



REGULATIONS

The **Hero** Super Cup 2018

Definition:

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

- AIFF:** All India Football Federation.
- Member Associations:** The controlling body for football within a state or territory recognised by AIFF.
- Competition Committee:** The AIFF sub-committee, which has been constituted as per the AIFF Constitution, and which has ultimate authority over all matters relating to the organization of the Competition.
- I-League:** The Hero I-League 2017-18
- Indian Super League:** Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2017-18
- Participating Clubs:** The ten (10) teams of Hero Indian Super League and ten (10) teams of Hero I-League 2017-18.
- Participating Officials:** Any official, who is registered as part of a Teams' official delegation in the Competition.
- Club(s):** Any Club participating in the Hero Indian Super League and Hero I-League 2017-18.
- Host Member Association (Host MA):** 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.
- Competition:** The Hero Super Cup 2018.
- Hero:** Hero Moto Corp Limited.
- Regulations:** These Competition Regulations for the Hero Super Cup 2017-18.
- Field of play:** The area described in Law 1 of the Laws of the Games issued by the IFAB and administered by FIFA.
- Match Schedule:** 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.
- Qualifiers:** The first round matches of the Competition

Quarter Finals:	The second round matches of the Competition
Semi-Final (s):	The third round matches of the Competition.
Final:	The final match of the Competition, which determines the Champion.
Champion:	The Winner of the Hero Super Cup 2017-18
Match Officials:	Any individual appointed to officiate a match in the Competition in the role of Referee, Assistant Referee, Fourth Official, Match Commissioner or Referee Assessor.
Football (s):	The ball with which the matches are played.
Broadcasters:	Any entity, including the host broadcaster, which acquired from AIFF or AIFF's designated "Commercial Right Partners" the rights in respect of the media rights of the Competition.
Commercial Rights:	Advertising, broadcasting, image, media, merchandise promotional and sponsorship rights.
Host Agreement:	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:	The Central Registration System (CRS) and Competition Management System (CMS), the process by which 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.
Complementary Tickets:	Tickets provided free of cost

Introduction:

The Hero Super Cup 2018 Football Tournament is an AIFF event

The Hero Super Cup will be played with ten (10) Hero I-League Clubs and ten (10) Hero ISL clubs.

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

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.

The Host MA and the Participating Clubs undertakes to observe the AIFF statutes, regulations, directives, decisions, guidelines, circulars as well as the Host Agreement.

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 Hero Super Cup.

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 ten (10) clubs of Hero I-League and ten (10) clubs of Hero ISL are invited to participate in the Hero Super Cup 2018.
- 1.2 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.

Art. 2: COMPETITION FORMAT

- 2.1 The Hero Super Cup Football Tournament will be played at the venues selected by the AIFF in a knock-out system and as per the following format:

2.1.1 Qualifying Round

- 2.1.1.1 The matches of the qualifying round will be played between the four (4) bottom placed teams of Hero I-League and four (4) bottom placed teams of Hero ISL on a knock-out system. A total of four matches will be played in this round.
- 2.1.1.2 The four (4) teams qualified from the qualifying round will join the remaining teams of Hero I-League (6) and Hero ISL (6) in the quarter finals.

2.1.2 Quarter Final Round

2.1.2.1 The quarter finals will be played with the top six (6) teams of Hero I-league, top six (6) teams of Hero ISL and four (4) teams qualified from the qualifying round, making it a total 16 teams, the matches of which will be played on knock-out system.

2.1.3 Semi-Final Round

2.1.3.1 The Semi-finals will be played between the four (4) teams that qualify from the quarter final round on knock-out system.

2.1.4 Final

2.1.4.1 The Final will be played between the winners of the semi-final matches on knock-out system.

Art. 3: COMPETITION SCHEDULE

3.1 To be announced

Art. 4: DURATION OF THE MATCHES & PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE THE WINNER

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 If, after 90 minutes, a match ends in a draw, extra time of two periods of fifteen (15) minutes each will be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

Art. 5: ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

5.1 The players participating in the tournament shall be registered players of the Club, registered with the respective state associations and AIFF CRS & CMS System.

