

***51st JUNIOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP***

FOR

Dr. B.C.ROY TROPHY- 2016-17



REGULATIONS

PREAMBLE

The **51st JUNIOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP** for **Dr. B. C. ROY TROPHY 2016-17** is a Championship of the **All India Football Federation**.

The Championship will be played at the venues selected by AIFF with a two tier system with the Tier I (16 Teams) and the Tier II (18 teams).

These Regulations and the current Constitution and Regulations of the AIFF, regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of the organising Association, the participating teams, the concerned State Associations and parties involved in the preparation, organization and hosting of the **51st JUNIOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP** for **Dr. B. C. ROY TROPHY 2016-17**.

The Organising Association/s and the Organising Committee/s for the **51st JUNIOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP** for **Dr. B. C. ROY TROPHY 2016-17** is subject to the control and supervision of AIFF, which has the last word on all matters relevant to this Championship.

Art. 1: MODE OF COMPETITION

- a) The Championship will be played with **TWO TIER** System:
 1. **TIER “1”**
 - a) 14 top ranked teams and 2 teams promoted from Tier “II” of the last edition of the Championship (total 16 teams)
 2. **TIER “II”**
 - a) 2 teams demoted from **Tier “I”** of the last edition of the Championship and the remaining teams as per the entries received (total 18 teams)
- b) Competition System
 1. **TIER “I”**
 - a) Sixteen (16) teams will be divided into four (4) groups of (4) teams each
 - b) The matches will be played on a single leg league bases
 - c) Top team from each group will qualify for the semi-finals
 - d) Winners of the semi-finals will play in the final

- e) Two low ranked teams from Tier “I” will be demoted to Tier “II” of the next addition of the Championship

2. TIER “II”

- a) Teams will be divided into different groups of 3/4/5 teams each depending upon the number of participants
- b) The matches will be played on a single leg league bases
- c) Top team from each group will qualify for the semi-finals
- d) Winners of the semi-finals will play in the final
- e) The winner and the runners up team will be promoted to Tier “I” of the next edition of the championship

Note: *If there are only two (2) teams in a group due to last minute withdrawal or non-arrival of teams or due to disciplinary action, two matches shall be played between the remaining two teams to decide the winner. In case of tie, the Art. 2/2 of the Regulations shall be applied to decide the winner.*

ART. 2: POINTS IN LEAGUE MATCHES AND SYSTEM TO BREAK A TIE

- 1. In the league stage of the Championship, three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) for a draw and no points for a defeat.
- 2. The classification will be determined based on following order.
 - a) Greater number of points obtained;
 - b) 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;
 - c) If points are equal, the team having a higher goal difference will be placed higher;
 - d) If the goal difference is the same, the team with the higher number of goals scored will be placed higher;
 - e) If still the winner cannot be decided, then the ranking will be decided by taking lots.

NB: 1.in a group of 2/3/4/5 teams, if at the end of the last match of the group two teams are tied up with:

- a. equal number of points

- b. equal goal difference
- c. 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:

- 1. extra time of twenty (20) minutes consisting of two (2) periods of ten (10) minutes each shall be played to decide the winner
- 2. even if there is no result after the extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to decide the winner.
- 3. if still the result is draw, the winner shall be decided by taking lots.

Note: 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 taking lots directly.

- 2. **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. 2.2. b will not be applicable and the classification will be decided by following the system in Art. 2.2.c, d or e**

ART. 3: KNOCK OUT STAGE

- 1. In the knock out stage, if at the end of the match the score remains tied, thirty (30) minutes extra time will be played, consisting of two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes each. If no goal is scored in the extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner.
- 2. If the kicks from the penalty mark cannot be taken or completed then the result shall be decided by drawing of lots.

ART. 4: PARTICIPANTS

1. As per the obligations of the Member Associations as prescribed in the AIFF Constitution, all affiliated Member Associations shall take part in the Competitions organised by AIFF.
2. As per the decision of the AIFF Executive Committee, Sports Authority of India (“SAI”) football team is also allowed to participate in the Junior National Football Championship.
3. Each affiliated Member Association/SAI is allowed to enter/field only one team.

