

**SINGAPORE PREMIER LEAGUE
UNDER-21
2024/25
REGULATIONS**

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Purpose and Applications

These 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 Clubs, League and Clubs' Officials, Match Officials, 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 League, League and Clubs' Officials, Match Officials, Players and other stakeholders and partners as cited within these Regulations and other FAS 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 these Regulations and the FIFA, AFC and/or 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 the FAS Exco.

DEFINITIONS

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

Accreditation Card	Any physical item which is issued by the FAS and/or Host Club which provides the recipient the right to access a Controlled Access Area (or part thereof) where the Controlled Access Area is under the control of the FAS or Host Club.
AFC	The Asian Football Confederation.
AFF	the ASEAN Football Federation.
Amateur Player	A Player who is contracted with a Club and does not play football professionally and are paid expenses such as travelling allowances, etc.
Arbitrator	An independent person appointed by the FAS to handle a dispute.
Champion	The Club that wins the Competition.
Club	A club which participates in the Singapore Premier League Under-21.
Competition/League	The competition, namely the Singapore Premier League Under-21 (SPL U21), which includes without limitation, all Matches set out in the Match Schedule, all activities on the Field of Play (other than Matches) or Official Functions connected herewith.
Competition System	The regulations governing the format of play and mechanics of the Competition.
Committee	Any Committee of the FAS as constituted in accordance with the FAS Constitution.
Controlled Access Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Any stadium; ii. Any official exclusion zone encircling a stadium on a Match; iii. The venue of any Official Function; iv. Any other location designated by the FAS as a Controlled Access Area associated with the Competition.
Council	The Council of the FAS.
Department	Any Department of the FAS as listed in the organization chart.
Director, Competitions	The Director of FAS Competitions Department.
Dollars	The Singapore Dollar.
Exco	The Executive Committee of the FAS, and any decision made by the Exco shall be deemed to be the decision of the Council.
FAS	The Football Association of Singapore.

FAS Constitution	The official document enforcing the governance of the FAS.
Field of Play	The area described in Law 1 of the Laws of the Game issued by the IFAB and administered by FIFA.
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association.
FIFA Statutes	The statutes including the standing orders and regulations promulgated by FIFA, including the Regulations Governing the Status and Transfer of Players (RSTP), as amended from time to time.
Force Majeure	Any event affecting the performance of any provision of these Regulations arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party. This shall include, without limitation, abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, power supplies shortage/failure, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion, epidemic or pandemic.
Foreign Player	An amateur or professional Player who is not of Singaporean nationality.
GS FAS	The General Secretary of the FAS.
IFAB	The International Football Association Board.
International Competition	An international football Competition organised and/or sanctioned by FIFA/AFC/AFF/FAS.
International Match	An international football Match organised and/or sanctioned by FIFA/AFC/AFF/FAS.
International Transfer Certificate	The official document indicating a Player's transfer from his previous foreign Club.
Laws of the Game	The laws of association football issued by the IFAB.
Local Transfer Certificate	The official document indicating a Player's transfer from his previous local Club.
Match Balls	The football selected by the FAS for the Competition.
Manual	The FAS Competitions Operation Manual.
Match	A football Match in its entirety (including a replayed and/or deferred football Match, Extra Time and Penalty Shootout) which takes place as part of the Competition in accordance with the Match Schedule.
Match Official	Any individual appointed to officiate a Match in the Competition in the role of the Referee, Assistant Referee, Fourth Official, Video Assistant

	Referee (VAR), Assistant Video Assistant Referee (AVAR) and any other Match Official stipulated in the Laws of the Game.
Match Schedule	The official schedule which sets out, without limitation, the dates and times on which Matches will be played, the venues at which Matches will be played, and the names of the Clubs.
MOU	A Memorandum of Understanding which is an official document executed by Players with their Clubs before being registered to play in the Competition.
MyFAS	The online registration system managed by the FAS, administering the registration of all Players and Officials.
National Team	Any national team squad selected or nominated by FAS including the senior, Olympics, age-groups, futsal or beach football teams or any other representative team determined by FIFA/FAS from time to time.
Official	<p>Club Official - the administration, management or organization of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, consultants, officers and directors and representatives; or</p> <p>Team Official - the management, preparation or participation of a Club's team (whether paid or unpaid) including the Head Coach, coaches, managers, medical staff (including Sports Trainer), kitman and other support staff.</p>
Official Function	Any event which is officially organised or sanctioned by the FAS in connection with the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, this expressly includes, without limitation, all Matches and/or events held at official training sites, official press conferences, official draws, workshops and launch events.
Penalties	Penalty shoot-out comprising of five (5) kicks per team.
Player	Any Player who is registered to participate in the Competition.
Professional Player	A Player who earns his living solely from football, who shall be contracted to a Club on a full-time basis for a minimum six (6) months in a playing Season.
Recognition of Experience and Coaching Competence	An official document issued by the FAS Technical Department that governs the recognition of coaching competence process for Coaches who have gained knowledge, practical experience and/or coaching qualifications awarded outside of the required jurisdiction which may be deemed to be equivalent to a required certification.
Registration Window	The period where Clubs are permitted to submit registration of Players and Team Officials to the FAS.
Regulations	These Competition Regulations.
Rule	A Rule or set of Rules in these Regulations.

Season	The period in which the Singapore Premier League takes place, including friendlies prior to the start of the League and official activities after its conclusion.
Substitutes Bench	The seats located in the Technical Area, part of the Field of Play.
Team Official Delegation	The final-registered delegation of a Club for a Match, which includes Players and Team Officials approved by the FAS Competitions Department, for the Competition subject to the limits set out in these Regulations.

For the purposes of these Regulations, and provided the context so permits:

- a) The singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
- b) The words “he” and “his” shall be used for any persons, whether male or female.
- c) Reference to natural persons shall include any legal person or corporation.
- d) References to the FAS shall include its successor and permitted assigns, and where the context requires, the FAS Committees.
- e) All defined terms, unless otherwise stated herein, shall bear the same meaning as ascribed in the FAS Constitution and the Manual, unless the context indicates otherwise.

SECTION A: COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE

1. Composition of the League

- 1.1 The League shall consist of seven (7) Clubs, Young Lions and SAFSA, or any other number as determined by the FAS.
- 1.2 Except for Clubs invited to participate in the League by the Exco, all other invited foreign Clubs shall be accepted by the Exco and authorized by FIFA and AFC to participate in the League.
- 1.3 The Exco shall at all material times and at their absolute discretion consider for the purpose of eligibility to participate in the League the leading football Clubs in Singapore so long as they meet the requirements of the FAS.
- 1.4 The Exco reserves before, during or after any Season, the right to determine at all material times and at their absolute discretion the participation of any Club in the League which fails to meet the criteria and/or requirements, from time to time, of FAS.
- 1.5 A Club eligible to participate in the League under Rule 1.2 to 1.4 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 and/or through the Rules formulated and sanctioned by FAS' Standing Committees.
- 1.6 All Clubs shall be required to possess a license to participate in the League as per the relevant FAS Club Licensing Regulations as well as the agreements between the FAS and/or relevant Clubs. In the event that a Club's license is rejected, the Exco may, at the request of the relevant Club and based on exceptionally acceptable reasons, allow the Club to participate in the League. The decision of the Exco in this case shall be final and not subject to any appeal.
- 1.7 The Exco shall appoint a FAS Competitions Committee, an Administrative and Finance Committee, a Business Development Committee, a Players Status Committee or such other Committee or 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.
- 1.8 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 Clubs thereunder and/or its members thereof.
- 1.9 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, and shall be binding upon all Clubs, and all members thereof unless they are rescinded or varied by the relevant Committee or the Appeals Committee or the Exco as per these Rules in these Sections hereinafter appearing, the Exco being deemed the supreme body and the final decision-maker.

2. Undertaking by Clubs

- 2.1 Membership of the League shall constitute an agreement between FAS and each Club, and between each of the Clubs, to be bound by and to comply with:
- 2.1.1 The League Formation Agreement and/or Participation Agreement;
 - 2.1.2 These Rules (each as altered, revoked or added to from time to time);
 - 2.1.3 Club Licensing Regulations (each as altered, revoked or added to from time to time);
 - 2.1.4 The Rules of all Committees of FAS (each as altered, revoked or added to from time to time);
 - 2.1.5 Such other Rules that are applicable to the Clubs partaking in tournaments organised and/or sanctioned by FAS; and
 - 2.1.6 Such decisions of the Exco of FAS;
 - 2.1.7 Recognition of the Court of Arbitration of Sport;
 - 2.1.8 The Laws of the Game as laid down and as adopted by FAS or otherwise.
- 2.2 Such agreement shall have effect from the date of the Club's admission to the League and terminate upon the 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.
- 2.3 By virtue of this undertaking, Clubs shall in particular be bound to provide certain rights, facilities and services to FAS in order to enable it to fulfil its obligations under commercial contracts entered into in accordance with its Constitution, and in return for this, the FAS, through the Exco, shall make payments to Clubs of fees or "seed money" as specified in Rules relating to Finance, Marketing and/or Broadcasting and/or Sponsorship.

3. Relationship between Clubs and the League: Confidentiality

- 3.1 In all matters and transactions relating to the League, each Club shall behave towards each other Club and FAS and/or its Departments and/or its Committees with the utmost good faith.
- 3.2 No player/coach/official, its employees of a club or agents shall by any means whatsoever unfairly criticise, disparage, belittle, or discredit any other Club or FAS or its Departments and/or its Committees or in either case any of its employees, officials or agents or bring football into disrepute.
- 3.3 A Club shall not either during its membership of the 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 and/or finances of FAS and/or its Departments or its Committees and/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.
- 3.4 Each Club shall procure that each of its officials and employees are made aware of the foregoing provisions of Rule 3.3 above and enter into a binding obligation to comply with the same both during the period of their appointment or employment by the Club and at all times thereafter.
- 3.5 Any Club found to be in breach of Rule 3.1 to Rule 3.4 herein shall be deemed to be guilty of gross misconduct.

