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GENERAL PROVISIONS

Purpose and Applications

These Tournament Regulations for the Singapore Premier League (SPL) are promulgated by the Football Association of Singapore (FAS) to regulate and govern the conduct, operations and administration of the SPL, all participating Clubs, League and Club Officials, Match Officials, Referees, Players and other related stakeholders as cited within these Regulations.

Scope of Application

These Regulations shall be used at all times in conjunction with all other governing documents and regulations of the SPL as issued from time to time. These Regulations shall be binding on the SPL, all Clubs in the Competition, League and Club Officials, Referees, Players and other stakeholders and partners as cited within these Regulations and other FAS governing documents.

Enforcement

Any breach of any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be enforced by the imposition of action and possible sanctions pursuant to the FAS Disciplinary Code as may be subsequently issued.

Definition and Interpretation

Unless otherwise indicated, words and expressions in these Regulations shall have the same meaning as in other governing documents of the FAS. Any interpretation of provision of these Regulations shall at all times be the interpretation that best achieves the objectives of the FAS.

Amendments

Any part of these Regulations may be amended from time to time, provided that any such amendments are formalized after appropriate consultation with the relevant committees of the FAS and approved by Exco.



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DEFINITIONS

Unless the contrary appears from the context in this and the following Sections,

- the words “AFC Statutes” means the statutes and accompanying standing orders and regulations promulgated by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) from time to time;
- the word “Club” means any Club in membership of the Singapore Premier League (SPL);
- the words “Code of Conduct” means the FAS Code of Conduct and SPL Code of Conduct as may hereafter be issued;
- the word “Competition” and/or “SPL”, and/or “the League” means the professional football club competition organized and sanctioned by FAS and staged and managed by the FAS, including Pre-season, Regular Season and Singapore Cup;
- the words “FIFA Statutes” means the statutes including the standing orders and regulations promulgated by FIFA, including the Regulations Governing the Status and Transfer of Players, as amended from time to time;
- the word “the Council” shall refer to the Council of Football Association of Singapore;
- the word “dollars” refers to Singapore Dollars;
- the word “Exco” refers to the Executive Committee of Football Association of Singapore, and any decision made by the Exco shall be deemed to be the decision of the Council of Football Association of Singapore.
- the letters “FAS” mean Football Association of Singapore;
- the letters “FIFA” mean the Federation Internationale De Football Association;
- the word “he” and its derivatives are used of any person, whether male or female;
- the word “person” includes any company or association or body of persons, whether incorporated or not;
- the word “public” includes any class of the public or any community;
- the words “SPL Match” mean any Match in any tournament organised by the Singapore Premier League and/or or sanctioned pursuant to these Rules in these Sections;
- the word “Season” refer to a particular calendar year;
- the word “Foreign Player” means a Player who is not a citizen of Singapore;
- the words “Friendly Match” means any match participated in by a Club that is not part of the Regular Season or Singapore Cup and sanctioned by FAS;
- the word “Intermediary” means a person authorized to negotiate a Standard Player Contract on behalf of a player as specified in these Regulations;
- the words “Laws of the Game” means the Official Laws of the Game as promulgated by IFAB and enforced by FIFA;
- the words “Match Official” means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, match commissioner, referee assessor or any person in charge of safety or any person appointed by FAS to assume responsibility in connection with a match;
- the words “Medical Officer” means the suitably qualified, registered medical doctor appointed by the Host Club to treat players for injury and illness;
- the words “National Team” means any national team squad selected or nominated by a FIFA Member Association, including the men’s senior, Olympics, age-groups, futsal or beach football teams or any other national representative team determined by FIFA from time to time;



the word “Official” means any person involved with:

- Club Official - the administration, management or organization of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, consultants, officers and directors and representatives; or
- Team Official - the management, preparation or participation of a Club's team (whether paid or unpaid) including the coaches, managers, medical staff (including team doctor), physiotherapists, kitman and other support staff;

The words “Registration Period” means:

- First Registration Period - The ten (10) week period starting on 1 January and ending on 13 March 2019;
- Second Registration Period – The four (4) weeks in the month of May and June (13 May 2019 to 12 June 2019) for registrations for sport related reasons;

the word “Team” means the Club's team participating in the Competition;

the plural number, and words importing the plural number include the singular number.



SECTION A: ENTRY, WITHDRAWAL, COMPETITION SYSTEM

1. Composition of the League

- 1.1 The league shall consist of nine (9) Participating Clubs or any other number as determined by FAS, with the exception of invited foreign teams authorised by FIFA and AFC and accepted by FAS Exco or FAS Council to participate in the league, all other Participating Clubs having been registered with the Registrar of Societies, Singapore, and accepted as such by the Executive Committee (hereinafter “the Exco”) of FAS or by the Council of FAS (hereinafter “the Council”).
- 1.2 The Exco or the Council reserves before, during or after any Season, the right to determine at all material times and at their absolute discretion the membership of any Participating Club in the League which fails to meet the criteria and/or requirements, from time to time, of FAS.
- 1.3 A Participating Club eligible to participate in the League under paragraphs 1.1 to 1.2 above shall also be required to satisfy such other criteria for continuing its membership in the League as shall from time to time be sanctioned by the Exco or the Council and/or through the Rules formulated and sanctioned by FAS’s Standing Committees.
- 1.4 The Exco or the Council shall appoint a FAS Competitions Committee, an Administrative and Finance Committee, a Marketing Committee, a Players Status Committee or such other Committee or Committees which Committees in their respective terms and Rules thereunder, if any, shall determine the format, timing and venues of, and all other rules relating to match or matches, and any play-offs thereof, or regulating Players, Coaches, or any other key personnel, their contracts of service, their registrations, transfers and/or status, and anything akin thereto, and sponsorship, and finance, administration and its management thereof, and the use of the stadia or anything relating thereto, and/or anything relevant and desirable for promoting professional football in Singapore.
- 1.5 Such Committee or Committees, so appointed from time to time, shall promote, provide for, regulate, publish, where necessary, manage all or on any details or arrangements or other things necessary or desirable for or ancillary to the comfort, conduct, management, convenience or benefit of the game, the League and/or the Participating Clubs thereunder and/or its members thereof.
- 1.6 Save as otherwise expressly provided for by these Rules, all such decisions and rulings of the Committees shall be deemed to be decisions of the Exco or the Council, and shall be binding upon all Participating Clubs, and all members thereof unless they are rescinded or varied by the relevant Committee or the Appeals Committee or the Exco or the Council as per these Rules in these Sections hereinafter appearing, the Exco being deemed the supreme body and the final decider and/or decision-maker.

2. Undertaking by Clubs

- 2.1 Membership of the League shall constitute an agreement between FAS and each Participating Club, and between each of the Participating Clubs, to be bound by and to comply with:
 - 2.1.1 these Rules (each as altered, revoked or added to from time to time);
 - 2.1.2 the Rules of all Committees of FAS (each as altered, revoked or added to from time to time);
 - 2.1.3 Such other Rules that are applicable to the Participating Clubs partaking in tournaments organised and/or sanctioned by FAS; and
 - 2.1.4 Such decisions of the Exco or the Council of FAS;
 - 2.1.5 The Laws of the Game as laid down from time to time by the Federation Internationale De Football Association (FIFA) as adopted by FAS or otherwise.
- 2.2 Such agreement shall have effect from the date of the Participating Club’s admission to the League and terminate upon the Participating Club ceasing to be a member thereof (but without prejudice to any rights or claims which may have arisen or arise in respect of circumstances prior to such a date and to any Rules which, by their terms, establish rights and obligations applicable after such a date) and/or pursuant to any resolution of FAS, through the Exco and/or the Council.



- 2.3 By virtue of this undertaking, Participating Clubs shall in particular be bound to provide certain rights, facilities and services to League/FAS in order to enable it to fulfil its obligations under commercial contracts entered into in accordance with its Constitution.

3. Termination of Membership

- 3.1 Subject to these Sections, no Participating Club shall terminate its membership of the League unless it has given notice in writing to FAS of its intention to do so, a minimum of four (4) months before the end of the Season in reference.
- 3.2 Any Participating Club which is in breach of the provisions of Rule 3.1 above shall indemnify FAS against all losses from any such breach.
- 3.3 FAS may from time to time, and upon such terms and conditions as it may think fit, expel or accept the retirement or relegation of any Participating Club from the League. Any resolution to expel, retire or relegate any Participating Club from the League shall be at the complete discretion of the Exco or the Council.

4. Relationship between teams and the Singapore Premier League/FAS: Confidentiality

- 4.1 In all matters and transactions relating to the Singapore Premier League, each Participating Club shall behave towards each other Participating Club and FAS or its Divisions or its Committees with the utmost good faith.
- 4.2 No player/coach/official, its employees of a Participating club or agents shall by any means whatsoever unfairly criticise, disparage, belittle or discredit any other Participating Club or FAS or its Divisions or its Committees or in either case any of its directors, officials, employees or agents or bring football into disrepute.
- 4.3 A Participating Club shall not either during its membership of the Singapore Premier League or at any time after its membership has been determined disclose or divulge either directly or indirectly to any person, firm or company whatsoever or otherwise make use of any confidential information as to the business or finances of FAS or its Divisions or its Committees or any of its dealings, transactions or affairs or as to any other matters which may come to its knowledge by reason of its membership without FAS's prior written consent, save as to statutory and regulatory authorities and to such employees of a team to whom such disclosure is strictly necessary for the purpose of their duties and only then to the extent so necessary.
- 4.4 Each Participating Club shall procure that each of its officials and employees are made aware of the foregoing provisions of Rule 4.3 above, and enter into a binding obligation to comply with the same both during the period of their appointment or employment by the Participating Club and at all times thereafter.
- 4.5 Any Participating Club found to be in breach of Rule 4.1 to Rule 4.4 herein shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct.

5. Commitment to the National team or any such Representative team

- 5.1 All Participating Clubs shall support FAS in relation to international matches in accordance with the provisions of FIFA and The Rules of the Players Status Committee of FAS, the latter Rules prevailing.
- 5.2 All Participating Clubs shall also release Players and/or Officials for any matches organized and/or supported by FAS, including National Team Training Days.
- 5.3 No matches shall be arranged on any of the days preceding any of the specified dates of each Season for international matches, unless otherwise decided by the Head, Competitions Division.

6. Competition System

- 6.1 The League shall be spread over as much of a year, be divided into two (2) Tournaments namely, the League Tournament and the Singapore Cup.
- 6.2 The Competitions Division shall determine dates of commencement and the end of the League Tournament.
- 6.3 The Competition shall be played on a “league” basis, with each team facing each opponent three times; once at “home”, once “away” and the third match either “home” or “away” alternative to the second round.
- 6.4 Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win and no points to the losing team.
- 6.5 In the event of a draw after the 90 minutes of regulation time, both the teams shall be awarded one (1) point each.
- 6.6 The team that accumulates the greatest number of points at the end of the Competition shall be declared the Champion.
- 6.7 In the event that two (2) or more teams have accumulated the similar number of points, then the higher placed team shall be the team which has the greater goal difference, that is, number of goals conceded subtracted from the number of goals scored.
- 6.8 In the event that two (2) or more teams have a similar goal difference, then the higher placed team shall be the team which scores the greater number of goals.
- 6.9 In the event that two (2) or more teams score a similar number of goals, then the higher placed team shall be the team which attains the greater number of wins.
- 6.10 In the event that two (2) or more teams attain the same number of wins, then the higher placed team shall be the team which attains the higher number of points from the matches played between the teams in question.
- 6.11 In the event that two (2) or more teams attain the same number of points from the matches played between the teams in question, then the higher placed team shall be the team which has the greater goal difference from the matches played between the teams in question.
- 6.12 In the event that two (2) or more teams have a similar goal difference from the matches played between the teams in question, then the higher placed team shall be the team which scored the greater number of goals from the matches played between the teams in question.
- 6.13 In the event that two (2) or more teams score a similar number of goals from the matches played between the teams in question, then the higher placed team shall be the team which attains the greater number of wins from the matches played between the teams in question (Head-to-Head).
- 6.14 In the event that two (2) or more teams attain the same number of wins from the matches played between the teams in question, the higher placed team shall be the team which is ranked higher in the Fair Play table (tabulation of Yellow and Red Cards).
- 6.15 In the event that two (2) or more teams cannot be separated using the above criteria, the winner will be decided by the drawing of lots.



7. Participation in AFC Club Competitions

- 7.1 The Singapore Premier League Champions and the Singapore Cup Champions shall participate in the club competitions organised by Asian Football Confederation (AFC).
- 7.2 The teams representing Singapore in the said competitions shall be local teams, with the exception of the Young Lions. In the event of non-participation or withdrawal of a team for any reason or if the Singapore Premier League Champion and Singapore Cup Champion is the same club or if the Singapore Premier League Champion is a foreign-based team or if the Singapore Cup champion is a foreign-based team or invited foreign team, then the next highest-placed local team in the Singapore Premier League shall represent Singapore in the AFC club competitions, subject to the entry/qualification rules and regulations of the respective AFC club competitions.
- 7.3 Any matter not provided for in these Rules, including that for the Singapore Cup shall be dealt with by Head, Competitions, whose decision shall be final: the Head, Competitions reserves the right to change the dates and venues of the matches or these Rules, advance notice being given to the Participating Club.

