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# **REGULATIONS**

HERO FEDERATION CUP— 2017

**Definition:**

The terms highlighted in black in these Regulations (as hereinafter defined) shall have the following meaning (s):

<b>AIFF:</b>	All India Football Federation
<b>Member Association:</b>	The controlling body for football within a state or territory recognised by AIFF
<b>Competition Committee:</b>	The AIFF sub-committee, which has been constituted as per the AIFF Constitution, and which has ultimate authority over all matters relating to the organisation of the Competition.
<b>I-League:</b>	The Hero I-League
<b>Participating Club(s):</b>	The top 8 (eight) I-League Clubs of the 2016-2017 season, who are approved by AIFF to participate in the Competition
<b>Participating Officials:</b>	Any official who is registered as part of a Team's official delegation in the Competition
<b>Club(s):</b>	Any Club participating in the I-League 2016-17
<b>Host Association:</b>	A Member Association selected by AIFF to organise, stage and host the matches of the Competition in conjunction with AIFF General Secretariat, in accordance with these Regulations
<b>Competition:</b>	The Hero Federation Cup 2017
<b>Hero:</b>	Hero MotoCorp Limited

<b>Regulations:</b>	These Competition Regulations for Hero Federation Cup 2017
<b>Field of play:</b>	The area described in Law 1 of the Laws of the Games issued by the IFBA and administered by FIFA
<b>Match Schedule:</b>	The official schedule which sets out, without limitations, the dates and time on which matches will be played, the stadia at which the matches will be played, and the names of the Participating Clubs.
<b>Quarter Final Round:</b>	The first-round group matches of the Competition
<b>Semi-Final (s):</b>	The second-round matches in the knock-out stage
<b>Final:</b>	The final match of the Competition, which determines the Champion
<b>Champion:</b>	The Winner of the Final
<b>Match Officials:</b>	Any individual appointed to officiate a match in the Competition in the role of Referee, Assistant Referee, Fourth Official, Match Commissioner or Referee Assessor
<b>Football(s):</b>	The ball with which the matches are played
<b>Broadcasters:</b>	Any entity, including the host broadcaster, which acquired from AIFF or AIFF's designated 'Commercial Right Partner', any rights in respect of the media rights of the Competition
<b>Commercial Rights:</b>	Advertising, broadcasting, image, media, merchandise promotional and sponsorship rights
<b>Host Agreement:</b>	An agreement signed between the Host Association

and the AIFF as part of financial obligations in hosting the Competition

**Accreditation Card:**

Any physical item which is issued by AIFF, which provided the recipient the right to access a 'Controlled Access Area' (or part thereof) where the Controlled Access Area is under the control of AIFF or the host Association.

**CRS & CMS:**

Process by which the players and officials are registered to play in the Competition

**Tickets:**

A priced ticket providing access inside a stadium for the purpose of watching a match

**Complimentary Tickets:**

Ticket provided free of cost

## **Introduction:**

1. The Federation Cup Football Tournament is an AIFF event embodied in the AIFF Constitution
2. The AIFF stages the Federation Cup annually for top eight (8) I-League Clubs
3. Federation Cup 2017 will be played at a centralised venue
4. The Host MA selected by AIFF is responsible for staging of the matches in conjunction with AIFF General Secretariat and in accordance with these Regulations
5. The Host MA shall be subject to the supervision and control of AIFF, which has the final word on all matters relevant to the staging of the matches.
6. The Host MA and the Participating Clubs undertakes to observe the AIFF statutes, regulations, directives, decisions, guidelines, circulars as well as the Host Agreement.
7. The Regulations and all directives, decisions, guidelines and circulars issues by AIFF shall be binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Federation Cup
8. The AIFF statutes and all AIFF regulations in force shall apply. Any reference in these regulations to the AIFF statutes and regulations refer to the AIFF statutes and regulations valid at the time of application.

### ***Art. 1: PARTICIPATING CLUBS***

- 1.1. The top eight (8) clubs of I-League 2016-2017 season are invited to participate in the Federation Cup 2017.
- 1.2. The Participating Clubs are required to complete and send the official entry form to the AIFF General Secretariat by the deadline fixed by AIFF through CMS system. The entry forms shall be duly endorsed by the respective state association of the clubs. Only the entry forms sent to the AIFF General Secretariat by the deadline set will be valid and taken into consideration.

### ***Art. 2: COMPETITION FORMAT***

- 2.1 The Federation Cup Football Tournament will be played in Cuttack, Odisha from 7<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 with the following format:
  - 2.1.1 **Quarter-Finals**
    - 2.1.1.1 The top eight (8) teams of I-league 2016-17 will be divided into two groups of four teams each.
    - 2.1.1.2 The teams in two groups will be designated as follows:

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
Team 1	Team 2
Team 8	Team 7
Team 3	Team 4
Team 6	Team 5

- 2.2 The matches of the quarter final round will be played on single leg league system, each team playing one match against each of the other team in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw and none for a defeat.
- 2.3 The ranking of each Team in each group will be determined as follows:
- 2.3.1 Greater number of points obtained;
- 2.3.2 If the points are equal, then by the result of the matches between the concerned teams, with the team securing the highest points in these matches placed higher;
- 2.3.3 If points are equal, the team having a higher goal difference will be placed higher;
- 2.3.4 If the goal difference is the same, the team with the higher number of goals scored will be placed higher;
- 2.3.5 If still the winner cannot be decided, then the ranking will be decided by taking lots.
- 2.4 The two teams coming first and second in each group will qualify for the Semi-Finals.