ART. 5: WITHDRAWAL & PENALTY

1. If a participating Member Association withdraws after entering or does not report for the match at any stage of the Competition, except in cases of force-majeure recognized by AIFF, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of the match, the Member Association shall:
 - i. Be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition.
 - ii. Have all its matches cancelled and considered null and void (all points, goals scored and goals against will not be counted and taken into consideration when deciding the ranking in the group)
 - iii. Be required to pay a fine of Rs. 50,000/- and further, compensation for any and all damages or loss suffered by the other participating Member Associations, the AIFF and AIFF commercial and TV partners.
 - iv. Be disqualified from taking part in the next edition of the Competition (and its qualifying Competitions, if any)
 - v. Be referred to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for any appropriate action as may be additionally required.

ART. 6: CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

1. Championship schedule already released.

ART. 7: ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

1. Each participating Teams shall ensure that all players:

- 1.1. are duly registered with the State Association he represents pursuant to its transfer rules and those set out in the AIFF Regulations on the Status and Transfers of Players.
- 1.2. are registered with AIFF through “CRS” (Central Registration System) and “CMS” (Competition Management System).
- 1.3. are permanent residents of India
- 1.4. submits the “Certificate of Medical Fitness” attached as “Annexure I” duly endorsed by a Medical Officer holding MBBS degree from a recognised university
- 1.5. are born on or after 1st January 1999 and not later than 31st December 2000.

ART. 8: PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

1. The following shall be submitted as proof of age of the player in original with a photocopy duly attested by the State Association Secretary. The original certificates will be returned to the team Manager after verification with the attested photocopy. In cases, where player is unable to produce the age certificates, they should submit the latest X-Ray/MRI films as prescribed in “AIFF Age Verification Procedure” attached with these Regulations as “annexure II”
 - a. Original Birth Certificate issued by Panchayat/Municipal Authorities/Registrar of Births. The date of registration of birth mentioned in the certificate should be within one year of the actual date of birth of the concerned player.
- OR**
2. School leaving certificate (other than play school) from the first attended recognised school that is clearly indicating the date of birth of the concerned player.

Note:

1. **Player/s who submits the genuine original birth certificate, whose date of birth is registered within one year of birth, shall ordinarily not be subject to any further medical test.**

2. In cases, where the player/Member Association is unable to produce any of the above documents at the time of registration, a medical age certificate issued by a registered and qualified Radiologist, preferably from the Government Hospital should be produced along with the latest X-Ray/MRI film as per the “AIFF Age Verification Procedure” attached with these regulations as “Annexure II”.
3. The AIFF Match Commissioner/Medical Committee/Representative will verify the age proof Certificates/Films/Certificate of Medical Fitness submitted by the players and will take a final decision on the eligibility of the players for participation in the Championship.
4. Based on the decision of the AIFF Match Commissioner/Medical Committee/Representative, the organisers will conduct further Medical Examination on doubtful cases to determine the age of the concerned players before the start of the Championship and if any player/s is found to be overage he/they will not be allowed to play and sanctions will be imposed as per Art. 9 of the Championship Regulations. Further, the matter will be referred to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for appropriate action against erring player and the State team.
5. Further, if the authenticity of any age-related documents provided by a player is doubted at any stage before, during or after the Championship, or is the subject of any complaint received in this regard, then AIFF may direct such player to undergo additional age verification procedures as may be deemed appropriate in such case and if any irregularity is observed in such cases, then the matter will be referred to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for appropriate action against erring player and the State team, which may include modification of individual and team results obtained in the Championship and/or other events with all resulting consequences, including forfeiture of any medals, points, titles, awards or prizes or any other benefit or recognition granted in lieu thereof.

ART. 9: SANCTIONS

1. Player/s, who fails to produce any of the documents as specified in Art. 8 above shall not be allowed to take part in the Championship.