SECTION B: TEAM OFFICIAL DELEGATION

8. Eligibility of Players

- 8.1 Each Participating Club shall ensure that all players are duly registered with the FAS pursuant to these regulations.
- 8.2 Individuals who meet the criteria set out in Article 8.1 are Participating Players and eligible to participate in the Competition, subject to provisions of the FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 8.3 The FAS Competitions Division may decide not to approve the registration of a player if any of the requirements set out in this Section are not met.
- 8.4 The approval of the registration of a Participating Player by the FAS Competitions Division does not automatically provide for the eligibility of the Participating Player. Each Participating Club is responsible for and bears the onus of fielding only eligible Participating Players in a Match. Failure to do so shall be considered as gross misconduct and shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

9. Documents for Registration of Players

- 9.1 All Participating Players must be registered via the MyFAS online registration with the supporting documents set out in the Manual.
- 9.2 All Participating Players shall be issued with Accreditation Cards authorised by the FAS Competitions Division. Should a card be misplaced, the Participating Club shall be required to pay Singapore Dollars Two Hundred (SGD\$200.00) for each misplaced card as a replacement production fee.

10. Multiplicity of Registration

- 10.1 In the event of a Participating Player registering for more than one Participating Club, priority of registration shall be the deciding factor. The Participating Club submitting the later registration shall be notified of the prior registration of the Participating Player, and Head, Competitions, shall investigate the circumstances under which the registrations were conducted.
- 10.2 Any Participating player found to have wilfully registered with more than one Participating Club or a Participating Club found to have knowingly induced a Registered Player of another Participating Club to register shall be dealt with by Head, Competitions, in such manner as he shall think fit.
- 10.3 Local Players who have been de-registered or have his contract terminated by the Participating Club during the season, will be allowed to move to another Participating Club during the next registration window provided it does not contravene any of the League Rules.
- 10.4 In extenuating circumstances, Head, Competitions can approve Participating Players to move to another Club before the next registration window.

11. Registrations of Players

- 11.1 Every Participating Local Club shall have a minimum squad of nineteen (19) Players and a maximum of Twenty-Eight (28) Players, of which sixteen (16) must be Full-Time Non-Amateur players, at the pre-season minimum registration deadline (set by the FAS Competitions Division), and at the commencement and during the currency of a season, inclusive of a maximum of three (3) foreign players, with the exception of the foreign teams. Without breaching any of the Rules, a maximum of three (3) foreign players can be named or fielded in any one match.



11.2 The breakdown of composition for all Participating Local Clubs in reference to the sample squad size shall be as follows:

Squad Size	19 – 22 Players	23 Players	24 Players	25-28 Players
Local U-23 (born on or after 1 Jan 1996)	Min. 6	Min. 7	Min. 8	Min. 9
Local U-30 (born on or after 1 Jan 1989)	Min. 8	Min. 8	Min. 8	Min. 8
Open (inclusive of max. 3 foreign players – 2 Open and 1 U-21 (born on or after 1 Jan 1998 at point of registration))	Remaining slots	Remaining slots	Remaining slots	Remaining slots

11.3 Albirex Niigata FC (S) shall at the pre-season minimum registration deadline (set by the FAS Competitions Division), and at the commencement and during the currency of the season, register a minimum of nineteen (19) and a maximum of twenty-five (25) of which sixteen (16) must be Full-Time Non-Amateur players, at the pre-season minimum registration deadline (set by the FAS Competitions Division), inclusive of a minimum of four (4) Singaporean players.

11.4 Albirex Niigata FC (S) shall meet the requirement of fielding at least two (2) Singaporean Players in the first half of any match. The breakdown of composition for Albirex Niigata FC (S) in reference to the sample squad size will be as follows:

Squad Size	21 Players	23 Players	24 Players	25 Players
U-21 (born on or after 1 Jan 1998)	Min. 8	Min. 8	Min. 9	Min. 9
U-23 (born on or after 1 Jan 1996)	Min. 8	Min. 8	Min. 8	Min. 8
Open Japanese	Max. 1	Max. 1	Max. 1	Max. 1
Local U23 (Singaporean born on or after 1 Jan 1996)	Min. 4	Min. 5	Min. 5	Min. 6
Open Local Singaporean Player	Max. 1	Max. 1	Max. 1	Max. 1

11.5 Brunei DPMM FC shall at the pre-season minimum registration deadline (set by the FAS Competitions Division), and at the commencement and during the currency of the season, register a minimum of nineteen (19) and a maximum of twenty-five (25) Full-Time Non-Amateur players, inclusive of a maximum of three (3) foreign players (i.e. non-Bruneian nationality).

11.6 Brunei DPMM FC shall also register sufficient Under-23 Players (Brunei nationality, born on or after 1 January 1996) to meet the requirement of fielding one (1) Under-23 Player (Brunei nationality) in the first half of any match.

- 11.7 Should a Participating Club decide to register the foreign player as a League player during the course of the season, provided the registration is exacted within the transfer window and meets and satisfies all requisite conditions and does not contravene any of the Rules, the player will count against the Participating Club's foreign player quota.
- 11.8 Young Lions shall at the pre-season minimum registration deadline (set by Competitions Division), and at the commencement and during the currency of a season, register a minimum of twenty (20) and a maximum of thirty-five (35) players. All local players registered for Young Lions shall be under twenty-two years of age (born on or after 1 January 1997).
- 11.9 The Registration Windows shall not apply to Young Lions, which being a developmental squad, will be free to make changes to their squad anytime during the season. (Young Lions will not be allowed to register players who are already registered with a SPL club for the current season outside of the two registration windows).
- 11.10 Clubs intending to register foreign players must seek prior approval in writing from the FAS Competitions Division.
- 11.11 Permanent Residents shall deem to be Foreign Players.
- 11.12 Players in the League shall be allocated jersey numbers 1 to 35. Jersey numbers that have been registered shall not be reused during the same season.
- 11.13 For the COE Under-18 League, the allocated jersey numbers are from 36 to 60.
- 11.14 For both Albirex Niigata FC (S) and Brunei DPMM FC, players shall be allocated jersey numbers 1 up to 35. Jersey numbers that have been registered shall not be reused during the same season.
- 11.15 For the Young Lions, players shall be allocated jersey numbers 1 up to 45. Jersey numbers that have been registered shall not be reused during the same season.
- 11.16 The Competitions Division reserves the right to allocate other numbers to teams.

12. Breach of Conditions of Registration

- 12.1 Failure to comply with any of the conditions relating to registration will render the Player ineligible to play for the Participating Club concerned as not being a Registered Player.
- 12.2 It shall be deemed misconduct for a Participating Club to play an unregistered/ineligible Player in a Competition either organised or sanctioned by FAS.

13. List of Players

- 13.1 All Participating Players registered in the League must be under contract, either as an Amateur player or Non-Amateur.
- 13.2 An Amateur Player is one who does not play football professionally and are paid allowances, etc.
- 13.3 An Amateur Player, regardless of age, who wishes to move to another club at the end of his contract is free to do so without his new club having to pay any form of compensation, provided that he retains his amateur status at his new club.
- 13.4 An Amateur Player under the age of 23 (born on or after 1st January 1996), who is out of contract and wishes to move to another Club and change his status to that of a Non-Amateur, is free to do so, but his previous club(s) can seek compensation based upon a justifiable claim for training compensation.



- 13.5 An Amateur Player who is above the age of 23 (born on or before 31st December 1995), who is out of contract and wishes to move to another Club and change his status to that of a Non-Amateur, is free to do so without his new club having to pay any form of compensation to his previous club(s).
- 13.6 A Foreign Player having completed his contract is free to leave provided that the terms and conditions stipulated in his ITC have been adhered to (e.g. on his transfer, loan, retention of contract, etc).
- 13.7 Subject to the above, if a Foreign Player, at the end of his contract, wishes to move to another Club within the League, the Club which he initially played for can claim as a compensation of three (3) months of the player's last drawn salary or a three (3) month compensation of the player's salary with his new club, whichever is higher, for his training. This claim for compensation may be waived at the discretion of the player's previous club.
- 13.8 If the services of a contracted Foreign Player is sought by a foreign club, the local Club may negotiate a transfer fee as they are the holders of that Player's ITC.
- 13.9 A full-time Non-Amateur Player is a Player who earns his living solely from football; he will be contracted on a minimal six (6) months basis. If a full-time Non-Amateur Player wishes to move to another Club at the end of his contract, he is free to do so provided that he has fulfilled all his contractual obligations.
- 13.10 A part-time Non-Amateur Player is defined as one who may be in an institution of learning or whose main source of income is gained from employment other than football; he can be contracted for a minimal six (6) months in a playing season. He is, however, paid a secondary income for his footballing activities. This secondary income will be subject to CPF contributions and tax liability. After fulfilling his contractual obligations, the Player is free to move to any Club of his choice.

14. Execution of Contracts

- 14.1 Players who have reached the age of sixteen (16) at the time of the execution of the contract can execute (full-time or part-time) non-amateur contracts in their personal capacity in that it is for their benefit. A written consent must be obtained from the player's parent or guardian if he is below twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of execution of the contract.
- 14.2 All other contracts, amateur in nature, involving minors (between the ages of 12 and 18) must be signed by either of the Player's parents or guardian (where applicable), and witnessed by the Player contracted, and where any such Player is in school or is in a tertiary institution, that school or tertiary institution shall be so notified of the contract by the Club.

15. Conditions of Contract

- 15.1 No Player under the age of sixteen (16) years can sign a non-amateur contract, and such a Player for all purposes shall be treated as having amateur status only.
- 15.2 All contracts of service between Participating Clubs and Players must be on the official form approved by FAS and shall be for a minimal period of six (6) months (otherwise agreed between Club and Player), and subject to these Rules. The contracts must be signed on behalf of the Club by the Hon. Secretary or any other authorised Club Official. Clubs shall be free at any time to re-negotiate or amend contracts of service where it relates to Schedule 1 with its Players on such terms in writing as shall be mutually acceptable; but the main body of the contract in its official form shall not be amended without leave of the Head, Competitions.
- 15.3 Full details of all payments to or benefits paid in cash or in kind on behalf of Players must be included in the contract of service to be set out in Schedule 1 thereto, and must comply with the Rulings of FAS, in particular to salary caps.
- 15.4 It shall be a condition of all payments to Players that all stipulated sums in the contract of service shall be strictly adhered to by all Clubs and Players, and any Player who has not received his dues under his written contract shall notify in writing to the FAS and the Head, Competitions, as soon as possible.

- 15.5 The Head, Competitions, shall be at liberty to call for any and all records of payments by Clubs whether in the form of salaries or match bonus or whatever; any Club failing to provide such records shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.
- 15.6 Any censures/reprimands and/or fines, suspensions and/or notices of determination or sanctions or whatsoever penalties of any contract of service of a Player must be recorded and forthwith reported to the FAS and the Head, Competitions, and such notification must be accompanied by a copy of any notice served and/or reasons for any such action adjudicated and determined on the Player.
- 15.7 If any Player or Official shall be found guilty of serious or persistent misconduct or serious or persistent breach of the terms and conditions of his contract of service or of the disciplinary rules of the Club, the Club may on giving written notice to the Player, terminate the contract without prejudice to the Club's rights, and the Club shall notify the Player or Official in writing as soon as practicable but no later than four (4) days, of the full reasons for the action taken.
- 15.8 Such action shall be subject to the Player's or the Official's right of appeal to the Head, Competitions, who shall decide by himself or refer it to an Arbitrator or a Board of three (3) Arbitrators at the absolute discretion of the Head, Competitions or the Head, Competitions, may refer such appeal at his absolute discretion to the Players Status Committee within seven (7) days of receipt by the Player or Official of such written notification of such action (with the full reasons from the Club) from the Club, and any decision of the Players Status Committee or the Head, Competitions or the Arbitrator or the Board of Arbitrators, where applicable, shall be made within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such notice of appeal of the Player or Official or such extended period requested for from the Head, Competitions, and approved as such but no later than a month of receipt of such notice of appeal as they shall so determine.
- 15.9 The Player or Official shall have the right to a personal hearing before the Head, Competitions or the Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators or the Players Status Committee, and shall have the right to representation by any member of his then Club that adjudicated and determined against him. An Advocate and Solicitor may represent the Player or the Club only if he is a member of that Club for a continuous period of twelve (12) months preceding any such notice of appeal.
- 15.10 The Head, Competitions or the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or the Players Status Committee, may summon or call any witness or witnesses or any document or documents from the Club and/or the Player or Official to adjudicate and determine any issue.
- 15.11 The Head, Competitions or the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or the Players Status Committee shall determine any appeal if the Player or Official, appealing against the decision of the Club, absents himself, provided that due notice has been given to him of the hearing date(s).
- 15.12 If any Player or Official shall be guilty of misconduct or breach of the disciplinary rules of the Club (other than as provided for above), the Club may determine the Agreement or suspend the Player or Official for a defined period not exceeding fourteen (14) days and/or impose a fine not exceeding two weeks' wages or censure the Player or Official, and the Club shall notify the Player or Official in writing of the full reason(s) for the action taken.
- 15.13 All contracts of service, in particular Schedule 1 thereof, between Clubs and Contract Players or Officials must be treated as private and confidential.
- 15.14 When a Player's Contract is terminated by mutual consent, the Club may retain the Player's registration until he signs for another Club and may be entitled, without further payment to the Player, to a compensation fee for training and/or development in respect of any subsequent transfer of his registration. The Player shall be informed in writing of the Club's intention to retain his registration.
- 15.15 Any dispute or impasse between the Club holding the Player's registration and any other Club negotiating to obtain such registration as to the amount of compensation payable shall, as soon as practicable, and within these Rules/Sections, be determined by the Players Status Committee, FAS.



