



Where Pride Meets Passion

REGULATIONS

HERO FEDERATION CUP- 2016

Definition:

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

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| AIFF: | All India Football Federation |
| Member Association: | The controlling body for football within a state or territory recognised by AIFF |
| AIFF I-League & Federation Cup 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 organisation of the Competition. |
| I-League: | The Hero I-League |
| Participating Club (s): | The top 8 I-League Clubs of the 2015-2016 season, who are approved by AIFF to participate in the Competition |
| Participating Officials: | Any Official who is registered as part of a Team's Official Delegation in the Competition |
| Club (s): | Clubs participating in the I-League |
| Host Club: | A Participating Club who is selected by AIFF to organise, stage and host the Matches in the Competition in conjunction with its respective Member Association and AIFF General Secretariat, in accordance with these Regulations |
| Away Club: | A Participating Club who is playing a match in the Competition away from their home stadium |
| Federation Cup: | The Competition |
| Hero: | The title Sponsor |
| Competition Name: | The Hero Federation Cup 2016 |
| Regulations: | These Competition Regulations |
| Field of play: | The area described in Law 1 of the Laws of the Games issued by the IFBA and administered by FIFA |

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| 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. |
| Round of 8: | The first round of Matches in the knock-out stage |
| Semi-Final (s): | The second round Matches in the Knock-out stage |
| Final: | The Final Match of the Competition, which determines the Champion |
| Champion: | The Winner of the Final Match |
| Match Officials: | Any individual appointed to officiate a match in the Competition in the role of Referee, Asst. 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 the AIFF Commercial Right Partner, any rights in respect of the Media Rights of the Competition |
| Commercial Rights: | Advertising, Broadcasting, Image, Media, Merchandise Promotional and Sponsorship Rights |
| Match Subsidy: | The payment made to a Participating Club (s) for Hosting a Match |
| 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, Host Club. |
| Registration: | Process by which a player fills up a form to get registered to play in the Competition |
| Tickets: | A priced ticket providing access inside the stadium for the purpose of watching the match |
| Complementary Tickets: | Ticket provided free of cost |

Introduction:

1. The Federation Cup Football Tournament is an AIFF event embodied in the AIFF Constitution
2. The AIFF stages the Federation Cup annually for I-League Clubs
3. Federation Cup 2016 will be played on home and away format
4. The Host Club is responsible for staging of the Matches in conjunction with its Member Association and AIFF General Secretariat, in accordance with these Regulations
5. The Host Club shall be subject to the supervision and control of AIFF, which has the last word on all matters relevant to the staging of the matches.
6. The Host Club undertakes to observe the AIFF Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions, guidelines, circulars as well as the host agreement.
7. The Regulations and all directives, decisions, guidelines and circulars issues by AIFF shall be binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Federation Cup
8. The AIFF Statutes and all AIFF regulations in force shall apply. Any reference in these regulations to the AIFF Statutes and regulations refer to the AIFF Statutes and regulations valid at the time of application.

Art. 1: PARTICIPANTS

1. The top eight (8) teams of I-League 2015-2016 will participate in the Federation Cup 2016.
2. The participations of the teams are subject to receipt of Entry Form duly endorsed by the respective State Association before the due date and acceptance of entry by the All India Football Federation.

Art. 2: MODE OF COMPETITION

1. The competition will be played with the following system:

a) ROUND OF EIGHT:

1. The top Eight (8) teams of I-league 2015-16 shall play against other participating team in a home and away format in accordance with the match schedule and as per the following sequence:

Round One

1. No. 8 positioned team V/s No. 1 positioned team – Match 1
2. No. 7 positioned team V/s No. 2 positioned team – Match 2
3. No. 6 positioned team V/s No. 3 positioned team – Match 3
4. No. 5 positioned team V/s No. 4 positioned team – Match 4

Round Two

1. No. 1 positioned team V/s No. 8 positioned team – Match 5
2. No. 2 positioned team V/s No. 7 positioned team – Match 6
3. No. 3 positioned team V/s No. 6 positioned team – Match 7
4. No. 4 positioned team V/s No. 5 positioned team – Match 8

Semi-Finals Round 1

Winner of match 1 & 5 V/s Winner of match 4 & 8 – Match 9
Winner of match 2 & 6 V/s Winner of match 3 & 7 – Match 10