4. Commitment to the National Team(s) or any such Representative Team(s)

- 4.1 All 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.
- 4.2 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 League.
- 4.3 All Clubs shall support and release selected Officials and/or Players to represent FAS and/or League and to participate in officially sanctioned events, activities, or competitive matches for the sole purpose of promoting and publicising the FAS and/or League.
- 4.4 In support of the development and preparation of the National Team, a National Team training day and/or centralised training camp shall be designated, and the Clubs shall support, and release players called up by the National Team Head Coach. The Players shall participate in the programme drawn up at the sole discretion of the National Team Head Coach.
- 4.5 A Club may request for a postponement and rescheduling of a League match if at least four (4) or more players from their squad have been officially called up to represent the National Team and/or National Age Group Teams or representative teams in any official international match or competition sanctioned either by the FAS or a Member Organization of FIFA. The final decision shall reside with the FAS Competitions Department.

5. Termination of Membership

- 5.1 Subject to these Sections, no 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. Subject to Rule 5.3, no Club shall terminate its membership before the end of the Season.
- 5.2 Any Club which is in breach of the provisions of Rule 5.1 above shall indemnify FAS against all losses from any such breach.
- 5.3 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 Club from the League. Any resolution to expel, retire or relegate any Club from the League shall be at the complete discretion of the Exco.

SECTION B: COMPETITION SYSTEM & MATCH SCHEDULE

6. Competition System

- 6.1 The League shall be spread over a minimum of eight (8) months.
- 6.2 The FAS Competitions Department shall determine dates of commencement and conclusion of the League.
- 6.3 The Singapore Premier League shall be played on a “league” basis, with each Club facing each opponent three times. The FAS Competitions Department shall reserve the right to alter the basis of the league; not limited to the competition format.
- 6.4 Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win and no points shall be awarded to the losing team.
- 6.5 In the event of a draw in Match after ninety (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 SPL U21 Competition shall be declared the Champion.

7. Tiebreaker Mechanism

- 7.1 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 i.e. number of goals conceded subtracted from the number of goals scored.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 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.
- 7.8 In the event that two (2) or more teams cannot be separated using the above criteria, the winner shall be decided by the team having the higher standing in the fair play table (tabulation of Yellow and Red Cards).

- 7.9 In the event that two (2) or more teams cannot be separated using the above criteria, a play-off match shall be held to determine the winner. The mode and mechanism of the play-off match(es) shall be decided by the FAS Competitions Department.

8. Champion Trophy of the League

- 8.1 The Champions of the SPL U21 shall receive a championship trophy.
- 8.2 The FAS shall present to the Champion team and runner-up teams (second and third) of the League a total of thirty-five (35) medals each for their Players and Team Officials. Additional souvenirs may be purchased by the Club concerned with the approval of the FAS Competitions Department.

9. Match Schedule Policy

- 9.1 All Matches in the League shall be arranged as soon as practicable prior to the commencement of the Season. The copyright in all lists or arrangements of such Match Schedule in any Competition in any Season or of any Match sanctioned by the FAS Competitions Department shall be vested in FAS.
- 9.2 The FAS Competitions Department shall be responsible for drawing out the Match Schedule for dissemination to all the Clubs before the commencement of the League.
- 9.3 The FAS Competitions Department and the FAS Referees Department shall appoint the Match Commissioners and Referees for the League and Singapore Cup respectively.
- 9.4 The League may adopt the guideline of a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours between matches (SPL and AFC and/or AFF Club Competitions). The rest period shall not consider the impact travel has on recovery.
- 9.5 Except for extenuating circumstances, requests for rescheduling and postponement of Matches shall not be approved by the FAS Competitions Department.
- 9.6 All Clubs shall seek the approval of the FAS Competitions Department before granting leave of absence and/or overseas breaks for their respective Players and Team Officials during the official period of Competition.
- 9.7 All kick-offs shall adhere to the time advertised by the FAS Competitions Department. Clubs and Referees shall report any delays at the scheduled time of kick-off and the start of the second half to the FAS Competitions Department. Any Club causing a kick-off to be delayed between one (1) minute to five (5) minutes from the time advertised shall be fined the sum of at least Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00) for a first offence and for a second or subsequent offence occurring within the same Season of the first offence shall be deemed guilty of misconduct. Any Club causing a kick-off to be delayed by more than fifteen (15) minutes from the time advertised shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

10. Kick-off Timings

- 10.1 Save as provided in Rules 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 below, the time of kick-off is between 6.00pm and 9.30pm for all Matches.
- 10.2 Any variation to these timings can be made only with the approval of the FAS Competitions Department.
- 10.3 For Matches on Public Holidays, the FAS Competitions Department shall determine the time of kick-off.

11. Half-time Interval

- 11.1 In all League matches, the half-time interval shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes, from whistle to whistle.

12. Duration of Matches

- 12.1 All League Matches shall be of ninety (90) minutes' duration (forty-five (45) minutes for each half) but any Match which for any reason falls short of ninety (90) minutes' duration may be ordered to count as a completed fixture or to be replayed in full as the FAS Competitions Department may in its absolute discretion determine.

13. Laws of the Game

- 13.1 All League Matches shall be played in compliance with these Rules and in compliance with the Laws of the Game as laid down from time to time unless otherwise expressed.

14. Minimum Number of Players during a Match

- 14.1 Each team shall consist of eleven (11) players, including the goalkeeper. A Match shall not start or continue if either team consist of fewer than seven (7) players.

SECTION C: TEAM OFFICIAL DELEGATION

15. Eligibility of Players

- 15.1 All Clubs shall ensure that all Players are registered with the FAS pursuant to these regulations.
- 15.2 A registered Player is one whose registration has been approved by the FAS Competitions Department in MyFAS, with the Player being indicated as 'active' in the said system.
- 15.3 Individuals who meet the criteria set out in Rules 16.1 and 16.2 are approved Players and eligible to participate in the League, subject to additional provisions of the FAS.
- 15.4 The FAS Competitions Department may decide not to approve the registration of a Player if any of the requirements set out in this section are not met.
- 15.5 The approval of the registration of a Player by the FAS Competitions Department does not automatically provide for the eligibility of the Player. Each Club is responsible for and shall bear the onus of fielding only eligible Players in a Match. Failure to do so shall be considered as gross misconduct and shall lead to the consequences stipulated in Rule 21.3 and/or referred to the FAS Disciplinary Committee.

16. Documents for Registration of Players

- 16.1 All Players shall be registered in MyFAS.
- 16.2 All Players shall be issued with Accreditation Cards authorised by the FAS Competitions Department. Should a card be misplaced, the Club shall be required to pay a penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00) for each misplaced card as a replacement fee.

17. Multiplicity of Registration

- 17.1 In the event of a Player registering for more than one Club, priority of registration shall be the deciding factor. The Club submitting the later registration shall be notified of the prior registration of the Player, and the Director, Competitions, shall investigate the circumstances under which the registrations were conducted.
- 17.2 Any Player found to have wilfully registered with more than one Club or a Club found to have knowingly induced a registered Player of another Club to register shall be dealt with by the Director, Competitions, in such manner as he shall think fit.
- 17.3 Players who have been de-registered or have his contract terminated by the Club during the Season, shall be allowed to move to another Club during the next available Registration Window provided it does not contravene these Regulations.
- 17.4 In extenuating circumstances, the Director, Competitions may approve Players to move to another Club before the next available Registration Window.

18. Squad Composition for Clubs

- 18.1 All Clubs (excluding Young Lions and SAFSA) shall register a squad of a minimum eighteen (18) Players under either Professional or Amateur contracts, as at the pre-season minimum registration deadline, and a maximum of twenty-five (25) Players, of which a minimum of two (2) Players shall be goalkeepers.
- 18.2 All Clubs (including Young Lions and excluding SAFSA) shall be allowed to register a maximum of eight (8) Foreign Players who are twenty-one (21) years or younger, at the point of registration.
- 18.3 Young Lions shall register a squad of minimum twenty (20) Players as at the pre-season minimum registration deadline, and a maximum of forty-five (45) Players, of which a minimum of two (2) Players shall be goalkeepers.
- 18.4 SAFSA shall register a squad of minimum eighteen (18) Players as at the pre-season minimum registration deadline, and a maximum of thirty (30) Players, of which a minimum of two (2) Players shall be goalkeepers, and a maximum of five (5) Players may be NS Regulars.
- 18.5 SAFSA shall be allowed to register Players of any age, so long as the Player(s) are full-time National Servicemen (NSFs).
- 18.6 SAFSA shall be allowed to register Players who are Permanent Residents (PRs) of Singapore, so long as the Player(s) are full-time National Servicemen (NSFs).

19. Jersey Numbers for Clubs

- 19.1 All Clubs in the League shall adopt the following jersey number allocation reflected in the table below:

Club	SPL	SPL U21
Albirex Niigata FC (S)	1 – 50	51 - 80
BG Tampines Rovers FC	1 – 50	51 – 80
Balestier Khalsa FC	1 – 50	51 – 80
Geylang International FC	1 – 50	51 – 80
Hougang United FC	1 – 50	51 – 80
Lion City Sailors FC	1 – 50	51 – 80
SAFSA	1 – 80	
Tanjong Pagar United FC	1 – 50	51 – 80

- 19.2 The FAS Competitions Department shall reserve the right to allocate other numbers to Clubs at any time during the season.

20. Breach of Conditions of Registration & Eligibility

- 20.1 Failure to comply with any of the condition(s) relating to the registration of a Player shall render the Player ineligible to play for the Club concerned.
- 20.2 An Eligible Player for a particular Match is one who:
- 20.2.1 Is not serving a suspension as a result of a caution/dismissal in a Match;
 - 20.2.2 Is not serving a suspension as a result of a decision by the FAS Disciplinary Committee;
 - 20.2.3 Has been fielded in a Match without contravening any of the League's requirement of fielding and/or substitution of Players.
- 20.3 Should a Club field an unregistered, suspended or ineligible Player or field a registered Player in the starting line-up (First XI) who had been named as a substitute, or without the Player's name being indicated so either in the First XI or as substitute in accordance with the Player Selection List, the Match and three points shall be awarded to the opposing non-infringing team, and the score to remain/or a three (3) - nil (0) shall 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. The Club may also be liable to further disciplinary sanctions.