15.16 All Clubs must submit a Return of Players' Earnings for the previous tax year, not later than 30th November in any Season.

15.17 All termination of contracts between Club and Player shall be of mutual consent and not unilaterally by either party.

16. Termination of Contract/Cancellation of Registration

16.1 Any local Contracted Player whose registration is cancelled or who is released or terminated by his Club on the grounds of permanent disability or for any other reason or cause howsoever arising, shall not be registered for any other Club, without the prior written consent of the Club which last held his registration.

16.2 The registration of a Contract Player, local or foreign, released or terminated by his Club shall be cancelled subject to Head, Competitions being satisfied the same. The Club must notify the Head, Competitions, immediately in writing, accompanied by supporting or relevant documents related to the termination when the registration of such a Player is cancelled by the Club for any reason whatsoever. Any Club found to have infringed this Rule shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct.

17. Registration of Officials

17.1 Each Participating Club shall submit to the FAS Competitions Division its registration of Participating Officials and the supporting documents in accordance with Article 19 by the deadline stipulated for the relevant registration Window.

17.2 Each Participating Club may register a maximum of ten (10) Participating Officials

17.3 Up to seven (7) officials may be registered for each Match. The following two (2) Participating Officials must be registered on the Officials on the Substitution Bench Form:

17.3.1 Head Coach; and

17.3.2 Team Manager

17.4 Each Participating Club may register any other five (5) Participating Officials for any positions, including without limitation:

17.4.1 Assistant Coach;

17.4.2 Goalkeeper Coach;

17.4.3 Fitness Coach/Trainer;

17.4.4 Media Officer;

17.4.5 Doctor;

17.4.6 Physiotherapist;

17.4.7 Interpreter;

17.4.8 Security Officer;

17.4.9 Video Analyst;

17.4.10 Technical Director;

17.4.11 Equipment Manager / Kitman.

17.5 Should the Participating Club nominate less than seven (7) Participating Officials on the Officials on the Substitution Bench Form or the FAS Competitions Division does not approve the registration of any person(s) nominated, the number of Participating Officials permitted on the team bench shall reduce proportionately.

17.6 All Participating Officials will be issued with official eligibility cards authorized by the FAS Competitions Division. Should a card be misplaced, the Participating Club shall be required to pay Singapore Dollars Two Hundred (SGD\$200.00) for each misplaced card as a replacement production fee.



18. Documents for Registration of Officials

- 18.1 Participating Officials must be registered via the MyFAS online registration with the supporting documents set out in the Manual.
- 18.2 In addition to the supporting documents required by the manual, Participating Officials shall provide via the MyFAS online registration the following evidence of their qualification based upon their function:
 - 18.2.1 Head Coach; Assistant Coach; Fitness Coach; Goalkeeper Coach: as set out in the Manual
 - 18.2.2 Team Manager: full-time employment contract
 - 18.2.3 Team Media Officer: qualification in the field of communications or evidence of related experience and letter of employment/appointment; and

19. Size of Delegation at Matches

- 19.1 Each Participating Club shall register a Team Official Delegation comprising of maximum eighteen (18) Participating Players and a maximum of seven (7) Participating Officials for each match.
- 19.2 The Team Official Delegation shall be granted full access to all official areas, including the Field of Play and other necessary Controlled Accessed Areas, as determined by the FAS Competitions Division.
- 19.3 The Club Media Officer and Team Manager shall be responsible for coordinating all Participating Club and media-related matters with the FAS.
- 19.4 Participating Clubs shall ensure that no unauthorized persons are permitted entry into the team dressing room, Field of Play, or any Controlled Access Area requiring an Accreditation Card.



SECTION C: TEAM SELECTION AND MATCH DAY REGULATIONS

20. Naming of Participating Players before the match

- 20.1 All Participating Clubs shall provide one (1) duly completed 'Player Selection List' to the Match Commissioner no less than eighty-five (85) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off. The club must indicate on the Starting List the eleven (11) Participating Players who will start the match and the other seven (7) named substitutes. The Team Captain shall also be identified on the starting list.
- 20.2 All Participating Clubs, with the exception of Albirex Niigata FC (S) and Brunei DPMM FC, must ensure that a minimum of three (3) Under-23 players (**born on or after 1 January 1996**) are included in the list of eleven (11) Participating Players who will start the match.
- 20.3 Albirex Niigata FC (S) must ensure that a minimum of two (2) Singaporean players are included in the list of eleven (11) Participating Players who will start the match.
- 20.4 Brunei DPMM FC must ensure that a minimum of one (1) Under-23 player (**born on or after 1 January 1996**) is included in the list of eleven (11) Participating Players who will start the match.
- 20.5 All Participating Clubs, with the exception of Albirex Niigata FC (S), Brunei DPMM FC and Young Lions, may also include a maximum of five (5) registered players from its Centre of Excellence (COE) Under-18 Team, in the Player Selection List, either in the starting line-up or as a substitute provided it does not contravene any of the other Competition Rules. Only Under-18 players who have undergone medical screening and passed the mandatory fitness test shall be eligible for selection.
- 20.6 Without breaching any of the Rules, the COE Under-18 foreign player may be named for a Match on the following conditions:
- 20.6.1 That he replaces one of the Club's existing three (3) SPL foreign players;
 - 20.6.2 The SPL foreign player that he replaces must not be under suspension or be ineligible for any reason;
 - 20.6.3 He must have undergone medical screening and passed the mandatory fitness test to be eligible for selection.
- 20.7 Without breaching any of the Rules, all teams with the exception of Albirex Niigata FC (S) and Brunei DPMM FC, can name a maximum of three (3) foreign players either in the starting line-up or as a substitute in a match.
- 20.8 Without breaching any of the Rules, a maximum of three (3) foreign players can be named and fielded in a match for Brunei DPMM FC.
- 20.9 Once the Player Selection List is submitted to the Match Commissioner and becomes an official document, and if the match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions apply:
- 20.9.1 If any of the eleven (11) players listed on the Player Selection List selected to start the match are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the named substitutes. Such replacements will reduce the quota of substitute players accordingly. The player being replaced cannot be renamed as a substitute. During the match, three (3) substitutions may still be made by the team.

- 20.9.2 If any of the substitutes named on the Player Selection List is not able to be fielded for any reason, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute players will be reduced accordingly.
- 20.10 Any Participating Club failing to carry out these provisions shall be fined a sum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1000.00) for the first offence, and for any subsequent offence the club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and referred to the FAS Disciplinary Committee.
- 20.11 Should a team be found to infringe any of the rules above or field an unregistered, suspended or ineligible player or field a registered player either in the starting line-up (First XI) who have been named as a substitute, or without the player's name being indicated so either in the First XI or as Substitute in accordance to the Player Selection List, the match and three (3) points shall be awarded to the opposing non-infringing team, and the score to remain or a three (3) - nil (0) win to be awarded to the said non-infringing team, whichever is the greater. If a match is forfeited, suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the forfeit of the match.

21. Substitution of Participating Players

- 21.1 In all Matches, each Participating Club is permitted a maximum of three (3) named substitutions.
- 21.2 If the goalkeeper is ordered off during play, the designated substitute may subsequently replace another player of the same Team and play as a goalkeeper.
- 21.3 There shall be no substitution of any player who is ordered off the field of play.
- 21.4 At all times, all Participating Clubs, with the exception of Albirex Niigata FC (S) and Brunei DPMM FC, shall have a minimum of three (3) Under-23 players fielded during the first half of a match. If any Under-23 Player is substituted in the first half of the match, such player shall be replaced by another Under-23 Player, except in the case of an Under-23 player who is ordered off the field of play in the first half.
- 21.5 At all times, Albirex Niigata FC (S), shall have a minimum of two (2) Singaporean players fielded during the first half of a match. If any Singaporean player is substituted in the first half of the match, such player shall be replaced by another Singaporean player, except in the case of a Singaporean player who is ordered off the field of play in the first half.
- 21.6 At all times, Brunei DPMM FC, shall have a minimum of one (1) Under-23 player of Bruneian nationality fielded during the first half of a match. If any Under-23 Player is substituted in the first half of the match, such player shall be replaced by another Under-23 Player, except in the case of an Under-23 player who is ordered off the field of play in the first half.
- 21.7 From the start of the second half of the match, there will be no restrictions on substitutions.
- 21.8 All Participating Clubs wishing to make a substitution shall inform the 4th Official of the Players involved in the Substitution using a duly completed 'Substitution Card' and accompanied by the Players' AD Pass.



SECTION D: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

22. Duration of Matches

- 22.1 All Matches shall be of ninety (90) minutes' duration (forty-five (45) minutes for each half) but any Match which for any cause whatever falls short of ninety (90) minutes' duration may be ordered to count as a completed fixture or to be replayed in full as the Competitions Division may in its absolute discretion determine.
- 22.2 In all Matches, the half-time interval shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes, from whistle to whistle.

23. Arrangement of Fixtures

- 23.1 All Matches in the Competition shall be arranged as soon as practicable prior to the commencement of the Season. The copyright in all lists or arrangements of such fixtures in any Tournament in any Season or of any match sanctioned by the Competitions Division shall be vested in FAS.
- 23.2 Competitions Division shall be responsible for drawing out the match fixtures for dissemination to all the Clubs before the commencement of the Competition. All Matches shall, unless re-arranged with the approval of the Competitions Division, be played on the dates scheduled.
- 23.3 The Competitions Division and the FAS Referees Committee shall appoint the Match Commissioners and Referees for all Matches.
- 23.4 All kick-offs must adhere to the time advertised by the Competitions Division, Clubs and Referees must report any delays at the scheduled time of kick-off and the start of the second half to the Competitions Division. Any Club causing a kick-off to be delayed by more than five (5) minutes from the time advertised will be fined a minimum sum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1000.00), but not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars (SGD\$3000.00) for a first offence and for a second or subsequent offence deemed guilty of misconduct. Any Club causing a kick-off to be delayed by more than five (5) minutes from the time advertised shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.
- 23.5 Should any delayed kick-off necessitate the Visiting Club incurring expenses, the Visiting Club shall be entitled to claim reasonable costs against the gross gate takings. Any dispute arising from the claim so made shall be referred to the Head, Competitions, whose decision shall be final. Any such claim must be made within fourteen (14) days of the match in question and payment, or referral to the Head, Competitions, shall be made within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the claim.

24. Kick Off Timings

- 24.1 The time of kick-off shall be between 5.15pm and 7.45pm for all matches. FAS reserves the right to amend the kick-off time for all matches.
- 24.2 Any variation to these timings shall be made only with the approval of the FAS Competitions Division.
- 24.3 For matches on Public Holidays, the FAS Competitions Division shall fix the time of kick-off.
- 24.4 For matches televised or streamed online (whether live or otherwise), the FAS Competitions Division shall determine the time of kick-off if necessary.
- 24.5 Both Teams shall enter the field of play together along with the Match Officials, the Referee as per timings listed on the Official Match Countdown.

25. Non-fulfilment of Fixture Obligations

- 25.1 Any team that failed to fulfil its fixture obligation without just cause in respect of any Match on the appointed date or dates shall be deemed guilty of gross misconduct.
- 25.2 The team that fails to fulfil its fixture obligations shall be liable to pay a fine and compensation for any expenses necessarily incurred by the opposing team, FAS and other affected parties as a direct result of the failure. The amount of compensation will be at the discretion of Head, Competitions after weighing the merits of each case. The FAS Competitions Division reserves the right to take whatever action they deem fit against the infringing team, including but not limited to imposing a fine on the team, and/or referring the matter to the Exco or the Council.