**Art. 3: COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

- 3.1 The matches of the Quarter-finals round will be played in accordance with the following schedule drawn up by the AIFF

**Group A**

Team 1	V/s	Team 8	07-05-2017
Team 3	V/s	Team 6	07-05-2017
Team 8	V/s	Team 3	09-05-2017
Team 6	V/s	Team 1	09-05-2017

Team 8	V/s	Team 6	11-05-2017
Team 1	V/s	Team 3	11-05-2017

### **Group B**

Team 2	V/s	Team 7	08-05-2017
Team 4	V/s	Team 5	08-05-2017
Team 7	V/s	Team 4	10-05-2017
Team 5	V/s	Team 2	10-05-2017
Team 7	V/s	Team 5	12-05-2017
Team 2	V/s	Team 4	12-05-2017

### **3.2 Semi-Finals**

<b>Winner Group A</b>	<b>V/s</b>	<b>Runner Group B</b>	<b>14-05-2017</b>	<b>SF 1</b>
<b>Winner Group B</b>	<b>V/s</b>	<b>Runner Group A</b>	<b>14-05-2017</b>	<b>SF2</b>

3.2.1 The semi-finals will be played on knock-out basis, the winners of which will qualify for the finals.

3.2.2 In accordance with the provisions of these regulations, extra time shall be played as the result of a draw at the end of the normal playing time, it shall always consists of two periods of fifteen (15) minutes each, with an interval of five minutes at the end of the normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.

3.2.3 If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

3.2.4 If the kicks from the penalty mark cannot be taken or completed then the result shall be decided by taking lots.

### **3.3 Final**

<b>Winner SF 1</b>	<b>V/s</b>	<b>Winner SF 2</b>	<b>18-05-2017</b>	<b>If BFC &amp; MB do not qualify</b>
<b>Winner SF 1</b>	<b>V/s</b>	<b>Winner SF 2</b>	<b>21-05-2017</b>	<b>If BFC &amp; MB qualify</b>

- 3.3.1 The Final will be played on knock-out basis, the winner of which will be declared Champions.
- 3.3.2 If at the end of the normal playing time, the match ends in a draw, thirty minutes extra time shall be played, consisting of two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes each, with an interval of five minutes at the end of the normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
- 3.3.3 If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.
- 3.3.4 If the kicks from the penalty mark cannot be taken or completed, then the result shall be decided by drawing of lots.

**Art. 4: DURATION OF THE MATCHES**

- 4.1 Each match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising of two (2) periods of forty-five (45) minutes (normal playing time) with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes in-between the two (2) periods, commencing from the whistle ending the first period and ending upon the whistle starting the second period.
- 4.2 **IN ANY GROUP, IF AT THE END OF THE LAST MATCH OF THE GROUP TWO TEAMS ARE TIED UP WITH:**
  - 4.2.1. equal number of points
  - 4.2.2 equal goal difference
  - 4.2.3 equal results of the matches between the two teams and if: both the concerned teams are present on the field of play at the time of the above tie, then the following shall apply:
    - 4.3 extra time of twenty (20) minutes consisting of two (2) periods of ten (10) minutes each shall be played to decide the winner
    - 4.4 even if there is no result after the extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to decide the winner.
    - 4.5 if still the result is draw, the winner shall be decided by drawing of lots.
    - 4.6 if the extra time or the penalty kicks cannot be played/taken due to the circumstances beyond the control of the organisers, then the winner shall be decided by drawing of lots.
    - 4.7 If three (or more) teams are tied for the first or second place after the league matches and these teams have beaten or lost to each other (for example: team,

A, B and C are tied in points, team A has beaten team B and lost to team C: team B has lost to team A and beaten team C and team C has beaten team A and lost to team B then Art. 2.3.2 b will not be applicable and the classification will be decided by following the system in Art. 2.2.4, 5 or 6

**Art. 5: COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

5.1 As per Art. 3 of the Regulations

**Art. 6: FOOTBALLS**

6.1 The matches of the Competition will be played with *NIKE* footballs

**Art. 7: ORGANISING ASSOCIATION**

7.1 The AIFF Executive Committee has appointed Football Association of Odisha (the “**Organizing Association**”) as the host of the Federation Cup Football Tournament 2017.

7.2 The Organising Association is responsible for organising, hosting and staging the Federation Cup Football Tournament 2017. It shall set up a Local Organising Committee (“**LOC**”) in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations. The Organising Association and the LOC shall be subject to the control of AIFF, whose decisions shall be final and binding.

**Art. 8: ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

8.1 The players participating in the tournament shall be registered players of the club and registered first with the respective state associations.

8.2 He is eligible to play for a club affiliated to its concerned.

**Art. 9: WITHDRAWAL, FAILING TO PLAY AND REPLACEMENT**

9.1 Clubs shall play in all Competition matches once entered.

9.2 Clubs that withdraw prior to the start of the Competition may be replaced by another team as decided by the AIFF and Federation Cup Committee.

9.3 If a club withdraws from the Competition after it has commenced; or does not report for any of its matches, refuses to continue any of its matches at any stage or leaves the stadium prior to the completion of any of its match/es, it shall be considered to have withdrawn from the competition.

9.4 The Participating Club that withdraws from the Competition after its commencement shall:

- 9.4.1 have all its matches cancelled and considered null and void. All points and goals in those matches shall not be taken into consideration and shall be expunged from official records.
- 9.4.2 the opponent team shall be declared winners with a three - zero (3-0) margin
- 9.4.3 be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Participating Club/s, the AIFF, the AIFF commercial right partners, licensees, broadcasters and the concerned Member Association. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AIFF Executive Committee.
- 9.4.4 be disqualified from taking part in next two (2) editions of the Competition from which it withdrew. The AIFF Executive Committee may extend the suspension depending on the gravity of the situation and/or impose further damages as deemed appropriate by it.
- 9.4.5 be referred to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for additional sanctions and fines depending on the gravity of the situation, then to Executive Committee for final decision.
- 9.4.6 return of the Match subsidy to AIFF that had been paid in support of their participation in the Competition or if not yet paid, forfeit their right to those Match subsidies.
- 9.4.7 the above sanctions are not applicable in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AIFF in consultation with the concerned Match Officials
- 9.4.8 the AIFF and Federation Cup Committee shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of Force Majeure.