2. Players who are found overage as per the findings of the AIFF Medical Committee shall not be allowed to participate in the Championship.
3. Travelling, daily and any other allowances shall not be paid to the players, who are found to be overage or who do not submit the proper documents as listed in Art. 8 above. The cost incurred in conducting the tests shall be debited to the concerned State Association of the Players.
4. If any player of a team is found overage, the whole team shall be disqualified and shall not be permitted to participate in the Championship, daily allowances and railway fare shall also not be considered for reimbursement.
5. The State Associations whose players are found overage shall be debarred from participating in next two (2) editions of the **JUNIOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP for B. C. Roy Trophy** and shall be fined Rs. 1,00,000/-. The matter shall also be referred to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for further appropriate action.

Art. 10: ORGANISING COMMITTEE/S AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The organising committee shall be responsible for organising the Championship in accordance with the AIFF Constitution and these regulations.
2. The AIFF or the organising committee/s may if necessary appoint one or more sub-committees to deal with various organizational matters.
3. The organising committee/s shall supervise all the arrangements of the Championship.
4. The organising committee shall entirely responsible for the safety and security of the players, officials, media and spectators.
5. The organising committee shall conduct periodical safety checks on the stadium and shall provide the AIFF with a safety certificate at least 15 days before the Championship starts.
6. The organising committee shall guarantee law and order as well as safety in the stadium, equipment belonging to the AIFF, its agents, media, etc, in collaboration with the relevant authorities.

7. The organising committee shall provide adequate insurance cover to all the players, teams, match officials and spectators.
8. The organising committee shall provide all the necessary medical facilities, including fully equipped ambulances (two nos), at the venue and in hospitals situated at a distance of less than 5 kms from the match venue. The organising committee shall be fully responsible for all medical arrangements during the Championship.
9. The organising committee shall assist the teams in securing accommodation at the venue of the Championship.
10. The organising committee shall provide the stadium, the facility areas, corridors, staircases free from all advertisements.
11. The AIFF appointed agents, broadcasters, sponsors, shall have unhindered access to display, sell and promote their products, in a manner that they deem fit.

Art. 11: DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPATING MA'S

1. On entering the competition the participating member Association's automatically undertake:
 - a) To observe these Regulations
 - b) To abide by the rules and regulations of the AIFF and the **51st Junior National Football Championship for Dr. B. C. Roy Trophy 2016-17** and by the decisions of the AIFF Executive Committee (including that of using and wearing the playing and practice kits whenever these are supplied by the AIFF or its sponsors and or use of Championship sponsor Logo's on the players outfits of the team) and the **51st Junior National Football Championship for Dr. B. C. Roy Trophy 2016-17** organising committee.
 - c) To accept all administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the **51st Junior National Football Championship for Dr. B. C. Roy Trophy 2016-17**.
 - d) To accept all arrangements regarding the local Organisation made by the local organising committee.

- e) To accept the use, records and broadcast of the images of teams, players and officials that may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the teams in the **51st Junior National Football Championship for Dr. B. C. Roy Trophy 2016-17**
- f) The AIFF 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 Championship.
- g) To comply with the Laws of the game issued by the IFAB
- h) To observe the principals of Fair Play.
- i) To accept all the arrangements made by the Organising Association in agreement with the AIFF.

Art. 12: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING MA's

- a) All participating Member Association's shall provide ample insurance cover to their players and officials, including injury, accident and health during the Championship and teams travel.
- b) The participating Member Association's shall also be responsible for the behavior of the members of its delegation (officials and players) and any person carrying out duties on behalf of the team or any office bearer of the team.
- c) To provide "Certificate of medical fitness" of each player by a qualified doctor in the prescribed format (Annexure-I) before the start of the Championship.
- d) To attend and participate in all official activities and events such as team managers meeting, press conferences, other media activities etc. organised by AIFF or the Organising Association in accordance with guidelines and/or instructions in circulars issued by AIFF.
- e) To keep records of the cautions and the expulsions issued to their team players and make sure that the suspensions are served as per Art. 25/2

of the regulations, even if officially not communicated by the organising MA's or the MC

- f. To inform the Host Associations well in advance the arrival date of the team, if want to avail the facilities provided by the Host MA or requires a separate lodging and boarding.

