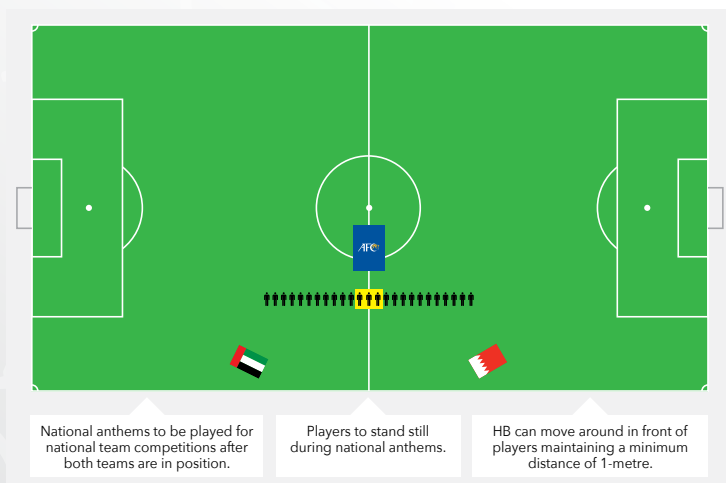
If the Stadium structure allows, Participating Teams/Participating Clubs and Match Officials shall remain segregated when entering and leaving the Field of Play.

16. Pre-Match Ceremony

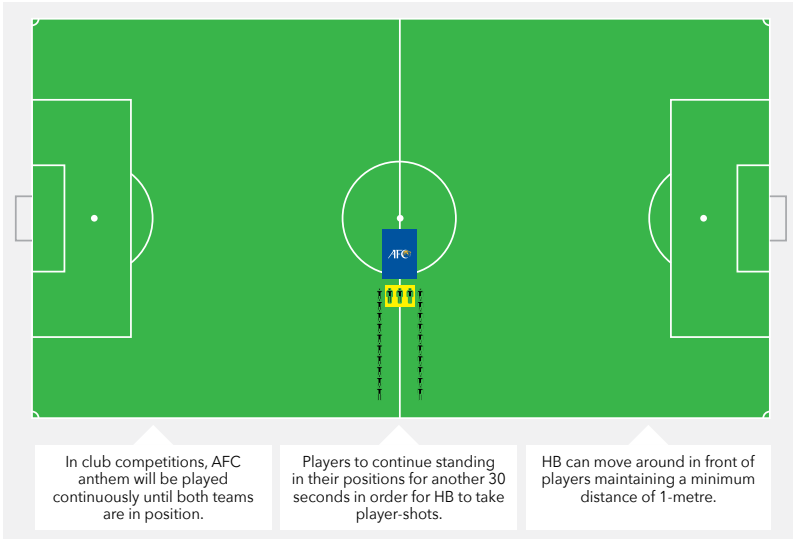
The standard procedure shall be maintained with the following adjustments in consideration of the Preventative Measures:

- all flags (e.g. national flags and AFC flags) shall be carried by adults rather than minors and enter the Field of Play in advance of the Participating Players' tunnel line-up, to avoid any mixing in the tunnel;
- strict physical distancing shall be maintained during the tunnel line-up and final equipment check;
- Host Broadcasters are allowed to film the tunnel line-up and Pre-Match Ceremony as usual procedure, with minimum personnel and physical distancing;
- player escorts, presentations by any third-parties or VIP handshakes shall not be allowed;
- the Referee and two (2) Assistant Referees shall lead the march-in, followed by the Participating Players. The fourth official and AFC General Coordinator (LOC General Coordinator for Matches played in a home and away format) shall follow the Participating Players;
- handshakes between the Participating Players and Match Officials shall be replaced with a clap of hands in the spirit of fair play;
- there shall be no joint photo between the two (2) Participating Teams/Participating Clubs and Match Officials. The exchange of pennants is also discouraged, and;
- only AFC official photographers shall be allowed to take team photos behind the photo marshals. Participating Teams/Participating Clubs may pose twice (once for the official photographer and once facing the A-boards) for the other photographers who shall be positioned behind the A-boards.

Final Position – National Team Competitions



Final Position – Club Competitions



17. Warm-Up During the Match

Option 1 (Preferred Option)

Depending on the space around the Field of Play, each Participating Team/Participating Club shall be allocated their own warm-up area behind each goal on the side closest to the team benches.



Option 2

If the space behind each goal does not permit, option 2 shall be applied and the warm-up shall be arranged next to each team bench (on the left side of Team A bench for team A, on the right side of Team B bench for team B).



18. Ball Persons

The decision to deploy minors as ball kids is the responsibility of the Host Organisation. However, the use of minors is discouraged, in consideration of the pandemic.

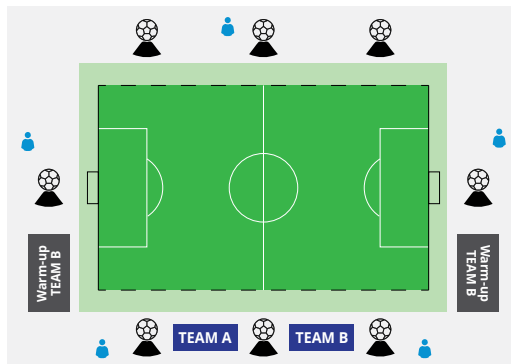
A maximum of six (6) ball persons are recommended to be deployed and trained to cover the area allocated for them. They shall wear face masks at all times and be provided with sanitisers to regularly disinfect the balls.

The Host Organisation shall implement either one of the following options:



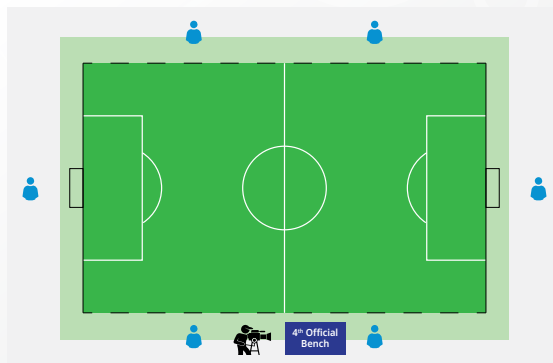
Option 1 (Preferred Option): disinfected balls positioned on cones around the Field of Play

Three (3) to six (6) ball persons shall collect and disinfect the balls out of play and place them on the cones. Participating Players will self-serve the balls from the cones, as necessary.



Option 2: standard procedure with disinfection

Six (6) ball persons shall collect and disinfect the balls out of play and keep them ready at their feet, without handling the balls until needed.



19. Substitutions

In order to avoid unnecessary contact in connection with a substitution and to accommodate the increased number of substitutions allowed in Matches held under the temporary amendments to the Laws of the Game, it is strongly recommended that at least two (2) or more substitution boards are available at the fourth official bench.

20. Medical/Therapeutic Treatments

As far as reasonably practicable, the use of treatments shall be limited to the minimum required to avoid unnecessary contact with the Participating Players.

The following measures are recommended for treatments:

- appropriate personal protective equipment (“PPE”) shall be worn by the medical personnel, including a face mask, disposable gloves, and, if deemed necessary, additional items such as disposable plastic aprons or goggles, and
- any disposable equipment shall be changed after each treatment.

21. Half-Time

If the Stadium structure allows, Participating Teams/Participating Clubs and Match Officials shall remain segregated when leaving and entering the Field of Play.

Participating Teams/Participating Clubs and Match Officials shall avoid contact with others and enter their respective dressing rooms directly from the Field of Play.

Participating Players and Match Officials are not required to enter the Field of Play for the second half together and shall enter the Field of Play directly from their respective dressing rooms for the second half. Close communication and team gatherings (e.g. team scrums in a circle) before kick-off shall be avoided.

22. Post-Match Activities

Participating Teams/Participating Clubs and Match Officials shall leave the Field of Play as soon as possible. Any post-match handshakes, gatherings, or swapping of shirts with other Participating Players or Match Officials shall be avoided.

Participating Teams/Participating Clubs are required to attend the post-Match Media activities as outlined in Section 5 and in accordance with the relevant Competition regulations.

The length of stay in the relevant dressing rooms after the Match shall be minimised. Cool-downs after the Match shall also be limited, subject to the AFC Match Commissioner’s approval.

No dressing room visits from guests shall be allowed after the Match.

Depending on the facilities, a second doping control room may be required to allow physical distancing between the players of each team. Any changes to the anti-doping procedures must be in compliance with the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations.

Departure of the Participating Teams/Participating Clubs and Match Officials shall be separated and staggered in time to ensure physical distancing.

23. Recommendation to Participating Teams/Participating Clubs

Participating Players and Participating Officials must keep in mind that they are role models for their friends, families and fans watching them across the continent. Extra attention will be focused on their behaviour for the Matches held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, the Participating Players and Participating Officials must focus on setting good examples at all times by observing the Preventative Measures as outlined in this AFC MOP and complying with any other medical protocol set out by the AFC and the Host Organisation.



SECTION 4 | HOSTING MATCHES

24. General Requirements for Host Organisations

Host Organisations shall be responsible for implementing the Preventative Measures and the protocols set out in this AFC MOP as well as any other protocols set out by the relevant authorities of the host country. Host Organisations are strongly recommended to engage in ongoing dialogue with the relevant authorities of the host country and, wherever possible, seek exemptions from/agreement on measures which may impact the hosting of Matches.

To this effect, Host Organisations shall:

- complete and submit the “Football-Specific Risk Assessment” to the AFC during the hosting process;
- appoint key personnel in charge of matters related to COVID-19 (e.g. the Medical Response Coordinator and Lead Hygiene Implementation Officer);
- establish a testing regime in consultation with the relevant authorities of the host country, for the Individuals involved in the Match;
- appoint and provide written confirmation from the local COVID-19 testing facilities that the required number of tests can be conducted in accordance with the requirements set out by the AFC;
- provide information on COVID-19 related matters in the host country by completing and distributing the “Match Preparation Information Sheet” (cf. Appendix 1) no later than fourteen (14) days before the relevant Match (or fourteen [14] days before the first Match in the host country for centralised Competitions);
- complete and submit the “COVID-19 Medical Preparedness and Response Plan” (cf. Appendix 2), and;
- no later than from fourteen (14) days prior to the Match, ensure all Individuals involved in the Match implement comprehensive health monitoring activities in accordance with Article 3.