Art. 6: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

6.1 Each Club is allowed to register a maximum of twenty five (25) players and eleven (11) officials through AIFF CRS & CMS System. The eight teams that plays the qualifiers have to complete the registration process for qualifiers by 12th March 2018 and the teams playing in the Final Competition including the teams that qualify through the qualifiers have to complete the registration by 22nd March 2018.

- 6.2 Each participating club must register a minimum of three (3) goalkeepers.
- 6.3 Team may register up to six (6) foreign players after due completion of International Registration formalities.

Art. 7: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS FOR MATCHES

- 7.1 Up to eighteen (18) players can be included in the starting line-up for the match, consisting of eleven (11) first team players and seven (7) substitutes.
- 7.2 A team can register up to six (6) foreign players in their starting line-up, of which up to five (5) foreign players can be fielded in the starting playing eleven (11)
- 7.3 Each club may register up to eleven (11) officials for a match.
- 7.4 Out of the eleven (11) officials teams have to compulsorily register the following:
- 7.4.1 Head Coach with AFC "A" Licence Certificate or equivalent
 - 7.4.2 Team Manager with a valid contract with the club
 - 7.4.3 Qualified Doctor with MBBS degree or a Qualified Physiotherapist

Art. 8: MATCH STARTING LIST

- 8.1 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, with the remaining marked as suspended or not playing, to the Match Commissioner at least ninety (90) minutes 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 participating Officials also.
- 8.2 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:
- 8.2.1 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.
 - 8.2.2 The replaced Participating Player(s) shall no longer be eligible to participate in the Match. The Participating Team may still undertake three (3) substitutions during

the Match. The Participating Team shall not be entitled to add any further substitutes; the number of substitutes shall be reduced accordingly.

8.2.3 The replaced Participating Player(s) may still sit on the team bench during the Match. If so, they may be subject to doping control.

Art. 9: SUBSTITUTION

9.1 Not more than three (3) players may be substituted during a match, from all the substitute players on the bench, who must be declared before the commencement of the match.

9.2 Any player substituted cannot re-enter the game.

Art. 10: WITHDRAWAL, FAILING TO PLAY AND REPLACEMENT

10.1 Clubs shall play in all Competition matches once entered.

10.2 Clubs that withdraw prior to the start of the Competition may be replaced by another team as decided by the AIFF.

10.3 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.

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

10.4.1 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.

10.4.2 the opponent team shall be declared winners with a three - zero (3-0) margin

10.4.3 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.

10.4.4 be disqualified from taking part in next edition 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.

10.4.5 be referred to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for determination of the compensation amount and additional sanctions. Depending upon the gravity of the offence, the case may be referred to the AIFF Executive Committee for final decision.

10.4.6 the above sanctions are not applicable in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AIFF in consultation with the concerned Match Officials

10.4.7 the AIFF shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of Force Majeure.

Art. 11: FOOTBALLS

11.1 The balls to be used in Matches shall be supplied by the AIFF.

Art. 12: ABANDONED MATCHES & PROCEDURE

12.1 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:

12.1.1 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

12.1.2 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.

12.1.3 In the case of an abandoned match:

12.1.3.1 match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was initially abandoned;

12.1.3.2 No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;

12.1.3.3 The teams can make only the number of substitution to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;

- 12.1.3.4 Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
- 12.1.3.5 Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
- 12.1.3.6 The kick-off time date (foreseen for the following day) and the location shall be decided by the Competition Committee;
- 12.1.3.7 Any matters requiring further decision shall be treated by the Competition Committee;
- 12.1.3.8 No appeal may be lodged against decision stated in Art. 12.1 above.