ART. 13: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

1. There are three (3) stages of player registration:

- a. Preliminary Registration
- b. Final Registration
- c. Players Selection List

a. Preliminary Registration

- a.1. Each team participating in the Championship shall register maximum of thirty (30) players through AIFF "CRS"/"CMS" system on or before the given deadline.
- a.2. Each team participating in the Championship must register three (3) goalkeepers regardless of the squad size registered.

b. Final Registration

- b.1. A final registration of twenty (20) players from the thirty (30) preliminary registered players should be submitted to AIFF through AIFF CRS/CMS system at least ten (10) days before the teams first match in the competition.
- b.2. Each team participating in the Championship shall compulsorily register three (3) goalkeepers in the final list of registration.

c. Players Selection List

- c.1. For all matches of the competition, each participating team will receive a "Player Selection List" on which the jersey numbers and the full names of the players are listed as per the final registration of twenty (20) players submitted by the respective teams.

- c.2. Each participating teams must indicate on the “Players Selection List” the eleven (11) participating players, including the goalkeepers and the captain, who will start the match and the nine (9) participating players, who are designated as substitutes.
- c.3. 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:
 - c.3.1. 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 substitute’s quota will be reduced accordingly.

ART. 14: DOCUMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

- 1. The Preliminary Registration of thirty (30) players should be done through AIFF “CRS” and “CMS” system at least 30 (thirty) days in advance.
- 2. The Final Registration of twenty (20) Players should be done through AIFF “CRS”/CMS system at least ten (10) days before the team’s first match in the competition.
- 3. Teams registering less than twenty players shall not be allowed to register/add any more players once the final registration is completed.
- 4. One extra photo of each player shall be submitted to the organisers for affixing on the participation/merit certificate to be issued by the All India Football Federation.

ART. 15: REGISTRATION OF OFFICIALS

- 1. Each team can register a maximum of three (3) officials as per the below given details:
 - a. Head Coach, with a minimum AFC “C” licence certificate
 - b. Manager

- c. Qualified Doctor or a Physiotherapist
2. A team must have a qualified **Physiotherapist** or a **Doctor**, with a degree from a recognized University. In the event a team **does not** have a **Physiotherapist or a Doctor** they will be **paid allowances** only for **twenty (20) players' and two (2) officials** and **only two (2) officials** shall be **allowed to sit** in the **substitute's** bench.

ART. 16: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS FOR MATCHES

1. Twenty (20) players are allowed to register for each match (eleven first team players and nine substitutes)
2. Nine (9) substitutes and three (3) officials will be allowed to occupy the reserve bench, provided one official is a qualified Doctor or a Physiotherapist (if not only two).

ART. 17: SUBSTITUTION

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.
2. Any player substituted cannot re-enter the game.

ART. 18: DURATION OF THE MATCHES

1. Matches will be of 90 minutes duration, consisting of two periods of 45 minutes with an interval of 15 minutes in the middle.
2. The duration of the interval will be from whistle to whistle.

ART. 19: ABANDONED MATCHES

- a. 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:
 - i. 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

- ii. 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.
- b. In the case of an abandoned match, the Match Commissioner shall decide within two (2) hours of the Referees decision to abandon the match whether to order only the part of the match, which has not been completed to be replayed, provided this can be done on the next day of the abandoned match or whether a replay shall be organised and whether the match result at the time of abandonment is valid, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account.
- c. In case of an abandoned match as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following shall apply:
 - i. the match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same scoreline;
 - ii. the match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes as when the match was abandoned;
 - iii. no additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
 - iv. the teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
 - v. players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
 - vi. any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned, remain valid for the remainder of the match;
 - vii. the kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by the Organising Committee.
- d. No appeal may be lodged against decision stated in Art. 19 above.

ART. 20: CANCELLATION OF MATCHES

- a. 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:

- i. 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. In the case of a cancelled match, the Match Commissioner shall decide within two (2) hours of the Referees 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
- b. No appeal may be lodged against decision stated in Art. 20. above

ART. 21: LAWS OF THE GAME

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. 22: PLAYERS OUTFITS

- 1. Basic Equipment:**
 - a. 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.
 - b. A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery).