26. Dispute / Dislocation of Fixtures / Abandoned Matches

- 26.1 Any dispute between two or more Clubs as to the arrangement of the Matches shall be referred to and decided by the Head, Competitions as soon as possible but not later than seven (7) days before the Match in reference.
- 26.2 If, for whatever reason, the Matches cannot be played on the appointed date, this shall be immediately reported to the Head, Competitions by the Clubs concerned, and it shall be the FAS Competition Division's responsibility in each instance to notify immediately the appointed Referee, the Assistant Referees, the Fourth Official, and the Match Commissioner, and such other relevant personnel, of such postponement.
- 26.3 In the event of any Match that has been postponed or abandoned before the completion of the regulation time of ninety (90) minutes, the result shall be decided by the FAS Competitions Division as to whether there should be a replay or any form of disciplinary action to be taken against the errant team or Club.
- 26.4 If a match is abandoned due to conditions beyond control (inclement weather, power failure) the match, as far as possible, shall be replayed the following day or any day determined by the FAS Competitions Division.
- 26.5 The FAS Competitions Division will as far as possible arrange for a date agreeable to both the teams if the match is not played the following day. When this is not possible then the FAS Competitions Division shall decide on the date and venue, and whose decision shall be final. A team unable to play on the date and venue decided by the FAS Competitions Division shall be considered to have failed to fulfil an engagement or play its fixtures and liable to disciplinary action. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be final and binding.
- 26.6 An abandoned/postponed match will not be considered as the match where a suspended player has served the suspension; the suspended player shall serve the suspension in the immediate match following the abandoned/postponed match. If an abandoned match is to be replayed, any caution issued during that match shall be annulled but a red card received by a player in an abandoned match will count and the appropriate sanction shall follow. The replay of the abandoned match will not be considered as the match where the errant player has served the suspension. If the match is not to be replayed, the cautions received by the team responsible for causing the match to be abandoned are upheld; if both teams are responsible, then all of the cautions are upheld.
- 26.7 The score of the abandoned match will be considered null and void, and the replay will start as a new match playing the ninety (90) minutes of regulation time with the score of 0-0.
- 26.8 If a match is abandoned, suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment of the match.

27. Club ceasing to play

- 27.1 If any Club in the League ceases to operate during the Season, its playing record in the League shall be expunged, and the number of places from the respective Tournaments, shall be reduced accordingly unless otherwise determined by the Exco or the Council. The remaining fixtures if any shall continue without the Club that has ceased to operate.



27.2 If any Club ceases to operate after the completion of the Season's fixture programme, the Exco or the Council shall determine the position of the Club without prejudice to any and all rights it has.

28. Fixtures Scheduling Policy

28.1 The Singapore Premier League shall adopt and be guided by the policy of a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours between matches. The rest period shall not take into account for the impact travel has on recovery.

28.2 With the exception of extenuating circumstances, requests for rescheduling and postponement of matches shall not be approved unless otherwise decided by the FAS Competitions Division.

28.3 All Participating Clubs shall seek the approval of the FAS Competitions Division before granting leave of absence and/or overseas breaks for their respective Participating Players and Participating Officials during the official period of Competition.

29. Field of Play

29.1 Each Participating Club shall register its ground with the FAS Competitions Division, and no Participating Club shall move to another ground, without the consent of the FAS Competitions Division.

29.1.1 The dimensions of the field of play for all Matches shall be as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum
Length	100m	110m
Width	64m	75m

29.2 All Participating Clubs must register their pitch dimensions with the Head, Competitions, prior to the start of each Season. Participating Clubs are not allowed to alter its pitch dimensions during a Season unless with the prior written consent of the FAS Competitions Division; the Division may at any time require a Participating Club to submit a report from a qualified independent source, at its cost, certifying the pitch dimensions or the condition of the Stadium, including the ground.

29.3 Each Participating Club shall take all reasonable steps to maintain its pitch and grounds in good order. The FAS Competitions Division or the Facilities, Grounds and Building Committee (Sport SG) or the Field Maintenance Committee (Sport SG), may require a Participating Club to take such steps as it shall specify if it is not satisfied that an adequate standard of pitch or ground or offices or the safety and security of the Participating Club is/are being (or has been) maintained.

29.4 A Participating Club shall have a regular use of a ground where charge for admission may be made and a gate collection be taken in all Matches.

29.5 The playing area and the technical area must be demarcated, and spectator viewing must be further demarcated.

29.6 There must be separate dressing rooms for each Participating Team and the Match Officials.

29.7 There must be toilets/bathrooms provided in dressing rooms used by Participating Players and Match Officials, and not for spectator use; dressing rooms must have adequate facilities.

29.8 Floodlights installed at the stadia ought to meet the requirements of FAS Competitions Division and/or the relevant authorities.

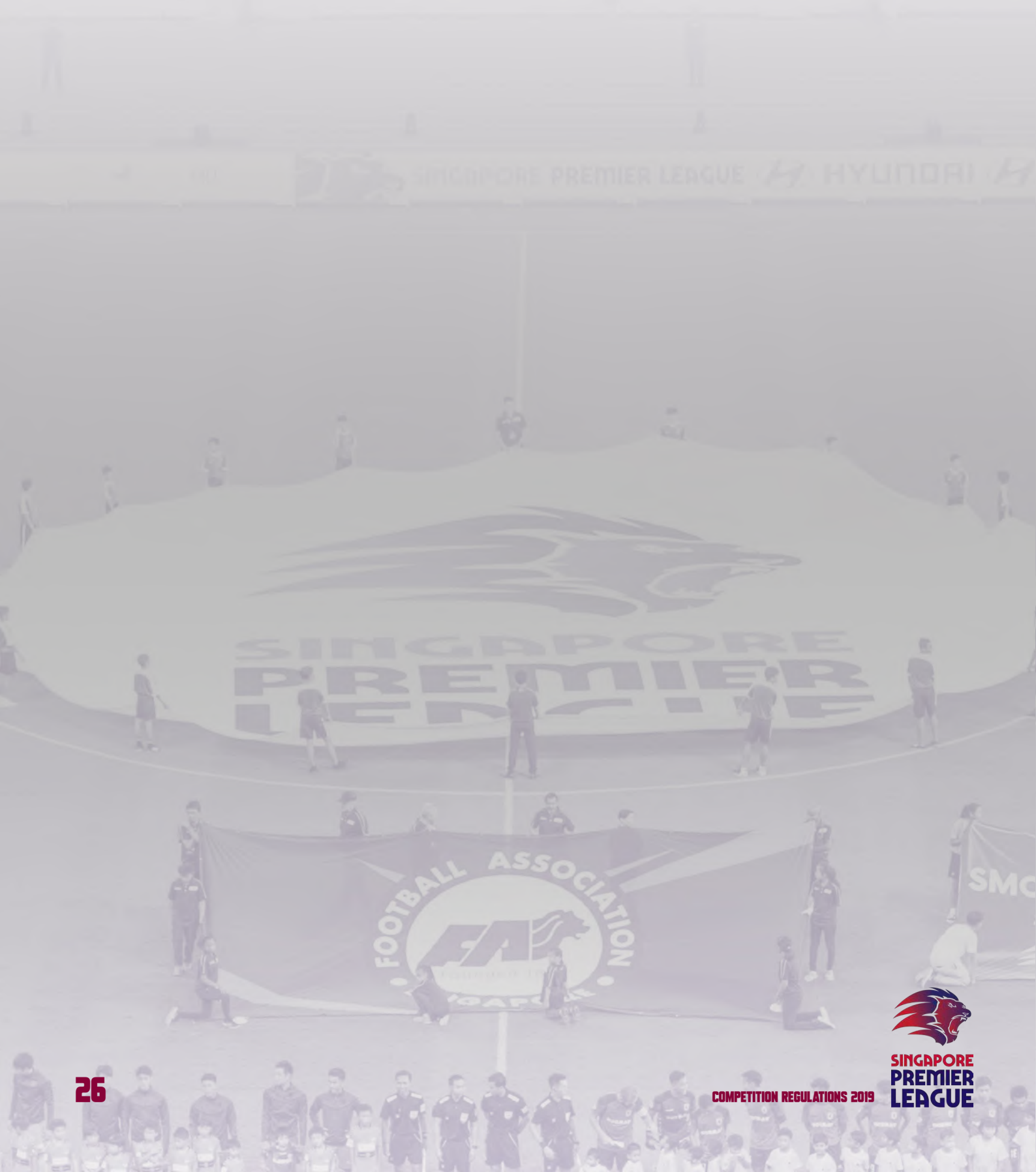
30. Team Bench and Technical Area

- 30.1 Each Participating Club shall provide separate areas adjacent to the pitch (hereinafter “the technical area”) for the sole use of Participating Team Officials, Participating Team Medical Staff and Participating substitutes; such designated areas shall be clearly marked “Home” and “Away”, have direct access to the pitch, be located equidistant from the half-way line, preferably be under cover, and capable of seating at least fourteen (14) people from each Participating Club.
- 30.2 Technical areas may vary between stadium, for example in size or location.
- 30.3 The technical area extends one (1) metre on either side of the designated seated area and shall extend forward up to a distance of one (1) metre from the touchline.
- 30.4 The Fourth Official before the commencement of the match shall identify and verify the accreditations of the occupants of the technical area. Accreditations shall be worn by the occupants at all times.
- 30.5 All person at the technical area must wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of players and referees on the field of play.
- 30.6 A Participating Player and/or Participating Official who has been sent off the field/technical area shall not be allowed to remain in the vicinity of the field or technical area.
- 30.7 A Participating Player and/or Participating Official on suspension is not allowed to be in the vicinity of the field or technical area.
- 30.8 Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions from the technical area.
- 30.9 The Head Coach, Participating Team Officials and other occupants of the technical area must remain within the confines of the technical area except in special circumstances, for example, a Medical Practitioner and/or a physiotherapist and/or a Sports Trainer entering the field of play with the Referee’s permission to assess an injured player.
- 30.10 The Head Coach and other occupants of the technical area shall behave in a responsible manner at all times.
- 30.11 Only a maximum of seven (7) registered Participating Team Officials and seven (7) Participating Substitute Players are allowed to be on the substitutes’ bench.
- 30.12 Only Participating Players indicated in the Official Player Selection List and registered for play (maximum 18) shall be allowed to take part in the Pre-Match warm up.
- 30.13 During actual play, a maximum of six (6) named substitutes from each Participating 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. These Participating players may be accompanied by a maximum of two (2) Participating Officials.
- 30.14 If there is no space to warm-up behind the goal, a maximum of three (3) Participating Players from each participating club may warm up simultaneously without a ball (except Goalkeeper) behind the Assistant Referee 1. These Participating Players may be assisted by one (1) Participating Official.



31. Footballs

- 31.1 The footballs for the Competition shall be selected and supplied by the FAS.
- 31.2 Each Participating Club shall receive footballs for training and Competition Matches.
- 31.3 Participating Clubs are only permitted to use the footballs provided by the FAS for training and warming-up purposes.



SECTION E: TRANSFER REGULATIONS

32. Scope

- 32.1 These Rules deal with the status and eligibility of Participating Players and whenever they effect a transfer of the Participating Player from one Participating Club to another.
- 32.2 In these Rules, the term “Club” shall (where the context requires to give full effect to the intent of the particular provision) be construed as registered with the Registry of Societies, Singapore, and all such Clubs registered with FAS. Where provision is made for the payment of compensation between Clubs in respect of a Player’s registration, then such provision shall extend to the movement of Players to/from Clubs. References to the Players Status Committee is that appointed by the Council of FAS.
- 32.3 Players of all Clubs affiliated to FAS are either amateur or non-amateur.
- 32.4 Players who have never received remuneration other than for actual expenses incurred during the course of their participation in or for any activity connected with football shall be regarded as amateur. To this effect, meal allowances, travel and hotel expenses incurred through involvement in a match and the cost of a Player’s equipment, insurance and training, may be reimbursed without jeopardising a Player’s amateur status.
- 32.5 Any Player who has ever received remuneration other than the remuneration stated in sub-Rule above in respect of participation in or an activity connected with football shall be regarded as non-amateur (which term also covers a semi-professional who is contracted for the actual playing Season) unless he has re-acquired amateur status. Such a Player will be subject to Central Provident Fund contributions and tax liability.

33. Players transferred from one Club to another

- 33.1 A Club wishing to engage the services of a Player who is at present under contract with another Club shall, before commencing any negotiations with that Player, be obliged to inform his Club in writing of its interest, giving at least fourteen (14) days’ notice from the date of the letter. A Club can only commence negotiations two (2) months before the expiry of the said Player’s contract, or any time after the Player’s current Club has ceased to be involved in any Competition organized by FAS, whichever is the later.
- 33.2 Clubs are not allowed to negotiate with a Player who is serving his Full-Time National Service until ninety (90) days prior to his ORD, notification of which must be given to the original Club having that Player’s consent.
- 33.3 Any violation of the foregoing obligation shall be referred to FAS Disciplinary Committee should any complaints be lodged by the Club concerned or by Head, Competitions.
- 33.4 In the case of a Player whose employment contract has expired or has been terminated, neither he nor any prospective new Club is required to notify his former Club of any negotiations he is personally conducting.
- 33.5 However, once the Player has signed a contract with a new Club, the new Club is obliged forthwith to contact the Club to which compensation is possibly due.
- 33.6 If a foreign non-amateur Player concludes a contract with a new Club, his former Club shall be entitled to a three (3)-month compensation of the Player’s last drawn salary or a three (3)-month compensation of the Player’s salary with the new Club, whichever is higher.
- 33.7 If an amateur Player under the age of 23 (born on or after 1st January 1996) concludes a contract with a new Club which he joins in a non-amateur capacity, his former Club(s) shall be entitled to compensation for his training.