21. Registration of Team Officials

- 21.1 All Clubs shall submit to the FAS Competitions Department its registration of Team Officials and the supporting documents by the deadline stipulated for the relevant Registration Window.
- 21.2 All Clubs may register a maximum of fifteen (15) Team Officials.
- 21.3 Up to ten (10) Team Officials may be registered for each Match to be at the Technical Area. The following two (2) Team Officials shall be registered on the "**Officials at the Technical Area**" Form and be present at all Matches:
- 21.3.1 Head Coach;
 - 21.3.2 Physiotherapist / Sports Trainer
- 21.4 Each Club may register any other eight (8) Team Officials for any positions, including without limitation:
- 21.4.1 Assistant Coach;
 - 21.4.2 Goalkeeper Coach;
 - 21.4.3 Fitness Coach/Trainer;
 - 21.4.4 Media Officer;
 - 21.4.5 Doctor;
 - 21.4.6 Interpreter;
 - 21.4.7 Security Officer;
 - 21.4.8 Video Analyst;

- 21.4.9 Technical Director;
- 21.4.10 Equipment Manager/Kitman.

21.5 Should the Club nominate less than ten (10) Team Officials on the “**Officials at the Technical Area**” Form, or the FAS Competitions Department does not approve the registration of any person(s) nominated, the number of Team Officials permitted at the technical area shall reduce proportionately.

21.6 All Team Officials shall be issued with official Accreditation Cards authorized by the FAS Competitions Department. Should a card be misplaced, the Club shall be required to pay a penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00) for each misplaced card.

22. Documents for Registration of Team Officials

- 22.1 All Team Officials shall be registered in MyFAS.
- 22.2 All Team Officials shall provide in MyFAS, proof of their qualification where necessary, based on the Minimum Coaching Requirements (MCR) set by the League.

23. Minimum Coaching Requirements for Head Coaches and other Technical Positions

23.1 All Clubs shall ensure that the following coaching and technical positions adhere to the following Minimum Coaching Requirements (MCR) stipulated below:

Position	Minimum Coaching Requirements (MCR)
Head Coach	AFC ‘B’ Coaching Diploma or equivalent
Physiotherapist	Certified by Ministry of Health (or relevant country’s Healthy Ministry) and/or registered with physiotherapy board/council in Singapore
Sports Trainer	FAS Level 1 Sports Trainer Certificate

23.2 Should a coach and/or technical official not possess the minimum coaching qualification, the Club can apply for an official Recognition of Experience and Coaching Competence (RECC) through the FAS Technical Department. The approval of RECC shall be at the discretion of the FAS Technical Department and shall be only valid for one (1) year.

23.3 The Head Coach shall be present for all the Matches where he is in-charge, unless approval has been sought and given by the FAS Competitions Department, for the Head Coach to do otherwise.

23.4 Any club found to be in breach of Rule 23.1 to 23.4 above shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct.

SECTION D: REGULATIONS ON STATUS & TRANSFERS OF PLAYERS

24. Status of Players

24.1 All Players playing in the League shall be under contract, either as: -

- 24.1.1 Amateur
- 24.1.2 Professional

25. Amateur Players

- 25.1 An amateur Player is one who does not play football professionally and are paid expenses such as travelling allowances, etc.
- 25.2 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.
- 25.3 An amateur Player under the age of 23, who is out of contract and wishes to move to another club and change his status to that of a Professional, is free to do so, but his previous club(s) can seek compensation based upon a justifiable claim for training compensation.
- 25.4 An amateur Player who is above the age of 23, who is out of contract and wishes to move to another club and change his status to that of a Professional, is free to do so without his new club having to pay any form of compensation to his previous club(s).

26. Professional Players

- 26.1 A full-time professional Player is an individual who earns his living solely from football; he shall be contracted to a club on a full-time basis for a minimum six (6) months in a playing season. If a full-time professional Player wishes to move to another club at the end of his contract, he is free to do so if he has fulfilled all his contractual obligations.

27. Foreign Players

- 27.1 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).
- 27.2 Subject to the above, if a Foreign Player, at the end of his contract, wishes to move to another club within the League, the first club which he initially played for can claim a one-time, three (3) month compensation of the Player's last drawn salary or a three (3) month compensation of the Player's salary with his new (second) club, whichever is higher, as a compensation for his training.
- 27.3 If the service of a contracted Foreign Player is sought by a foreign club, the club may negotiate a transfer fee as they are the holders of that Player's ITC.

28. Execution of Contracts

- 28.1 All Players on attaining the age of majority (18 years of age) can execute professional contracts.

- 28.2 Players who have reached the age of eighteen (18) at the time of the execution of the contract can execute professional contracts in their personal capacity in that it is for their benefit. A written consent shall 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.
- 28.3 All other contracts, Amateur in nature, involving minors (below the age of 18) shall 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.

29. Conditions of Contract

- 29.1 Players under the age of sixteen (16), shall be required to undergo a technical assessment by the FAS Technical Division, before being granted an official exception to be eligible to participate in the SPL and/or SPL Under-21 League.
- 29.2 Pursuant to Rule 29.1 above, only players who have been granted an exception by the FAS Technical Division, shall be allowed to execute a contract, as indicated in Rule 29.3 above.
- 29.3 All contracts of service between Clubs and Players shall be on the official template approved by FAS. The contracts shall be signed on behalf of the Club by an 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 Director, Competitions.
- 29.4 All Clubs shall submit copies of all contracts of service including any addendums thereof to the FAS Competitions Department, and such contracts including any addendums shall be subject to the approval of the Director, Competitions.
- 29.5 Full details of all payments to or benefits paid in cash or in kind on behalf of Players shall be included in the contract of service to be set out in Schedule 1 thereto, and shall comply with the Rulings of FAS, in particular to salary caps.
- 29.6 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 the FAS General Secretary and/or the Director, Competitions, as soon as possible.
- 29.7 The FAS General Secretary and/or the Director, Competitions, shall be at liberty to call for 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.
- 29.8 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 shall be recorded and forthwith reported to the Director, Competitions, and such notification shall be accompanied by a copy of any notice served and/or reasons for any such action adjudicated and determined on the Player.

- 29.9 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.
- 29.10 Such action shall be subject to the Player's or the official's right of appeal to the Director, 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 Director, Competitions or the Director, 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 Director, 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 Director, Competitions, and approved as such but no later than a month of receipt of such notice of appeal as they shall so determine.
- 29.11 The Player or Official shall have the right to a personal hearing before the Director, 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.
- 29.12 The Director, 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.
- 29.13 The Director, 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).
- 29.14 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.
- 29.15 All contracts of service, in particular Schedule 1 thereof, between Clubs and Players or Officials shall be treated as private and confidential.
- 29.16 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.
- 29.17 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.

- 29.18 All Clubs shall submit a Return of Players' Earnings for the previous tax year, not later than 30 November in any Season.
- 29.19 All termination of contracts between Club and Player shall be of mutual consent and not unilaterally by either party.

30. Termination of Contract/Cancellation of Registration

- 30.1 Any 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.
- 30.2 The registration of a contracted Player, local or foreign, released or terminated by his Club shall be cancelled subject to the Director, Competitions being satisfied the same. The Club shall notify the Director, 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.

31. Window for Transfer

- 31.1 Pursuant to the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players, Players are normally contracted for one playing season. However, in the Singapore context, Players can be contracted for a minimum of six (6) months. Hence, to maintain club stability and flexibility of employment for Players, this contract can be further shortened by mutual consent between the Club and the Player.
- 31.2 Insofar as it applies to the currency of the League, and notwithstanding anything herein these Rules in these Sections, there shall be two (2) windows for transfer.
- 31.3 No changing of Players shall be made after the closure of the first Registration Window.
- 31.4 Clubs in the League can change as many of their local and Foreign Players during the second Registration Window on any dates decided by the FAS Competitions Department. Without breaching any of the Rules in these Sections, a Player is eligible to play when he is registered before twelve (12) noon on the day of the Match. If any Club in the League has not filled up its full quota of Players, then such a Club can register those additional Players during the registration periods.
- 31.5 These windows for transfer shall apply except in the case of Players going into or out of National Service or National Commitments, where such Player is permitted to be registered with the Young Lions or his previous Club or a new Club of his choice, provided that the Club has not exhausted its full quota of Players.
- 31.6 Clubs falling short or failing to register the minimum registration requirements by the minimum registration deadlines and after the close of registration windows shall constitute a disciplinary offence.

32. Transfer While Under Contract

- 32.1 During the currency of a contract of a Player, the transfer of his registration from one Club to another shall be done through MyFAS.
- 32.2 Such contracted Player does not become a registered Player of the Club seeking his transfer until the Club has received from the FAS Competitions Department, his League Accreditation Card, confirming registration and eligibility to play.
- 32.3 It is the responsibility of the Club seeking the transfer of a Player to satisfy itself as to the Player's fitness and a certificate to the effect that such Club is satisfied with all Players' medical fitness shall be forwarded to the FAS Competitions Department before the Player's League Accreditation Card is issued.

33. Transfers after Expiry of Contract

- 33.1 Subject to these provisions of this Section or these Sections, a Player shall be free at the end of his contractual engagement to seek registration with any Club of his choice.

34. Conditions of Transfer

- 34.1 The terms and conditions of all transfers of registration shall be forthwith reported to the FAS Competitions Department and a copy of the agreement giving full details of the transfer fee, if any, signed by both Clubs, shall be received by the FAS Competitions Department at the same time as the online registration and the LTC/ITC in respect of all Players signed for a fee whether local or from abroad. Transfers shall not be registered until the FAS Competitions Department is satisfied ex-facie that all formalities and/or arrangements have been complied with.
- 34.2 All transfer fees (inclusive of any sign-on fees whatsoever), if any, shall be treated as private and confidential, the General Secretary, FAS and/or the Director, Competitions having the right to know, and obtaining the same from the Club on demand.
- 34.3 The approval and registration of any Player, local or foreign in these Rules, is at the absolute discretion of the FAS Competitions Department and in any event, there shall be no transfer of any Player in the current Season or beyond, save for what has been set out in these Rules in this Section, or as determined by the Players Status Committee.