- c. If under garments are worn, the colour of the sleeve must be the same main colour as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt. If undershorts or tights are worn, they must be of the same main colour as the shorts.
- d. If any kinesiology/BB tape is used, the colour of the tape must be of the same main colour of the outfits

2. Player's Equipment & use of Slogans

- a. The basic compulsory equipment must not have any political, religious or personal slogans, statements or images.
- b. players must not reveal undergarments that show political, religious or personal slogans, statements or images, or advertising other than the manufacturer logo
- c. The team player whose basic compulsory equipment or the undergarments has political, religious, personal slogans, statements, images or advertising other than the manufacturer logo will be sanctioned by AIFF.

ART. 23: TEAM COLOURS/NUMBERS

1. Teams must declare their first and second colours during the Manager's meeting and use these colours for all matches.
2. Teams are obliged to bring along their first and alternate set of jerseys in contrasting colours.
3. Players shall wear registered numbers on their jersey (back and front) and shorts. Number on jerseys, in contrasting colours shall be twenty-five (25) cm high at the back and ten (10) cm high in front. The number on the shorts (below right) shall be ten (10) cm high in contrasting colours. The numbers on the jerseys and shorts shall be clearly visible. Goalkeepers shall wear colours contrasting with those of the two teams and the referee.
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.
5. Numbers should range from 1 to 50 in figures universally used with the first goalkeeper's number being one (1)

6. In the event of clash of colours, lots shall be taken to decide which team shall wear their alternate set of jerseys. In this matter the Referees decision shall be final.

ART. 24: PROTESTS

1. Protest relating to eligibility of players participating in the competition must be submitted to the Match Commissioner along with a fee of rupees ten thousand (Rs. 10000/-) and valid proof with a copy to the General Secretary of AIFF. Protest lodged without valid proof shall not be accepted.
2. Protest against any incidents that occurs during a match shall be communicated orally by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed. The team Manager shall confirm such protests in writing to the match commissioner within two (2) hours after the match along with a protest fee of rupees ten thousand (Rs. 10000/-) with a valid proof.
3. Protests lodged beyond the stipulated time (Art. 24/2) shall not be accepted.
4. Protest against the state of pitch, the markings, the accessory equipment or the footballs shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the manager of the team lodging protest.
5. The final decision on this matter will rest with the match referee.
6. The protest fee is non-refundable
7. No protest shall be made against referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.
8. Once the winning team and the classification of the competition have been proclaimed, any protest lodged will be disregarded
9. Pursuant to the regulations of the AIFF, Associations are forbidden from taking disputes to a Civil Court, but may submit them to the appropriate body of the AIFF.

ART. 25: DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

1. DISCIPLINE

- a) Participating teams, players and officials are bound by the AIFF Disciplinary Code.
- b) Infringement of any of these regulations shall be referred to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee.
- c) In deciding upon disciplinary measures to be taken, the Disciplinary Committee shall be guided by the provisions of the regulations as specified in the AIFF Disciplinary Code, which shall be final and binding upon all the participants.

2. CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS

- a) A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during the Championship shall automatically be suspended for the match following the match in which he receives the second caution.
- b) A player expelled from the field of play by the Referee shall be suspended for the next match unless otherwise determined by the Disciplinary Committee (based on the Referees report on the gravity of the offence), which shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours of the match concerned.
- c) Cautions and Expulsions will be carried forward from one state to another state of the Championship.
- d) A suspended player and/or official shall not be allowed on the substitution bench and technical area
- e) Each Participating Member Association shall bear the responsibility of monitoring the cautions and/or suspensions received by its players and officials and to ensure that all players and officials registered and/or fielded during the Competition are eligible to play.

ART. 26: APPEAL COMMITTEE

1. The matters related to appeals on the decisions of the Championship Disciplinary Committee will be dealt by the AIFF Appeal Committee.
2. The Appeal Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents and other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary

Committee's file. However, the Appeal Committee may, if necessary, also resort to any further evidence (including television and video recording etc.), which it considers relevant.