- 33.8 If an amateur Player, regardless of age, is transferred to another Club and has the same amateur status there, his former Club shall have no claim to training compensation.
- 33.9 If an amateur Player above the age of 23 (born on or before 31st December 1995) concludes a contract with a new Club which he joins in a non-amateur capacity, his former club shall have no claim to compensation for his training.
- 33.10 If the Player's former Club considers it is entitled to compensation for training and development of the player, it shall file its claim within twelve (12) months from the day the Player turned non-amateur, otherwise its request will be rejected. (The provision will, however, not apply if a Club has failed to fulfil the obligation stipulated in sub-Rules above).
- 33.11 When a player is transferred to a new club, the following provisions regarding the payment of training compensation shall apply:

Current Status & Age of Player	Status of Player (at new Club)	Compensation (Yes/No)
Amateur (regardless of age)	Amateur	No
Amateur (above 23 yrs old)	Non-Amateur	No
Amateur (under 23 yrs old)	Non-Amateur	Yes
Non-Amateur (regardless of age)	Amateur	No
Non-Amateur (above 23 yrs old)	Non-Amateur	No
Non-Amateur (under 23 yrs old)	Non-Amateur	No

- 33.12 The amount of compensation mentioned above shall be agreed upon in writing between the two Clubs involved on the compensation stipulated in the rules that follow.
- 33.13 Any agreement made between a Player and his former Club or between a third party and the former Club regarding the amount of compensation shall be disregarded.
- 33.14 A Club may make a valid agreement with any one of its Players that it waives its right to compensation for training due to it under the terms of these Rules if the Player concerned is transferred to another Club. Such a waiver must be in written form to be valid.
- 33.15 Any agreement concluded between the Clubs regarding the amount of compensation provided by these Rules shall be brought to the attention of Head, Competitions, or any other National Football Association (in a foreign country).
- 33.16 In all matters concerning training compensation, FIFA's latest Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players will be the guiding principle.

34. Permanent Transfer Rules

- 34.1 Any player, who is under contract, is only free to move to another club if the buying and selling clubs successfully agree on all terms and conditions of the transfer.
- 34.2 A foreign player who is out of contract is free to move to another club provided the buying club compensates the player's previous club the sum of three (3) months of the player's last drawn salary or the sum of three (3) months of the player's salary with his new club, whichever is higher.
- 34.3 The previous club claiming for compensation is only entitled to a one-time compensation from the buying club when the player immediately joins the latter in the following season. When the same player moves to a subsequent club, the previous club(s) cannot seek further compensation from the new club.
- 34.4 A local player, whether amateur or non-amateur, who is over the age of 23 (born on or before 31st December 1995) and is out of contract is free to move to another club without his new club having to pay any form of compensation or transfer fee to his previous club.
- 34.5 An amateur player, who is under the age of 23 (born on or after 1st January 1996) and is out of contract, is free to move to another club provided that his new club pays his previous club, a training and development compensation fee.

- 34.6 If no agreement on the compensation fee is agreed between the two clubs, the fee will be fixed as follows:
- 34.6.1 SGD\$3,000 for every complete season, from the age of 12, that the player has spent in the COE scheme at his previous clubs.
 - 34.6.2 SGD\$4,000 for every complete season that the player has spent in the Prime (until 2017) and S.League/SPL squads at his previous clubs.
 - 34.6.3 All of the clubs that the player has played for whilst under the age of 23 will be entitled to compensation. The compensation fee the buying club pays will be apportioned according to the number of complete seasons spent at each club.
- 34.7 A player who has to fulfil his National Service or National Commitments will be allowed to register with Home United FC or Young Lions.
- 34.8 There will be no transfer fee or compensation paid by these teams to the player's previous club.
- 34.9 Upon completion of National Service with Home United FC, and national commitment with Young Lions, the player will return to his previous club to serve out the remainder of his contract.
- 34.10 If the player's contract had lapsed upon entering National Service, and he was under the age of 23 at that point, the player's previous club will be entitled to a compensation fee should the player choose to join another club upon completing his NS. His new club will be liable to pay his previous club (before NS) compensation as though he had moved when he was under 23, and Rule 34.6 shall apply.
- 34.11 If a player takes up a career of a professional serviceman following NS, he is eligible to sign for Home United Football Club providing the player's new club pays the balance of the player's remaining contract to the player's previous club. If the player is under the age of 23, a compensation fee as per Rule 34.6 must also be paid.

35. Retained and Released List

- 35.1 All Participating Clubs are required to submit to Head, Competitions within seven (7) days from the end of the Season or whatever the time-frame as the Head, Competitions deem appropriate the list of players (herein known as The Retained List) whom the club intends to retain for the following Season.
- 35.2 The list of players named in the Retained List must be accompanied by a copy of player's contract with the said club for the said period.
- 35.3 Failure to submit the Retained List within the stipulated period, the club would be liable for disciplinary sanctions.

36. Training Compensation to National Football League (NFL) Clubs

- 36.1 Should an amateur player from the National Football League, regardless of age, registered with an NFL Club is transferred to an SPL Club on either a non-amateur or amateur capacity, the last NFL Club in which the player represented shall be entitled to a one-time compensation fee of Three Thousand Dollars (SGD\$3,000.00) from the SPL Club, for training and development of the player.
- 36.2 Compensation for training and development shall not be payable for NFL players playing for both Police Sports Association (PSA) and Singapore Armed Forces Sports Association (SAFSA) while serving their National Service.
- 36.3 Compensation for training and development shall not be payable for players who have previously played for any S.League, Prime League or one of its Centre of Excellence (COE) teams, on either a non-amateur or amateur capacity, prior to playing in the NFL.



36.4 If the player had represented two (2) NFL clubs in the preceding season before his transfer to an SPL Club, the fixed quantum of one-time compensation shall be shared equally between both NFL Clubs.

37. The Players Status Committee

37.1 If the two Clubs have not reached an agreement on the amount of compensation in respect of the training and/or development of a Player, the dispute shall be submitted to the Players Status Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the PSC").

37.2 The PSC may draw up its own regulations to settle any differences of the kind described in sub-Rule 37.1 above between the two Clubs.

37.3 The PSC shall also determine any disagreement on the terms of the contract.

37.4 The PSC shall comprise a minimum of three (3) persons appointed by the Council of FAS, and any two (2) forming a quorum at any meeting of the PSC. The Secretary of the PSC shall be the Head, Administration and Finance Division, or his/her delegated representative. The members of the PSC shall not belong to any of the Clubs.

37.5 The PSC shall have exclusive powers to hear all disputes, including disagreements regarding compensation, including that for training and/or development, and shall have also power to call for witnesses and/or demand documents, and shall further include powers to hear and determine:

37.5.1 a dispute concerning an amateur or non-amateur status or his status and eligibility as a Player;

37.5.2 a dispute concerning the interpretation of clauses in contracts between clubs and/or Players;

37.5.3 a dispute concerning the transfer and/or release of Players to FAS for the national or representative teams by the Clubs employing them;

37.5.4 a dispute about other matters governed by these Rules in this Section.

37.6 Any disagreement between two Clubs regarding the amount of compensation for the training of a Player shall not affect his sporting or professional activity and the Player shall therefore be free to play for the new Club with which he has signed a contract unless otherwise determined by the PSC, which shall convene and hear the dispute within 30 days of being notified by Head, Competitions.

37.7 A Player may however be subject to a suspension arising from a dispute other than that described in sub-Rule above.

37.8 The PSC may appoint an ad hoc Transfer Committee to determine the amount of training compensation.

38. Re-Acquisition of Amateur Status

38.1 A Player who has been registered as a non-amateur with FAS or any national association overseas may not be classified as amateur until a period of one (1) month has elapsed.

38.2 The interim period shall start as from the day the Player competed in his last match with the Club which he was registered as a non-amateur.

38.3 A Club which a non-amateur Player has left shall not be entitled to compensation from the new Club with which the Player has regained amateur status. This provision is subject to the eventuality provided for under Rule 38.4 below.

38.4 If, within three (3) years of the day on which he regained amateur status, a Player reverts to non-amateur status, the Club with which he was registered before regaining amateur status may be, subject to Rule 38.3 of this Section, entitled to compensation for training.

38.5 If, in such a case, the Player has since changed clubs again, the Club with which the Player was, for a while, registered as an amateur shall not be entitled to compensation.

- 38.6 If there is any doubt as to whether a Player who has regained amateur status actually plays as an amateur in his new Club, the Club with which he was last registered as non-amateur may ask the PSC to investigate the matter and, if necessary, take appropriate action.

39. Termination of Activity

- 39.1 A non-amateur Player who stops playing competitive football shall remain registered as a Player with the Club with which he was last employed for a period of twelve (12) months.
- 39.2 The period shall begin as from the end of the Season in which the Player stops playing football.
- 39.3 The Club of a non-amateur Player who stops playing football upon expiry of his contract shall not be entitled to claim compensation of any kind from him.
- 39.4 Nothing under this Rule shall prevent an individual moving to another Club in a purely non-playing capacity.
- 39.5 If, within the period mentioned in Rule 39.1, a non-amateur Player who has stopped playing football wishes to start playing again within the same status, he shall remain registered with the Club with which he was last employed.
- 39.6 If the period mentioned in Rule 39.1 has elapsed, the Club with which the Player was last registered shall no longer be entitled to any compensation.

40. Special Provisions

- 40.1 The validity of a transfer contract between Clubs or of an employment contract between a Player and a Club shall be made subject to the positive results of a medical examination or to the acquisition of a work permit.
- 40.2 Consequently, the prospective new Club of the Player shall be required to make any necessary investigations or to take any appropriate action before concluding or executing the contract, otherwise it will be liable to pay the full amount of compensation for training agreed upon (and/or the amount of the salary due).
- 40.3 Under the provisions of these Rules, the loan of a Player by one Club to another constitutes a temporary transfer. A transfer certificate shall therefore be issued:
- 40.3.1 whenever a Player leaves a Club to join another Club to which he has been released on loan;
 - 40.3.2 whenever, on expiry of the period of loan, a Player rejoins the Club which released him on loan.
- 40.4 The conditions governing the loan of a non-amateur Player (duration of the loan, obligations to which the loan is subject to) shall be regulated by concluding a separate written contract.
- 40.5 Any local Player who has not done his National Service (unless he is given exemption) can sign a contract not exceeding three (3) years. Any clause referring to a longer duration shall be null and void. Such a Player who has completed his National Service obligations continues to remain registered with the Club he was last with prior to enlistment, and shall remain contractually bound for any outstanding period under the contract with that Club.
- 40.6 Clubs are not allowed to sign or re-sign a Player if he is not training or playing in matches for the Club just before he enters Full-Time National Service. If such contracts are signed, thereby making the Players contracted to the Club for twelve (12) months, or longer, such contracts signed will be deemed null and void.
- 40.7 If the services of a contracted Foreign Player is sought by a foreign Club, the local Club can negotiate a transfer fee as it is the holder of the Player's ITC.



41. Breaking of Contract

41.1 Any Player who wishes to break his contract will not be allowed to do so unless:

41.1.1 Any other Club wishing to sign the Player, the Player so agreeing in writing of this intention, shall pay a transfer fee to the Club holding his contract. The transfer fee will be negotiated between the two Clubs concerned. If these Clubs are unable to decide upon the amount, then it may be referred to the Head, Competitions, who will refer the matter to the PSC.

42. Release of Player to National Team or Representative Teams for FAS

42.1 Any Club which has concluded a contract with a Player who is eligible to play for FAS of which the Club is a member shall be obliged to release him to FAS of which he is a National Team Player in the event that he is selected for one of its representative Teams, irrespective of his age.

42.2 The same provision applies to a Club of FAS for any of its Players who are Nationals of FAS, if and when they are summoned to play in a representative match.

42.3 This provision is binding for the following matches:

42.3.1 a total of five (5) international matches per calendar year. If during the course of the same calendar year and after five (5) matches have been played, FAS still has to play matches in the FIFA World Cup Preliminary Competition, then the compulsory release of the Player shall be extended to include such matches.

42.3.2 additionally, any Match in the final competition of any FIFA Competition or the final Competition of Confederation Championships for senior National Teams ("A" teams) or the final Competition of other Competitions organised by the Confederations, provided these Competitions lead to qualification for a FIFA Competition;

42.3.3 additionally, any other Tournament/Match in respect of which FIFA Executive Committee or FAS has taken a decision.

42.4 If the representative team of FAS is qualified ex officio for a final competition, the compulsory release, as prescribed in Rule 42.3 above, shall comprise eight (8) international matches per calendar year.

42.5 The period of release shall allow for training time. The extent of this time shall be laid down as follows:

42.5.1 for a friendly international Match: minimum 48 hours;

42.5.2 for a qualifying match for an international Competition: 4 days (including the day of the match). The period of release shall be prolonged to 5 days if the match in question is held on a different continent from that on which the club is domiciled.