**Art. 10: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS**

- 10.1 **Preliminary Registration:** Each Club is allowed to register a maximum of thirty (30) players and ten (10) officials through AIFF CRS & CMS System
- 10.2 Each participating club must register a minimum of three (3) goalkeepers in their Preliminary Registration.
- 10.3 Team may register up to four (4) foreign players after due completion of International Registration formalities, of which one (1) should compulsorily be

from an Asian Country and the remaining three (3) can be from a non-Asian country (1+3 formula). All the four foreigners can be the part of the playing eleven. A foreign player can be replaced by an Indian or a foreign player.

**Art. 11: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS FOR MATCHES**

- 11.1 Eighteen (18) players are required to be included in the starting line-up for the match, consisting of eleven (11) first team players and seven (7) substitutes, who are required to be duly registered as such by each Club.
- 11.2 Each club may register up to six (6) officials for a match.
- 11.3 Out of the six (6) officials teams have to compulsorily register the following:
  - 11.3.1 Head Coach with AFC “A” Licence Certificate or equivalent
  - 11.3.2 Manager with a valid contract with the club
  - 11.3.3 Qualified Doctor with MBBS degree or a Qualified Physiotherapist

**Art. 12: MATCH STARTING LIST**

- 12.1 The Participating Teams must hand over the “Players selection list” and the “Officials on the bench list” with the names of the eleven (11) players who will start the match and seven (7) players who are designated as their substitutes, suspended or not playing, to the Match Commissioner at least four (4) hours before the kick-off of their match. The team captain and the goalkeepers must be identified on the “Players selection list”. The same procedure will apply for the registration of officials also.
- 12.2 After the “Match Starting List” has been completed and signed by both the teams and returned to the Match Commissioner, and if the match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions apply:
  - 12.2.1 If any of the eleven (11) player/s listed on the Match Starting List selected to start the Match are not able to start the Match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the Match Starting List. During the Match, three (3) players may still be replaced; however the team’s allowed number of substitutions will be reduced accordingly.

**Art. 13: SUBSTITUTION**

- 13.1 Not more than three (3) players may be substituted during a match, from all the remaining reserve players, who must be declared before the commencement of the match.
- 13.2 Any player substituted cannot re-enter the game.

**Art. 14: NOMINATIONS**

- 14.1 The Winners of the Federation Cup Football Tournament will be nominated for AFC Competitions for the season of 2018.

**Art. 15: ABANDONED MATCHES & PROCEDURE**

- 15.1 If the match is stopped by the Referee before the end of the normal time or during the extra time because of any force majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit to play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedure must be followed:
  - 15.1.1 The match is automatically suspended for the duration of thirty (30) minutes to allow conditions to improve sufficiently to restart the match, unless the referee decides that the match can be resumed earlier
  - 15.1.2 At the discretion of the Referee, another suspension of a maximum of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of suspension will allow the match to be resumed. Otherwise, at the end of this second thirty (30) minutes period, the Referee must declare the match to have been abandoned.
  - 15.1.3 In the case of an abandoned match:
    - 15.1.3.1 match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was initially abandoned;
    - 15.1.3.2 No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
    - 15.1.3.3 The teams can make only the number of substitution to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
    - 15.1.3.4 Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;

15.1.3.5 Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;

15.1.3.6 The kick-off time date (foreseen for the following day) and the location shall be decided by the Organising Committee;

15.1.3.7 Any matters requiring further decision shall be treated by the Organising Committee;

15.2 No appeal may be lodged against decision stated in Art. 15.1 above.

***Art. 16: CANCELLATION OF MATCHES***

16.1 If the match cannot commence on time due to any force majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit to play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedure must be followed:

16.1.1. The match must first be delayed for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes, unless the Referee decides that the match can commence earlier, before a decision to reschedule the match is taken.

16.1.2 At the discretion of the Referee, another delay of a maximum thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of delay will allow the match to commence. Otherwise, at the end of this second thirty (30) minutes period, the Referee must declare the match to have been cancelled.

16.1.3 In the case of a cancelled match, the Match Commissioner shall decide within two (2) hours of the Referee's decision to cancel the match whether the match can be rescheduled, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account, or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue with the competition. Any disciplinary sanctions resulting from the cancelled match shall remain in force

16.2 . No appeal may be lodged against decision stated in Art. 16.1 above.

***Note: The decision of the referee and the match commissioner on the suitability of the pitch or the playing equipment are final and binding.***

16.3 If, at any time during the competition, the AIFF Secretariat deems that, for any reason, the stadium is not fit for staging a match; the AIFF may consult with

the Organising Association and propose an alternate stadium, in accordance with the standards required by AIFF.

**Art. 17: LAWS OF THE GAME**

- 17.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.

**Art. 18: PLAYING EQUIPMENT**

**18.1 Playing Equipment:**

- 18.1.1 Each item of Playing Equipment must be worn identically by all Participating Players of the same team and must be manufactured identically by the same manufacturer. Different components of Playing Equipment may be produced by different manufacturers.
- 18.1.2 In accordance with Law 4 of the Laws of the game, the inside of all Playing Equipment must comply with the Laws of the Game and may be freely used by the Participating Clubs provided that under any prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, no detrimental effect is caused to the identical visible appearance and clear distinction of the Participating Players.
- 18.1.3 The basic compulsory outfits of a player shall consist of a jersey or shirts, shorts, stockings, shinguards and footwear. Shinguards, which must be covered entirely by the stockings shall be made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic, polyurethane or similar substance) and shall afford a reasonable degree of protection.