Art. 13: CANCELLATION OF MATCHES

- 13.1 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:
 - 13.1.1 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.
 - 13.1.2 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.
 - 13.1.3 In the case of a cancelled match, the Match Commissioner in consultation with the Competition Committee 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
 - 13.1.4 No appeal may be lodged against decision stated in Art. 13.1 above

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

- 13.1.5 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 Host MA and propose an alternate stadium, in accordance with the standards required by AIFF.

Art. 14: LAWS OF THE GAME

14.1 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. 15: PLAYING EQUIPMENT

15.1 Playing Equipment:

15.1.1 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.

15.2 Safety

15.2.1 A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous. All items of jewellery (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewellery is not permitted.

15.3 Compulsory equipment

15.3.1 The compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items:

- a shirt with sleeves
- shorts
- socks – tape or any material applied or worn externally must be the same colour as that part of the sock it is applied to or covers
- shinguards – these must be made of a suitable material to provide reasonable protection and covered by the socks
- footwear

Goalkeepers may wear tracksuit bottoms.

15.4 Colours

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

15.4.2 The Reserve Kit shall be taken to every match of the Competition

15.4.3 Each team shall wear its Official Kit as declared on the relevant forms issued 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 Team A shall get a preference to wear its Official Kit while the Team B will wear either Reserve Kit or a combination of both as instructed by the referee or Match Commissioner.

- 15.4.4 If thermal shorts are used, they shall be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts.
- 15.4.5 The colour worn by the goalkeeper must be noticeably different from those worn by the outfield 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.
- 15.4.6 To change its registered colours, the Participating Club must submit a written request to AIFF at least seven days before the respective Match.

15.5 Other Equipment

- 15.5.1 Non-dangerous protective equipment, for example headgear, facemasks and knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight padded material is permitted as are goalkeepers' caps and sports spectacles after approval from the Match Commissioner.

Head Covers

Where head covers (excluding goalkeepers' caps) are worn, they must:

- be black or the same main colour as the shirt (provided that the players of the same team wear the same colour)
- be in keeping with the professional appearance of the player's equipment
- not be attached to the shirt
- not be dangerous to the player wearing it or any other player (e.g. opening/ closing mechanism around neck)
- not have any part(s) extending out from the surface (protruding elements)
- not have any commercial or other advertising

15.6 Electronic communication

- 15.6.1 Players and team officials (including substitutes/substituted and sent off players) are not permitted to wear or use any form of electronic or communication equipment (except where EPTS is allowed) in the CAA or the field of Play (FOP). The use of any form of electronic communication by team officials is not permitted except where it directly relates to player welfare or safety

15.6.2 All the Match Commissioners 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 the Match Commissioner. No mobile phones will be also allowed with Referees and Assistant Referees and same is to be deposited with the Match Commissioner.

15.7 Use of Slogans

15.7.1 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.

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

15.8 Warm-Up Bibs

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

15.8.2 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.

15.9 Kitting and Commercial Guidelines

15.9.1 Please refer to the Kitting and Commercial guidelines for details.

15.9.2 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.

15.9.3 Numbers should range from one (1) to Ninety-nine (99) in figures universally used with the first goalkeeper's number being one (1)

Art. 16: PROTESTS

16.1 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.

16.2 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.

- 16.3 Protest shall be accompanied by a protest fee of rupees twenty thousand (Rs.20,000/-). (in cash/Cheque)
- 16.4 If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be refunded.
- 16.5 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.
- 16.6 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 Hero Super Cup and shall be dealt with by the AIFF Players Status Committee or the AIFF Disciplinary Committee as the case may be.
- 16.7 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 Hero Super Cup 2018 has ended, any protest described in this article shall be disregarded.

Art. 17: CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS

- 17.1 A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during the Competition shall automatically be suspended for the match following the match in which he receives the second caution.
- 17.2 A player expelled from the field of play by the referee shall be suspended for the next match unless determined otherwise by the AIFF Disciplinary Committee.
- 17.3 Cautions and expulsions issued during the Competition will be carried forward from one stage to another stage of the Competition.