42.5.3 for the final competition of an international Competition: 14 days before the first match of the tournament. Any friendly matches played during this preparatory period do not count among the five international matches stipulated under para. 2 (a), or the eight matches stipulated under para. 42.4.

42.6 In any event, a Player is obliged to arrive at the match venue at least 48 hours before kick-off.

42.7 The Clubs and FAS concerned may, if desired, agree to extend the period of release. Where such an agreement has been made at the time of transfer of the Player, a copy of it shall be attached to the international transfer certificate.

42.8 Any Player who has complied with the summons of FAS pursuant to this Rule shall resume duty with his Club not later than twenty-four (24) hours after the Match to which he was summoned. This period may be prolonged to forty-eight (48) hours if the Match took place on a different continent from that of the Club with which the Player is registered. The club shall be notified in writing of the player's expected outward and return journey ten (10) days before the match. The FAS shall ensure that the player returns to his club on time after the match.

- 42.9 If a player does not resume duty with his club by the deadlines stipulated in this Rule, the period of release for FAS shall be shortened for the subsequent summons as follows:
- 42.9.1 for a friendly match: 24 hours;
 - 42.9.2 for a qualifying match: to 3 days; and
 - 42.9.3 for the final competition of an international competition: 10 days.
- 42.10 A Player shall not be permitted to remain with his National Team in the interval between two (2) matches for which he has been summoned if the interval is eight (8) days or more.
- 42.11 Any Club which releases a Player pursuant to Rule 42.10 above may not be entitled to financial compensation except as determined by the PSC.
- 42.12 FAS summoning the Player shall bear the costs for the travel or where relevant hotel expenses or any other direct expenses actually incurred by the Player as a result of this summons.
- 42.13 The Club with which the summoned Player is registered shall be responsible for his insurance cover against sickness and accident during the entire period of his release including insurance for injury sustained in the international Match (or Matches) or Competitions/Tournaments for which he is released.
- 42.14 Any Player registered with a Club is obliged to respond affirmatively when called upon by FAS to play for the National Team or for one of its representative teams.
- 42.15 A Player who is unable to comply with a written summons from FAS owing to injury or illness shall, if FAS so requires, agree to undergo a medical examination by a Medical Practitioner of FAS's choice.
- 42.16 A Player who has been summoned by FAS for its National Team or for one of its representative teams shall, under no circumstance, be entitled to play for the Club with which he is registered during the period of which he has been released or should have been released, pursuant to Rule 42.5 above. This restriction on playing for the Club shall, moreover, be prolonged by five (5) days (starting from the day of the match) in the event that the Player, for whatsoever reason, did not wish to or was unable to comply with the summons.
- 42.17 If a Club refuses to release a Player or neglects to do so despite the Rules above, any or both or any number of the following sanctions shall be applied:
- 42.17.1 a fine;
 - 42.17.2 a caution, censure or suspension of the Club involved;

43. Final Provisions

- 43.1 Any matter not provided for under these Rules in this Section shall be settled by the PSC and shall not be subject to appeal.
- 43.2 The PSC reserves all rights to alter, revoke, add or vary these Rules from time to time at their absolute discretion.



SECTION F: MEDIA

44. Media Access

- 44.1 The Host Club shall ensure that the FAS, the Host Broadcaster and all Broadcast Licensees have free access to the Stadium from two (2) days prior to each Match until one (1) day following each Match, to allow for the resolution of any technical issues and for the assembly of the relevant infrastructure required to execute the Media Rights.

45. Press Conferences

- 45.1 The Head Coach of each Participating Club must attend a post-Match press conference for each match in which they participate, commencing no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the match.
- 45.2 Each Team Media Officer shall ensure the attendance of the Head Coach.
- 45.3 Each participating club is responsible (if applicable) for the interpretation of its Head Coach into English.
- 45.4 Any individual who fails to attend an obligatory press conference shall be fined up to a maximum of Singapore Dollars One Thousand (SGD\$1000.00). The relevant participating club shall also be held liable and the FAS Competitions Division may issue further sanctions in its discretion.

46. Mixed Zone

- 46.1 All members of a Team Official Delegation shall pass through the Mixed Zone on their way from their dressing room to their bus/exit after the match.
- 46.2 Any individual who fails to pass through the Mixed Zone shall be fined a sum of Singapore Dollars Three Hundred (SGD\$300.00). The relevant participating club shall also be held liable and the FAS Competitions Division may issue further sanctions in its discretion.

47. Interviews

- 47.1 If requested by the FAS, each participating club shall make their Head Coach and selected Participating Players available for an interview of up to ten (10) minutes, to be recorded by the Host Broadcaster or other Broadcast Licensees, any Official Licensee or Official Partner.
- 47.2 Any such interviews shall be conducted one (1) or two (2) days prior to the match.
- 47.3 All interview locations shall be designated by the Club Media Officer or FAS Match Commissioner.
- 47.4 Any individual who fails to conduct an interview when requested shall be fine up to a maximum of Singapore Dollars One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1000.00). The relevant participating club shall also be held liable and the FAS Competitions Division may issue further sanctions in its discretion.

48. Flash Interviews

- 48.1 Participating Players and Participating Officials are not permitted to give interviews at the Stadium without the express permission of the FAS.
- 48.2 The Club Media Officer may designate an area for the multilateral and unilateral flash interviews to be conducted by the Host Broadcaster and the visiting Broadcast Licensee (if applicable) following each match.
- 48.3 If requested by the FAS, any Participating Players and/or Participating Officials shall participate in a flash interview following each match.

48.4 Any individual who fails to conduct an interview when requested shall be fine up to a maximum of Singapore Dollars One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1000.00). The relevant participating club shall also be held liable and the FAS Competitions Division may issue further sanctions in its discretion.



SECTION G: MEDICAL AND DOPING

49. Pre-Competition Medical Screening

- 49.1 Each Participating Club shall ensure that each Participating Player undergoes a pre-competition medical screening prior to their mandatory fitness test and registration.
- 49.2 Any player who has not undergone his medical screening and not certified cleared to play shall not be eligible for selection to play in the Competition. The player, however, can be provisionally registered for the competition.

50. Facilities and Personnel

- 50.1 One (1) ambulance shall be stationed ninety (90) minutes before the commencement of each Match at the designated area near the Medical Room and the Field of Play.
- 50.2 Each ambulance must be equipped with advance life support equipment such as defibrillator, oxygen/ mask, I/V drip sets and emergency medicaments and trained emergency medical personnel.
- 50.3 Communication channels with the ambulance(s) for emergency evacuation should be in place.
- 50.4 Security stewards must be available at all times to escort the ambulance(s) for smooth and quick transportation of patients to the referral hospital.
- 50.5 The area wherein the ambulance(s) are stationed shall be free from any obstruction. Media shall not be permitted within this area.
- 50.6 Each Stadium must have one (1) fully equipped medical room for medical care of the Team and Match Officials.
- 50.7 The first medical room shall be located in the tunnel close to the Field of Play and team dressing rooms for emergency treatment of seriously injured Participating Players.
- 50.8 The following emergency equipment shall be present and fully operational in the medical room:
 - 50.8.1 minimum one (1) examination and treatment tables;
 - 50.8.2 minimum two (2) hardboard/spinal stretchers with head blocks;
 - 50.8.3 defibrillator with rhythm and patient data recording or AED;
 - 50.8.4 infusion mounting and system with all equipment for injections and infusion including venous indwelling cannulae;
 - 50.8.5 intubation equipment; laryngoscope; LMA; Ambubag (bag valve mask); lubrication;
 - 50.8.6 stationary oxygen minimum of two thousand (2000) Litres or portable oxygen minimum of four hundred (400) Litres;
 - 50.8.7 stationary non-manual suction device with minimum negative pressure of five hundred (500) millimetres of mercury;
 - 50.8.8 immobilization equipment as such, spiral board, cervical collar set; and
 - 50.8.9 cyro-thermal regulation therapy (e.g. ice/warm blankets)
- 50.9 Medical support at the Field of Play is recommended to be equipped with a transportable medical bag consisting of:
 - 50.9.1 Diagnostic equipment
 - 50.9.1.1 Stethoscope, Blood Pressure Monitor with cuff size 10 cm/66 cm, pupil lamp, reflex hammer, blood sugar gauge and/or blood sugar test sticks, digital thermometer, pulse oximeter; Circulation
 - 50.9.1.2 Infusion equipment with administration sets and solution, portable defibrillator with rhythm and patient data recording (AED);

50.9.2 Breathing

- 50.9.2.1 Portable airway care system, aspirator, suction catheter, portable oxygen minimum of four hundred (400) Litres, resuscitator with masks and airway, mouth to mask ventilator with oxygen inlet, larynx mask, intubation equipment, tubes;

50.9.3 Emergency Surgical Equipment

- 50.9.3.1 Needle holder, forceps, scalpel, scalpel blades, Scissors (sharp and tape), nail clippers, syringes (2ml, 5 ml, 10ml), needles, suture cutters, local anesthetics (lidocain with and without adrenaline (epinephrine), Steristrips (1/8, 1/4"), alcohol swabs, Sterile dressing pads, dressing strips, tube and dressing gauze and container for contaminated needle;

50.9.4 Medicaments

- 50.9.4.1 Oral analgesics/antipyretics, injectable analgesics (not in the list of prohibited substances). NSAIDs/ COX2-inhibitors, injectable adrenalin (epinephrine) for anaphylaxis, Antibiotics, antacids, antihistamines, anti-asthmatic inhalators (beta-2-agonist, corticosteroid), 50% glucose solution, sedatives, hypnotics, throat lozenges, cough mixture/antitussive medications, creams/ ointment (anti-fungal, antibiotic, corticosteroid, anti-inflammatory), eye and ear antibiotic drops, tetanus toxoid and anti-diarrhea tablets/ liquids;

50.9.5 Equipment

- 50.9.5.1 Splints, triangular sling bandage, tongue depressors, cotton tip applicators, rigid sports tape, elastic bandage, adhesive tape, adhesive foam, adhesive spray and coolant spray. Vacuum mattress or long spiral board complete with head immobilizer, cervical collar, cervical upper spinal immobilization devices and disposable gloves.



SECTION H: SAFETY AND SECURITY

51. General Principles

- 51.1 All matters relating to safety and security shall be undertaken in compliance with the FAS Stadium Regulations and FAS Safety and Security Regulations.
- 51.2 Each Host Club shall, in conjunction with the relevant authorities and/or Stadium owners, devise, plan, and implement adequate security and safety measures for the Competition at all Controlled Access Areas within the Venue and other relevant locations to protect all relevant persons, including without limitation the FAS personnel, Team Officials, Official Licensees, Sponsors, Partners, Media and spectators, and all goods brought in by the FAS, Team Officials, FAS Commercial Rights Partner, and official Licensees.
- 51.3 Each Host Club shall issue a detailed security plan in the form of an official document, submitted to the FAS Competitions Division for approval prior to the start of the Competition.

52. Covered Stadia

- 52.1 No match in the Competition shall take place at any stadium where the playing area is covered or partially covered by a fixed or moveable roof without the prior written approval of the FAS Competitions Division and SportSG.
- 52.2 Any Club proposing to cover or partially cover its stadium with a fixed or moveable roof shall be required to submit outline plans and a copy of the planning application to the FAS Competitions Division, prior to such planning application being submitted to the appropriate authority(s).

53. Stadium Access Control

- 53.1 On match days, only persons in possession of a valid permit shall be granted entry to the stadium. Valid permits include:
- 53.1.1 Match tickets
 - 53.1.2 Accreditations
- 53.2 If a person cannot produce a valid permit, he shall be refused entry into the stadium.
- 53.3 It is the responsibility of all stewards and the host club to ensure that only those persons with authority to be inside the stadium, including members of the public, officials and staff, are permitted into the stadium.
- 53.4 Where restricted access zones have been established (for example, players' areas, the field of play, the media, hospitality, etc.), stewards or other appropriate security staff shall be in place to enforce and control access in accordance with the established accreditation and stadium zoning plan.
- 53.5 The Home Club shall ensure that spectators do not misbehave or throw any projectiles such as water bottles onto the field or encroach into the field of play or the technical area before, during or just after a match.
- 53.6 The spectators are not allowed usage of prohibited items stipulated in the Match ticketing terms and conditions including but not limited to whistles, laser pointers, pyrotechnics and incendiary devices during the match.

SECTION I: FAIR PLAY

54. General Principles

- 54.1 In its effort to promote Fair Play and sportsmanship, the Competition shall hold a Fair Play Competition for the Season, based on an assessment of the Teams'/Clubs' conduct.
- 54.2 All the matches in the current Season and for the Seasons thereafter, shall be assessed by the Match Commissioner appointed to oversee the match.
- 54.3 The objectives of the Fair Play Competition is to foster sportsmanship and Fair Play among Players, Clubs/Team Officials, Members of the Club, and spectators, in keeping with the Mission Statement of the League, thereby also increasing the entertainment value of the game.
- 54.4 As soon as the game is over, the Match Commissioner shall complete the prescribed form for the Fair Play Competition.
- 54.5 The FAS Competitions Division shall release the standings upon the completion of the competition whose decision shall be final.
- 54.6 The FAS Competitions Division shall award the Club winning the Fair Play Competition a trophy and/or a cash award or such prizes at their absolute discretion, so determine.