**18.2 Items worn under the Playing Equipment**

- 18.2.1 Participating Players may wear Special Equipment under the Playing Equipment, including without limitation undershirts and singlet's, underwear, t-shirts and thermal shorts.
- 18.2.2 Such Special Equipment worn under the Playing Equipment may be separate from, or permanently attached to, the shirt or shorts.
- 18.2.3 The colour of any visible Special Equipment worn under the Playing Equipment must be of the same group of basic colours as the

corresponding part (e.g. sleeves or legs) of the Playing Equipment. In the event that a Player is wearing a short sleeve shirt, a long-sleeve t-shirt worn under the Playing Equipment must be of the same visual appearance as the long-sleeve shirt worn by other Participating Players of the same team.

18.2.4 A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery).

18.2.5 If any kinesiology/BB tape is used, the colour of the tape must be of the same main colour of the outfits.

### **18.3 Use of Slogans**

18.3.1 Sponsor advertisement, political statements, and/or other messages, including without limitation, personal messages, religious messages and/or illustrations, are strictly prohibited on Special Equipment used inside of Control Access Areas.

18.3.2 Use of any of the prohibited messages, slogans and or illustrations will attract AIFF Disciplinary sanctions.

### **18.4 Warm-Up Bibs**

18.4.1 The Bibs used by the Teams for the warm-up, during matches as well as official training shall be in contrasting colours.

18.4.2 The warm up bibs shall be clearly distinguishable, irrespective of prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, for all Participating Players, Match Officials, spectator's and media from the colours of the shirt being used as Playing Equipment and the Match Officials.

### **18.5 Colours**

18.5.1 The choice for the Official Kit must be registered on the relevant forms issued by the AIFF upon entry in the Competition.

18.5.2 The Reserve Kit shall be taken to every match of the competition

18.5.3 Each team shall wear its Official Kit as declared on the relevant forms issues by the AIFF upon entry into a Competition during matches. If in the opinion of the referee or Match Commissioner, the colour of the Participating Teams might cause confusion or prove unsuitable for television broadcast, the host team shall wear its Official Kit while the

visiting team will wear either Reserve Kit or a combination of both as instructed by the referee or Match Commissioner.

- 18.5.4 If thermal shorts are used, they shall be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts.
- 18.5.5 The colour worn by the goalkeeper must be noticeably different from those worn by the outfield Participating Players of his own team. Furthermore, the goalkeeper colours for a Match must contrast to the Playing Equipment worn by the opposing team and Match Officials. The Playing Equipment of all goalkeepers of the same team must be identical.
- 18.5.6 To change its registered colours, the Participating Club must submit a written request to AIFF at least seven days before the respective Match.

## **18.6 Numbers**

- 18.6.1 A number must appear on the back (centered) of all shirts used as Playing Equipment. The number must be between 25 cm (twenty-five centimetres) and 35 (thirty-five centimetres) in height, clearly legible and positioned in the centre back of the shirt. The stroke width of the number must be between 3 cm (three centimetres) and 5 cm (five centimetres) The number must be entirely visible when shirt is tucked into shorts.
- 18.6.2 The number must also be displayed on the front of each shirt in any position at chest level. The number must be between 10 cm (ten centimetres) and 15 cm (fifteen centimetres) in height, clearly legible and be the same colour as the number on the back of the shirt.
- 18.6.3 The number must also appear on the front of the shorts positioned on either leg. The number must be between 10 cm (ten centimetres) and 15 cm (fifteen centimetres) in height and clearly visible.
- 18.6.4 Any team found guilty of allowing players to play in jerseys with numbers other than those registered shall be subject to disciplinary action, including fines.
- 18.6.5 Numbers should range from one (1) to Ninety-nine (99) in figures universally used with the first goalkeeper's number being one (1)

## **18.7 Sleeve Free Zone**

18.7.1 The sleeve free zone must be at least 12 cm (twelve centimetres) high, 8 cm (eight centimetres) wide and be centered between the shoulder point and the elbow point, which shall be exclusively reserved for the Competition Logo if any.

## **Art. 19: PROTESTS**

- 19.1 For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations and footballs.
- 19.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protest shall be submitted in writing to the AIFF Match Commissioner within two hours of the match in question and followed up immediately with a full report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing to the AIFF headquarters within 24 hours of the end of the match, otherwise they will be disregarded.
- 19.3 Protest shall be accompanied by a protest fee of rupees fifty thousand (Rs.50,000/-). (in cash/Cheque)
- 19.4 If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be refunded.
- 19.5 No protest may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal, unless otherwise stipulated in the AIFF Disciplinary Code.
- 19.6 Protest against the eligibility of players nominated for matches shall be submitted in writing to the AIFF headquarters no later than five days before the first match of the Federation Cup Football Tournament and shall be dealt with by the AIFF Disciplinary Committee.
- 19.7 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded by the competent body. Once the final match of the Federation Cup Football Tournament 2017 has ended, any protest described in this article shall be disregarded.

## **Art. 20: DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

### **20.1 DISCIPLINE**

- 20.1.1 Participating teams, players and officials are bound by the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

20.1.2 Infringement of any of these regulations or any other regulations or statutes of the AIFF shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee of the AIFF.

20.1.3 All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the current AIFF Constitution, AIFF Disciplinary Code and/or any relevant AIFF Regulations and circulars.