Operational arrangements to be made by the Host Organisation to ensure all Individuals comply with the protocols set out include:

- ensuring face masks and hand sanitisers are readily available where needed;
- regularly disinfecting all facilities and equipment before and after use;
- ensuring all uniforms (e.g. bibs) used on-site are laundered before and after use and are not transferred between different personnel;
- providing signage and posters in key locations;
- clearly communicating new zones and associated timings;
- separating entry and exit routes for each Stakeholder to avoid unnecessary contact;
- including all new protocols on induction training and/or pre-Match briefings as required;
- providing a straightforward method for personnel to report COVID-19 symptoms or request information or advice;

- minimising catering within the Stadium and alternatively providing pre-packaged food and single-use bottles if required, and;
- providing sufficient sanitary facilities and areas for physical distancing to be enforced and pre-allocating these facilities.

25. Football-Specific Risk Assessment

Host Organisations shall use the football-specific risk assessment tool, which has been developed by FIFA and a group of other football bodies with support from the WHO, to address specific challenges related to hosting Matches during the COVID-19 pandemic. The football-specific risk assessment tool will be reviewed and updated regularly as the pandemic evolves and is therefore required to be downloaded by using the following [link](#).

Host Organisations shall be responsible for providing accurate answers to the risk assessment and mitigation checklist, in consultation with the relevant authorities of the host country. The completed football-specific risk assessment tools shall be submitted to the AFC as part of the hosting process.

26. Appointment of Additional Personnel

Host Organisations are required to appoint the following personnel to be responsible for key functions in relation to Matches hosted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Medical Response Coordinator

- has a medical background or is an employee within the medical department of the hosting Member Association;
- liaises with the appointed laboratories conducting the COVID-19 testing for the Match on all medical questions;
- prepares the COVID-19 Medical Preparedness and Response Plan and coordinates its implementation for the Match;
- coordinates risk communication planning, and;
- acts as the point of contact for Team Medical Liaison Officers in relation to the medical preparedness and response for the Match (e.g. testing regime in place).

Lead Hygiene Implementation Officer

- does not require medical background but with appropriate induction training into the role (should be separate from that of the Medical Response Coordinator);
- ensures the operational implementation of the protocols set out, including any COVID-19 testing, and arranges education/monitoring activities as required;
- ensures that arrangements are in place to test individuals in line with the requirements herein, monitors the return of results;
- acts as the point of contact for hygiene concerns for Controlled Access Areas and appointed Hygiene Implementation Officers of each Stakeholder, and;
- reports any matters for consideration regarding the organisation of the Match to the AFC Match Commissioner.

In addition to the above, Host Organisations are strongly encouraged to request for the appointment of additional Hygiene Implementation Officers from the Stakeholders they appoint (e.g. Stadiums, local service providers) to ensure the highest standard of implementation.

Appointed personnel are strongly encouraged to go through the following online training materials provided by WHO and FIFA:

- WHO Training Course: <https://openwho.org/channels/covid-19>
- FIFA Training Module: <https://covid-19-module.fifa.com/>

27. Workforce Management

It is strongly recommended that the number of working personnel at the Stadiums (and Official Training Sites) are kept to an absolute minimum, especially on MD-1 and Match days.

The total number of working personnel will be determined by:

- directives issued by the relevant local authorities;
- the size and configuration of the Stadium (and Official Training Site);
- the space available to conduct operations on the premises while maintaining strict physical distancing and hygiene regimes;
- operational restrictions arising from rezoning in accordance with the requirements stipulated in this AFC MOP, and;
- the additional number of personnel available to implement, monitor and control mandated physical distancing and hygiene regimes.

Host Organisations shall ensure that their appointed working personnel (including any service providers, suppliers and any other appointed third-parties) are aware of all the requirements and protocols which apply to them.

28. Logistical Arrangements

Airport Arrivals and Departures

Host Organisations shall liaise with the relevant authorities of the host country as well as the Participating Teams/Participating Clubs to ensure segregated arrival and departure procedures at airports to avoid unnecessary contact wherever possible. The following measures could be considered:

- use of dedicated arrival and departure gates and lounges;
- drop-off/pick-up of arriving Individuals directly at/from the aircraft;
- priority boarding/group boarding, and;
- dedicated fast-track passage through immigration, customs or security screening.

If possible, these arrangements shall be provided to the AFC Delegation as well.

Domestic Transportation

Host Organisations shall arrange domestic transportation for the Participating Teams/Participating Clubs and AFC Delegation in compliance with the relevant protocols in place.

Measures to be considered are:

- regular disinfection of vehicles before and after each use;
- larger or additional vehicles (e.g. second team bus) to be provided with clear instructions on seats to be used in consideration of physical distancing;
- dedicated vehicles and drivers for each Stakeholder for the duration of their stay in the host country, and;
- proactive health monitoring for drivers before and after their shift, accommodating drivers within the “biomedical bubble” wherever possible to avoid unnecessary contact.

Accommodation

Host Organisations shall ensure hotels providing accommodation for the Participating Teams/ Participating Clubs and AFC Delegation fully comply with all relevant protocols. Recommended practices are:

- regular disinfection of all spaces and surfaces before and after each use;
- face masks and hand sanitisers provided in every room and all other areas;
- exclusive use of facilities to be provided wherever possible, to avoid unnecessary contact with other hotel guests;
- each Individual to be provided a separate room;
- sufficient space for common areas (e.g. dining rooms, meeting rooms) to ensure physical distancing;
- adequate ventilation for all rooms;
- minimum interaction with hotel staff;
- laundry or any other personal equipment, which requires cleaning and/or disinfecting should be placed in individual single-use bags and handed to the responsible person, and;
- meals to be served to tables or by pick-up (not to be served in self-service or in buffet-style).

29. Official Training Sites

Host Organisations shall be responsible for ensuring that the Official Training Sites comply with all relevant protocols.

All spaces and surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after each use. Sufficient hand sanitisers should be provided for use by the Participating Teams/Participating Clubs.

Training sessions shall be closed to the media and public to avoid any unnecessary contact. A dedicated entry and exit route shall be provided to the Participating Players and Participating Officials, wherever possible.

Any spa, sauna, wet room, jacuzzi, ice-bath or similar facility should not be used and, if possible, remain closed.

Any personal equipment should be labelled and not be shared with others.

30. Return of Spectators



It is recommended that Matches played during the COVID-19 pandemic are played behind closed doors without spectators to protect the Stakeholders involved and avoid the spread of COVID-19.

However, Host Organisations may propose to host Matches with a limited number of spectators (restricted match) or with spectators in a full capacity (normal match), provided that it fully complies with the protocols set out by the relevant authorities of the host country. A comprehensive risk assessment should be undertaken in consultation with the relevant authorities and submitted to the AFC for its written approval to ensure that the Match can be played in a safe environment.

Matches without Spectators (Closed Match)

The following shall be considered for Matches without spectators:

- no spectator shall be permitted to enter the Stadium;
- a maximum of two (2) guests in the VIP tribune and a maximum of twenty-five (25) guests in the VIP tribune may be exceptionally allowed for the Participating Teams/ Participating Clubs, subject to the protocol set out by the relevant authorities of the host country. For the avoidance of doubt, dressing room visits shall not be allowed in any case;
- a clear communication plan shall be established to inform the fans that the relevant Match will be played behind closed doors. Information shall also be clearly displayed in all relevant facilities and areas (e.g. entrance gates, ticketing booths), with security personnel deployed outside the Stadium to disperse any crowd which may attempt to gather, and;
- the Host Organisation may play recorded audio (e.g. fans cheering, chants, goal celebrations) to create an atmosphere within the Stadium, which shall be subject to the prior written approval of the AFC Match Commissioner. Any recorded audio shall not bear any commercial, religious, political, or offensive message.

Matches with Limited Spectators (Restricted Match)

The following shall be considered for Matches with limited spectators:

- operational measures to ensure the implementation of Preventative Measures for the spectators;
- calculation of capacities for each space upon entry, circulation and exit of spectators;
- Ticketing plan and allocation of Tickets;
- spectator transport concept;
- external communication plan and signage;
- management of spectator movement within the Stadium and offering of spectator facilities (e.g. toilets and concourses);
- management of additional numbers of Match day personnel;
- medical plan, and;
- contingency and evacuation planning.

The return of spectators shall only be considered provided that it is permitted by the relevant authorities of the host country. The involvement of competent and experienced personnel to comprehensively plan and manage the arrangements for spectators is crucial.

The following operational measures are recommended for the delivery of any Match with limited spectators:

- allowing only selected spectators (e.g. members of the fan club, season ticket holders for league matches, etc) instead of public ticket sales;
- maximum number of spectators shall be less than 50% of the total sellable tickets with a recommended ratio of 30%. The allocation of Purchasable/Complimentary Tickets for the AFC, AFC Commercial Rights Partner and Participating Teams/Participating Clubs in accordance with the relevant Competition Regulations shall also be included when calculating the number of spectators;
- seats shall be spread throughout the Stadium in consideration of physical distancing, with seating information on the Tickets;
- the allocation of Tickets for the fans of the away team shall be discussed and agreed between two teams. The Host Organisation shall not reduce the ratio stipulated in the relevant Competition Regulations without any agreement, and;
- announcements shall be made regularly to control and maintain the distance between spectators.

Personnel involved are also recommended to complete the online [WHO COVID-19 Mass Gatherings Risk Assessment Training](#) to better prepare themselves.

The AFC may publish additional guidelines to support the planning process for Matches with spectators.

Matches with Full Spectators (Normal Match)

This scenario consists of a full return of spectators with the normal procedures and activities in place on and off the pitch, with no limitations.

However, it will still be required that the Host Organisation complies with the strictest hygiene and disinfection guidelines.

The continuation of the highest standards of hygiene measures should continue until the emergency health situation is declared to be completely over. Announcements should also be regularly made during Matches to continue the process of educating fans.

SECTION 5 | PARTICIPATING IN MATCHES

31. General Requirements for Participating Teams/Participating Clubs

Participating Teams/Participating Clubs shall be responsible for complying with the Preventative Measures and the protocols set out in this AFC MOP as well as any other protocols set out by the relevant authorities of the host country or any other countries between which they are travelling.