ART. 27: MATCH OFFICIALS

1. REFEREES

Sufficient number of Referees shall be posted for supervision of the matches.

2. REFEREES ASSESSOR

A Referees Assessor shall be posted at the venue, who 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, postmortem of previous day's officiating etc.

3. MATCH COMMISSIONER

A Match Commissioner posted shall be the guiding factor for all the matters connected with the championship 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.

- N.B:**
1. The Match Officials so appointed shall report at the venue of the Championship at least two (2) days before the start of the Championship.
 2. The Referees shall not be given assignment for the matches, when their home State/Board team plays.

ART. 28: FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE HOST ASSOCIATION

1. Local transport and other facilities

- 1.1. Railway/Bus/Airport Reception
- 1.2. Free Local transport from Railway/Bus/Airport to the place of lodging and back.
- 1.3. Free local transport for matches and practice sessions.
- 1.4. Practice ground facilities.
- 1.5. Potable drinking water at the practice grounds and the main venue.

1.6. Free medical assistance, including hospitalization and cost of medicines. (only prescriptions and hospital authorized by the organisers shall be considered)

2. Lodging and Boarding

2.1. if requested by the outstation participating team/s the host Association shall arrange the following:

2.1.1. decent lodging with beds, mattresses, pillows, bath rooms, urinals and toilets with proper water facilities.

2.1.2. boarding facilities with three meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), high tea and sufficient water for drinking.

2.1.3. The expenditure incurred in arranging the above shall be directly debited to the concerned participating team requested for the arrangements.

ART. 29: FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

1. FOR TEAMS

- (a) Teams shall be reimbursed ordinary sleeper class rail fare (on concessional basis) for twenty-three (23) persons (20 players and 3 officials), plus railway reservation charges and bus fare, where bus journey is involved on production of actual tickets and reservation slip. (concession forms will be issued by AIFF) If for some reasons only nineteen (19) persons are allowed to travel on concessional bases, to and fro 2nd class sleeper rail fare will be reimbursed for the remaining four (4) persons only.
- (b) Rail fare/bus fare reimbursement shall be paid only for the actual number of players and officials accompanying the team, subject to a maximum of twenty-three (23) persons. (twenty (20) players and three (3) officials)
- (c) Allowances of rupees one hundred and seventy-five (Rs.175/-) per person per day shall be paid during train/bus journey. For journey of less than twelve (12) hours, rupees seventy-five (Rs. 75/-) only shall be paid.
- (d) Teams shall be paid an allowance of rupees eight hundred and fifty (Rs. 850/-) per person per day, towards their boarding and

lodging, starting two days before the teams first match and ending one day after their last match in the competition, subject to actual arrival and departure of the teams and number of players and officials registered. The teams and other officials shall have to make its own arrangements for stay beyond these days. All the teams shall travel by the shortest routes.

- e) Host Team is not entitled to receive any expenses towards travelling.

Note: 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 championship.

2. MATCH OFFICIALS

- a) AC 2-tier rail fare to and fro.
- b) Rs. 300/- during journey, per day
- c) Rs. 1000/- daily allowance for Referees/MC/RA or any other AIFF Official
- d) Rs. 500/- incidental charges, lump sum
- e) Free decent accommodation different from the players and team officials
- f) Free medical facilities.
- g) Appropriate internal transport for the duration of the tournament.

- NOTE:**
- 1. For match officials the benefits are limited to two (2) days before the start of the championship and one (1) day after, subject to actual arrival and departure. Match officials shall have to make their own arrangements for stay beyond these days.
 - 2. The reimbursement of the rail fare/luxury bus AC fare shall be made on production on actual tickets.

3. HOST MA's

Financial Terms for the host Association will be finalised by a separate agreement, subject to receipt of budget for the conduct of the entire Championship.

ART. 30: TROPHIES

- 1) Trophies will be awarded to the winners & runners-up teams.