20.1.4 All Participating Clubs, Players and officials agree to:

20.1.4.1 respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence and the authority of the Match Officials

20.1.4.2 behave accordingly and refrain from doping

20.1.5 In deciding upon disciplinary measures to be taken, the Disciplinary Committee shall be guided by the provision of the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

## **20.2 CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS**

20.2.1 A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during the tournament shall automatically be suspended for the match following the match in which he receives the second caution.

20.2.2 A player expelled from the field of play by the Referee shall be suspended for the next match unless otherwise determined by the AIFF Disciplinary Committee, which shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of match.

20.2.3 Cautions and expulsions issued during the Competition will be carried forward from one stage to another stage of the Competition.

## ***Art. 21: MATCH OFFICIALS/OTHER AIFF OFFICIALS***

### **21.1 REFEREES**

Sufficient number of Referees (outstation and local) shall be posted for supervision of the matches by the Referees Department of AIFF.

### **21.2. MATCH COMMISSIONER**

A Match Commissioner shall be posted at the venue of the tournament, who will be the leader of the AIFF technical delegation and he shall perform his duties according to the instructions given by the AIFF. He shall also be the guiding factor for all the matters connected with the tournament and shall submit a report to the Federation with proposals and suggestions for improvement, if any. He shall advise the Referees Assessor in any matter connected with Referees affairs, if considered necessary.

### **21.3 REFEREES ASSESSOR**

A Referees Assessor, if posted, shall be responsible for all matters relating to the management of Referees including day-to-day posting, conduct of physical fitness test, pre-match discussions, match analysis of previous day's officiating etc.

## ***Art. 22 THE FEDERATION CUP AND OTHER SUB COMMITTEES***

### **22.1 FEDERATION CUP COMMITTEE**

22.1.1 The Federation Cup Committee constituted by AIFF shall be responsible to hold and organize the matches of the Federation Cup 2017 and deal with and/or arrive in all decision making process and issues mentioned hereunder or otherwise so provided in these Regulations, unless otherwise expressly excluded.

22.1.2 The AIFF shall draw the fixtures; decide the televised and non-televised venues in consultation with the Broadcasting Sponsors keeping in view the requests of the state associations and the LOC's.. It will also decide in consultation with the LOC upon the kick off times and other details.

22.1.3 The AIFF shall settle all forms required by any Regulations in the technical conduct of this Competition and to set out where applicable, duties and powers thereof.

22.1.4 Except as expressly provided, the AIFF shall give decisions on matters arising out of any disputes and to impose sanctions on Clubs, officials and players or the match Commissioner or match officials should any of them fail to comply with these regulations or the Rules and Regulations of the AIFF or of any decisions or directives given either by the Committee or the AIFF.

22.1.5 Save as expressly provided in these Regulations, the AIFF shall convene meetings with Club representatives to sort out any issues between Clubs, and/or between Clubs and players or any other disputes concerning the organisation of the Competition.

22.1.6 The AIFF shall provide due and necessary clarifications or explanations in the event of any doubt regarding the interpretation of these Regulations or any other related matters and its decision shall be final and binding.

22.1.7 The AIFF shall constitute various sub committees, which may be required, for the smooth conduct of the Tournament.

- 22.1.8 The AIFF shall coordinate the work of various Committees or agencies involved in the organisation of the Federation Cup 2016.
- 22.1.9 The AIFF shall be at liberty to add, alter, modify or change any part of these Regulations whenever necessary.
- 22.1.10 The AIFF shall insure that Match and other officials are deputed for conduct of the matches.
- 22.1.11 In the event of any dispute between the AIFF, Participating Clubs and any state association, the AIFF Executive Committee shall decide the same, which shall be final and binding.
- 22.1.12 Disputing issue in Appeal not provided for in the Regulation between any Participating Club and the AIFF shall also be finally adjudicated by the AIFF Executive Committee.
- 22.1.13 For resolving any dispute/appeal, the principles of natural justice shall be reasonably complied with.

## **22.2 LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

- 22.2.1 The concerned Host Association shall constitute the Local Organising Committee.
- 22.2.2 The LOC shall provide adequate facilities to the Match Officials and any other Officials appointed by the AIFF in discharging their duties.
- 22.2.3 Local transport from airport/railway station to the team hotel and back and from hotel to the venue of the matches and practice grounds shall be provided by the LOC.
- 22.2.4 The LOC must provide the marketing agents and the sponsors all facilities to display their advertising boards within the stadium premises and facility areas.
- 22.2.5 The LOC shall ensure that all agreements entered by the AIFF regarding broadcast, TV coverage, sponsorships, copy rights, intellectual property rights and other rights by AIFF are fully protected, respected and implemented as required and there are no infringements thereof.
- 22.2.6 The LOC shall ensure that sufficient security is provided to the visiting teams and to all the Members of the visiting teams and all the Officials appointed by the AIFF.

- 22.2.7 The LOC shall inform the team manager, as soon as the team arrives of the exact kick-off time and the schedule of Managers' meeting.
- 22.2.8 The LOC shall see that the infrastructure at the Stadium is insured.
- 22.2.9 In addition to the other Committees, the LOC shall constitute a Security and a Media Sub Committee.
- 22.2.10 The LOC shall provide local transport for training and matches to the Match Commissioner, Referees Inspector and the Referees and any other official deputed by the AIFF.
- 22.2.11 The LOC shall provide decent Accommodation to the Match Officials or any other Officials deputed by the AIFF.
- 22.2.12 The LOC shall provide good practice grounds for the visiting teams.
- 22.2.13 The Local Organising Committee is fully responsible for the safety and security of players, team and AIFF officials, TV crew, media, agents of sponsors and telecast rights holders, spectators, etc., at the Stadium.
- 22.2.14 The LOC shall ensure that the match venue is available exclusively for the Federation Cup matches during the time of competition.
- 22.2.15 The LOC shall give the AIFF a statement of tickets sold, within 72 hours from the conclusion of the match.
- 22.2.16 The LOC shall have a Medical Team, headed by a qualified Doctor for first aid and other Emergency duty during the matches. The medical team shall be equipped for emergencies and there shall be two ambulances at the venue. At least one of the ambulances shall be fully equipped with emergency equipment, including defibrillator.