To this effect, Participating Teams/Participating Clubs shall:

- plan their flight itineraries in consideration of the protocols in place (e.g. COVID-19 testing, quarantine measures) and ensure the exact travel itinerary is duly informed to the AFC and the Host Organisation for necessary arrangements;
- no later than from fourteen (14) days prior to the Match, ensure all Individuals involved in the Match implement comprehensive health monitoring activities in accordance with Article 3;
- appoint key personnel in charge of matters related to COVID-19 (e.g. the Team Medical Liaison Officer and Team Hygiene Implementation Officer) and provide their contact details to the Host Organisation and the AFC;
- liaise with the Host Organisation and the relevant authorities of the host countries for all logistical matters (e.g. accommodation, domestic transportation, visa support, health provisions), and;
- submit the COVID-19 testing results and any other medical documentations as required by the AFC and relevant authorities of the Host Organisation.

Operational arrangements to be made by the Participating Teams/Participating Clubs to ensure all Individuals comply with the protocols set out include:

- providing hygienic materials to the members of the Team Official Delegation for use (e.g. face masks, hand sanitisers);
- ensuring all members of the Team Official Delegation fully comply with the Preventative Measures;
- wearing face masks at all times, except for the Participating Players on the Field of Play during the Match and the Participating Players and Participating Officials during any warm-up (pre-Match or during the Match) or training;
- regularly disinfecting all equipment before and after use;
- ensuring all uniforms (e.g. bibs) used on-site are laundered before and after use and are not transferred between different personnel;
- repeatedly informing and educating all new protocols during team meetings, and;
- establishing a clear process for personnel to report COVID-19 symptoms or request information or advice.

32. Appointment of Additional Personnel

Participating Teams/Participating Clubs are required to appoint the following personnel to be responsible for key functions in relation to their participation in Matches during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Team Medical Liaison Officer

- role should be carried out by one of the team's medical staff (e.g. Team Doctor, Physiotherapist) registered in the Team Official Delegation;
- ensures that the testing protocols set out by the AFC and Host Organisation are carried out, and;
- must ensure the test results and any other medical documents as required by the AFC and Host Organisation are submitted in a timely manner.

Team Hygiene Implementation Officer

- is a coordination/administrative role and may be carried out by an official with another function within the Team Official Delegation (e.g. Team Manager, Team Administrator);
- ensures implementation of Preventative Measures as defined in this document at all times, and;
- liaises with the AFC and Host Organisation to ensure necessary measures are in place in relation to COVID-19.

Appointed personnel are strongly encouraged to go through the following online training materials provided by WHO and FIFA:

- WHO Training Course: <https://openwho.org/channels/covid-19>
- FIFA Training Module: <https://covid-19-module.fifa.com/>

33. Return to Training Safety Considerations

Prior to any resumption of training activities, daily health monitoring activities (cf. Article 3) shall be implemented for all Participating Players and Participating Officials. It is strongly recommended that all Individuals involved are tested, as from a psychological perspective it is essential to convince the Participating Players that no case of COVID-19 is present within the team.

Additional measures shall be in place to maintain a safe training environment, such as:

- disinfecting all facilities and equipment before and after use;
- minimising any indoor activity;
- wearing face masks at all times except during the training session;
- avoiding unnecessary physical contact (e.g. handshakes, gathering)
- no sharing of personal equipment (e.g. water bottles, towels);
- avoid spitting and clearing of nasal/respiratory secretions on the pitch, and;
- educating each Individual of the Preventative Measures and all related protocols set out by the relevant authorities of the country.

Special attention is required for any Participating Player who has previously been tested positive. Any such Participating Player should undergo a full medical evaluation and assessment prior to returning to competitive sport such as:

- cardiac screening such as electrocardiogram (ECG), blood test for Troponin and C-Reactive Protein (CRP), Cardiac MRI – Echocardiogram depending on the severity of the past COVID-19 infection;
- kidney test (e.g. urinalysis, creatinine) should also be considered to evaluate kidney functions, and;
- if there is no cardiac concern, the player must proceed to graduated return to training with no high intensity training for one (1) week.

In all cases, the Participating Team/Participating Club shall be fully responsible for any such Participating Player's return to play and shall not hold the AFC or any Host Organisation liable for any medical complication that may develop due to the return of such Participating Player's return to competitive sport. The AFC may request the Participating Team/Participating Club or Participating Player to sign a declaration that the relevant player is fit to participate.

34. Pre-Competition Medical Assessment

Each Participating Team/Participating Club must ensure that their Participating Players undergo a Pre-Competition Medical Assessment ("PCMA") in accordance with the relevant Competition Regulations.

For Matches held during the COVID-19 pandemic, all PCMAs shall be conducted in line with the following:

- COVID-19 testing is mandatory and shall form an essential part of the PCMA;
- all Participating Players and Participating Officials must undergo COVID-19 testing no earlier than seventy-two (72) hours prior to their departure to the Venue, in accordance with the testing requirements set out in Article 4;
- Participating Players and Participating Officials who have tested positive for COVID-19 at any time prior to their departure shall provide such medical supporting documents as required by the AFC and the relevant authorities, as evidence to prove their recovery, and;
- the AFC reserves the right to request any additional documents in all cases.

35. Logistical Arrangements

International and Domestic Travel

The following precautions should be taken when travelling:

- ensure physical distancing is maintained at all times by pre-arranged seating plans and staggered timings for all activities;
- avoid shops, food outlets and all other areas during the travel to minimise unnecessary contact;
- coordinate with the travel service providers to ensure the members of the Team Official Delegation are separated from other guests as much as possible, and;
- wiping surfaces with antiseptic wipes before use.

If possible, these arrangements shall be provided to the AFC Delegation as well.

Accommodation

Recommended practices within the hotel accommodation are:

- early engagement with the hotel and Host Organisation to ensure necessary protocols are in place;
- each Individual to be provided a separate room;
- minimise interaction with others and spend time in their own rooms as much as possible;
- adequately ventilate all rooms;
- laundry or any other personal equipment should not be shared;
- meals to be served to tables or by pick-up (not to be served in self-service or in buffet-style), and;
- not to touch elevator buttons, handrails or door handles with the hand (using the elbow instead).

36. Match Day Requirements

Pre-Departure Temperature Checks

Temperature Checks of all Participating Players and Participating Officials shall be conducted prior to their departure to the Stadium as below:

- 1st check: 10:00hrs on Match day, and;
- 2nd check: prior to their departure from the hotel

Any temperature reading above 37.5°C (or the temperature threshold set out by the relevant authorities of the host country, whichever is lower) shall be reported to the AFC Match Commissioner.

Stadium Temperature Check

All Individuals shall be subjected to a temperature check prior to entering the Stadium.

Any temperature reading above 37.5°C (or the temperature threshold set out by the relevant authorities of the host country, whichever is lower) shall be subjected to a second temperature check which shall take place approximately ten (10) minutes after the first temperature check.

In case the second temperature reading is still higher than the temperature threshold, the relevant Individual shall be escorted to an isolation room/area and be referred to the AFC Medical Officer (or LOC Medical Officer in case the AFC Medical Officer is not present) who will make the decisions on any further action.

37. Training Sessions

Additional measures listed in Article 33 in relation to training sessions shall also be implemented in training sessions throughout the duration of the Competition.

Official Training at the Stadium

Participating Players shall arrive at the Stadium in their training kits and shower at the hotel instead of the Official Training Sites, whenever possible. The use of team dressing rooms will not be allowed, unless otherwise approved by the AFC Match Commissioner.

Training Sessions at the Official Training Sites

The use of dressing rooms or any indoor facilities should be minimised. Participating Players are strongly recommended to arrive at the Official Training Sites in their training kits and shower at the hotel instead of the Official Training Sites whenever possible. Any other activities, such as team meetings and gatherings should take place in the open air.

SECTION 6 | MEDIA & BROADCAST

38. General Requirements for Media and Broadcast Partners



Media and Broadcast Partners shall be responsible for implementing the Preventative Measures and the protocols set out in this AFC MOP as well as any other protocols set out by the relevant authorities of the host country or any other countries between which they are travelling.

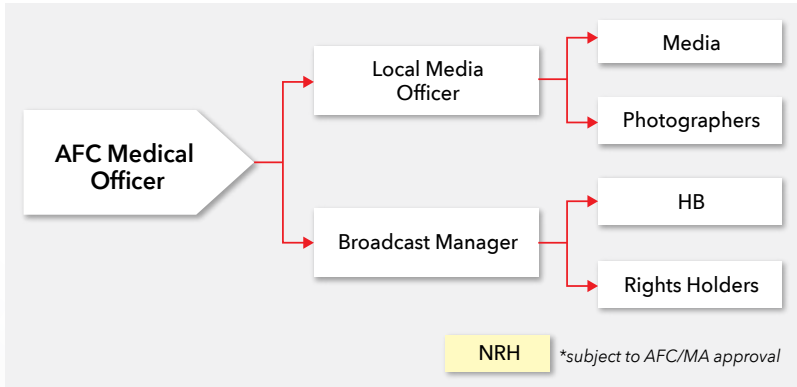
Operational arrangements to be made by the Media and Broadcast Partners to ensure all Individuals comply with the protocols set out include:

- deploying only essential personnel who shall fully comply with the Preventative Measures;
- providing hygienic materials to the members of the Team Official Delegation for use (e.g. face masks, hand sanitisers);
- wearing face masks at all times, except for the commentators while commentating in their designated positions and the presenters while presenting to the camera;
- regularly disinfecting all equipment before and after use;
- ensuring no personal equipment is shared (e.g. headsets, microphones) or transferred between different personnel, and;
- adequately ventilating any enclosed facilities for media and broadcast operations.

39. Points of Liaison

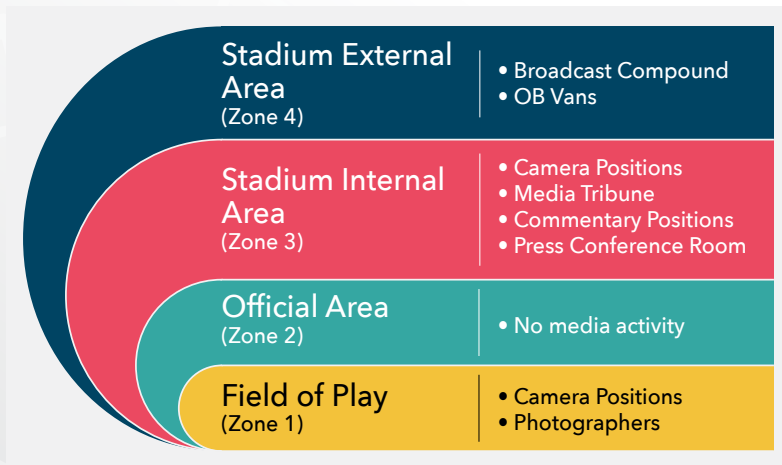
The Local Media Officer (LMO) and the Broadcast Manager (BM) are responsible for the planning and implementation of all Media and Broadcast activities.