Semi-Finals Round 2

Winner of match 4 & 8 V/s Winner of match 1 & 5 – Match 11
Winner of match 3 & 7 V/s Winner of match 2 & 6 – Match 12

Note: Lower ranked teams to play home match/s first subject to availability of the stadiums

Final

Winner of match 9 & 11 V/s Winner of match 10 & 12

Art. 3: COMPETITION SCHEDULE

1. Will be released on 25th April 2016

Art. 4: FOOTBALLS

1. The matches of the Competition will be played with **NIKE** footballs already supplied by I-League to all the participating I-League teams
2. Visiting Clubs are required to carry training balls provided to them by I-League for their away match (es).

Art. 5: HOST CLUB/ASSOCIATION

1. A participating Clubs is responsible to organise, stage and host their home matches of the competition in conjunction with their respective association.

Art. 6: ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- i. The players participating in the tournament shall be registered players of the team and registered first with the respective State Association.
- ii. He is eligible to play for a club affiliated to its concerned.

Art. 7: WITHDRAWAL, FAILING TO PLAY AND REPLACEMENT

- i. Clubs shall play in all Competition matches once entered.
- ii. Clubs that withdraw prior to the start of the Competition may be replaced by another team as decided by the AIFF and Federation Cup Committee.
- iii. 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, shall be considered to have withdrawn from the competition.
- iv. The participating club that withdraws from the Competition after its commencement shall:
 - a. have all its matches cancelled and considered null and void. All points and goals in those matches shall not be taken into consideration.
 - b. the opponent team shall be declared winners with a three zero margin
 - c. be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other participating club/s, the AIFF, the AIFF commercial right partners, licensees, broadcasters and the concerned Member Association. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AIFF Executive Committee.
 - d. be disqualified from taking part in next two (2) editions of the Competition from which it withdrew. The AIFF Executive Committee may extend the suspension depending on the gravity of the situation and/or damages.
 - e. be referred to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for additional sanctions and fines depending on the gravity of the situation, then to Executive Committee for final decision.
 - f. return of the Match subsidy to AIFF that had been paid in support of their participation in the Competition or if not yet paid, forfeit their right to those Match subsidies.
 - g. the above sanctions are not applicable in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the All India Football Federation in consultation with the concerned Match Officials
 - h. the AIFF and Federation Cup Committee shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of Force Majeure.

Art. 8: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

- i. Each club is allowed to register a maximum of thirty (30) players and ten (10) Officials during their preliminary registration, through online registration process
- ii. Each club shall register a maximum of eighteen (18) players and five (5) officials for the match.
- iii. Each club may register four (4) foreign players' after due completion of International Registration formalities, of which should compulsorily be from an Asian Country (3+1). All the four foreigners can be the part of the playing eleven. A foreign player can be replaced by an Indian or a foreign player.

- iv. Each club may register five (5) officials for a match as per the below given compulsion:
 - a. Head Coach with AFC “A” Licence Certificate or equivalent
 - b. Manager
 - c. Qualified Doctor with MBBS degree or a Qualified Physiotherapist
 - d. Asst. Coach with minimum AFC “B” Licence certificate or equivalent
 - e. Any other official from the ten (10) registered officials

Art. 9: *REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS FOR MATCHES*

- 1. Eighteen (18) players shall be included in the starting line-up for the match. Eleven (11) first team players and seven (7) substitutes).

Art. 10. *MATCH STARTING LIST*

- i. The participating teams must hand over the “Players selection list” and the “Officials on the bench list” with the names of the eleven (11) players who will start the match and seven (7) players who are designated as their substitutes, suspended or not playing, to the Match Commissioner at least four (4) hours before the kick-off of their match. The team captain and the goalkeepers must be identified on the “Players selection list”. The same procedure will apply for the registration of officials also.
- ii. 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 instruction apply:
 - a) 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 teams substitute’s quota will be reduced accordingly.

Art. 11: *SUBSTITUTION*

- i. 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.
- ii. Any player substituted cannot re-enter the game.

Art. 12: *DURATION OF THE MATCHES, QUALIFICATION PROCESS, EXTRA TIME, DETERMINING THE WINNER BY PENALTY KICKS*

i) *DURATION OF MATCHES*

- a. 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.