35. Temporary Transfers: Loans

- 35.1 Under the provisions of these Rules, the loan of a Professional Player by one Club to another constitutes a temporary transfer. A transfer certificate via MyFAS shall therefore be issued:
 - 35.1.1 whenever a Professional Player leaves a Club to join another Club to which he has been released on loan;
 - 35.1.2 whenever, on expiry of the period of loan, a Professional Player re-joins the Club which released him on loan.
- 35.2 The conditions governing the loan of a Professional Player (duration of the loan, obligations to which the loan is subject to) shall be regulated by concluding a separate written contract between both Clubs concerned and duly submitted to the FAS Competitions Department.
- 35.3 The Player and the new Club shall sign a contract covering the duration of the loan. This contract shall acknowledge that the Professional is on loan.

- 35.4 During the agreed duration of the loan, the contractual obligations between the Professional Player and the former Club shall be suspended unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- 35.5 The League shall not approve more than three (3) Professional players loaned out and more than three (3) Professional players loaned into any Club at any one time in a season.
- 35.6 Pursuant to Rule 35.5 above, each Club shall only be permitted to loan in or loan out a maximum of two (2) Professional players to/from a single Club at any one time in the season.
- 35.7 It is at the absolute discretion of the Director, Competitions to allow, in extenuating circumstances, the additional loan (or loans) of a goalkeeper (or goalkeepers) outside of the prescribed Player Registration Windows, the quota of Players being maintained by the Club in reference as per these Rules.
- 35.8 The FAS Competitions Department shall not allow a Club to sign a goalkeeper on temporary transfer for a period less than one month (30 days), unless in exceptional circumstances, and with the consent of the Director, Competitions, and as per these Rules.
- 35.9 Temporary transfers which subsequently become permanent shall count against a Club's quota.

36. Full-Time National Service & Young Lions

- 36.1 Subject to Rules 32 and 33 above, local Players, whether professional or otherwise, who have not been registered or enlisted for full-time National Service, and those who have been deferred from full-time National Service can be contracted by a Club for not more than three (3) years in service to the said Club.
- 36.2 A Player who has been called up for full-time National Service is obliged to register with the Young Lions, unless otherwise decided by the Young Lions in official writing, which will allow the Player to continue his registration with his original Club during his full-time National Service.
- 36.3 Contracted Players from Clubs called up for full-time National Service and/or national commitment with the Young Lions shall be released (temporarily) from their contractual obligations during their term of (full-time) National Service and/or national commitments. Upon completion of all full-time National Service and/or national commitments, these Players shall return immediately (the next day), upon their (full-time National Service) ORD and/or completion of national commitments, to their former Club, at the behest of their contracting Club, under the terms and conditions of their (original) contracts, if any such terms and conditions are remaining or outstanding, and subject to Rule 37.5 below.
- 36.4 When a Player from a Club is called up for full-time National Service and/or national commitment with the Young Lions during any Season, the Player's Club may register a new Player (Local) to cover the vacancy created by the said enlistment and/or commitment. It is expressly understood that Young Lions or SAFSA may register such a Player provided that the said respective Clubs have not exhausted its full quota of Players. This is despite the transfer window being closed.

- 36.5 When a Player has completed his full-time National Service or goes on ORD, or completed his contractual obligations with Young Lions, he can be registered by his previous Club still holding his original contract prior to enlistment into full-time National Service or registration by Young Lions or SAFSA, provided that the previous Club has not exhausted its full quota of Players. This is despite the Registration Window being closed. In such a case, the Club that the Player was representing whilst performing full-time National Service or Young Lions may register another Player to cover the vacancy.
- 36.6 When a Player completes his Full-time National Service or goes on ORD or completed his contractual obligations with Young Lions but has no existing contract with any Club, the Young Lions are obliged to make this known in writing to the FAS Competitions Department, who shall then disseminate this information to all Clubs. The Player shall still be permitted to be registered with any Club of his choice provided that the Club has not exhausted its full quota of Players. This is despite the Registration Window being closed.
- 36.7 A Player, of whatever status, called-up for full-time National Service, shall play as an Amateur Player. His original contract shall remain with his original Club. Players serving their full-time National Service (NSF) are prohibited from entering into full-time professional or amateur contracts with any Club.
- 36.8 Upon ORD or completion of contractual obligations with Young Lions, the Player, of whatever status, shall return to the Club, which still holds his contract and shall complete the balance of that contract. Upon completion, these Rules shall apply to this Player as with all others.
- 36.9 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 shall be given to the original Club having that Player's contract.
- 36.10 There shall be no transfer fee or compensation paid by these teams to the Player's previous Club.
- 36.11 Upon completion of National Service or National Commitments with Young Lions, the Player shall return to his previous Club to serve out the remainder of his contract.
- 36.12 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 shall be entitled to a compensation fee should the Player choose to join another Club upon completing his NS. His new Club shall be liable to pay his previous club (before NS) compensation as though he had moved when he was under 23, and Rule 41.5 shall apply.

37. Inducements

- 37.1 Clubs or their Officials shall not approach any Player/Coach to make inquiries for the purpose of inducing that Player/Coach to join his Club or make or offer to make any payment whatsoever in cash or in kind or by any other form to Players/Coaches or their families or any other person as an inducement to sign other than those provided for in these Rules or by the respective Committees of FAS.
- 37.2 The Player/Coach shall not induce or attempt to induce any other Player/Coach in the League to leave that Club for any reason whatsoever.
- 37.3 Any Club, Official or Player/Coach or member of the Club found to have infringed this Rule shall be deemed guilty of misconduct, and shall be referred to the Director, Competitions, who may refer the matter to the FAS Disciplinary Committee.

38. Inducements and Approaches

- 38.1 Subject to the provisions of Rule 37 above, Clubs, Officials or Players/Coaches shall not directly or indirectly attempt to induce a registered Player/Coach of another Club to leave for any purpose whatsoever the Club with which he is registered. Any infringement of this Rule shall be deemed to be misconduct and shall be dealt with by the Director, Competitions, in his absolute discretion, who shall (but not limited to) be entitled to take such action and/or impose such penalties against the Official or Player/Coach or the Club as they may in the circumstances think fit. Any penalty imposed on a Club may include the refusal to register for the Club, guilty of the infringement, any Player/Coach who they consider has been so induced.
- 38.2 Public statements by Club's Officials of their interest in registered Players/Coaches of other Clubs shall be regarded as inducements within the meaning of this Rule.
- 38.3 All transfers (including any temporary transfer) of registrations shall be arranged directly between the Clubs concerned (and the Player/Coach) and not through or by an agent (subject to this Section). No Club shall employ a Player who is on the list of registered Players/Coaches of another Club or who has failed to comply with a decision of the Director, Competitions or the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or the Players Status Committee, adjudicated on an appeal made under these Rules. The Director, Competitions, may impose any penalty, at his absolute discretion, including a refusal to register the Player/Coach.
- 38.4 Subject to the provisions of any Rule on compensation, a registered Player/Coach shall not directly or indirectly communicate with or approach another Club or any Official or Player/Coach of another Club with the object of negotiating or arranging the transfer of himself or another Player/Coach to such other Club during the currency of contract. Any infringement of this Rule shall render the Player/Coach concerned and any Official or other Player/Coach who enters into communication or negotiation with him liable to such penalties by way of fine, suspension, expulsion or otherwise as the Director, Competitions may deem fit in the circumstances.

39. Players Transferred from one Club to Another

- 39.1 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 and obtain official permission to begin negotiations. 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 the League, whichever is the later.
- 39.2 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 shall be given to the original Club having that Player's consent.
- 39.3 Any violation of the foregoing obligation shall be referred to FAS Disciplinary Committee should any complaints be lodged by the Club concerned or by the Director, Competitions.
- 39.4 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.
- 39.5 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 under the terms of Rule 39.11 below.
- 39.6 Subject to the conditions stipulated in Rule 41 of this Section, if a Foreign Professional Player concludes a contract with a new (second) Club, his first 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.

- 39.7 If an Amateur Player under the age of 23 concludes a contract with a new club which he joins in a professional capacity, his former club(s) shall be entitled to compensation for his training.
- 39.8 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.
- 39.9 If an Amateur Player above the age of 23 concludes a contract with a new club which he joins in a professional capacity, his former club shall have no claim to compensation for his training.
- 39.10 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 professional, otherwise its request shall be rejected.
- 39.11 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)	Professional	No
Amateur (under 23)	Professional	Yes
Professional (regardless of age)	Amateur	No
Professional (above 23)	Professional	No
Professional (under 23)	Professional	Yes

- 39.12 The amount of compensation shall be in accordance with the FAS Guide to Training Compensation, which can be found in the annex of this Regulations.
- 39.13 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.
- 39.14 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 shall be in written form to be valid.
- 39.15 Any agreement concluded between the clubs regarding the amount of compensation provided by these Rules shall be brought to the attention of the FAS Competitions Department, or any other National Football Association (in a foreign country).
- 39.16 In all matters concerning training compensation, FIFA's latest Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players and the FAS Guide to Training Compensation shall be the guiding principles.

40. Permanent Transfer Rules

- 40.1 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.
- 40.2 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.

- 40.3 A local Player, whether amateur or professional, who is over the age of 23 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.
- 40.4 A local amateur Player, who is under the age of 23 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.
- 40.5 All the Clubs that the Player has played for whilst under the age of 23 shall be entitled to compensation. The compensation fee the buying Club pays shall be apportioned according to the number of complete seasons spent at each Club.