**22.3 EMERGENCY COMMITTEE:**

- 22.3.1 The Emergency Committee shall be appointed by the AIFF.
- 22.3.2 The Emergency Committee shall decide on all urgent matters regarding the Federation Cup 2017. Any urgent decisions may be taken by circulation.
- 22.3.3 The Emergency Committee will meet from time to time to review the progress of the Federation Cup.

**Art. 23: APPEAL COMMITTEE**

- 23.1 The matters related to appeals on the decisions of the AIFF Disciplinary Committee will be dealt by the AIFF Appeal Committee.

- 23.2 The Appeal Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents and other means of evidence submitted by the AIFF Disciplinary Committee. However the Appeal Committee may, if necessary, also resort to any further evidence (including television and video recording etc.), which it considers relevant.

**Art. 24: TICKETING**

- 24.1 Ticketing, including production, distribution and sales, shall be the responsibility of the Host Association. AIFF and or its Marketing Partner will provide a ticket design to the Host Association. The Host Association shall ensure that printed tickets include, where available, seat numbering and/or serial numbering. All tickets shall incorporate only those logos and marks of the Competition and the official Commercial Affiliates and Broadcast Affiliates as submitted to the Host Association as part of the ticket design.
- 24.2 Hosting Association must guarantee and ensure that access to the Stadium will be granted to the AIFF Official delegation, Match officials, officials and players of the visiting clubs, sponsors, and accredited media personnel without any discrimination of gender, race or nationality, subject to however reserving the exceptions mentioned heretofore
- 24.3 The AIFF may issue special ticketing terms and conditions which will apply to all ticket holders, including but not limited to Member associations, and which must be communicated to all relevant parties.

**Art. 25: COMPLEMENTARY TICKETS**

- 25.1 The Host Association shall hand over to the visiting Clubs and designated representative of the AIFF at each venue the following tickets free of cost:

**25.1.1 For Participating Clubs:**

- 25.1.1.1 4 VVIP and 30 passes for best category seats on the day of the match only.

- 25.1.1.2 2 VIP passes for each non playing matches

**25.1.2 For AIFF**

- 25.1.2.1 10 of VVIP

- 25.1.2.2 50 VIP

25.1.2.3 250 for best category seats

25.1.2.4 250 for other category seats

**25.1.3 For Match officials**

25.1.3.1 2 VIP each (for each match maximum 6 MO's)

**25.1.4 For the Title Sponsors**

25.1.4.1 As per their requirements at each venue

25.1.5 Car/scooter passes as required

25.1.6 AIFF Executive Committee members and the General Secretary, Chairman, Vice Chairman and members of the Federation Cup Committee, Director Competitions, Arjuna Awardees, Dronacharya Awardees shall always be seated in the VVIP gallery.

25.1.7 All former International Players with identity cards issued by the AIFF Shall be given free admission in the VIP gallery

25.1.8 Special sitting arrangements shall be made for the non-playing players and officials of the visiting team in the VIP gallery.

***Art. 26: INSURANCE***

26.1 The Host Association must conclude the necessary insurance policies with a Reputable insurance company, including but not limited to third-party liability. Such insurance must involve an appropriate guaranteed sum for injury and damage to persons, objects and property, and correspond to the specific circumstances of the associations concerned. Likewise, the policies must fully cover all risks connected with the staging of the Competition and exempt AIFF from all claims and liabilities, and further name AIFF as a co-insured in all policies.

26.2 For the Competition, the Hosting Association should conclude the following insurance coverage on the basis of a general agreement:

26.2.1 Insurance against liability for pecuniary loss

26.2.2 Accident insurance

26.2.3 Legal expenses insurance

26.2.4 Travel luggage insurance

26.2.5 Spectator insurance

26.2.6 Electronic equipment insurance

26.2.7 Robbery insurance

- 26.2.8 Fidelity insurance
  - 26.2.9 Cup insurance
  - 26.2.10 Event cancellation insurance
  - 26.2.11 Medical insurance
- 26.3 The Participating Clubs are responsible for the insurance coverage (including hospitalization and surgical operations) of their delegation, including players and officials, at their own expense, for all matches played in the competition. Claims for damages against AIFF are expressly excluded, and the Participating Clubs shall hold AIFF harmless against any such claims
- 26.4 The Hosting Association shall discharge AIFF and hold it harmless from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against AIFF and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation and course of the Competition to the exclusion of damages caused by AIFF or the members of its delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.
- 26.5 The Hosting Association shall exempt (indemnify and hold harmless) AIFF from all third party claims for damages relating to match organisation, regardless of whether individual matches in question take place or not.