- b. The away goal rule shall only apply at the conclusion of normal playing time of the second match in any tie in the knock-out stage. It shall not apply in Extra Time of any Match.

ii) *QUALIFICATION PROCESS*

a) Points

- 1. Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win
- 2. One (1) point shall be awarded for a draw
- 3. No (0) point for a defeat

b) Away Goal Rule

At the end of the second Match of a tie played in a knock-out home and away format, the participating Club which has scored higher number of goals away from home shall be declared the winner, if the participating Clubs have both scored the same number of goals across both matches.

c) Final Match

- 1. The Match of the Final 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.
- 2. As per the provisions of these regulations, extra time shall be played as the result of a draw at the end of the normal playing time, it shall always consist of two periods of 15 minutes, with an interval of five minutes at the end of the normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
- 3. If the result of a match is still a draw at the end of extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.
- 4. In the event of the failure of light or for any other reasons the kick/s remain incomplete or not commenced, the result of the match shall be decided by drawing lots.

iii) Extra Time

- a. If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time and at the end of the second Match, extra time of two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of the normal playing time, but no interval between the periods of Extra Time shall be played to decide the winner.

iv) Penalty Kicks

- a. If a Match is level after the extra time, Penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the Winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

- b. If penalty kicks cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for any other force majeure reason, the result shall be decided by the drawing of lots by the Referee in the presence of the AIFF Match Commissioner and the two (2) captains of participating teams.
- c. If, through the fault of a participating club, the penalty kicks cannot be completed, Art. 5 of these Regulations shall apply.

Art. 13: NOMINATIONS

- 1. The Winners of the Federation Cup Football Tournament will be nominated for AFC Competitions for season 2017.

Art. 14: ABANDONED MATCHES

- 1. If a match has to be suspended as a result of incidents such as, walkout by the team, lack of order, spectators invading the ground, the Emergency Committee shall determine the action to be taken within twenty-four (24) hours of such incidents. In case of serious misconduct the matter may be to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for appropriate action.

Art. 15: ABANDONED MATCHES & PROCEDURE

- 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:
 - 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
 - iii. In the case of an abandoned match:
 - a. match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was initially abandoned;
 - b. No additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
 - c. The teams can make only the number of substitution to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
 - d. Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
 - e. Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;

- f. The kick-off time date (foreseen for the following day) and the location shall be decided by the Organising Committee;
- g. Any matters requiring further decision shall be treated by the Organising Committee;

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

Art. 16: 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. 16.a above.

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

- c. If, at any time during the competition, the AIFF Secretariat deems that, for any reason, the stadium is not fit for staging a match; the AIFF may consult with the organising Club/Association and propose an alternate stadium, in accordance with the standards required by AIFF.

Art. 17: LAWS OF THE GAME

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

Art. 18: 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. 19: TEAM COLOURS/NUMBERS

- i. Each team shall wear its official colours according to the entry form.
- ii. Teams are obliged to bring along their first and alternate colours as per the entry form.
- iii. Players shall wear registered numbers on their jerseys (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 from a distance for the spectators in the stadium and television viewers. Goalkeepers shall wear colours contrasting with those of the two teams and the referee.
- iv. 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.
- v. Numbers should range from one (1) to Ninety-nine (99) in figures universally used with the first goalkeeper's number being one (1)
- vi. The jersey sleeves shall bear an advertisement of the title sponsor of the tournament.

- vii. If in the opinion of the referees or the match commissioner, the colour worn by the two opposing teams might cause confusion or prove unsuitable for television broadcasts, they shall be modified, using either the entire reserve outfit or a combination of both.

Art. 20: *PROTESTS*

- i. Protest, if any shall be lodged in writing with the match commissioner, within two (2) hours after the end of the match.
- ii. Protest shall be accompanied by a protest fee of rupees fifty thousand (Rs.50,000/-). (in cash/Cheque)
- iii. If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be refunded.
- iv. No protest shall be lodged against the decision on points of facts taken by the Referee on the field of play.
- v. Protest against eligibility of players taking part in the match shall be submitted in writing before the start of the group matches of the tournament.
- vi. No protest after the conclusion of the tournament shall be entertained.