The Venue Medical Officer or any other delegated person will also liaise with them and oversee the implementation of all hygiene measures.



40. Zoning

The Stadium will be divided into four (4) zones with the relevant media and broadcast activities to be held as follows:



41. Requisite Personnel for Each Area

Media & Broadcast Operations – Allowed Number of Personnel			
Media / Broadcast Area	Personnel Involved	Scenario	
		Timing	Suggested Numbers
Media Tribune	Media/NRH/RTV	1 Hour before Kick-Off	1 Person per 3 seats (Number to vary across stadiums)
Field of Play	PHO	1 Hour before Kick-Off	30 Persons (including Official PHO)
Field of Play	HB	From 10hrs before KO to KO – 23 Persons During Match – 15 Persons FT to FT + 2hrs – 13 Persons	
Stands	HB	From 10hrs before KO to KO – 26 Persons During Match – 19 Persons FT to FT + 2hrs – 16 Persons	
Stadium Perimeter	HB	From 10hrs before KO to KO – 14 Persons During Match – 14 Persons FT to FT + 2 hrs – 11 Persons	

42. Team Training

All training sessions, except for the Official Training of each Participating Team/Participating Club shall be closed to the Media.

43. MD-1 Media Activities

Standard MD-1 Media Activities such as press conferences and coverage of official training sessions may take place from the designated positions in compliance with the Preventative Measures and the protocols in place.

Stadium media centres will not be operational. If possible, it should be considered whether a fifteen (15) minute streaming of the training session can be provided, or if footage and photos can be disseminated post-training, to minimise the number of Media on-site. Further, opportunities for unmanned camera activities could be explored, as appropriate.

44. Match Day Media Activities

Entry and Access

In addition to the protocols set out in this AFC MOP, it shall be compulsory for the Media to sign the media register list before entering. Any Individual who refuses to sign will be denied entry to the Stadium.

The media entrance gate must be separate from those of any other Stakeholders. If this is not possible due to the Stadium layout, a barricade should be placed and the distance in between shall comply with the physical distancing requirements in place.

The production truck will remain inaccessible to unauthorised personnel not working in it.

In order to prevent congregating of any kind, no catering will be offered. The Stadium media centre will remain closed.

Before Kick-off

Media and broadcast personnel shall only utilise the designated access routes and avoid any queuing or crowding at any point. They must strictly be separated from the Participating Players, Participating Officials and Match Officials.

Only official photographers (as appointed by the AFC) and Host Broadcasters shall be allowed to be present at the designated areas near the team benches during the Pre-Match Ceremony. Other photographers and RTVs should be positioned behind the A-boards directly.

For Host Broadcasters and RTV:

- Head Coach on arrival interview is allowed, provided that physical distancing is maintained and dedicated microphones on stands are used for the Head Coach and interviewer. The microphone shall be disinfected before and after each use;
- team dressing room filming will be strictly prohibited for Matches during COVID-19;
- pre-Match presentations and pre-Match standups are allowed provided that physical distancing is maintained and dedicated microphones are used. The microphone(s) shall be disinfected before and after each use, and;
- allowed to film team line-ups and the Pre-Match Ceremonies.

During the Match

Seats for photographers and seats in the media tribune will be allocated and assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. They shall be positioned to comply with the physical distancing requirements in place. The extension of Media seats utilising adjacent spectators' seats may be considered in case the existing facilities cannot ensure the necessary protocols.

After the Match

Post-Match Press Conferences shall take place with the following arrangements:

- the press conference room shall be set up after taking into account strict physical distancing requirements with a limited number of pre-approved attendees;
- seats shall be positioned in such a way as to avoid cross-flows;
- the overall time spent in the press conference room shall be minimised as much as practicable;
- microphone stands/booms should be used instead of handheld microphones;
- microphones shall be disinfected before and after each use and the interviewee should not touch the microphone, and;
- personal recording devices shall not be placed on the podium.

Mixed zones will not be used for Matches during the COVID-19 pandemic.

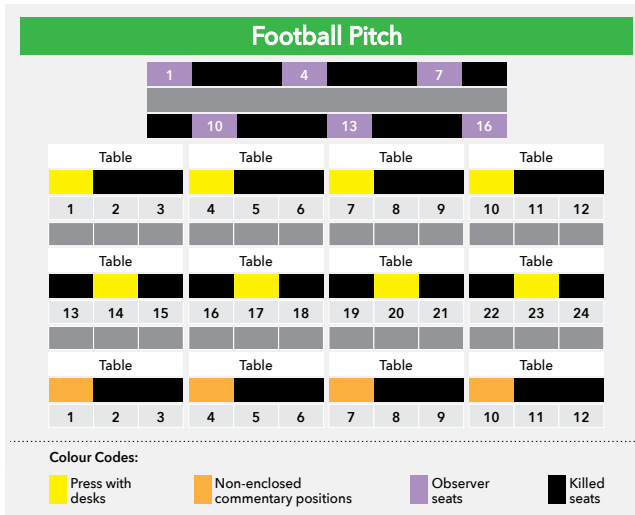
For Host Broadcasters and RTV:

- Flash interviews for the Head Coach and Participating Players shall be allowed outside the Field of Play, provided that physical distancing is maintained and dedicated microphones on stands are used. The microphone shall be disinfected before and after each use.

Media Activities – Summary

Section	Media Personnel	Media Activity	Availability	Remark
Before kick-off	HB	Players' bus drop off	Available	Secure at least 1m distance
		Dressing rooms	Not available	
		Head Coach flash interview	Available	Outside FOP (secure at least 1m distance)
	Photographer	Players' bus drop off/ entrance in to stadium	Available	Official PHO is allowed
	HB/RTV	pre-Match presentations and pre-Match standups	Available	Outside FOP (secure at least 1m distance)
During match	HB	Players' waiting in tunnel	Available	Secure at least 1m distance
	PHO	Line up, tossing coin, etc	Available	Secure at least 1m distance
Post-Match	HB/RTV	Head Coach & Players flash interview	Available	Outside FOP (secure at least 1m distance)
		post-Match presentations and post-Match standups	Available	Outside FOP (secure at least 1m distance)
	Press	Official press conference	Available	Briefing room (secure at least 1m distance)
		Mixed Zone	Not available	

45. Media Tribune Layout

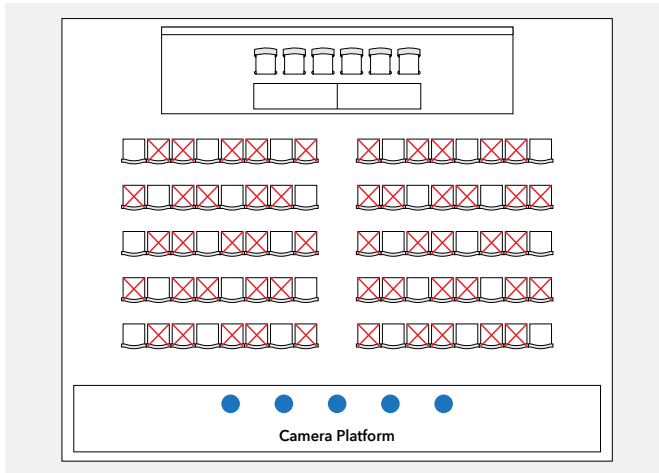


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46. PHO Seating Layout

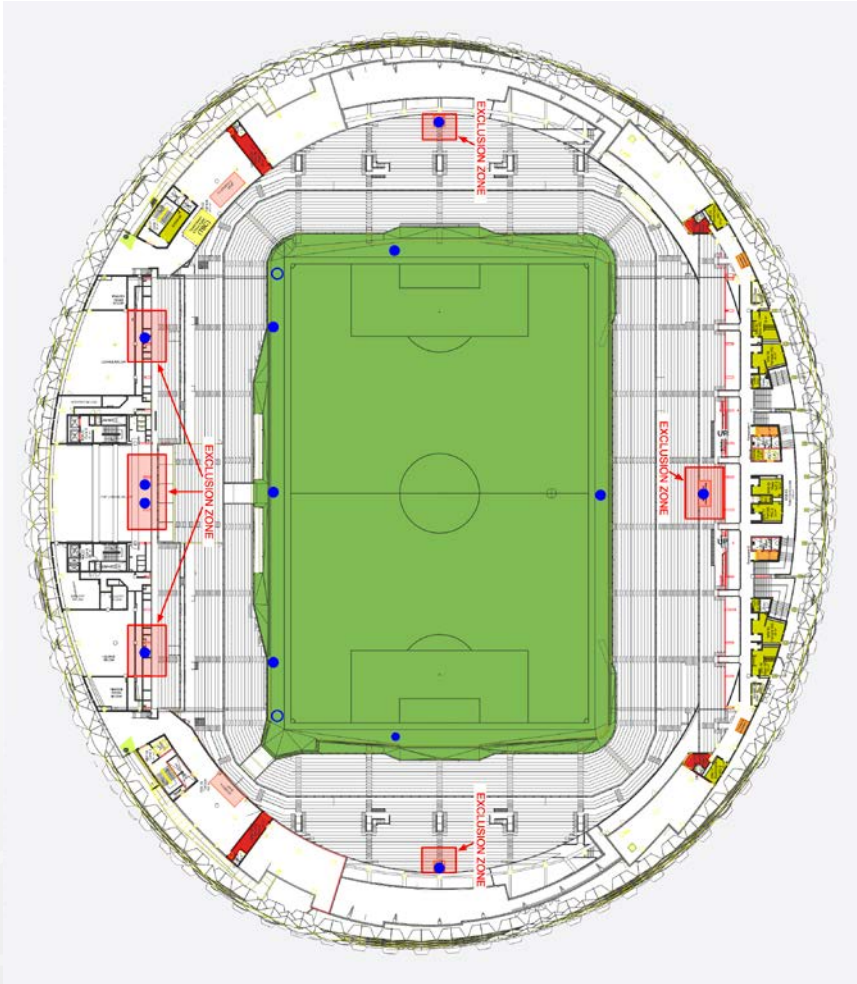


47. PC Room Layout



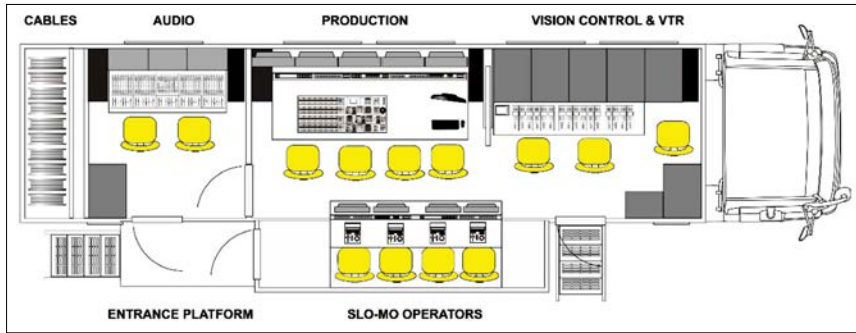
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48. Recommended Camera Plan