Art. 18: MATCH OFFICIALS/OTHER AIFF OFFICIALS

18.1 REFEREES

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

18.2. MATCH COMMISSIONER

- 18.2.1 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.

18.3 REFEREES ASSESSOR

18.3.1 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. 19 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

19.1 AIFF Disciplinary Committee will deal with all the matters related to Discipline.

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

17.3 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.

17.4 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.

17.5 All Participating Clubs, Players and officials agree to:

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

17.7 behave accordingly and refrain from doping

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

Art. 20: APPEAL COMMITTEE

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

20.2 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. 21: TICKETING

- 21.1 Ticketing, including production, distribution and sales, shall be the responsibility of the AIFF.
- 21.2 Hosting MA 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
- 21.3 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. 22: COMPLEMENTARY TICKETS

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

22.1.1 For Participating Clubs:

- 22.1.1.1 Four (4) VVIP and 30 passes for best category seats on the day of the match only.
- 22.1.1.2 Two (2) VIP passes for each non playing matches

22.1.2 For Match officials

- 22.1.2.1 2 VIP each (for each match)

22.1.3 For the Commercial Right Partners

- 22.1.3.1 10 car passes
- 22.1.3.2 50 VVIP tickets
- 22.1.3.3 250 VIP tickets
- 22.1.3.4 1000 best category general tickets

AIFF Executive Committee members and the General Secretary, Chairman, Vice Chairman and members of the Competition Committee, Arjuna Awardees, Dronacharya Awardees shall always be seated in the VVIP gallery.

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

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

Art. 23: INSURANCE

23.1 The Host MA 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.

23.2 For the Competition, the Host MA should conclude the following insurance coverage on the basis of a general agreement:

- 23.2.1 Insurance against liability for pecuniary loss
- 23.2.2 Accident insurance
- 23.2.3 Legal expenses insurance
- 23.2.4 Travel luggage insurance
- 23.2.5 Spectator insurance
- 23.2.6 Electronic equipment insurance
- 23.2.7 Robbery insurance
- 23.2.8 Fidelity insurance
- 23.2.9 Cup insurance
- 23.2.10 Event cancellation insurance
- 23.2.11 Medical insurance

23.3 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

23.4 The Host MA 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.

23.5 The Host MA 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. 24: MEDICAL

24.1 Medical Facilities and Treatment

- 24.1.1 Participating Clubs must pay for any and all costs of hospitalization, surgical operation and specialised investigative procedures for all members of its delegation.
- 24.1.2 The Host MA 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.
- 24.1.3 The Host MA 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 Super Cup Delegation from the moment they arrive to the Venue until one (1) day after the Match:
- 24.1.3.1. Medical treatment, including hospital facilities for injuries and emergencies related to the match, sustained/occurring during their stay in the host MA. The treatment must cover basic/primary medical care as listed below:
- Outpatient treatment
 - Minor surgeries (suturing, etc.)
 - Radiological Investigation
 - Emergency Treatment
- 24.1.3.2 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.
- 24.1.3.3 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 containers
- mineral water bottles and canned juices;
- A television

24.1.4. Failure to provide any of these provisions of Art. 24 .1 will result in the forfeiture of the Match Subsidies (if any) due to the Host MA.

24.2 Medical Personnel

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

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

24.3 On-Pitch Medical Service:

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

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

24.3.3 Two (2) Ambulances equipped with emergency kits

Art. 25: PRESS CONFERENCE & MIXED ZONE

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

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

25.3 If a coach or a players is late or does not attend the Media pre and or post match press conference, or refuses to grant interviews to host broadcasters/digital, the following penalty shall be imposed.

25.3.1 Fine of Rs. 30,000/- First occasion

25.3.2 Fine of Rs. 50,000/- Second occasion

25.3.3 Fine of Rs. 1,00,000/- Third occasion

25.3.4 Refer to AIFF Disciplinary Committee for appropriate sanctions

25.4 After the match, a mixed zone must be set-up by the Host MA. The Mixed Zone will be in operation fifteen minutes after the end of the match.