ART. 31: INFORMATION

- a) **All participating member Associations are responsible for all information provided on their players. Any information found to be fraudulent will subject the offending member Association to sanctions as provided in the AIFF Disciplinary Code. Further, if the fraudulent information has resulted in the member Association fielding ineligible player/s, the case will be treated as provided for in Art. 9 of these regulations.**

ART. 32: ANTI-DOPING

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.
2. The AIFF shall inform each Host Association by means of a circular of doping control procedure for the Competition.

Art. 33: MATTERS RELATED TO MATCH FIXING & CORRUPTION

Matters related to Match Fixing & Corruption will be dealt as specified in the AIFF Disciplinary 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: -

- 1) Each Participating team 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.
- 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.

- 3) The e-mail of Integrity officer is integrity@the-aiff.com
- 4) The Integrity Officer of AIFF will be visiting the training site of each team 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 team manager in consultation with AIFF.
- 5) The Integrity Declaration form (ID Form) is to be signed by all the players, coaches, referees and match officials before the starting of 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.
- 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, teams are required to cooperate with such an enquiry in the interest of preserving the integrity of the game.
- 7) The Hosting Associations 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.
- 8) Free access passes for all the areas to be issued to Integrity officer to facilitate his movement in all parts of stadium.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 13) Before every competition 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.
- 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.
- 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 MEDICAL

1. Medical Facilities and Treatment

- a. Participating Teams must pay for any and all costs of hospitalization, surgical operation and specialised investigative procedures for all members of its delegation.
- b. The Hosting Association must provide an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This is mandatory at all matches and must be placed next to the 4th official seat.
- c. The Hosting Association must provide the following to the visiting Teams from two (2) days before the match day until one (1) day after the Match and to the AIFF official delegation from the moment they arrive to the Venue until one (1) day after the Match:
 - i. 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
 - ii. 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.
- iii. 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
- d. Failure to provide any of these provisions of Art. 34.ii will result in the forfeiture of the Match Subsidies (if any) due to the Hosting association.

2. Medical Personnel

The Hosting club must provide the following medical personnel on match day at the Stadium where the match is organised:

- i. Stadium emergency medical room must be supported by Medical Officer and trained medical staff in Emergency Medicine.
- ii. On-Pitch Medical Service:
 - a. One (1) on-pitch Medical Officer trained in Emergency Medicine
 - b. Eight (8) trained stretcher bearers in good physical condition
 - c. Two (2) Ambulances equipped with emergency kits

Art. 35: COMMERCIAL & MARKETING RIGHTS

- 1. All the Commercial, Wireless, Broadcast, Interactive, Advertisement & Marketing rights related to the Championship including the title, gate decoration, decoration of stage for prize distribution, are the property of the AIFF.

2. All the perimeter boards, advertising areas at ground, first, second tier levels area are also the property of the AIFF or its marketing agent. If host Association wants to put any advertisement boards, prior permission of the AIFF will have to be obtained for displaying the same. These boards should not be in conflict with any of the AIFF sponsors.
3. Advertisement rights on the match tickets belong solely to the AIFF. The ticket design will be given by AIFF.
4. The television, Internet rights and other media rights belong solely to the AIFF.
5. All the revenue from exploration of television and commercial rights for the **51st JUNIOR ATIONALL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP** for **Dr. B. C. ROY TROPHY 2016-17** matches belongs to the AIFF.

ART. 36: FORCE MAJEURE

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

ART. 37: SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. The AIFF shall, in conjunction with the various host Associations, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances, which might arise in organisation of the Championship Matches.
2. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

ART. 38: MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

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

For All India Football Federation

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Mr. Praful M. Patel

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Mr. Kushal Das

Annexure I

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL FITNESS

To be obtained only from a Gazetted Government Medical Officer/Medical Officer of a Government Undertaking. Please note that this medical certificate in no other form will be accepted. Medical Certificates issued by private medical practitioners will not be accepted.