41. Training Compensation and Training Incentive for Singapore Football League (SFL) Clubs

- 41.1 If a player from the Singapore Football League (SFL), above the age of 23, is transferred to a SPL Club, in a professional capacity, the last SFL club he represented shall be entitled to a one-time compensation for the training and development of the Player.
- 41.2 Pursuant to Article 41.1 above, the one-time amount for Training Compensation to the relevant SFL Club shall be fixed at SGD\$3,000.00 for each player for his training and development.
- 41.3 If a player from the Singapore Football League (SFL), under the age of 21 (born on or after 1 January 2003), is transferred to a SPL Club in an amateur capacity, the last SFL club he represented shall be entitled to a Training Incentive for the training and development of the Player.
- 41.4 Pursuant to Article 41.3 above, the quantum for Training Incentive shall be in accordance with the FAS Guide to Training Compensation, which can be found in the annex of this Regulations.
- 41.5 SFL players playing for both Police Sports Association (PSA) and Singapore Armed Forces Sports Association (SAFSA) while serving their National Service shall not be entitled to compensation for training and development.

42. The Players Status Committee

- 42.1 If 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").
- 42.2 The PSC may draw up its own regulations to settle any differences of the kind described in Rules 39 and 40 above, between the two Clubs.
- 42.3 The PSC shall also determine any disagreement on the terms of the contract.
- 42.4 The PSC shall comprise a minimum of three (3) persons appointed by the FAS Council, and any two (2) forming a quorum at any meeting of the PSC. The Secretary of the PSC shall be the Director, Competitions, or his/her delegated representative. The members of the PSC shall not belong to any of the Clubs.
- 42.5 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:

- 42.5.1 A dispute concerning an amateur or professional status or his status and eligibility as a Player;
 - 42.5.2 A dispute concerning the interpretation of clauses in contracts between Clubs and/or Players;
 - 42.5.3 A dispute concerning the transfer and/or release of Players to FAS for the national or representative teams by the Clubs employing them;
 - 42.5.4 A dispute about other matters governed by these Rules in this Section.
- 42.6 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 the Director, Competitions.
- 42.7 A Player may however be subject to a suspension arising from a dispute other than that described in Rule 42.6 above.
- 42.8 The PSC may appoint an ad hoc Transfer Committee to determine the amount of training compensation.

43. Re-Acquisition of Amateur Status

- 43.1 A Player who has been registered as a professional with FAS or any national association overseas may not be classified as amateur until a period of one (1) month has elapsed.
- 43.2 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 professional.
- 43.3 A Club which a professional 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 43.4 below.
- 43.4 If, within thirty (30) months of the day on which he regained amateur status, a Player reverts to professional status, the Club with which he was registered before regaining amateur status may be, subject to Rule 40 of this Section, entitled to compensation for training.
- 43.5 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.
- 43.6 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 professional, may ask the PSC to investigate the matter and, if necessary, take appropriate action.

44. Termination of Activity

- 44.1 A Professional 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.
- 44.2 The period shall begin as from the end of the Season in which the Player stops playing football.
- 44.3 The Club of a Professional Player who stops playing football upon expiry of his contract shall not be entitled to claim compensation of any kind from him.
- 44.4 Nothing under this Rule shall prevent an individual moving to another Club in a purely non-playing capacity.

- 44.5 If, within the period mentioned in Rule 44.1, a professional 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.
- 44.6 If the period mentioned in Rule 44.1 has elapsed, the Club with which the Player was last registered shall no longer be entitled to any compensation.

45. Special Provisions

- 45.1 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.
- 45.2 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 shall be liable to pay the full amount of compensation for training agreed upon (and/or the amount of the salary due).
- 45.3 Any 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.
- 45.4 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 shall be deemed null and void.
- 45.5 If the service 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.

46. Breaking of Contract

- 46.1 Any Player who wishes to break his contract shall not be allowed to do so unless 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 shall be negotiated between the two Clubs concerned. If these Clubs are unable to decide upon the amount, then it may be referred to the Director, Competitions, who shall refer the matter to the PSC.

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

- 47.1 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.
- 47.2 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.
- 47.3 This provision is binding for the following matches:
- 47.3.1 All FIFA International Windows;
 - 47.3.2 additionally, any International 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;

- 47.3.3 additionally, any other tournament/match in respect of which FIFA Executive Committee or FAS Exco has taken a decision.
- 47.4 If the representative team of FAS is qualified ex officio for a final competition, the compulsory release, as prescribed in Rule 47.3 above, shall comprise eight (8) international matches per calendar year.
- 47.5 The period of release shall allow for training time. The extent of this time shall be laid down as follows:
- 47.5.1 for a friendly international match: minimum 48 hours;
 - 47.5.2 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.
 - 47.5.3 for the final competition of an international competition: no later than Monday morning the week preceding the week when the final competition starts before the first match of the tournament. Any friendly matches played during this preparatory period do not count among the five international matches, or the eight matches stipulated under Rule 48.4.
- 47.6 In any event, a Player is obliged to arrive at the match venue at least 48 hours before kick-off.
- 47.7 The Clubs and FAS concerned may, if desired, agree to extend the period of release.
- 47.8 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.
- 47.9 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:
- 47.9.1 for a friendly match: 24 hours;
 - 47.9.2 for a qualifying match: to 3 days; and
 - 47.9.3 for the final competition of an international competition: 10 days.
- 47.10 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 ten (10) days or more.
- 47.11 Any Club which releases a Player pursuant to Rule 47.3 above may not be entitled to financial compensation except as determined by the PSC.
- 47.12 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 summon.
- 47.13 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.
- 47.14 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.
- 47.15 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.

- 47.16 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 47.5 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.
- 47.17 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:
- 47.17.1 a fine;
 - 47.17.2 a caution, censure or suspension of the Club involved;

48. Final Provisions

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

SECTION E: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

49. Size of Team Official Delegation at Matches

- 49.1 Each Club shall register a Team Official Delegation comprising of maximum twenty (20) Players and a maximum of ten (10) Team Officials for a Match.
- 49.2 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 Department.
- 49.3 The Club Media Officer and Team Manager shall be responsible for coordinating all Club and media-related matters with the FAS.
- 49.4 All 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.
- 49.5 Failure to comply with Rule 59.4 above, shall deem the errant Club liable for further disciplinary action.

50. Naming of Players for Match

- 50.1 All Clubs shall provide one (1) duly completed 'Player Selection List' to the Match Commissioner no less than fifty (50) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off. The club shall indicate on the starting list the eleven (11) players who shall start the Match and the other nine (9) named substitutes. The Team Captain shall also be identified on the starting list.
- 50.2 Without breaching any of the Rules, all Clubs and Young Lions are allowed to register a maximum of five (5) Foreign Players in its Team Official Delegation either in the starting line-up or as a substitute.
- 50.3 Without breaching any of the Rules, SAFSA is allowed to register a maximum of two (2) NS Regulars in its Team Official Delegation either in the starting line-up or as a substitute.
- 50.4 All Clubs, except for Young Lions, may also include a maximum of two (2) Players from its SPL First 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.
- 50.5 Once the Player Selection List is submitted to the Match Commissioner and the Match Commissioner produces the Player Start List as an official document, and if the Match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions shall apply:
 - 50.5.1 If any of the eleven (11) Players listed on the Player Start 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 shall reduce the quota of substitute Players accordingly. The Player being replaced cannot be renamed as a substitute. During the match, five (5) substitutions may still be made by the team.
 - 50.5.2 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 shall be reduced accordingly.

- 50.6 Any Club failing to carry out these provisions shall be fined a minimum sum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00) for the first offence, and for any subsequent offence the Club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

51. Substitution of Players

- 51.1 In all Matches, each Club shall be permitted a maximum of five (5) named substitutions.
- 51.2 Pursuant to Rule 51.1, the five (5) named substitutions shall only be made over three (3) substitution opportunities, excluding half-time.
- 51.3 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.
- 51.4 There shall be no substitution of any Player who is ordered off the Field of Play.
- 51.5 All Clubs wishing to make a substitution shall inform the Fourth Official of the Players involved in the substitution using a duly completed 'Substitution Card' and accompanied by the Players' Accreditation Card.
- 51.6 Should a Club be found to infringe any of the Rules above in relation to substitution of Players, 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. The Club may also be liable to further disciplinary sanctions.

52. Player Identification

- 52.1 The Players' jerseys shall be clearly numbered on the back in accordance with the Player Selection List submitted to the Match Commissioner before any Match.
- 52.2 Prior to the start of the Season, each Club shall notify the FAS Competitions Department of the shirt numbers allocated to each Player in their teams. Each Player shall be allocated a different shirt number.
- 52.3 A Player's shirt number shall remain with him for the duration of the Season unless:
- 52.3.1 He ceases to play for a Club in which case his shirt number shall become available for allocation to new members of the Club's squad; or
 - 52.3.2 The FAS Competitions Department may permit the re-use of shirt numbers allocated to another Player in the team, if it is satisfied that there are good reasons to do so.
- 52.4 Pursuant to sub-Rule 52.3, any Club which fields a Player in a Match wearing a jersey not carrying the number allocated to him shall be fined a minimum sum of Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2,000.00) for its first offence, and for a second or subsequent offence occurring within the same Season of the first offence, the Club shall be subjected to further disciplinary action.

- 52.5 Before the Match commences, the Team Manager or his assistant acting as the Team Manager of each team shall indicate in the Player Selection List to the Match Commissioner the Captain of the team. The Team Captain shall wear the League-issued armband as per the SPL Jersey Printing Guidelines to indicate his status. Any Club whose Captain does not wear the League-issued armband for a Match shall be fined a minimum sum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00) for its first offence, and for a second or subsequent offence occurring within the same Season of the first offence, the Club shall be subjected to further disciplinary action.
- 52.6 The Match Commissioner shall, fifty-five (55) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time, and at the dressing room of the respective Clubs, verify the Accreditation Cards of the Players named in the Player Selection List to ensure that it is in order, and that the Player is eligible to play.
- 52.7 Notwithstanding the fines herein this sub-Section, the Director, Competitions, may take such other action as it deems desirable against the Club, its Official, or the Player for any infringement of these provisions or refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee.