Art. 21: *DISCIPLINARY MATTERS*

1. DISCIPLINE

- a. Participating teams, players and officials are bound by the AIFF Disciplinary Code.
- b. Infringement of any of these regulations or any other regulations of the AIFF shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee of the AIFF.
- c. All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the current AIFF Constitution, AIFF Disciplinary Code, any relevant AIFF Regulations and circulars.
- d. All Participating Clubs, Players and officials agree to:
 - i. respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence and the authority of the Match officials
 - ii. behave accordingly and refrain from doping
- e. In deciding upon disciplinary measures to be taken, the Disciplinary Committee shall be guided by the provision of the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

2. CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS

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

- b. A player expelled from the field of play by the Referee shall be suspended for the next match unless otherwise determined by the Tournament Disciplinary Committee, which shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of match.
- c. Cautions and expulsions issued during the Competition will be carried forward from one stage to another stage of the Competition.

Art. 22: MATCH OFFICIALS/OTHER AIFF OFFICIALS

1. REFEREES

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

2. MATCH COMMISSIONER

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

3. REFEREES ASSESSOR

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

Art. 23 THE FEDRATION CUP AND OTHER SUB COMMITTEES

1) FEDERATION CUP COMMITTEE

- i. The Federation Cup Committee constituted by AIFF shall be responsible to hold and organize the matches of the Federation Cup 2016 and deal with and/or arrive in all decision making process and issues mentioned hereunder or otherwise so provided in these Regulations, unless otherwise expressly excluded.
- ii. The AIFF shall draw the fixtures; decide the televised and non-televised venues in consultation with the Broadcasting Sponsors keeping in view the requests of the State Associations, the LOC's and the Clubs. It will also decide in consultation with the LOC upon the kick off times and other details.
- iii. The AIFF shall settle all forms required by any Regulations in the technical conduct of this Competition and to set out where applicable, duties and powers thereof.

- iv. Except as expressly provided, the AIFF shall give decisions on matters arising out of any disputes and to impose sanctions on Clubs, officials and players or the match Commissioner or match officials should any of them fail to comply with these regulations or the Rules and Regulations of the AIFF or of any decisions or directives given either by the Committee or the AIFF.
- v. Save as expressly provided in these Regulations, the AIFF shall convene meetings with Club representatives to sort out any issues between Clubs, and/or between Clubs and players or any other disputes concerning the organisation of the Competition.
- vi. The AIFF shall provide due and necessary clarifications or explanations in the event of any doubt regarding the interpretation of these Regulations or any other related matters and its decision shall be final and binding.
- vii. The AIFF shall constitute various sub committees, which may be required, for the smooth conduct of the Tournament.
- viii. The AIFF shall coordinate the work of various Committees or agencies involved in the organisation of the Federation Cup 2016.
- ix. The AIFF shall be at liberty to add, alter, modify or change any part of these Regulations whenever necessary.
- x. The AIFF shall insure that Match and other officials are deputed for conduct of the matches.
- xi. In the event of any dispute between the AIFF, participating Clubs and any State Association, the AIFF Executive Committee shall decide the same, which shall be final and binding.
- xii. Disputing issue in Appeal not provided for in the Regulation between any participating Club and the AIFF shall also be finally adjudicated by the AIFF Executive Committee.
- xiii. For resolving any dispute/appeal, the principles of natural justice shall be reasonably complied with.

2) LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- i. The concerned Host club shall constitute the Local Organising Committee.
- ii. The LOC shall provide adequate facilities to the Match Officials and any other Officials appointed by the AIFF in discharging their duties.
- iii. Local transport from airport/railway station to the team hotel and back and from hotel to the venue of the matches and practice grounds shall be provided by the LOC.