55. Method of Assessment

- 55.1 The assessment form lists five (5) criteria to assess the Teams' or Clubs' fair play performance, stressing the positive rather than negative aspects.

56. Assessment Criteria

- 56.1 Red and Yellow Cards (deduction from a maximum of 60 points)
- 56.1.1 Yellow card : 6 points
- 56.1.2 Red card : 12 points
- 56.1.3 If a Player who has been cautioned with a yellow card, commits another offence, normally punishable by a yellow card, and is sent off as a result of the second offence, only the red card shall count, i.e. the total number of points deducted shall be 12 points.
- 56.1.4 If, however, a Player who has been cautioned with a yellow card commits another offence for which the punishment is instant expulsion, the total amount deducted shall be 18 points (6+12).
- 56.2 Positive Play (max. 20 points)
- 56.2.1 The aim of this criterion is to reward attacking play (which obviously appeals to spectators); points shall be awarded for the following sub-categories:
- 56.2.1.1 Positive aspects (10 points)
- Attacking rather than defensive tactics;
 - Speeding up the game;
 - Attempts at gaining time e.g. when a Team returns the ball quickly to the game even though it is winning;
 - Continuing to attempt to score even if the result aimed at (i.e. winning) had already been achieved;



56.2.1.2 Negative aspects (10 points)

- Slowing down the game;
- Time-wasting;
- Rough tactics
- Play-acting, etc.

56.3 Respect towards the Referees (max 10 points)

56.3.1 A positive attitude towards the Referee, including acceptance of doubtful decisions, without protest, shall be rewarded.

56.4 Behaviour of Club/Team Officials (max 5 points)

56.4.1 Coaches and other Club/Team Officials are expected to encourage the sporting, technical, tactical and ethical standards of their Team. They shall instruct the Players to behave in accordance, and in the ultimate with the principle of fair play.

56.4.2 Positive and negative factors in the behaviour of the Club Officials shall be included in the assessment, for instance whether they had infringed rules governing the Technical Area or how they accept the Referee's decisions; inciting or provoking Players shall be rated negatively.

56.5 Behaviour of the Crowd (max 5 points)

56.5.1 Clubs are expected to educate their fans to behave and inculcate good habits whilst attending matches. Acts such as the use of a whistle or use of abusive language/signs and/or provocative acts that disrupt or bring disrepute to the game will be penalised.

57. The Final Assessment

57.1 The overall assessment of Team/Club during the league, or beyond, shall be calculated by adding the marks attained at each game divided by the number of matches played. The Club that has the highest average points shall be the winner of the Fair Play Trophy.

57.2 In the event of a tie in the overall assessment, the winners remain as they stand on their equal points.

57.3 In addition to making the assessment, the Match Commissioner may give a short account of the fair play performance of the Teams/Clubs to clarify the positive and negative factors which form the basis of his assessment. The account may also emphasize any outstanding individual gestures of fair play from a Player, Official, Referee, Club or any other person.

57.4 The FAS Competitions Division draws up these Rules and the decision on any other matters pertaining to this Award is final.

57.5 This Award is based on the Clubs' performance in the league, aforesaid, and or other such tournaments in the seasons following, and will not include the performance in any other competition unless determined by the FAS Competitions Division.

SECTION J: DISCIPLINARY

58. Disciplinary Measures

- 58.1 All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the current FAS Constitution, FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code, and any relevant FAS circular.
- 58.2 The FAS may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the Participating Clubs in due course.
- 58.3 Only Participating Players and Participating Officials may serve match suspensions in the Competition. For avoidance of doubt, this requires the registration of the relevant individual within a Registration Window in accordance with the deadlines set out in these Regulations.
- 58.4 All Participating Players agree to:
- 58.4.1 respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
 - 58.4.2 behave accordingly; and
 - 58.4.3 refrain from doping.

59. Administrative Procedure

- 59.1 Where a specified financial penalty and/or sanction is/are provided for in these Rules in these Sections, the FAS Executive Committee [hereinafter “the FAS Exco”] shall have, through the Head, Competitions or any of the Standing Committees, the full power to impose against any Club, Official and/or Player and/or Member who they shall deem guilty of having offended against or committed a breach of these Rules in these Sections such financial penalties and/or sanctions as these Rules hereinafter appearing permit.
- 59.2 The FAS Congress shall elect a Committee known as the FAS Disciplinary Committee [hereinafter “the Committee”].
- 59.3 The Committee shall receive from the Head, Competitions, or any Standing Committee of the FAS or the FAS Exco itself notice of any suspected or alleged offence or breach of any of these Rules of these Sections or any misconduct notwithstanding that a penalty for such offence, breach of the Rules under these Sections or misconduct is not specifically provided for by the Rules.
- 59.4 The FAS Exco delegates the exercise of any of its powers under these Rules either generally or specifically to the Committee or the Head, Competitions, or any of the Standing Committees of the FAS or the FAS Players Status Committee [hereinafter “the PSC”] for adjudication and determination as hereunder set out.
- 59.5 The Committee established by the FAS Exco pursuant to these Rules shall consist of such person or persons as the Board deem the circumstances warrant, but shall consist of a maximum of twelve (12) members, of whom any three (3) shall be adequate to hear and determine any matter. From among the three (3) one shall be the Chairperson of the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee has the power to appoint a Deputy Chairman or any member of his Committee who shall deputise as Chairman as and when necessary.
- 59.6 The Committee shall draw its own sub-rules which may include procedures, infringements and sanctions, implementation thereof, and any appeal procedures or powers thereof, including such order as to the payment of expenses, costs or financial penalties by Clubs, Players or Officials or Members of the Club as they think fit, in accordance to the FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code.



- 59.7 The Committee shall have the power of inquiry into all disputes, questions or differences between Clubs and Players, Officials or Members of the Club, and into all matters constituting or pertaining to any breach of these Rules under the various Sections by Clubs, Players, Officials and Members as may be referred to by the Head, Competitions or any of the FAS's Standing Committees, and to convene a hearing on notice being given, and to effect that purpose the Committee may require the attendance of all Officials, Players and other persons for the hearing of the complaint and compel the production of all books, letters and other documents relevant and necessary for the determination of the dispute/question/difference.
- 59.8 Any Club, Official, Player or Member offering or receiving a payment or any other form of inducement to or from any Club or Official or Player or Member of any Club or any person, or any such Club, Official or Player or Member receiving or seeking to receive any payment or any other form of inducement from any other person or organisation to win, lose or draw a match under the jurisdiction of the FAS shall be deemed guilty of misconduct. The FAS or any of its Standing Committees or the Head, Competitions shall have the power to refer such acts to the relevant authorities.
- 59.9 The Committee or such other Standing Committee of the FAS, inclusive of the Head, Competitions, the Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators or the Appeals Committee or the PSC, shall be entitled to publish in the media or in such other manner as they shall think fit reports of their proceedings, acts, resolutions, findings and financial penalties whether the same shall or shall not reflect on the character or conduct of any Club, Official, Player or Member, and every such Club, Official, Player or Member shall be deemed to have assented to such an inquiry and such publication.

60. Differences between Clubs

- 60.1 A Club in the first instance shall refer all differences and questions or disputes between it and any other Club or Officials or Players or Members thereof to the Head, Competitions. Each Club making such a reference shall do so in writing and shall deposit a fee of Singapore Dollars One Thousand (SGD\$1000.00) only which shall be liable to be forfeited to the FAS at the discretion of the Committee or the Head, Competitions or Arbitrator or the FAS three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the PSC as the case may be.
- 60.2 On any such submission or reference, the Head Competitions may in his absolute discretion:
- 60.2.1 either determine the dispute, question or difference himself; or
 - 60.2.2 refer to or delegate the determination of such dispute, difference or question, at the absolute discretion of the Head, Competitions, to a single Arbitrator or a Board of three (3) Arbitrators appointed by the Head, Competitions or to any of the Standing Committees of the FAS or the PSC; or
 - 60.2.3 refer the matter to the Committee.
- 60.3 The Head, Competitions shall be under no obligation whatsoever to grant an oral hearing to a Club should he, in his absolute discretion, refer the matter to a single Arbitrator or a Board of three (3) Arbitrators or the Committee or any of the Standing Committees of the FAS or the PSC.
- 60.4 Any Club aggrieved at the determination of the Head, Competitions or the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or of the Committee or any of the Standing Committees of the FAS, made pursuant to this Rule as regards the determination of the dispute, question, difference, or at the manner in which such determination was arrived at, shall refer the matter to the Appeal Committee [hereinafter "the Appeal Committee"] as provided in this Section, and any decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.
- 60.5 Membership for the time being for the FAS shall constitute an agreement to refer all disputes, questions and differences between the Head, Competitions who shall determine the same in accordance to the provision of Rule 60.3 above.
- 60.5.1 The Arbitration tribunal ("the tribunal") shall consist of either a single Arbitrator or three (3) Arbitrators appointed by the Head, Competitions. The Head, Competitions shall, in a case involving three (3) Arbitrators, appoint a Chairman to chair all such meetings, and three (3) members must hear the matter, adjudicate and determine the dispute, question or difference.

- 60.5.2 If any arbitrator appointed by the Head, Competitions shall die, refuse to act or become incapacitated from acting prior to the making of a determination a further arbitrator shall be appointed by the Head, Competitions to replace him.
- 60.6 As soon as practicable after it has been convened, the Arbitrator or Board of three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee of the FAS or the PSC as the case may be shall convene a meeting with the parties or their representatives. The Arbitrator or Board of three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee of the FAS or the PSC may adopt such procedures as it considers appropriate for the resolution of the dispute, question or difference, and may proceed by way of oral hearing or by written submission, and by such manner of evidence as it considers appropriate.
- 60.7 Any decision or procedural decision shall be made by the Arbitrator himself or in the case of the Board of Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the PSC shall, where necessary, be made by a majority and, in the event that no majority may be formed, the Chairman of the Board of Arbitrators or the Chairman of such Standing Committee or the PSC shall make his determination as if he were a sole arbitrator.
- 60.8 No party shall be represented at any hearing by a solicitor or counsel acting in his capacity as such, unless he has been a member of a Club for a period of twelve (12) months preceding the appointment of the Arbitrator, Board of Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC or the Appeal Committee to hear the dispute, question or difference or any appeal therefrom.
- 60.9 In the event of default by either party in respect of any procedural order of the Arbitrator or Board of three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC, the Arbitrator or such Board or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC shall have the power to debar that party from further participation in the arbitration/ proceedings, and deliver its determination as the Arbitrator or such Board or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC may deem fit.
- 60.10 The power of the Head, Competitions, the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC to forfeit the deposit under Rule 60.1 shall be in addition to the power conferred on the Head, Competitions, the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC to determine the difference, dispute or question. Any form of misconduct during the conduct of the proceedings found by the Head, Competitions or the Arbitrator or the Board of Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC or the Appeal Committee may be referred to the FAS Exco.

61. Procedure and Appeals

- 61.1 The Head, Competitions, the Arbitrator or the Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or any of the Standing Committees of the FAS (save for the PSC) imposing any decision or penalty on any Club, Player or Official or Member shall inform in writing any Club or person against whom action is being taken of any such decision as soon as practicable thereafter.
- 61.2 Any Club or person against whom action is being taken (save for the decision of the PSC) may, within seven (7) working days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) of being informed of such a decision, require the body or person taking such action to specify in writing the findings of fact leading to the decision and the reasons for the decision. A fee of Dollars One Thousand (SGD\$1000.00) must accompany such request. Any such requirement shall be met within seven (7) working days of its receipt and shall be accompanied by copies of all materials which were before the body or person making the decision, or such of that material as such body or person may consider relevant to the decision.
- 61.3 Any Club or person on whom a decision and/or penalty has been imposed pursuant to these Rules may appeal against such decision and/or against the penalty so imposed. Any such appeal shall be made and conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Rule.