53. Players' Equipment

- 53.1 Each Club shall choose the main colour of its team's jersey and a reserve colour.
- 53.2 Thirty (30) days before the commencement of the League, the FAS Competitions Department shall obtain from the Clubs, in writing, details of their first choice (home) and second choice (away) colours (jerseys, shorts and socks). The colours registered by each team shall be worn during the current Season and no changes either in the colours or the combination of colours shall be permitted during the course of the Season except in the circumstances set out in Rule 55 below, and the prior consent of the FAS Competitions Department is obtained.
- 53.3 The choice of playing kit colours shall be registered with the FAS Competitions Department. Each Club shall submit a sample of its registered colours to the FAS Competitions Department at least thirty (30) days before the commencement of the League.
- 53.4 No kit item worn by a Player (shirt, shorts and socks) may contain more than three (3) colours. Furthermore, one colour (1) shall be clearly predominant on the shirt, shorts and socks. In the case of striped shirts, vertical or otherwise, one (1) of the colours shall be predominant on the other kit items. This Rule shall not apply to numbers and letters.
- 53.5 The predominant colour shall be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the kit item in question.
- 53.6 The colours of the official kit shall be noticeably different from and contrasting to the colours of the reserve kit/s.
- 53.7 The colours worn by the goalkeepers shall distinguish him from the other Players, the Referee and Assistant Referees.

54. Clash of Colours

- 54.1 Clubs are required to wear their first-choice colours at their "Home" match and the second choice at their "Away" match.
- 54.2 Each Club shall wear its official colours as registered and pre-decided by the FAS Competitions Department unless prior approval has been obtained from the FAS Competitions Department. If, in the opinion of the FAS Competitions Department, the Referee or Match Commissioner, the two (2) teams' colours might cause confusion or prove unsuitable, the visiting Club shall have to change and wear its first choice or a combination of both.
- 54.3 When there is a further clash of colours, the Home Club shall wear their second-choice colours or a combination of both 1st choice and 2nd choice colours as determined by the FAS Competitions Department.

55. Printing and Advertising on Jerseys

- 55.1 The jerseys of all Players in the League shall follow the instructions stipulated in the SPL Equipment Regulations 2024. Failure to comply with the SPL Equipment Regulations 2024 shall deem the Club guilty of gross misconduct and be liable to disciplinary action.

56. Ball Kids

- 56.1 The Home Club shall provide and ensure a minimum of four (4) ball kids for all League matches. They shall be properly attired in the official bibs issued by the League.
- 56.2 The colours of clothing worn by ball kids shall not clash with the colours of either of the competing Clubs and match referees and they shall be properly attired.

57. Stretcher Bearers

- 57.1 The Home Club shall provide and ensure that there is at least one stretcher, with four (4) stretcher-bearers for all League matches. They shall be properly attired in the bibs issued by the League.

58. The Team Bench and Technical Area

- 58.1 Each Home Club shall provide separate areas adjacent to the pitch (hereinafter "the technical area") for the sole use of Team Officials, medical staff and 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 nineteen (19) people from each Club.
- 58.2 Technical areas may vary between stadium, for example in size or location.
- 58.3 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.
- 58.4 The Fourth Official before the commencement of the Match shall identify and verify the accreditations of the occupants of the technical area. Accreditation Cards shall be worn by all registered Team Officials at all times. Any Team Official in the technical area found guilty of not wearing an Accreditation Card shall be fined a minimum sum of Three Hundred Dollars (SGD\$300.00).

- 58.5 All persons at the technical area shall wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of Players and referees on the Field of Play.
- 58.6 A Player and/or Team Official who has been sent off the field/technical area shall not be allowed to remain in the vicinity of the Field of Play or technical area.
- 58.7 The access and management of suspended or expelled Players and/or Team Officials shall be managed as depicted below:

	Player		Team Official	
	Expulsion	Suspension	Expulsion	Suspension
Field of Play	Ordered to leave the Field of Play and its surroundings	Banned from the Field of Play and its surrounding	Ordered to leave the Field of Play and its surroundings	Banned from the Field of Play and its surroundings
Team Bench	Ordered to leave the team bench	Banned from the team bench	Ordered to leave the team bench	Banned from the team bench
Technical area	Cannot sit in the technical area	Banned from the technical area	Cannot sit in the technical area	Banned from the technical area
Dressing Room	Shall stay in either the dressing room or doping control room accompanied by a chaperon until 75 th minute	Banned from the dressing room at any time before and during the match in question (can join after the final whistle)	Banned from entering the team dressing rooms at half time if sent off during the first half of the match	Banned from the team dressing rooms at any time before and during the match in question (can join after final whistle)
Stands	Allowed to sit in the stands, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded as of 75 th minute, if he is not picked for doping control	Allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate surroundings of the Field of Play. The player could sit in the VIP or VVIP area, provided that integrity and security are safeguarded	Allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate surroundings of the Field of Play, for the rest of the match, provided that integrity and security are safeguarded	Allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate surroundings of the Field of Play. The official could sit in the VIP or VVIP area, provided that integrity and security are safeguarded
Award Ceremony	Allowed to take part in the award ceremony	Allowed to take part in the award ceremony	Allowed to take part in the award ceremony	Allowed to take part in the award ceremony
Mixed Zone	Not allowed to stop and participate in flash interview	Banned from mixed zone	Not allowed to stop and participate in flash interview	Banned from mixed zone
Press conferences	Not allowed to attend or participate in any match-related press conference	Banned from all match-related press conferences	Not allowed to attend or participate in any match-related press conference	Banned from all match-related press conference
Media activities	Not allowed to undertake any media activities in the stadium	Not allowed to undertake any media activities during the course of the match	Not allowed to undertake any media activities in the stadium	Not allowed to undertake any media

				activities during the course of the match
Doping control room	Eligible for doping control and shall stay accompanied by a chaperon until 75 th minute	NIL	NIL	NIL
Contact and communication	Not allowed in the VIP tribune	Can sit in an area designated by the FAS / Host Organisation	Not allowed in the VIP tribune	Can sit in an area designated by the FAS / Host Organisation

- 58.8 A Player and/or Team Official on suspension is not allowed to be in the vicinity of the Field of Play or technical area.
- 58.9 Only one (1) person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions from the technical area.
- 58.10 The Head Coach, Team Officials and other occupants of the technical area shall 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.
- 58.11 The Head Coach and other occupants of the technical area shall behave in a responsible manner at all times. Any Team Official in the technical area found guilty of not behaving in a responsible manner shall be fined a minimum sum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00).
- 58.12 Only a maximum of ten (10) registered Team Officials and nine (9) substitute Players are allowed to be on the substitutes' bench. Team Officials and Players who are expelled or suspended from the game shall not be allowed to be in the technical area.

59. Warm-up Protocols

- 59.1 Only Players indicated in the Official Player Start List and registered for play (maximum 20) shall be allowed to take part in the Pre-Match warm up.
- 59.2 During actual play, a maximum of six (6) named substitutes from each Club 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) Team Officials.
- 59.3 If there is no space to warm-up behind the goal, a maximum of three (3) Players from each Club may warm up simultaneously without a ball (except Goalkeeper) behind the Assistant Referee 1. These Players may be assisted by one (1) team official.

60. Official League Footballs

- 60.1 The footballs for the League shall be selected and supplied by the FAS.
- 60.2 Each Club shall receive footballs for training and League Matches.
- 60.3 Clubs are only permitted to use the footballs provided by the FAS for Match, training and warming-up purposes.

61. Post-Match Handshake

- 61.1 At the point of final whistle, Fielded Players from both the teams are required to assemble at the centre circle with the Match Officials for a post-match handshake. Any Player who fails to do so, without valid reasons, shall be issued with a mandatory fine of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00).

62. Field of Play

- 62.1 Each Club shall register its ground with the FAS Competitions Department, and no Club shall move to another ground, without the consent of the FAS Competitions Department.
- 62.2 The dimensions of the Field of Play for all Matches shall be as follows:

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

- 62.3 All Clubs shall register their pitch dimensions with the FAS Competitions Department, prior to the start of each Season. Clubs are not allowed to alter its pitch dimensions during a Season unless with the prior written consent of the FAS Competitions Department; the Department may at any time require a 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.
- 62.4 Each Club shall take all reasonable steps to maintain its pitch and grounds in good order. The FAS Competitions Department or the Facilities, Grounds and Building Committee (SportSG) or the Field Maintenance Committee (SportSG), may require a 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 Club is/are being (or has been) maintained.
- 62.5 A 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.
- 62.6 The playing area and the technical area shall be demarcated, and spectator viewing shall be further demarcated.
- 62.7 There shall be separate dressing rooms for each Clubs and the Match Officials.
- 62.8 There shall be toilets/bathrooms provided in dressing rooms used by Players and Match Officials, and not for spectator use; dressing rooms shall have adequate facilities.
- 62.9 Floodlights installed at the stadia ought to meet the requirements of FAS Competitions Department and/or the relevant authorities.

63. Consumption of Liquids during Match

- 63.1 Players are entitled to take refreshments during stoppage in the Match but only on the touchline. The throwing of water bottles or any other water containers onto the field is not permitted.

64. Non-fulfilment of Fixture Obligations

- 64.1 Any Club that failed to fulfil its fixture obligation in the Match Schedule without just cause in respect of any League Match on the appointed date or dates shall be deemed guilty of gross misconduct.
- 64.2 A Club 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 shall be at the discretion of the Director, Competitions after weighing the merits of each case. The FAS Competitions Department 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.

65. Dispute / Dislocation of Match Schedule / Abandoned Matches

- 65.1 Any dispute between two or more Clubs as to the arrangement of League Matches shall be referred to and decided by the Director, Competitions, as soon as possible but not later than fourteen (14) days before the Match in reference.
- 65.2 If, for whatever reason, League Matches cannot be played on the appointed date, this shall be immediately reported to the FAS Competitions Department by the Clubs concerned, and it shall be the FAS Competition Department's responsibility in each instance to notify immediately the FAS Referees Department and the Match Commissioner, and such other relevant personnel, of such postponement.
- 65.3 In the event of any League 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 Department as to whether there should be a replay or any form of disciplinary action to be taken against the errant Club.
- 65.4 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 Department.
- 65.5 In the event where a match is abandoned/postponed before the 80th minute of play (i.e., Between 0 to 79 minutes) as determined by the Match Official, the match shall be replayed. The score of the abandoned match shall be considered null and void, and the replay shall start as a new match playing the ninety (90) minutes of regulation time with a score of 0-0. In the event where a match is abandoned/postponed after the 80th minute of play (i.e., 80 minutes onwards) as determined by the Match Official, the match shall be considered complete and the score at the time of abandonment/postponement shall be considered final.
- 65.6 The FAS Competitions Department shall 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 Department 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 Department shall be considered to have failed to fulfil an engagement or play its Match in the Match Schedule and liable to disciplinary action. The decision shall be final and binding.