***Art. 27: MEDICAL***

**27.1 Medical Facilities and Treatment**

- 27.1.1 Participating Clubs must pay for any and all costs of hospitalization, surgical operation and specialised investigative procedures for all members of its delegation.
- 27.1.2 The Host must at its own cost provide an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This is mandatory at all matches and must be placed next to the 4th official seat.
- 27.1.3 The Host must provide, at its own cost, the following to the Clubs from two (2) days before the tournament until one (1) day after the tournament and to

the AIFF Hero Federation Cup Delegation from the moment they arrive to the Venue until one (1) day after the Match:

27.1.3.1. Medical treatment, including hospital facilities for injuries and emergencies related to the match, sustained/occurring during their stay in the host country. The treatment must cover basic/primary medical care as listed below:

- Outpatient treatment
- Minor surgeries (suturing, etc.)
- Radiological Investigation
- Emergency Treatment

27.1.3.2 An emergency medical room located in close proximity to player's dressing room/field of play, fully equipped with emergency medical supplies which includes the following:

- Oxygen with appropriate masks/oral airway
- Splints (Spinal injuries)
- Stretchers preferable hard board
- Suction machine
- I/V drip sets with emergency injections and medication
- Minor surgery supplies and equipment
- Automated External Defibrillator
- A certified medical officer
- A team of support Para-medical staff trained in emergency medical care (CPR/ATLS)
- Two (2) ambulances with designated drivers equipped with oxygen, masks, defibrillator, I/V drip sets, emergency medicaments and trained medical staff.

27.1.3.3 An air-conditioned, brightly lit and well ventilated doping control room is to be made available at all times at the stadium, equipped with facilities listed below:

- One (1) table with four (4) chairs;
- One cabinet with a lock;
- Attached bathroom and toilet equipped with washbasin, mirror and shower
- Sofa for eight (8) persons;

- A refrigerator equipped with non-alcoholic drinks in sealed
- mineral water bottles and canned juices;
- A television

27.1.4. Failure to provide any of these provisions of Art. 28 .2 will result in the forfeiture of the Match Subsidies (if any) due to the Hosting Association.

## **27.2 Medical Personnel**

27.2.1 The Host Association must provide, the following medical personnel on match day at the Stadium where the match is organised:

27.2.1.1 Stadium emergency medical room must be supported by Medical Officer and trained medical staff in Emergency Medicine.

27.2.1.2 On-Pitch Medical Service:

27.2.1.2.1 One (1) on-pitch Medical Officer trained in Emergency Medicine

27.2.1.2.2 Eight (8) trained stretcher bearers in good physical condition

27.2.1.2.3 Two (2) Ambulances equipped with emergency kits

## **Art. 28: *PRESS CONFERENCE & MIXED ZONE***

28.1 The Host Association must organise a pre-tournament press conference a day prior to the first match of the Competition, the time of which should be intimated to the participating teams and the Match officials.

28.2 The Head Coaches of Participating Clubs and one (1) starting player from each Club are obliged to attend and participate in a pre-tournament press conference.

28.3 After the match, a mixed zone must be set-up by the Hosting Association. The Mixed Zone will be in operation fifteen minutes after the end of a game.

28.4 Team officials and coaching staff and players of the both clubs shall be required to enter the Mixed Zone on their way from the team dressing room to the club team bus at the end of the match.

- 28.5 Speaking to the media in the mixed zone is not compulsory. However, it is strongly advised that players and coaches give brief interviews to the media, who will be separated from the coaches and players by barriers.

**Art. 29: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

**29.1 Participating Clubs**

- 29.1.1 Participating clubs will be responsible for and bear the costs of the following:

29.1.1.1 adequate insurance cover for the whole delegation (players & officials)

29.1.1.2 Travel, board and lodging during the competition

- 29.1.2. The Host Association will provide the internal transport at the venue during the course of the competition.

**29.2 Fines**

- 29.2.1 The following fines will be imposed if:

29.2.1.1 A team does not register a qualified Doctor or a qualified physiotherapist: Rs. 20,000.00

29.2.1.2 A team does not turn up for a match; Rs. 10,00,000.00

- 29.2.2 In addition to the above, all other necessary action/sanctions shall be imposed as per the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

**29.3 Host Association**

- 29.3.1 Financial/Commercial Terms and Conditions for the Host Association will be finalised by a separate agreement.

**29.4 Payment to the Match Officials**

- 29.4.1 DA @Rs. 2000/- per day.

29.4.2 Incidentals @Rs. 1000/- lump sum to meet miscellaneous expenses.

29.4.3 Travel: By air in LCC/economy class / Train in AC 2Tier /AC Bus fare for places not connected by rail and air. (to submit original tickets while travelling by Rail or Bus)

29.4.4 Local officials: One DA Rs. 2000/-. Additional Rs. 500/- if travelling from a distance of 150 km or more each way to the venue.

**Art. 30: DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 30.1 On entering the Competition, the Club shall automatically deem to have undertaken:

- 30.1.1 To have accepted all AIFF Regulations, including Federation Cup Regulations, AIFF Circulars, Codes, Policies, Guidelines and others by whatever name called or described as well as AIFF and FIFA Laws and to comply with, observe and perform all obligations, duties and responsibilities and abide by all decisions that may be issued, passed or imposed.
- 30.1.2 To observe and perform undertakings and assurances provided under the executed Agreement without any default, deviation or non-performance. ;
- 30.1.3 To comply with the Laws of the Game issued by the FIFA;
- 30.1.4 To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition that shall be settled by AIFF in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of relevant AIFF Committee(s);
- 30.1.5 To observe the principles of Fair Play;
- 30.1.6 To be responsible for the behavior of their respective players, officials, members, fans, supporters and any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Competition from the date of their arrival at the venue until their departure;
- 30.1.7 To accept all the arrangements made by the Host Association/LOC in agreement with the AIFF.

**Art. 31: TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

- 31.1 Rolling trophy will be given to the winning team.
- 31.2 The following cash prizes will be given:

31.2.1	Tournament Winner	Rs.25, 00,000/-
31.2.2	Tournament runner-up	Rs.15, 00,000/-

**Art. 32: MARKETING & PROMOTIONS**

- 32.1. All other Marketing and Promotional rights belong to AIFF and its partners, FSDL.
- 32.2. The AIFF reserves the right to use and/or sub-license, names and images of teams, its players and officials shall be exclusive in respect of, or in

connection with, the filming, recording, broadcasting and any other forms of transmission, broadcast in connection with this tournament.