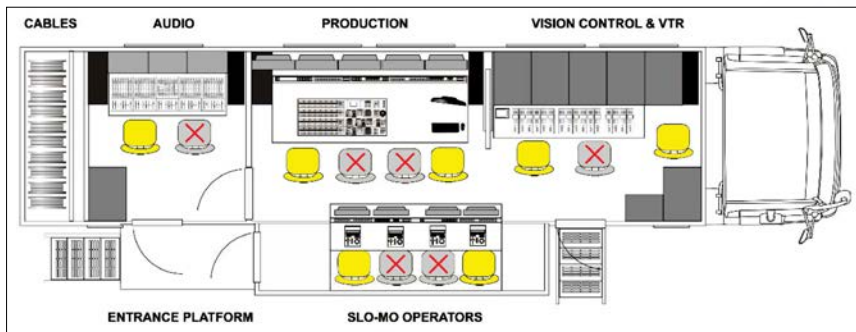


49. OB Van Layout

Usual Layout



Recommended Layout during COVID-19



APPENDIX 1 | TEMPLATE FOR MATCH PREPARATION INFORMATION SHEET

This information sheet should be carefully prepared by the Host Organisation, in consultation with the relevant authorities from the host country. The Host Organisation shall ensure to maintain a continuous dialogue with such authorities of the host country as well as all Stakeholders involved in the Match.

This document should be transmitted no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Match to the following Stakeholders:

- Participating Teams/Participating Clubs (both home and away);
- the AFC, and;
- any other Stakeholder (e.g. local service providers) appointed by the Host Organisation.

Part I - KEY CONTACTS	
Match Details Competition: Date: Home Team: Away Team: Name of Stadium:	
Version/Issue Number Date of Issue: Version of this document:	
KEY CONTACTS IN HOST VENUE	
Host Organisation Medical Response Coordinator Name: Mobile phone (incl. country code): Email address:	
Host Organisation Lead Hygiene Implementation Officer Name: Mobile phone (incl. country code): Email address:	
Stadium Hygiene Implementation Officer (if any) Name: Mobile phone (incl. country code): Email address:	

Appointed COVID-19 Testing Facility Name of facility: Name of main contact: Contact phone (incl. country code): Address: Website: Email address:	
EMERGENCY CONTACTS IN HOST VENUE	
Emergency doctor/medical contact Name: Mobile phone (incl. country code): Email address:	
Nearest hospital for emergencies Name of facility: Name of main contact: Contact phone (incl. country code): Address: Website: Email address:	
Quarantine/Isolation facilities Name of facility: Name of main contact: Contact phone (incl. country code): Address: Website: Email address:	
NATIONAL COVID-19 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	
Name of relevant competent authority (e.g. public health authority)	
Measures to take if an individual shows symptoms of COVID-19, as mandated by the relevant competent authority	
Measures to take if an individual tests positive for COVID-19, as mandated by the relevant competent authority	

Medical facilities equipped to receive individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and require medical assistance	
Other protocols mandated by the relevant competent authority (if any)	
Part II: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND PREVENTATIVE MEASURES	
Residual risk score and risk level as per the football-specific risk assessment	Risk score: Risk Level:
Overview of the current COVID-19 situation in the host country and host venue	
Relevant travel restrictions for travel to the host country or host venue	
Relevant movement restrictions in the host country or host venue	
Website (if applicable) of the local authority that provides the latest indication on restrictions	
COMPULSORY PROTOCOLS AT THE STADIUM OR OTHER OFFICIAL SITES	
Arrangements for arrival/ departure to the host country/ host venue	
Domestic Transportation arrangements	
Additional testing arrangements in the host venue (i.e. city)	
Arrangements for checking confirmation of test results	
Stadium: dressing room services (e.g. towels, catering, ice, sanitisers, if any)	
Stadium: relevant match protocols (e.g. zoning, warm-up, substitutes' benches)	
Any other relevant points	

APPENDIX 2 | COVID-19 MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN

A COVID-19 Medical Preparedness and Response Plan should be developed in coordination with all relevant authorities of the host country. This plan will play an essential part in the mitigation of risks identified using the football-specific risk assessment tool. The requirements detailed below can also be found in the mitigation checklist contained in the football-specific risk assessment tool.

The plan aims to set out actions to take in case of a medical contingency scenario occurring, and attributes clear roles and responsibilities as part of a multi-agency medical response.

The following constituent parts are to be reflected in this document:

- a description of the status of the current risk situation and local epidemiological situation;
- established screening measures (including temperature checks, screening for COVID-19 symptoms on arrival, health screening questionnaires, contact tracing, travel history questionnaires, etc) in place for Individuals entering a Controlled Access Area in relation to the Match;
- detailed COVID-19 Preventative Measures for all Controlled Access Areas;
- details of appointed suppliers of COVID-19 laboratory diagnostic tests or required certification levels, along with the testing regime for the Match;
- different scenarios of event modification, which have been developed regarding the status of the local and global epidemiological situation; the most likely scenarios are to be developed into contingency plans (e.g. additional travel and/or movement restrictions due to an increase in COVID-19 cases);
- a cooperation protocol/agreement with the relevant authorities of the host country with clear roles and responsibilities for COVID-19 case management, including testing, isolation/quarantine, medical care, and transportation for all Stakeholders;
- a procedure that clearly identifies how any Individual feeling unwell or displaying COVID-19 symptoms while at a Controlled Access Area should report;
- an agreed reporting protocol on who the Host Organisation or Participating Teams/ Participating Clubs should contact in the host country to report confirmed or suspected cases and request advice, testing and epidemiological investigations as required by the local public health authorities;
- a description of the first-aid and other event medical services on-site, their equipment, their roles and responsibilities;
- details of medical teams which are equipped to support Participating Players and other Individuals with acute respiratory symptoms;
- details of isolation rooms/spaces available on all Controlled Access Areas used for the Match;
- procedures in place to quickly isolate suspected/confirmed cases;
- details/locations of and access arrangements with designated medical facilities that can address severe respiratory disorders in patients with COVID-19 infection;
- details of arrangements in place with local public health/transportation services with trained professionals (ambulatory services) available to transport critically ill patients with a severe acute respiratory syndrome to a hospital;

- arrangement for movement of patients out of the country, including those who are asymptomatic, but have tested positive, and;
- protocols in place to notify all relevant Individuals of possible exposure to COVID-19 if there are any suspected or confirmed cases at an official site.

As a minimum, the COVID-19 Medical Preparedness and Response Plan should comply with the requirements set out in the AFC Match Operations Protocol during COVID-19 Pandemic. In case the requirements set out by the relevant authorities of the host country are stricter, those requirements shall prevail and the COVID-19 Medical Preparedness and Response Plan should cover the constituent parts accordingly.



Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.



Cough or sneeze into a tissue or flexed elbow, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching, your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



Maintain social distancing and stay at least 1 – 2 meters away from other people.



When sick, consult your health care provider and inform your team doctor.



Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects people frequently touch.



Wear a face mask when you are in crowded places and if you have respiratory symptoms.

**THE BEST WAY TO
PROTECT YOURSELF
FROM COVID-19**

HEALTH PROTOCOL RETURN TO TRAINING DURING THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

1 Before Training



- 1** Do a self-check (temperature and monitoring for other symptoms) to ensure you are well. If you are not well, do not go to training and instead inform your team doctor/health provider and seek advice.



- 2** Prepare your mask, hand sanitiser, wipes, tissues, and own water bottle.



- 3** Bring extra clothes for changing after training.



- 4** Upon arrival for training, team doctor should check player's temperature.



- 5** Education on infection control must be included in the pre-training briefing.



- 6** Team personnel to ensure equipment are rigorously cleaned and disinfected.

HEALTH PROTOCOL RETURN TO TRAINING DURING THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

2 During Training



- 1** Players should not share clothing, towels, bar soap or other personal items.



- 2** Avoid spitting and clearing of nasal/respiratory secretions on the pitch during training and play.



- 3** Players should not share water bottle. Strictly follow infection control measures (wash hands or use hand sanitiser, facial tissues, facial coverings, etc.).



- 4** Avoid touching door handles, railing & lift button, instead, use elbow and disinfect your hands when touching commonly touched areas.



- 5** No handshake, hugging, cheek to cheek, high five or any other physical contact. Greet with hello, nod or wave.

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3 After Training



- 1** Players should separate their dirty clothes in a disposable bag and use fresh clothes when leaving the training site.



- 2** Ensure all equipment are rigorously cleaned and disinfected after training. Proper disposal of used waste materials after training.



- 3** Use mask when leaving the training site to return home or place of stay. If you are staying at home, do not expose yourself to your family before cleaning and sanitising.



- 4** Disinfect all your training apparel (e.g. bag, shoes, gloves etc.) and wash clothes immediately.



- 5** Take a shower, clean oneself from head to toe.