- 25.5 Team officials and players of 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.
- 25.6 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. 26: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

26.1 Participating Clubs

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

- 26.1.1.1 adequate insurance cover for the whole delegation (players & officials)
- 26.1.1.2 Travel, board and lodging during the Competition

26.1.2. The Host MA will provide the internal transport at the venue during the course of the Competition.

26.2 Fines

26.2.1 The following fines will be imposed if:

- 26.2.1.1 A team does not register a qualified Doctor or a qualified physiotherapist: Rs. 20,000.00
- 26.2.1.2 A team does not turn up for a match; Rs. 10,00,000.00

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

26.3 Host Member Association

26.3.1 Financial/Commercial Terms and Conditions for the Host MA will be finalised by a separate agreement.

26.4 Payment to the Match Officials

26.4.1 DA @Rs. 2000/- per day.

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

26.4.3 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)

26.4.4 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. 27: DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

27.1.1 To have accepted all AIFF Regulations, including Hero Super 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.

27.1.2 To comply with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB;

27.1.3 To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition shall be settled by AIFF in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of relevant AIFF Committee(s);

27.1.4 To observe the principles of Fair Play;

27.1.5 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;

27.1.6 To accept all the arrangements made by the Host MA/Local Organising Committee in agreement with the AIFF.

Art. 28: TROPHIES AND PRIZES

28.1 Trophies and Prizes will be awarded to the Hero Super Cup Champions and the Runners-up team.

Art. 29: MARKETING & PROMOTIONS

29.1. All other Marketing and Promotional rights belong to AIFF and its commercial rights partners, Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL)

29.2. The AIFF reserves the right to use and/or sub-license, names and images of teams, its players and officials and its rights 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. 30: MATTERS RELATED TO MATCH FIXING & CORRUPTION

30.1 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 on matters relating to integrity of games. He may be supported by other officials – his nominees – deployed on ground at the matches in the Competition.

To protect the game of football from Match fixing/corruption following guidelines are being issued with purpose to safeguard the integrity of the game:-

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

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

30.1.3 The e-mail of Integrity officer is integrity@the-aiff.com

30.1.4 The Integrity Declaration form (ID Form) is to be signed by all the players, coaches, referees and match officials before the starting of the Competition. 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.

30.1.5 In case of strong suspicion of match manipulation with cogent evidence against any player, coach, referee, match official, team officials 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, team officials, clubs are required to cooperate with such an enquiry in the interest of preserving the integrity of the game.

- 30.1.6 The Host MA is 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.
- 30.1.7 Free access passes for all the areas to be issued to Integrity officer to facilitate his movement in all parts of stadium.
- 30.1.8 In Controlled Access Area (CAA), dug out (technical) area and other areas of the FOP, players and team officials will not be allowed any mobile, internet or any communication device from the time they/the team arrive at the stadium until the match is over.
- 30.1.9 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 submitted to be kept in the safe custody of the Match Commissioner. No mobile phones will also be allowed with Referees and Asst Referee and same is to be deposited with the Match Commissioner.
- 30.1.10 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.
- 30.1.11 Host MA/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.
- 30.1.12 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.

- 30.1.13 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.
- 30.1.14 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. 31: ANTI-DOPING

- 31.1 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.
- 31.2 The AIFF shall inform the Host MA and the Participating Clubs by means of a circular of doping control procedure for the Competition.

ART. 32: SPECIAL INFORMATIONS

- 32.1 The AIFF reserves the right to alter, amend, remove from and/or add to these rules as and when necessary.
- 32.2 AIFF shall, in conjunction with the Host MA, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances, which might arise in the organisation of Tournament, which shall form an integral part of these Regulations.
- 32.3 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.
- 32.4 In the event of any dispute regarding interpretation of these regulations the decision of the **AIFF** shall be final and binding.

ART. 33: FORCE MAJEURE

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

ART. 34: MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

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

For **All India Football Federation**

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