- iv. The LOC must provide the marketing agents and the sponsors all facilities to display their advertising boards within the stadium premises and facility areas.
- v. The LOC shall ensure that all agreements entered by the AIFF regarding broadcast, TV coverage, sponsorships, copy rights, intellectual property rights and other rights by AIFF are fully protected and there be no infringements thereof.
- vi. The LOC shall ensure that sufficient security is provided to the visiting teams and to all the Members of the visiting teams and all the Officials appointed by the AIFF.
- vii. The LOC shall inform the team manager, as soon as the team arrives of the exact kick-off time and the schedule of Managers' meeting.
- viii. The LOC shall see that the infrastructure at the Stadium is insured.
- ix. In addition to the other Committees, the LOC shall constitute a Security and a Media Sub Committee.
- x. The LOC shall provide local transport for training and matches to the Match Commissioner, Referees Inspector and the Referees and any other official deputed by the AIFF.
- xi. The LOC shall provide decent Accommodation to the Officials deputed by the AIFF and arrange accommodation for the teams whenever requested by them.
- xii. The LOC shall provide good practice grounds for the visiting teams.
- xiii. The Local Organising Committee is fully responsible for the safety and security of players, team and AIFF officials, TV crew, media, agents of sponsors and telecast rights holders, spectators, etc., at the Stadium.
- xiv. The LOC shall ensure that the match venue is available exclusively for the Federation Cup matches during the time of competition.
- xv. The LOC shall give the host Club and AIFF a statement of tickets sold, within 72 hours from the conclusion of the match.
- xvi. The LOC shall have a Medical Team, headed by a qualified Doctor for first aid and other Emergency duty during the matches. The medical team shall be equipped for emergencies and there shall be two ambulances at the venue. At least one of the ambulances shall be fully equipped with emergency equipment, including defibrillator.
- xvii. The LOC shall also be responsible for video recording of non-telecasted matches through a single camera and the copy of the CD/DVD has to be sent to the AIFF secretariat within 72 hours from the conclusion of the said match. If the CD/DVD is not provided within the stipulated time, then a fine of Rs. 10000/- will be imposed on the concerned host team.

3) EMERGENCY COMMITTEE:

- i. The Emergency Committee shall be appointed by the AIFF.
- ii. The Emergency Committee shall decide on all urgent matters regarding the Federation Cup 2016. Any urgent decisions may be taken by circulation.
- iii. The Emergency Committee will meet from time to time to review the progress of the Federation Cup.

Art. 24: APPEAL COMMITTEE

1. The matters related to appeals on the decisions of the AIFF 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 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. 25 TICKETING

1. Ticketing, including production, distribution and sales, shall be the responsibility of the Host Club. AIFF and or its Marketing Partner will provide a ticket design to the Club. The Club shall ensure that printed tickets include, where available, seat numbering and/or serial numbering. All tickets shall incorporate only those logos and marks of the Competition and the official Commercial Affiliates and Broadcast Affiliates as submitted to the Club as part of the ticket design.
2. Hosting Club 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 club, sponsors, and accredited media personnel without any discrimination of gender, race or nationality, subject to however reserving the exceptions mentioned heretofore
3. The AIFF will in collaboration with the Participating Clubs, 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. 26 COMPLEMENTARY TICKETS

1. The Host Club shall hand over to the visiting Clubs and designated representative of the AIFF at each venue the following free of cost tickets:

a. For participating clubs:

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

b. For AIFF

- i. 10 of VVIP
- ii. 50 VIP
- iii. 250 for best category seats
- iv. 250 for other category seats

c. For Match officials

- i. 2 VIP each (maximum 6 MO's)

d. For the Title Sponsors

- ii. As per their requirements at each venue

e. Car/scooter passes as required

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

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

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

Art. 27 INSURANCE

1. The Clubs 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.
2. For the Competition, the Hosting Club should conclude the following insurance coverage on the basis of a general agreement:
 - i. Insurance against liability for pecuniary loss
 - ii. Accident insurance
 - iii. Legal expenses insurance

- iv. Travel luggage insurance
 - v. Spectator insurance
 - vi. Electronic equipment insurance
 - vii. Robbery insurance
 - viii. Fidelity insurance
 - ix. Cup insurance
 - x. Event cancellation insurance
 - xi. Medical insurance
3. The remaining risks of the Hosting Club must be covered by, at their own risk, by means of additional insurance contracts. AIFF Secretariat must be notified of such additional insurance coverage, and may request copies of the policies concerned.
 4. 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.
 5. The Hosting Club 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.
 6. The Hosting clubs 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. 28 MEDICAL

1. Medical Facilities and Treatment

- a. Participating Clubs must pay for any and all costs of hospitalization, surgical operation and specialised investigative procedures for all members of its delegation.
- b. The Hosting Club 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.

- c. The Hosting Club must provide, at its own cost, the following to the visiting Clubs from two (2) days before the match day until one (1) day after the Match and to the AIFF Hero Federation Cup 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. 28 .2 will result in the forfeiture of the Match Subsidies (if any) due to the Hosting club.