- 6** Eat balanced diet and sleep 8 – 10 hours to boost your immunity

PREVENTION OF COVID-19 MESSAGES

FOOTBALL

Follow

& abide by
Government &
WHO
Regulations/
Guidelines

Observe

social
distancing
and avoid
crowded
places

Observe

personal
hygiene:
wash hands
with soap or
use alcohol
sanitisers

To

use PPE:
face masks,
gloves if
necessary

Break

the chain
of infection

Always

seek medical
evaluation if you
have symptoms
of fever, sore
throat, cough or
breathing
difficulty

Lifestyle

changes: eat
a healthy diet,
sleep 8-10
hours,
exercise

Living

Football,
Living Life &
Safety



WEAR A PROTECTIVE
MASK



DISINFECT
SURFACES



WASH HANDS
FREQUENTLY



KEEP DISTANCE
FROM SICK PEOPLE



AVOID CROWDED
PLACES



AVOID CONTAMINATED
OBJECTS



WEAR
GLOVES

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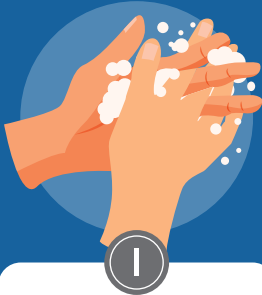
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KEEP HANDS CLEAN



#BreakTheChain of
COVID-19 infections



1
Rub hands
palm to palm



2
Right palm over left
dorsum with interlaced
fingers and vice versa



3
Palm to palm with
fingers interlaced



4
Back of fingers to
opposing palms with
fingers interlocked



5
Rotational rubbing of left
thumb clasped in right
palm and vice versa



6
Rotational rubbing, backwards and
forwards with clasped fingers of right
hand in left palm and vice versa

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MASK UP

#BreakTheChain of COVID-19 infections

Mask up for protection

Wearing a face mask can protect you and others from COVID-19. Even with a mask, remember to practise social distancing - at least a metre apart - and wash your hands regularly and thoroughly. Avoid touching the face and mask to prevent infection and observe the dos and don'ts to keep you safe.

DOs



Clean your hands before touching the mask



Ensure there are no gaps at the sides of the mask

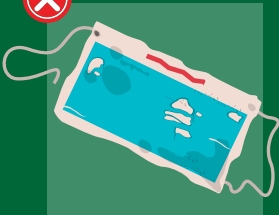


Hold the straps behind the ears or head when removing the mask



Wash the reusable mask in soap and hot water every day

DON'Ts



Don't use a damaged or dirty mask



Never use a loose mask



Don't wear the mask under the nose, mouth or chin



Never share the mask with others

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STOP & SANITISE

#BreakTheChain of COVID-19 infections

Reduce the Spread of Infection



How to use a Hand Sanitiser



Dispense the hand sanitiser on your palms



Rub well over palms, back of hands and fingernails until dry



Waterless use for refreshingly clean hands

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SPECIAL RULES APPLICABLE TO AFC COMPETITIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Special Rules Applicable to AFC Competitions During COVID-19 Pandemic (Edition 2021)

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PREAMBLE

These Special Rules are applicable to all AFC football Competitions and Matches taking place in the period during which they are in force in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic (the “Special Rules”).

These Special Rules set out the responsibilities of the AFC, Host Organisations, Participating Teams/Participating Clubs and all other relevant stakeholders participating in and/or otherwise involved in the staging, organising, hosting and/or delivery of the AFC Competitions and Matches (collectively the “Stakeholders” and each a “Stakeholder”), as well as any and all persons affiliated to the Stakeholders and/or carrying out duties on their behalf (collectively the “Individuals” and each an “Individual”).

These Special Rules shall be read in conjunction with and be considered to form an integral part of the relevant Competition regulations and the AFC Competition Operations Manual (the “Manual”), and shall also be read in conjunction with the AFC Match Operations Protocol during COVID-19 Pandemic (“AFC MOP”) and all other protocols, directives, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by the AFC in connection with its Competitions and Matches.

In the event of any discrepancy between these Special Rules and any of the foregoing documents, the provisions of these Special Rules shall prevail to the extent of the discrepancy.

Failure to comply with any matter set out in these Special Rules is an offence and may be sanctioned in accordance with the relevant Competition regulations and the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code (as applicable).

For the purposes of these Special Rules, all defined terms shall bear the same meaning as ascribed to them in the relevant Competition regulations and the Manual, unless the context requires otherwise.

1. Compliance with AFC and Host Country Medical Protocol

- 1.1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the AFC MOP, all Stakeholders and Individuals are required to comply with:
 - 1.1.1. the provisions of these Special Rules and all rules set out herein; and
 - 1.1.2. all health, safety, medical, security, travel and other protocol and laws set by the relevant authorities of the host country any Match is held in, at all relevant times.
- 1.2. For the avoidance of doubt, where the relevant authorities of a host country have imposed additional and/or stricter requirements than those set out in these Special Rules, such additional and/or stricter requirements shall prevail.
- 1.3. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these Special Rules shall affect any obligations arising from any applicable national laws (whether in a host country, a Stakeholder or Individual's home country, any transit country or otherwise) and the relevant Stakeholder or Individual (as appropriate) shall be solely responsible for complying with all applicable laws and protocols.

2. Temperature Checks and Entry to the Stadium

- 2.1. All Individuals shall be subject to a temperature check prior to entering a Stadium.
- 2.2. Any Individual re-entering a Stadium for any reason shall be subject to another temperature check.
- 2.3. In case the measurement of a temperature check is higher than 37.5°C (or the temperature required by the host country, whichever is lower), the relevant Individual will be subject to a second temperature check which shall take place approximately ten (10) minutes after the first temperature check.
- 2.4. In case the measurement of a second temperature check is still higher than 37.5°C (or the temperature required by the host country, whichever is lower), the relevant Individual shall not be allowed to enter and shall be escorted to an isolation room/area. The relevant Individual shall be referred to the AFC Medical Officer or (if the AFC Medical Officer is not present in the Stadium) the LOC Medical Officer who will take the final decision on any further action(s). Individuals and Stakeholders must comply with all directions of the AFC Medical Officer or LOC Medical Officer (as appropriate) in this regard.
- 2.5. In case any Individual is not allowed entry to a Stadium as a result of the operation of Articles 2.3 and 2.4, the relevant Stakeholder shall be responsible for replacing such Individual and for ensuring that the delivery of the Match is not affected (subject to any applicable rules regarding registration).

3. Testing and Eligibility

- 3.1. Only Participating Players, Participating Officials and Match Officials who have tested negative for COVID-19 in accordance with the testing requirements set out by the AFC and the relevant authorities of the host country shall be able to participate in a Match.
- 3.2. Any Individual who travels to the host country of a Match or Competition and tests positive for COVID-19 at any time after his/her arrival to the host country shall immediately be quarantined by the relevant Stakeholder. This requirement also applies to any Individual who tests positive but is already present in the host country of a Match or Competition (i.e. an Individual who does not need to travel). The relevant Stakeholder shall also immediately report the positive test to the AFC and comply with all reporting obligations required under the national law and/or protocol of the host country, maintaining strict confidentiality. The relevant Individual shall be subject to the medical protocol of the host country. Any such Individual who subsequently tests negative for COVID-19 shall only be allowed to participate in a Match after providing such medical and other supporting documents as are required by the AFC and the relevant authorities of the host country (e.g. a negative test result from an approved and validly authorised testing facility), and any such participation shall always be subject to the prior written approval of the AFC (to be granted or withheld at the AFC's sole discretion).
- 3.3. Any Individual who has been tested positive for COVID-19 at any time prior to their arrival to the host country of a Match or Competition (whether such Individual has recovered or otherwise) shall provide such medical and other supporting documents as are required by the AFC and the relevant authorities of the host country. This requirement also applies to any Individual who has tested positive in the past but is already present in the host country of a Match or Competition (i.e. an Individual who does not need to travel). Individuals covered by this Article 3.3 shall only be allowed to participate in any Match with the prior written approval of the AFC (to be granted or withheld at the AFC's sole discretion).
- 3.4. The relevant Participating Team/Participating Club shall be fully responsible for all of its Participating Players who return to play after recovering from COVID-19 and neither the AFC nor any other Stakeholder shall be liable for any medical complication that may develop as a result of or in connection with any Participating Player's return to play in a Match and/or participation in a Competition (whether from the after effects of COVID-19 or otherwise) or for any other liability (whether financial or otherwise) connected with their return to play. The AFC may request the relevant Participating Team/Participating Club and/or the relevant Participating Player to sign a declaration that the relevant Participating Player is medically fit to participate in a Match and/or Competition.

- 3.5. Any withholding of information or failure to provide supporting documents by a Stakeholder, or the making of false or misleading statements by a Stakeholder, may result in the initiation of disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the relevant Competition regulations and the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code (as applicable), and/or legal action being initiated by the relevant authorities of the host country.
- 3.6. No media releases or public announcements (including any social media posting) regarding test results (positive or negative) or otherwise relating to AFC protocol or procedure shall be made by any Stakeholder and/or Individual without the AFC's prior written approval.
- 3.7. In case any Individual is not allowed to participate in a Match due to a confirmed case of COVID-19, the relevant Stakeholder shall be responsible for replacing such Individual and for ensuring that the delivery of the Match is not affected (subject to any applicable rules regarding registration).
- 3.8. For the avoidance of doubt, save to the extent expressly provided in these Special Rules or otherwise by application of the relevant Competition regulations, the existence of any confirmed COVID-19 case(s) for any Individual(s) shall not impact on the scheduling of any Match or Competition.

4. Determining the Result of a Match that cannot be Played

- 4.1. If a Participating Team/Participating Club has less than thirteen (13) Participating Players (including one [1] goalkeeper) available for a Match for any reason (whether or not relating to COVID-19), the relevant Participating Team/Participating Club shall not be able to participate in the Match. Such Participating Team/Participating Club shall be held responsible for the Match not taking place and shall be considered to have withdrawn from the relevant Competition. The relevant Participating Team/Participating Club and its affiliated Member Association shall be subject to the provisions of the relevant Competition regulations regarding the consequences of withdrawal, as applicable.

In exceptional circumstances and provided that any rescheduling will not affect the Match Schedule determined by the AFC General Secretariat, the AFC Competitions Committee (or any sub-committee carrying out duties on its behalf) may grant an exception to the foregoing and allow the relevant Match to be rescheduled.