- 65.7 An abandoned/postponed Match shall 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 shall count and the appropriate sanction shall follow. The replay of the abandoned Match shall 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 the cautions are upheld.
- 65.8 The score of the abandoned Match shall be considered null and void, and the replay shall start as a new Match playing the ninety (90) minutes of regulation time with the score of 0-0.
- 65.9 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.

66. Club Ceasing to Play

- 66.1 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 League, shall be reduced accordingly unless otherwise determined by the Exco. The remaining Match Schedule if any shall continue without the Club that has ceased to operate.
- 66.2 If any Club ceases to operate after the completion of the Season's Match Schedule, the Exco shall determine the position of the Club without prejudice to any and all rights it has.

67. Club Protest

- 67.1 Any Club intending to lodge a protest against their opponents for any violation of the League procedure in or about the Match shall do so in writing signed by the General/Club Manager or Hon. Secretary of the Club or a responsible Official of the Club to the FAS Competitions Department within forty-eight (48) hours from the end of the Match with a deposit of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00).
- 67.2 Pursuant to Rule 67.1 above, any protest(s)/complaints lodged by Clubs without meeting the conditions stipulated in Rule 67.5 below, shall not be entertained by the FAS Competitions Department.
- 67.3 No protest shall be lodged relating to the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal.
- 67.4 In cases where a decision by the Referee involves an obvious error (such as mistaking the identity of the person penalised), the FAS Committee and/or judicial bodies may only review the disciplinary consequences of that decision. In cases of mistaken identity, the relevant proceedings may be opened against the person who was actually at fault.
- 67.5 Any Club intending to lodge a protest shall abide by the following procedure:
- 67.5.1 The Team Manager or a responsible Official of the Club shall notify the Match Commissioner immediately after the relevant Match that he shall be filing an official protest. The Match Commissioner shall reflect this in his report and submit a detailed report on the incident.

- 67.5.2 The Team Manager/Official shall then send in a full written report (including the appropriate Protest Form issued by the FAS General Secretariat) of his official protest to the FAS Competitions Department within forty-eight (48) hours, following the end of the relevant Match, accompanied by a fee of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00).
- 67.5.3 On receiving the protest, the Director, Competitions, after studying the relevant reports, shall decide on the outcome where possible.
- 67.5.4 When no decision can be ascertained, the FAS Referees' Department and/or FAS Committees may be consulted.
- 67.5.5 The Player pending the appeal shall have to serve his mandatory suspension until a decision is arrived at by the Director, Competitions.
- 67.5.6 All decisions pertaining to the protest shall be binding and final.
- 67.5.7 The deposit may be refunded to the appellant if the appeal is successful.

67.6 The FAS Committee and/or judicial bodies are also responsible for:

- 67.6.1 sanctioning serious infringements which have escaped the Match Official's attention;
and
- 67.6.2 rectifying obvious errors in the Referee's disciplinary decisions;

68. Disparaging Remarks on Refereeing / Charging at Match Officials / Conduct of Officials and Players

- 68.1 No Official/Player shall make any disparaging remarks about the refereeing of a Match; any such remark made by an Official/Player may render such person liable to disciplinary action.
- 68.2 No Official/Player shall make any abusive/offensive remarks towards any appointed Match Official/Match Commissioner/Referee Assessor of a Match; any such remark made by the Official/Player may render such person liable to disciplinary action.
- 68.3 Players/Officials are prohibited from charging at and/or displaying improper conduct towards any appointed Match Official/Match Commissioner/Referee Assessor of a Match before, during or after the game, for whatever reasons. Any such action shall render the Player/Official and Club concerned, liable to a fine at the discretion of Director, Competitions and/or referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
- 68.4 Any Official or Player who fails to conduct oneself in a proper and responsible manner before, during or after the game, including but not limited to misconduct on the Field of Play, in the technical area, dressing rooms and stadium premises, shall be liable to disciplinary action.

69. Duties of Match Officials and Personnel

- 69.1 All Match Officials shall be appointed for each Match by the FAS Referees Department.
- 69.2 No Club shall be allowed to dispute or request for the appointment of a certain referee. All Clubs shall comply with the decisions of the FAS Referees Department.
- 69.3 At the end of each Match, the appointed referee shall submit an official report to the FAS Referees Department.
- 69.4 In the event of exceptional circumstances/incidents, the appointed referee shall submit an additional supplementary report on the Match to the FAS Referees Department within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the Match. The supplementary shall include details of the occurring incidents.

- 69.5 In the event that an appointed referee or assistant referee is unavailable to officiate the Match during or prior to the start of the game, he shall be replaced by the fourth official. The duties of the fourth official shall subsequently be undertaken by the appointed Referees' Assessor.
- 69.6 The appointed referee has the absolute authority in terms of stopping the Match, abandoning it, cancelling it or not playing it for any reason, after consultation with the Match Commissioner, the Referees' Assessor and FAS Competitions Department. In the event of exceptional incidents, the appointed referee shall submit an official report on the Match to the FAS Referees Department within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the Match explaining the details and circumstances of the incident.
- 69.7 For each Match, the FAS Referees Department shall appoint a Referee Assessor to be in charge of overseeing the refereeing matters concerning the Match. The Referee Assessor shall submit an official report within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the Match and shall record any observations he deems with including in his report.
- 69.8 Each Host Club shall ensure that a suitable place with easy access to the Field of Play is reserved for the Referee Assessor to have a clear view of the Field of Play and any other place where exceptional incidents may occur at and during the Match.
- 69.9 Each Host Club shall ensure that a monitor screen with the official League broadcast feed is provided at the place allocated to the Referee Assessor for his use to check any cases he may have noted during the match.
- 69.10 For each match, the FAS Competitions Department shall appoint a Match Commissioner as its main representative responsible for the smooth running and organisation of the Match in accordance with the standards previously established. At the end of the Match, the Match Commissioner shall submit a detailed report on the Match to the FAS Competitions Department.
- 69.11 Each Host Club shall ensure that a suitable place with easy access to the Field of Play is reserved for the Match Commissioner to have a clear view of the Field of Play and any other place where exceptional incidents may occur at and during the Match.
- 69.12 Each Host Club shall ensure that a General Coordinator is appointed for every Match to assist the Match Commissioner and ensure the smooth running and organisation of the Match in accordance with the standards previously established.

SECTION F: FAIR PLAY

70. General Principles

- 70.1 In its effort to promote Fair Play and sportsmanship, the League shall hold a Fair Play Competition for the Season, based on an assessment of the Teams'/Clubs' conduct.
- 70.2 The objectives of the Fair Play Competition are 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.
- 70.3 The FAS Competitions Department shall release the standings upon the completion of the competition whose decision shall be final.
- 70.4 The FAS Competitions Department 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.

71. The Final Assessment

- 71.1 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.
- 71.2 In the event of a tie in the overall assessment, there shall be a tie breaker. Tie breaker 1: Team with less direct red cards shall receive the award, Tie breaker 2: team with less indirect red cards shall receive the award if both tie breakers cannot determine, then both teams shall be awarded.
- 71.3 The FAS Competitions Department draws up these Rules and the decision on any other matters pertaining to this Award is final.
- 71.4 This Award is based on the Clubs' performance in the league, aforesaid, and or other such tournaments in the seasons following, and shall not include the performance in any other competition unless determined by the FAS Competitions Department.

SECTION G: DISCIPLINARY

72. Disciplinary Measures

- 72.1 All disciplinary measures in relation to the League shall be undertaken in accordance with the current Rules, FAS Constitution, FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code, and any relevant FAS circular.
- 72.2 The FAS may introduce new disciplinary Rules and sanctions for the duration of the League. Such Rules shall be communicated to the Clubs in due course.
- 72.3 Only Players and Officials may serve match suspensions in the League. 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.
- 72.4 All Players agree to:
- 72.4.1 respect the spirit of fair play, respect, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
 - 72.4.2 behave accordingly; and
 - 72.4.3 refrain from doping.

73. Administrative Procedure

- 73.1 Where a specified financial penalty and/or sanction is/are provided for in these Rules in these Sections, the FAS Exco shall have, through the Director, 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.
- 73.2 The FAS Congress shall elect a Committee known as the FAS Disciplinary Committee [hereinafter "the Committee"].
- 73.3 The Committee shall receive from the Director, 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.
- 73.4 The FAS Exco delegates the exercise of any of its powers under these Rules either generally or specifically to the Committee or the Director, Competitions, or any of the Standing Committees of the FAS or the FAS PSC for adjudication and determination as hereunder set out.
- 73.5 The Committee pursuant to these Rules 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.

- 73.6 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 with the FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 73.7 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 Director, 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.
- 73.8 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 Director, Competitions shall have the power to refer such acts to the relevant authorities.
- 73.9 The Committee or such other Standing Committee of the FAS, inclusive of the Director, 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.

74. Differences between Clubs

- 74.1 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 Director, Competitions. Each Club making such a reference shall do so in writing and shall deposit a fee of Three Thousand Dollars (SGD\$3,000.00) only which shall be liable to be forfeited to the FAS at the discretion of the Committee or the Director, Competitions or Arbitrator or the FAS three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the PSC as the case may be.
- 74.2 On any such submission or reference, the Director, Competitions, may in his absolute discretion:
- 74.2.1 either determine the dispute, question or difference himself; or
 - 74.2.2 refer to or delegate the determination of such dispute, difference or question, at the absolute discretion of the Director, Competitions, to a single Arbitrator or a Board of three (3) Arbitrators appointed by the Director, Competitions or to any of the Standing Committees of the FAS or the PSC; or
 - 74.2.3 refer the matter to the Committee.