Name (in block letter)	
Father's name	
Address	
Age (as declared) /Sex	
Pulse: rate per minute/ regular or not	
BP: Systolic/Diastolic	
Respiratory Rate: Rate per minute, regular or not	
Heart Sound: Rate per minute, regular or not, any murmur or additional sound	
Breath sound: Types of breath sound, any additional sound (site)	
Any Organomegaly: Liver/Kidney/Spleen	
ECG : Abnormal findings if any	

The footballer has to declare the following problems in front of the certifying Doctor.
Please mark "Yes" or "NO" against the questions.

1. Any history of fever in the last 1 month.

2. Any history of breathlessness (normally).
3. Any history of breathlessness on exertion.
4. Any history of jaundice.
5. Any history of seizure.
6. Any history of sudden loss of consciousness.
7. Any history of head injury associated with momentary cognitive deficits (time /place person) in the last 3 months.
8. Any history of major surgery in the last 2 months.
9. Any history of major muscle or bone injury in the last 2 months.
10. Any history of heart illness in the family.
11. Any history of diabetes.
12. Any history of hypertension.

If “yes” in any of these questions, a specialist doctor of the concern problem (s) must certify separately an additional medical clearance certificate to resume training or to compete.

I certify that I have carefully examined Sh./Km./

_____ son/daughter of Sh. _____,

who has signed in my presence.

He /She has no mental and physical disease and is FIT.

Signature of the Candidate

**Signature of the Medical Officer
with legible seal**

Station: _____ Date: _____

Annexure II
AIFF Age Verification Procedure for Age Group Competitions

The AIFF Sports Medical Committee meeting held on 29th November 2015 at JW Marriot Hotel, New Delhi has formulated the following age verification procedure for implementation in verifying the age of each player (Men & Women) participating in all age Group Competitions conducted by All India Football Federation.

Henceforth, all participating Member Associations are required to submit the following documents at the time of registration of players for the respective competitions.

1. Original Birth certificate issued by the Panchayat/Municipal Authorities/Registrar of Births. The date of registration of birth mentioned in the certificate should be within one year of the actual date of birth of the concerned player.

OR

2. School leaving Certificate (other than play school) from the first attended recognized school, that is clearly indicating the date of birth of the concerned player.

In cases where the player/Member Association is unable to produce any of the above documents at the time of registration, a medical age certificate issued by a Registered and qualified Radiologist, preferably from the Government Hospital should be produced along with the latest X-Ray/MRI film as per the guidelines given below:

FOR 12 years

- 1) X-ray Elbow Joint (AP View) or MRI Elbow Joint
 - Fusion of the lateral epicondyle to humerus
- 2) X-ray Wrist (AP View) or MRI Wrist Joint
 - Appearance and development of pisiform bone

FOR 14 years

- 1) X-ray Elbow Joint (AP View) or MRI Elbow Joint
 - Fusion of medial epicondyle to humerus
- 2) X-ray Wrist joint (AP View) or MRI Wrist Joint

- Epiphyseal union of metacarpal bones

FOR 17 years

- 1) X-ray Wrist and Hand (AP View) or MRI Wrist and Hand
 - Epiphyseal union of the lower end of radius
- 2) X-ray Knee joint (AP View) or MRI Knee Joint
 - Epiphyseal union of the distal ends of femur and upper ends of tibia

FOR 20 years

- 1) X-ray Pelvis (AP View) or MRI Pelvis
 - Complete fusion of the iliac crest

Though, MRI is strongly sensitive for age group of 17 years only, it is listed for other age groups also mostly to minimize radiation exposure. It is as good as plain radiography for other age groups.

In case there is doubt by the Match Commissioner or by the Medical Committee appointed by AIFF on the age of a player by their physical appearance or when there is a valid written protest (as per the competition regulations) against any player by an opposing team, a radiological examination as per the above guidelines should be conducted to determine the age of the concerned player.

If dispute remains even after following the above procedures, the matter should be referred to a three Member Medical Committee, duly constituted by All India Football Federation, which shall consist of a Radiologist, a Dentist and a Physician.

The decision taken by the three members Committee will be final and binding.

The participating member associations are responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so will automatically lead to disciplinary actions as stipulated in the AIFF Regulations and Disciplinary Code.