**Art. 33: MATTERS RELATED TO MATCH FIXING & CORRUPTION**

33.1 Matters related to Match Fixing & Corruption will be dealt as specified in the AIFF Disciplinary Code and the AIFF Ethics Code.

The AIFF has appointed an Integrity Officer, who will work as single point of contact (SPOC) in the matters relating to integrity of games. To protect the game of football from Match fixing/corruption following guidelines are being issued with purpose to safeguard the integrity of the game:-

33.1.1 Each club to nominate a Nodal officer for integrity and he shall report to AIFF's Integrity Officer about any matter concerning infringement of integrity of that match/event. All the Nodal officers to form a network with Integrity Officer of AIFF. The details of all the Nodal officers so appointed/nominated may be sent to Integrity Officer with their E-mail, phone numbers etc.

33.1.2 The players, coaches, team officials shall report to their Nodal officer/ Integrity officer of AIFF about any matter concerning match manipulation/infringement or attempt to influence the match to preserve the integrity of the game.

33.1.3 The e-mail of Integrity officer is [integrity@the-aiff.com](mailto:integrity@the-aiff.com)

33.1.4 The Integrity Officer of AIFF will be visiting the training site of each team/club to educate the players, coaches and match officials regarding Integrity of game and risks involved in match manipulation. Necessary arrangement for the same is to be made by concerned club/team manager in consultation with AIFF.

33.1.5 The Integrity Declaration form (ID Form) is to be signed by all the players, coaches, referees and match officials before the starting of tournament. Team managers to obtain the signature of players, match officials on the Integrity Declaration forms (ID Form) and send a copy of the same to the Integrity Officer of AIFF.

33.1.6 In case of strong suspicion of match manipulation with cogent evidence against any player, coach, referee, match official or club etc, an enquiry may be conducted and he can be removed/substituted/suspended on the direction of

AIFF and will not be allowed to further participate till the conclusion of enquiry. All players, coaches, referees, match officials, clubs are required to cooperate with such an enquiry in the interest of preserving the integrity of the game.

33.1.7 The Hosting Clubs are to set up an Integrity Room for Integrity Officer of AIFF in the Controlled Access Area (CAA) with all the facilities. The Nodal Officer of host team will associate with the Integrity officer and he will manage the Integrity Office in absence of Integrity officer.

33.1.8 Free access passes for all the areas to be issued to Integrity officer to facilitate his movement in all parts of stadium.

33.1.9 In Controlled Access Area (CAA), dug out (technical) area no mobile, internet or any communication device will be allowed until the game is over.

33.1.10 All the Team Managers to take charge of all the communication devices viz: mobile, laptop, I-pad etc available with the players, coaches, and team officials, at the time of de-boarding from bus while entering CAA. These devices are to be kept in safe custody of Team Manager. No mobile phones will be also allowed with Referees and Asst Referee and same is to be deposited with the Match Commissioner.

33.1.11 Spectator of any description is not permitted to have access around the field of play (i.e. from the touch lines till the fencing or boundary of the spectator gallery, colloquially known as inside fencing). This area shall be kept free for movement of match officials, team officials on the bench, medical staff, ball kids, other operational staff etc. To make this point clear, VVIPs and VIPs shall be seated in their designated places in the stands and not inside the field of play. They may however, be escorted for ceremony like introduction to players etc. and return to their designated seats in the stands immediately after the ceremony is over.

33.1.12 LOC (Local Organising Committee) to arrange CCTV recording at the entrance of dressing room to monitor the persons who are visiting there and recording to be preserved.

33.1.13 Before every tournament at the time of Pre-match briefing, Integrity briefings will be also held by Integrity officer and in his absence by the Match Commissioner, to emphasize risk involved to their career if found involved in unfair activities, by way of sanction, penal action etc.

33.1.14 In hotel where the team is camping, if the family members/visitor wants to visit, the permission shall be taken in writing from Integrity Officer and in his absence from Team Manager in advance. A record of such visit shall be kept by team manager.

33.1.15 Media interaction outside the official program by players, coaches and officials are forbidden. The Referees, Referee Assessor and Match Commissioners are forbidden to give any interview, press statement etc. to media. Players, coaches, referees not to divulge any internal matter of the team to their families, friends or any one as the same could be misused to disrepute the game of football.

**ART. 34: ANTI-DOPING**

34.1 Doping is prohibited. The AIFF Anti-Doping Regulations, the AIFF Disciplinary Code and all relevant AIFF directives in relation to anti-doping are applicable to the Competition.

34.2 The AIFF shall inform the Host Association and the Participating Clubs by means of a circular of doping control procedure for the Competition.

**ART. 35: SPECIAL INFORMATION**

35.1 The AIFF reserves the right to alter, amend, remove from and/or add to these rules as and when necessary.

35.2 The AIFF shall, in conjunction with the Host Associations, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances, which might arise in the organisation of Tournament, which shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

35.3 AIFF shall in no way be responsible for any loss or injury that may take place during the team's journey, stay and participation in the Competition.

35.4 In the event of any dispute regarding interpretation of these regulations the decision of the AIFF shall be final and binding.

**ART. 36: FORCE MAJEURE**

36.1 AIFF Executive Committee is the only body capable of declaring a Force Majeure event.

**ART. 37: MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR**

37.1 Matters not provided for in these regulations shall be decided by the AIFF, such decisions are binding and final.

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