- 74.3 The Director, 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.
- 74.4 Any Club aggrieved at the determination of the Director, 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.
- 74.5 Membership for the time being for the FAS shall constitute an agreement to refer all disputes, questions and differences between the Director, Competitions who shall determine the same in accordance with the provision of Rule 88.2 above.
- 74.5.1 The Arbitration tribunal ("the tribunal") shall consist of either a single Arbitrator or three (3) Arbitrators appointed by the Director, Competitions. The Director, Competitions, in a case involving three (3) Arbitrators, appoint a Chairman to chair all such meetings, and three (3) members shall hear the matter, adjudicate and determine the dispute, question or difference.
- 74.5.2 If any arbitrator appointed by the Director, 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 Director, Competitions to replace him.
- 74.6 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 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.
- 74.7 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.
- 74.8 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 at least 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.
- 74.9 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.

- 74.10 The power of the Director, 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 88.1 shall be in addition to the power conferred on the Director, 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 Director, 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.

75. Procedure and Appeals

- 75.1 The Director, 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.
- 75.2 Any Club or person against whom action is being taken (save for the decision of the PSC) may, within seven (7) working days 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 One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00) shall 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.
- 75.3 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.
- 75.4 A notice of appeal shall be in writing and shall be lodged with Director, 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 Three Thousand Dollars (SGD\$3,000.00). This amount may be refunded to the appellant if the appeal is successful.
- 75.5 At the same time that the notice of appeal is lodged there shall also be lodged with the Director, Competitions with a copy to the Secretary of the Appeal Committee:
- 75.5.1 a statement of the grounds of appeal; and
 - 75.5.2 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
 - 75.5.3 particulars of any fact or circumstances which do not appear from the statement or accompanying documents upon which the appellant is seeking to rely.
- 75.6 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.
- 75.7 Upon the application of either party, or of its own motion, the Appeal Committee may hold preliminary hearings for the purpose of:

- 75.7.1 deciding any application for leave to call fresh evidence;
 - 75.7.2 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.
- 75.8 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:
- 75.8.1 the evidence was not available at the time of the hearing appealed against despite the exercise of reasonable diligence;
 - 75.8.2 it is credible evidence; and
 - 75.8.3 it is relevant.
- 75.9 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 89.8 above, no party may be represented at the hearing of any appeal by solicitor or counsel acting in his capacity as such.
- 75.10 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.
- 75.11 An Appeal Committee shall have power:
- 75.11.1 to allow or dismiss the appeal;
 - 75.11.2 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;
 - 75.11.3 to remit the matter with such directions as it thinks fit for re-hearing and determination by the earlier decision making body;
 - 75.11.4 to make such further or other order as it thinks fit, including an order to forfeit the deposit.
- 75.12 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.
- 75.13 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.
- 75.14 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.

76. Powers of the Director, Competitions, the Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or Standing Committee of the FAS

- 76.1 Upon finding an offence, or a breach of these Rules or if misconduct is proved, the Director, 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 Director, Competitions, the Arbitrator, the Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or any such Standing Committee or the PSC may think fit in the circumstances.
- 76.2 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.
- 76.3 The Director, 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.

77. Sanctions / Penalties

- 77.1 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:
- 77.1.1 a caution;
 - 77.1.2 a censure;
 - 77.1.3 a fine;
 - 77.1.4 suspension for a specified number of matches and/or a specified period;
 - 77.1.5 a ban on participating or being involved in a game in any capacity whatsoever;
 - 77.1.6 cancellation of a match (requiring a replay, if any);
 - 77.1.7 deduction or cancellation of points;
 - 77.1.8 a win by default, in which case a score of three (3)-nil (0) shall be given, unless the goal difference attained in the match is greater in favour of the non-infringing Club;
 - 77.1.9 a ban from the stadium/stadia or on terms;
 - 77.1.10 matches to be played with the exclusion of the public or on certain conditions;
 - 77.1.11 a ban from taking part in the current and/or future competition or any part thereof;
 - 77.1.12 a cancellation/refusal of registration of a Player or on terms;
 - 77.1.13 withdrawal of any or all financial privileges given by the FAS or on terms.
- 77.2 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 and/or FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code

78. Competition Specific Sanctions / Penalties

- 78.1 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 as stipulated below and may also be referred to the FAS Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.

Code	Sending-Off Offence	No. of Matches Suspended
SP1	Denying the opposing team, a goal, or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by a handball offence	1
SP2	Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick	1
SP3	Serious Foul Play	3
SP4	Biting or spitting at someone	Minimum 6
SP5	Violent Conduct	Minimum 4
SP6	Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or actions	Minimum 2
SP7	Receiving a second caution in the same Match	1
SP8	Entering the VOR	2

- 78.2 A Team Official who has been sent off by the referee under Law 12 in The Laws of The Game shall be suspended as stipulated below and may also be referred to the FAS Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.

Code	Sending-Off Offence	No. of Matches Suspended
S1	Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team e.g. Holding onto the ball, kicking the ball away, obstructing the movement of a player, etc.	1
S2	Deliberately leaving the technical area to act in a provocative or inflammatory manner and/or entering the Field of Play to interfere with play or an opposing Player	2
S3	Deliberately leaving the technical area to show dissent towards, or remonstrate with a Match Official and/or entering the Field of Play to confront a Match Official (including half-time and full-time) or interfere with a Match Official in any other manner	Minimum 3
S4	Entering the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner	Minimum 2
S5	Deliberately throwing/kicking an object onto the Field of Play	Minimum 3
S6	Entering the Field of Play to confront a Match official (including at the half-time and fulltime), interfering with play, an opposing player or Match official	2
S7	Entering the VOR	2
S8	Physical or aggressive behaviour (including spitting or biting) towards an opposing player, substitute, team official, Match official, spectator, or any other person (e.g. Ball crew, security, or Competition official, etc.)	Minimum 6
S9	Receiving a second caution in the same Match	1
S10	Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or actions	Minimum 2
S11	Using unauthorized electronic or communication equipment and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner as the result of using electronic or communication equipment	2

S12	Violent Conduct	Minimum 4
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- 78.3 Subject to the provisions of 78.1 above, a Player who has accumulated two (2) red cards in the course of the League shall be fined a sum of 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.
- 78.4 A Player who has received three (3) yellow card cautions in the course of the League shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) Match in the said League. If the Player receives a further three (3) yellow card cautions in the course of the same League, he shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) Match in the League. If he receives a further three (3) yellow card cautions in the course of the same League, he shall be suspended for the following one (1) Match in the said League and pay a composition fine of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00).
- 78.5 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 League 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.
- 78.6 A Team Official who has accumulated two (2) red cards in the course of the League shall at be fined a sum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00) 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.
- 78.7 A Team Official who has received three (3) yellow card cautions in the course of the League shall be fined a sum of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00). If the Team Official receives a further two (2) yellow card cautions in the course of the same League, he shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) Match in that competition and fined a sum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00).
- 78.8 In the event the said Team Official fails or is unable to pay the composition fine within the next seven (7) days, the said Team Official shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. Until then, the said Team Official shall not be allowed to participate in his official capacity in the League 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.
- 78.9 For avoidance of doubt, a Player who is expelled for any of the sending-off offences stated under Law 12 in The Laws of The Game during the Community Shield shall be suspended for the following League Matches in accordance with Rule 78.1. 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 in the League. The Player may also be 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.
- 78.10 Pursuant to Rule 78.2, for avoidance of doubt, a Team Official who is expelled for any of the sending-off offences stated under Law 12 in The Laws of The Game during the Community Shield shall be suspended for the following League Matches in accordance with Rule 78.2. The Team Official may also be 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.

- 78.11 When disciplinary action is taken against any player by way of a composition fine or referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions, the yellow/red cards accumulated by the said player shall not be considered for further sanctions.
- 78.12 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.
- 78.13 Notwithstanding Rule 78.1 and 78.2, the Director, 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 or Team Official, 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 or Team Official by way of a composition fine or referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions, the yellow/red cards accumulated by the said player shall not be considered for further sanctions.
- 78.14 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, shall have the absolute power to impose sanction in the player's absentia. The team/player shall be informed of the outcome accordingly. When a player has to appear before the Committee, he shall be accompanied by a Club representative where the player is registered.
- 78.15 All sanctions and/or penalties shall commence with immediate effect except in cases where the Tournament Committee or the Director, Competitions may otherwise decide pursuant to Rule 79.1 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/Team Official can participate in any match of the League in which the offence was committed. A fine, including composition fines imposed on a Player/Team Official shall 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.
- 78.16 All sanctions and/or penalties under this Rule shall be served out or complied with in full during the League in which the offence or offences were committed by the Player/Team Official. 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 League where the said Player/Team Official is registered and eligible to participate.
- 78.17 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.
- 78.18 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.
- 78.19 The FAS has the power to take retrospective action for potential Red Card offences if not fully seen by the Match Officials. The FAS may also take appropriate action even when an incident has been witnessed or acted upon by the Match Officials in serious or unusual circumstances.

78.20 If the referee sanctions (either caution or expulsion) at least five (5) members of the same team (refers to Players and Team Officials registered under a Team Official Delegation) during a Match, the Club shall be fined Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00) per expulsion and Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (SGD\$250.00) per caution. Further disciplinary measures may also be taken against the Club concerned.

79. Compounding Offences

79.1 Without prejudice to the Rules hereinbefore, the Director, 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 Five Thousand Dollars (SGD\$5,000.00) and/or a suspension of up to a maximum of two (2) matches and/or awarding a win by default, in which case a score of three (3)-nil (0) shall be given, unless the goal difference attained in the Match is greater in favour of the non-infringing Club.

80. Disputes Involving League Clubs

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

81. Prohibition to Recourse to Ordinary Court

81.1 Pursuant to Article 58 of the FIFA Statutes adopted at the Extraordinary Congress in Zurich on 18 September 2020 and which came into force immediately after adoption, 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 H: ADMINISTRATION

82. Special Instructions

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

83. Decisions

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

84. Amendments

- 84.1 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.

85. Force Majeure

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

86. Matters Not Provided For

- 86.1 Matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the FAS Exco and FAS Competitions Department. Such decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

87. Closing Provisions

- 87.1 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.