Competitions (or parts thereof) to be played in a centralised format (including, for example, centralised Matches in the Group Stage of AFC Club Competitions)

- 4.2. In case a Participating Team/Participating Club cannot travel to the host country and/or Venue due to any travel or other restriction relating to COVID-

19, the Participating Team/Participating Club shall be considered to have withdrawn from the relevant Competition. The relevant Participating Team/Participating Club and its affiliated Member Association shall be subject to the provisions of the relevant Competition regulations regarding the consequences of withdrawal, as applicable.

- 4.3. Subject to Article 4.1, all Matches shall take place in accordance with the Match Schedule determined by the AFC General Secretariat.

Competitions (or parts thereof) to be played in a home and away format (including any single-leg Match which is not to be played as part of a centralised format)

- 4.4. Host Organisations shall cooperate with the relevant authorities of the host country and use their best endeavours to obtain exemptions from any travel and/or other restrictions relating to COVID-19 which may impact on the relevant Match(es). In particular, Host Organisations shall ensure that:

4.4.1. the away Participating Team/Participating Club is allowed to travel into the host country and/or Venue of the Match (i.e. borders open);

4.4.2. if a full exemption cannot be obtained, the away Participating Team/Participating Club will serve a quarantine period of no more than two (2) days (unless otherwise mutually agreed between the Participating Team/Participating Clubs and/or as instructed by the AFC) upon their arrival to the host country and/or Venue of the Match; and

4.4.3. the away Participating Team/Participating Club will be provided with an Official Training Site and be allowed to conduct training sessions during its quarantine period, if any.

- 4.5. In case the Host Organisation is not able to comply with the requirements set out in Article 4.4, it shall propose an alternative neutral venue for the relevant Match that would ensure the requirements set out therein are met. Such proposal shall be submitted by no later than thirty (30) days prior to the relevant Match or as otherwise instructed by the AFC for the AFC's written approval (to be granted or withheld at the AFC's sole discretion). The Host Organisation will remain responsible for the organisation of the Match at the neutral venue and all related costs. In case the Host Organisation fails to propose an alternative neutral venue in accordance with the applicable deadline, its Participating Team/Participating Club shall be considered to have withdrawn from the relevant Competition. The relevant Participating Team/Participating Club and its affiliated Member Association shall be subject to the provisions of the relevant Competition regulations regarding the consequences of withdrawal, as applicable.

- 4.6. If the Host Organisation has complied with the requirements set out in Article 4.4 but an away Participating Team/Participating Club cannot travel to the

host country and/or Venue of a Match due to any travel and/or other restriction relating to COVID-19 imposed by its home country and/or any transit country (e.g. due to travel restrictions imposed by the relevant authorities of its home country), such away Participating Team/Participating Club shall be held responsible for the Match not taking place and shall be considered to have withdrawn from the relevant Competition. The relevant Participating Team/Participating Club and its affiliated Member Association shall be subject to the provisions of the relevant Competition regulations regarding the consequences of withdrawal, as applicable.

- 4.7. Subject to Article 4.1, all Matches shall take place in accordance with the Match Schedule determined by the AFC General Secretariat.

5. Financial Responsibilities

- 5.1. Subject to Article 5.2, the Host Organisation shall be responsible for:
- 5.1.1. implementing preventative measures in all Controlled Access Areas in compliance with the medical protocol set by the AFC and the relevant authorities of the host country, at its own cost; and
 - 5.1.2. organising and covering the cost of the COVID-19 testing process for the AFC Delegation and Participating Teams/Participating Clubs upon their arrival to the host country and (if required) on an ongoing basis, as well as for organising and covering the cost of the COVID-19 testing process for Participating Teams/Participating Clubs already based in the host country. This shall include, without limitation, the purchase of testing kits, the delivery of testing, the analysis of samples and the results management process. The Host Organisation shall ensure that these obligations are discharged using appropriately skilled personnel and in a timely manner, in the utmost confidence.
- 5.2. The relevant Stakeholder shall be responsible for any and all costs and/or expenses (unless agreed otherwise with any relevant Individual) incurred by all Individuals affiliated to it and/or carrying out duties on its behalf in connection with their involvement in any Match or Competition, including, but not limited to, any insurance coverage, hospitalisation, medical and quarantine costs.

6. Decisions

- 6.1. All decisions made by the AFC Competitions Committee (or any sub-committee carrying out duties on its behalf) in accordance with these Special Rules, except where expressly identified otherwise, are final and binding and not appealable.

7. Enforcement

- 7.1. These Special Rules were ratified by the AFC Executive Committee on 10 September 2020 and came into force immediately.
- 7.2. These Special Rules were amended by the AFC Executive Committee on 17 March 2021 and came into force immediately. The relevant amendments are highlighted in these Special Rules.
- 7.3. These Special Rules shall continue to remain in force until such time as the AFC Executive Committee decides otherwise.
- 7.4. The AFC Executive Committee may amend these Special Rules at any time.

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GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COVID-19

This is the basic guideline, prepared for the club to undergo league competition for the season 2021-22 during the COVID-19 pandemic. The role of the team doctor will be needed and is responsible for preparing the technical health protocol in the club regarding COVID-19 in accordance with instructions of Bangladesh government, FIFA, AFC and WHO.

I. General Guidelines

1. Monitoring participants closely for any flu-like symptoms, and isolating affected individuals and contacting a healthcare provider immediately if any respiratory illness is noted.
2. Implementing recommended protective measures, including daily health checks (ranging from the monitoring of respiratory signs/symptoms to body-temperature checks and specific COVID-19 laboratory testing).
3. All players returning to professional football to be tested for COVID-19 as a safeguard and to build psychological confidence within the team and surroundings:
 - a. The first test to be conducted 72 (seventy-two) hours before resuming any football activities.
 - b. Football participants then to be under supervision of team doctors following recommended hygiene and protective procedures.
 - c. Football participants who test positive will not be allowed to participate in any footballing activities and will be under supervision of team doctors.
 - d. Only football participants who test negative will be allowed to participate in footballing activities.
4. Require that all players and team officials use masks in the training environment, on their way to and from the training ground, and when each person leaves the training venue.
5. In certain conditions if needed, the club can facilitate quarantine / self-isolation.
6. Guests / visitors / media crews will be examined by special officers and if they do not meet health requirements it is not permitted to enter the training area.
7. Players and officials are encouraged to minimize the time of stay in the dressing room before and after the training session.
8. During training, it is best not to allow audience / fans to attend.
9. Common areas such as multipurpose rooms that are shared, should be used for things that are important only.

10. Team meetings should take place in a room with adequate space.

II. Recommendations for Hotel Accommodation

1. Team officials can first travel to the hotel to prepare the sterilization procedures and coordinate with the hotel before the entire team arrives at the hotel.
2. It is recommended to bring as few official personnel as possible (essential team members only), not bring high-risk people (old people, have chronic diseases).
3. The place to stay for the hotel for players and team officials must be in a special / exclusive area or at least on the same floor to minimize contact with other hotel visitors.
4. It is recommended not to use hotel facilities such as spa, gym, swimming pool. This is done to minimize interactions with other hotel visitors.
5. Rooms are not cleaned by the hotel cleaning service during the players and officials are still in the hotel. If the team only stays 1-2 days at the hotel it is recommended not to be cleaned. Sanitary needs while at the hotel can be provided for 2 days from the start before the team enters the hotel in order to minimize contact with the hotel staff.
6. The team official in charge of the sterilization/manager must ensure that the hotel rooms to be used have been disinfected before the team arrives at the hotel.

III. Guidelines for Environmental Hygiene and Cleanliness

1. Hand sanitizers are available at the front door of each room, if possible, this will be used before people will enter the room.
2. Perform procedures for disinfection of rooms, hallways, entrances / exits, and other areas that are routinely passed by people routinely after training ends.
3. Improve ventilation of each room in the training building / mess player.
4. Implementing a Clean Healthy Lifestyle in the training area and the player's mess;
 - a. Wash your hands with soap and running water.
 - b. Use your elbows to open the door and push the elevator button.
 - c. Do not crowd and keep a distance on the elevator with their backs to each other. Maintain distance when sitting eating together.
 - d. Try not to touch the facilities / equipment that are shared in the training area, use a hand sanitizer.
 - e. Get used to not shaking hands.
5. Sports equipment, eating and drinking equipment do not share between players and officials.

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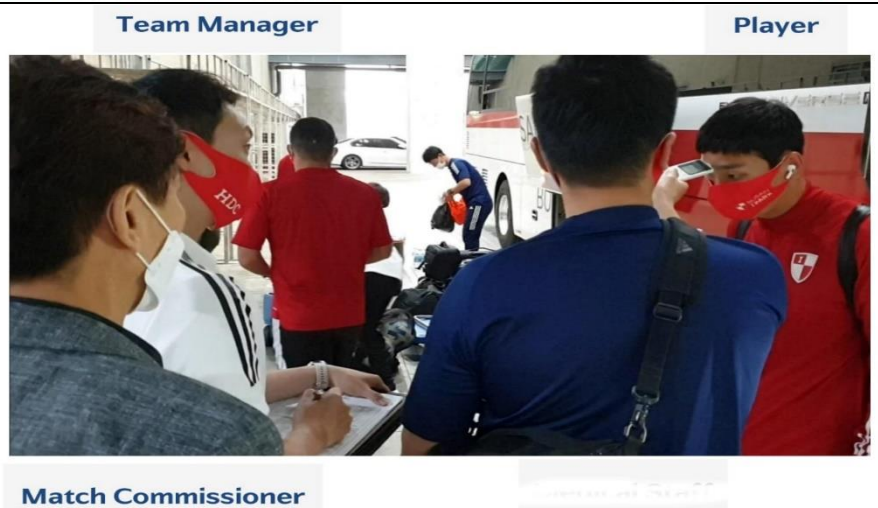
6. After using sports equipment / machines users must wash their hands.
7. Team personnel from the club's medical department (doctors, physiotherapists, masseurs, etc.) at work must always use medical masks, always be consistent to wash their hands after interacting with players while doing therapy and others. Another alternative is to use disposable medical gloves when handling players.
8. Medical equipment used for doctors and therapists must be cleaned with disinfectants before and after use.
9. The door to the room should be kept open to minimize contact between the door handle and the person.

IV. Guidelines for Competitions

Separate time for the team arrivals into the stadium (minimum 5 minutes gap).



Fever test / hand sanitizing at the stadium entrance point (distancing).