- 61.4 A notice of appeal must be in writing and must be lodged with Head, Competitions with a copy to the Secretary of the Appeal Committee within seven (7) working days of the receipt of the decision, or where a request for the reasons for the decision has been made within seven (7) working days of the receipt of those reasons, and shall be accompanied by a deposit of Dollars One Thousand (SGD\$1000.00). This amount will be refunded to the appellant if the appeal is successful.
- 61.5 At the same time that the notice of appeal is lodged there shall also be lodged with the Head, Competitions with a copy to the Secretary of the Appeal Committee:
- 61.5.1 a statement of the grounds of appeal; and
 - 61.5.2 if leave is sought to present any fresh evidence to the Appeal Committee, particulars of such evidence and of the reasons why it was not presented to the earlier decision-maker, and
 - 61.5.3 particulars of any fact or circumstances which do not appear from the statement or accompanying documents upon which the appellant is seeking to rely.
- 61.6 The Appeal Committee shall be elected by the FAS Congress. No persons so appointed shall have taken part in any previous proceedings relating to the same matter. The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.
- 61.7 Upon the application of either party, or of its own motion, the Appeal Committee may hold-preliminary hearings for the purpose of:
- 61.7.1 deciding any application for leave to call fresh evidence;
 - 61.7.2 giving any other instructions which it considers necessary for the conduct of the proceedings; and the Appeal Committee may at any time extend or abridge all or any time limits governing appeals and may permit amendments to documents lodged by the parties on such terms as it thinks fit.
- 61.8 No fresh evidence shall be presented to the Appeal Committee without its leave. Save in the exceptional circumstances, no such leave shall be given unless:
- 61.8.1 the evidence was not available at the time of the hearing appealed against despite the exercise of reasonable diligence;
 - 61.8.2 it is credible evidence; and
 - 61.8.3 it is relevant.
- 61.9 An appeal shall be by way of re-hearing on the documents, except where the Appeal Committee gives leave to present fresh evidence, and save that the parties shall be entitled to make oral representations to the Appeal Committee at the hearing. Subject to Rule 61.8 above, no party may be represented at the hearing of any appeal by solicitor or counsel acting in his capacity as such.
- 61.10 The Appeal Committee, like the PSC, may conduct the hearing in such a manner and at such times as it considers desirable and/or suitable. If either party fails to attend at the hearing, the Appeal Committee, like the PSC, may proceed in its absence. The Appeal Committee and/or the PSC shall not be bound by any enactment or rule of law relating to the inadmissibility of evidence in proceedings before any court of law.

61.11 An Appeal Committee shall have power:

- 61.11.1 to allow or dismiss the appeal;
- 61.11.2 to vary the decision and/or penalty in such a manner as it shall think fit, including the power to increase, decrease or remit any penalty included in such decision except when such penalty shall be specified in these Rules when the Appeal Committee shall impose such penalty if it finds the case proved;
- 61.11.3 to remit the matter with such directions as it thinks fit for re-hearing and determination by the earlier decision making body;
- 61.11.4 to make such further or other order as it thinks fit, including an order to forfeit the deposit.

61.12 An Appeal Committee shall not be bound to allow an appeal on the ground of misdirection or wrong evaluation of evidence, unless in the opinion of the said Committee, substantial injustice, including a miscarriage of justice, has thereby been occasioned.

61.13 An Appeal Committee may take account of facts or matters which have become evident or have occurred since the date of the decision appealed against where, pursuant to leave given to call fresh evidence, evidence has been given about such matters.

61.14 Where an Appeal Committee dismisses an appeal or varies the decision, the Appeal Committee may order the deposit to be forfeited towards the costs of the appeal, and may make any further order for the payment of costs.

62. Powers of the Head, Competitions, the Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or Standing Committee of the FAS

62.1 Upon finding an offence, or a breach of these Rules or if misconduct is proved, the Head, Competitions, the Arbitrator, the Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or any such Standing Committee of FAS or the PSC shall be entitled to take such action and to impose such penalties by way of reprimand, fine, suspension, deduction of points, or other penalty (or combinations thereof) as the Head, Competitions, the Arbitrator, the Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or any such Standing Committee or the PSC may think fit in the circumstances.

62.2 The Committee or such Standing Committee of the FAS shall only be entitled to recommend expulsion of a Club to the FAS Exco, and such power shall also avail to the Appeal Committee, but no Club shall be expelled from the League without the sanction of a resolution passed at a Meeting of the Exco of the FAS. There shall be no right of appeal against a resolution to expel, passed as aforesaid, by the FAS Exco.

62.3 The Head, Competitions, Arbitrator, Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or the Standing Committees of the FAS or the PSC shall be entitled to order any Club, Player, Official or Member for any such offence against or breach of these Rules of these Sections or misconduct, and, where applicable, cancel or refuse registrations of Players which are contrary to these Rules or Rules laid down by any of the Standing Committees of the FAS.

63. Sanctions / Penalties

63.1 Disciplinary sanctions and penalties which may be imposed by the FAS, the Committee, any of the Standing Committees of the FAS, or the Arbitrator or Board of three (3) Arbitrators or the PSC or the Appeal Board on Players, Clubs, Officials and Members of the Clubs shall include:

- 63.1.1 a caution;
- 63.1.2 a censure;
- 63.1.3 a fine;
- 63.1.4 suspension for a specified number of matches and/or a specified period;
- 63.1.5 a ban on participating or being involved in a game in any capacity whatsoever;
- 63.1.6 cancellation of a match (requiring a replay, if any);
- 63.1.7 deduction or cancellation of points;



- 63.1.8 a win by default, in which case a score of three (3)-nil (0) will be given, unless the goal difference attained in the match is greater in favour of the non-infringing Club;
 - 63.1.9 a ban from the stadium/stadia or on terms;
 - 63.1.10 matches to be played with the exclusion of the public or on certain conditions;
 - 63.1.11 a ban from taking part in the current and/or future competition or any part thereof;
 - 63.1.12 a cancellation/refusal of registration of a Player or on terms;
 - 63.1.13 withdrawal of any or all financial privileges given by the FAS or on terms.
- 63.2 In determining any disciplinary sanction or penalty to be imposed, the FAS, the Committee or any of the Standing Committees of the Board, or the Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators or the PSC, and the Appeal Board may be guided by the list of disciplinary measures as specified in the regulations of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and/or AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

64. Competition Specific Sanctions / Penalties

- 64.1 A Player who is expelled for any of the sending-off offences stated under Law 12 in The Laws of The Game shall be suspended for the following two (2) matches. However, under these same laws, in the case where he is being sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, he shall only serve a one (1) match suspension.
- 64.2 A Team Official who has been sent off by the referee will be suspended from the touchline for the following one (1) match, and his/her case may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions.
- 64.3 Subject to the provisions of 64.1 above, a player who has accumulated two (2) red cards in the course of the competition shall at the discretion of Head, Competitions be fined up to Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00) or referred to the Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 64.4 A Player who has received four (4) yellow card cautions in the course of the competition shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in the said competition. If the Player receives a further three (3) yellow card cautions in the course of the same competition, he shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in that competition. If he receives a further two (2) yellow card cautions in the course of the same competition, he shall be suspended for the following one (1) match in the said competition, and pay a composition fine of Singapore Dollars Five Hundred (SGD\$500).
- 64.5 In the event the said Player fails or is unable to pay the composition fine within the next seven (7) days, the said Player shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. Until then, the said Player shall not be allowed to play in the competition until he has paid the composition fine and/or served the suspension imposed by the Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose other sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory penalties.
- 64.6 When disciplinary action is taken against any player by way of a composition fine or referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions under Rule 64.1, 64.2 and 64.3 the yellow/red cards accumulated by the said player shall not be considered for further sanctions.
- 64.7 The Club and Player shall be responsible for monitoring the record on the yellow and red cards accumulated by their respective players in the respective tournaments.
- 64.8 Notwithstanding Rule 64.1, the Head, Competitions or any of the Standing Committees of the FAS (including the Committee) or the Arbitrator of the Board of Arbitrators or the PSC or the Appeals Committee may refer to the Committee (and the Committee itself may consider) any misconduct by any Player, and the Committee may after due inquiry, impose any further sanctions and penalties over and above the mandatory penalties. When disciplinary action is taken against any player by way of a composition fine or referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions under Rule 64.1, 64.2, 64.3 and 64.4, the yellow/red cards accumulated by the said player shall not be considered for further sanctions.

- 64.9 When a player has to appear before or sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee for any reason whatsoever, the said player may be given an option whether the player is required to attend the Disciplinary Inquiry personally or submit his plea with his mitigation if he is not challenging the charge/s against him where he need not have to appear before the Committee. The Committee, in this case, will have the absolute power to impose sanction in the player's absentia. The team/player will be informed of the outcome accordingly. When a player has to appear before the Committee, he must be accompanied by a Club representative where the player is registered.
- 64.10 All sanctions and/or penalties shall commence with immediate effect except in cases where the Tournament Committee or the Head, Competitions may otherwise decide pursuant to Rule 64.11 below, and all fines including composition fines imposed shall be paid in full within seven (7) days from the date the penalty/sentence is imposed before the said Player can participate in any match of a competition in which the offence was committed. A fine, including composition fines imposed on a Player/Official must be paid in full within seven (7) days from the date the penalty/sentence is imposed. For the purpose of these Rules, all tournaments organised by the FAS shall fall under the Rules.
- 64.11 All sanctions and/or penalties under this Rule must be served out or complied with in full during the competition in which the offence or offences were committed by the Player. If the sanctions and/or penalties cannot be fully served or complied with in full, it shall be deferred only to the following season of the same competition where the said Player is registered and eligible to play.
- 64.12 Red card and yellow card cautions shall not be accumulated to the following season of the competition or to any other competition organised by the League.
- 64.13 Any disciplinary measures imposed by the Referee on the field of play are final with exceptions being made for possible modifications arising from corrections made to the Referee's Report or if obvious proven mistakes have been made.
- 64.14 If the referee sanctions (either caution or expulsion) at least five (5) members of the same team during a match, the team is deemed to have failed to conduct itself properly (i.e. Team Misconduct) and the Club shall be fined One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00).

65. Compounding Offences

- 65.1 Without prejudice to the Rules hereinbefore, the Head, Competitions is empowered to compound any offence, misconduct or breach of these Rules of these Sections committed by a Player, Team Official or Club to a maximum limit of Singapore Dollars Two Thousand (SGD\$2,000.00) and/or a suspension of up to a maximum of one (1) match.

66. Disputes Involving League Clubs

- 66.1 Any dispute, question or difference or matter affecting Clubs, Officials or Players or Members shall be referred to the Head, Competitions who has powers to adjudicate, determine or resolve it himself or refer the same as per the provisions of these Rules.

67. Prohibition to Recourse to Ordinary Court

- 67.1 Pursuant to Article 68 of the FIFA Statutes adopted at the 62nd FIFA Congress in Budapest on 25 May 2012 and which came into force on 25 July 2012, clubs and members are prohibited from taking a dispute to ordinary courts of law and are required to submit any disagreement to the jurisdiction of the Association (FAS), the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) or FIFA.



SECTION K: ADMINISTRATION

68. Prize Money

68.1 The FAS shall pay the following prize money:

68.1.1	Champion	: SGD\$150,000.00;
68.1.2	Runner-Up	: SGD\$80,000.00;
68.1.3	Third Place	: SGD\$40,000.00;
68.1.4	Fourth Place	: SGD\$20,000.00

69. Awards

69.1 The following awards shall be presented:

69.1.1	Player of the Year;
69.1.2	Young Player of the Year;
69.1.3	Top Goal Scorer of the Competition;
69.1.4	Coach of the Year; and the
69.1.5	Fair Play Award for the Competition

69.2 The Player of the Year is awarded to the Participating Player who has a major influence on each of his Matches and the Competition overall.

69.3 The Young Player of the Year is awarded to the Participating Player (Under-23) who has a major influence on each of his Matches and the Competition overall.

69.4 The Top Goal Scorer is awarded to the Participating Player who has scored the highest number of goals in the Competition. In the event of a tie, the total minutes played will be taken into account with the Participating Player with the lower number of minutes played ranked first.

69.5 The Fair Play Award is awarded to the Participating Club who has collected the most Fair Play Points in the Competition.

69.6 The Participating Club may be disqualified if it or any of its Team Official Delegation is involved in severe misconduct during the Competition.

69.7 The FAS may decide to introduce further awards.

70. Trophy and Medals

70.1 The Original Competition Trophy is presented to the Champion during the prize presentation ceremony and shall remain in the possession of the FAS at all times thereafter.

70.2 The FAS shall award the following medals:

70.2.1	Thirty-Five (35) medals to the Champion;
70.2.2	Thirty-Five (35) medals to the Runner-Up; and
70.2.3	Thirty-Five (35) medals to the Third Placed Team.

70.3 Additional medals may be produced upon request and at the cost of the requesting Participating Club.



71. Prize Presentation Ceremony

- 71.1 A prize presentation ceremony, managed, controlled and coordinated by the FAS shall be held immediately after the final Match of the Competition, or otherwise decided by the FAS Competitions Division, to present the trophies and medals.

72. Special Instructions

- 72.1 The FAS shall issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the organization of matches.

73. Decisions

- 73.1 All decisions made in accordance with these Regulations, except where expressly identified otherwise, are final and binding.

74. Amendments

- 74.1 The FAS reserves the right to make amendments to any part of these Regulations for any reason whatsoever. Such amendments shall be duly communicated in due course.

75. Force Majeure

- 75.1 The FAS Exco is the only body capable of declaring a Force Majeure event.

76. Matters Not Provided For

- 76.1 Matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the FAS Exco and FAS Competitions Division. Such decisions are final and binding and not appealable.

77. Closing Provisions

- 77.1 The FAS is entrusted with the operational management of the Competition and is therefore entitled to make decisions and adopt the detailed provisions necessary for implementing these Regulations.





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