Team Manager

Player

Match Commissioner

Mandatory possession of wearing of a mask.

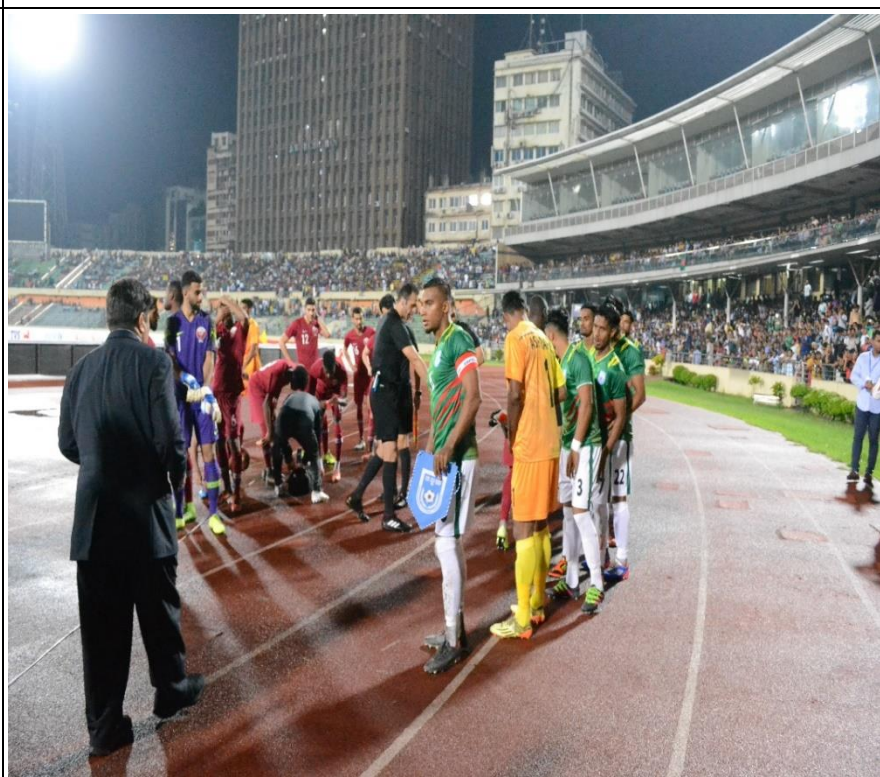


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Team check by MC and 4th Official shall be conducted in the team technical area once players come out for pre match warm-up (before start of the warm-up) not in the dressing rooms.



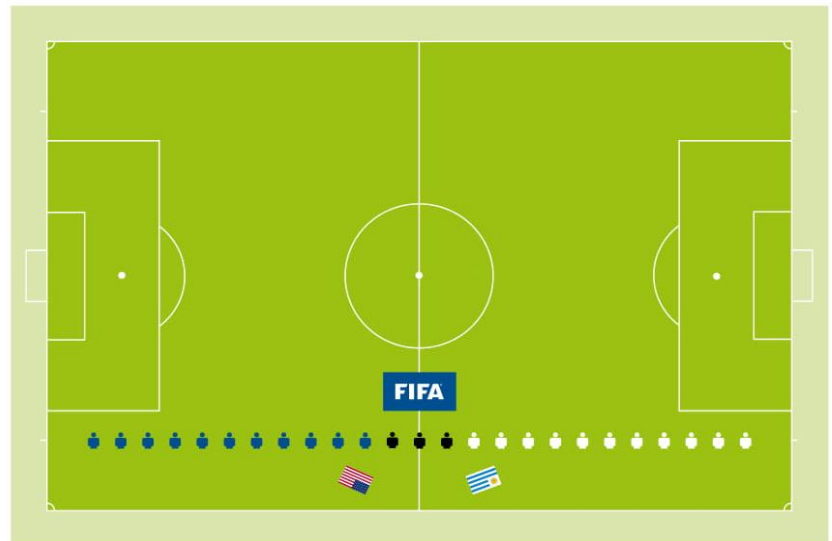
Final check by referee before march-in (in the gathering area).



March-in (distancing).



New line up:
Players and match officials should keep the physical distance (no VIP handshakes, no handshakes between teams).



No cheering scrum before kickoff.



No cheering scrum between players
before kick off

Avoid close contact during any goal celebration.



Referee protocol (new normal) (the referee who denied to join the hand with the player).



Team members and substitute players to wear masks at all times except those players in the FOP during training, warm up, cooling down and match.



Avoid spitting.



Avoid sharing personal properties.



Equip personal water bottles:
It is recommended that all players and officials use their personal labeled water bottle.



Avoid exchanging uniforms.

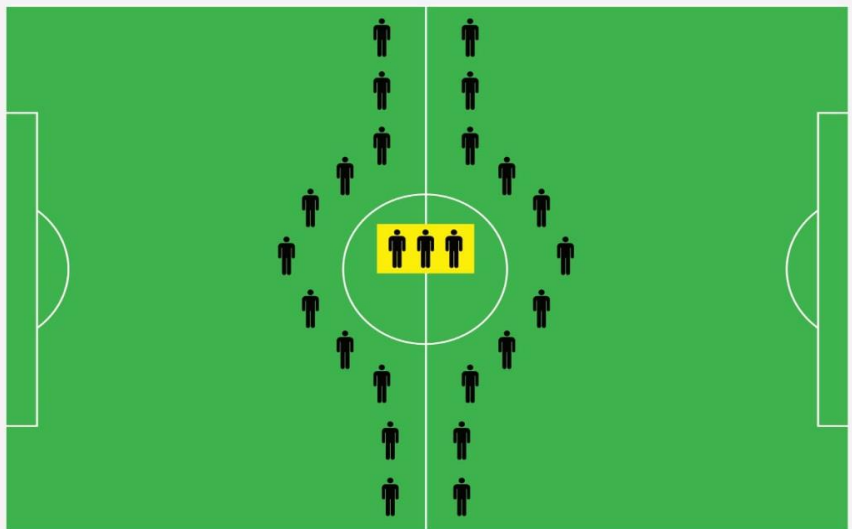
No exchanging jersey



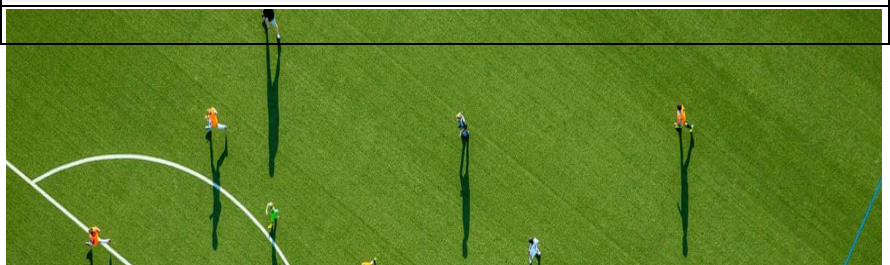
It will be compulsory for those involved to wear face covering during press conference and at any media Interviews.



In the half time avoid communication with others, avoid team scrum (gathering in a circle) before kick off.



After the Match there will be no post-



<p>match handshake, Players are encouraged to leave the field without any physical contact, Teams to line up next to center circle in their own half and applaud the other team before leaving the field, Referees to remain in the center circle until players have left the field.</p>	
<p>After the match cool down of team is subject to MC's approval, teams are recommended to leave stadium and minimize the length of stay after the match. Dressing room visit after the match by team guests shall not be allowed.</p>	
<p>Total of 6 ball kids, with hand sanitizer, disposable gloves.</p>	

*This protocol is prepared based on various references from FIFA, AFC and WHO.

BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22

Bangladesh Football Federation

Player Registration



2 Copies of
Color Passport
Size Photo
Attested by Club
Secretary /
General Secretary

Club _____
Name of Player _____
Date of Birth _____ (DD/MM/YYYY)
Father's Name _____
Mother's Name _____
Citizenship _____
Country of Birth _____
Online Verified Birth Certificate No (Mandatory) _____
Passport No (If Any) _____
Religion/Race _____
Blood Group _____
Local Residential Address _____
_____ Postcode _____
Home Tel. _____ Mobile _____
Jersey Name _____ Position ☐ GK ☐ DF ☐ MF ☐ FW Height _____ m
Jersey No. _____ Weight _____ Kg
Player Registration No. (If previously registered) _____
Duration of Contract _____ to _____
Last Club Represented _____
Year _____

Declaration:

I hereby declare and certify that the above information is true and correct. Please register me as a Player with 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' for.....
..... (Club). I shall abide by my agreement with the Club, its constitution and rules. I shall also abide with the byelaws of 'BFF U-18 Football League 2021-22' and the Laws of the Games and/or with any decision of the Bangladesh Football Federation that affect me as a Player.

Signature of Player

Signature of Witness

Name & Designation of Witness



I request the BFF Competitions Department to register Mr.
(Player) for the(Club) for 'BFF
U-18 Football League 2021-22'.

President / Secretary / Club Director-In-Charge / General Secretary/ Authorized Signatory

Signature : _____
Name : _____
Date : _____

BANGLADESH FOOTBALL FEDERATION

The registration of Mr. for the
..... (Club) for 'BFF U-18 Football
League 2021-22' is:

Manager, Competitions Department, BFF

☐ Accepted
☐ Not Accepted

Signature: _____
Name : _____
Date : _____

Player Registration No.: _____

Parental Consent Form

1) Player:

Name of Player: _____

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age (on ___/___/___): _____

2) Parent:

Fathers Name: _____

Mobile No: _____

Mothers Name: _____

Mobile No: _____

Address: _____ e-mail: _____

3) Local Guardian Details:

Emergency contact details: (If different from above)

Name: _____

Mobile No: _____

Relationship to Player: _____

4) Consent Statement:

- Does your son suffer from any condition requiring medical treatment including medication?

If yes, please specify _____

- I hereby give permission for my son to take part in the football matches and related activities at home and abroad.
- As a Parent, I affirm that I have been completely informed all the sport activities that he will participate and the risks involved with playing football.
- I understand the general structure of the Sport activities/ programs and do not need to be informed of each and every activity and I understand all the terms and conditions of the contract form.
- I understand that club cannot take responsibility if my son does not abide within the rules.

By signing this form, I am confirming that I have read and understood the activities being offered to my son and agreed with the measures that the club has put in place to manage any risks.

Date: _____ Parent Signature: _____