2. Medical Personnel

The Hosting club must provide, at its own cost, 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. 29 PRESS CONFERENCE & MIX ZONE

1. The Host Club must organise a pre-match press conference a day prior to their home Match, the time of which should be intimated to the visiting teams and the Match officials.
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 if arranged by the host club.
3. After the match, a mixed zone must be set-up by the Hosting Club for the media. The Mixed Zone will be in operation fifteen minutes after the end of a game.
4. Team officials and coaching staff and players of the Hosting/Visiting club 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.
5. Speaking to the media in the mixed zone is not compulsory. However, it is strongly advised that players and coaches give brief interviews to the media, who will be separated from the coaches and players by barriers.

Art. 30 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

1) Payments to the Hosting clubs

- i. Subsidy of Rs 100,000 per match will be given to the Hosting Clubs/Associations. The LOC shall meet the following expenses out of the subsidy and gate collection given to them:
- ii. An air conditioned bus for the traveling team and a five seater car for Match/AIFF officials.

- iii. All organisational expenses, including hire charges of the stadium, payment for floodlights, printing of tickets, hire of furniture, sound system, and payments for Police, security and hire of ambulances, ball boys, stretcher bearers, volunteers, medical team and video recording of the match.
- iv. Cost of actual consumption for floodlights will be reimbursed by the AIFF, only when the AIFF orders the Club to schedule the match in such a way that it will require the floodlights to be switched on. The estimated charges for putting on the floodlights shall be intimated in advance to the AIFF. Receipt from the Stadium authorities for floodlight charges shall be submitted to the AIFF along with the match accounts.
- v. All travel, lodging and boarding of the teams for away matches
- vi. The following fines will be imposed if:
 - a) A team does not register a qualified Doctor or a qualified physiotherapist: Rs. 20,000.00
 - b) A team does not turn up for a match; Rs. 10,00,000.00
- vii. In addition to the above, all other necessary action/sanctions shall be imposed as per the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

2) Payment to the Match Officials

- i. DA @Rs. 2000/- x 3 days per match.
- ii. Incidentals @Rs. 1000/- per match (lump sum) to meet miscellaneous expenses.
- iii. 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)
- iv. Local officials: One DA Rs. 2000/-. Additional Rs. 500/- if travelling from a distance of 150 km or more each way to the venue.

Note: Payments to the Match officials will be made directly by AIFF.

Art. 31. DUTIES, OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. On entering the Competition, the Club shall automatically deemed to have undertaken:
 - a. To have accepted all AIFF Regulations, including Federation Cup Regulations, AIFF Circulars, Codes, Policies, Guidelines and others by whatever name called or described as well as AIFF and FIFA Laws and to comply with, observe and perform all obligations, duties and responsibilities and abide by all decisions that may be issued, passed or imposed.

- b) To observe and perform undertakings and assurances provided under the executed Agreement without any default, deviation or non-performance. ;
- c) To comply with the Laws of the Game issued by the FIFA;
- d) To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition that shall be settled by AIFF in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of relevant AIFF Committee(s);
- e) To observe the principles of Fair Play;
- f) 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, either at home or from their arrival in the host club until their departure;
- g) In their capacity as the Hosting Club, to make the appropriate arrangements for the staging of their matches, in conjunction with their Club, State Association and Federation Cup, and in accordance with these Regulations.
- h) In their capacity as the Hosting Club, to guarantee access, safety and security of the Federation Cup delegation, officials/players of the visiting club, AIFF officials, sponsors, travelling fans, viewers, and media without any discrimination of gender, race and nationality.
- i) To accept all the arrangements made by the host club./LOC in agreement with the AIFF.

Art. 32: TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 1. Rolling trophy will be given to the winning team.
- 2. The following cash prizes will be given.
 - a) Tournament Winner Rs.25, 00,000/-
 - c) Tournament runner-up Rs.15, 00,000/-

Art. 33: MARKETING & PROMOTIONS

- 1. Each participating club is entitled to display twelve (12) perimeter boards for their home matches only
- 2. The clubs can brand the gates and the concourse area.
- 3. The cost of making, transportation and displaying the boards will be met by the clubs as the case may be.

4. Except for the above all other Marketing and Promotional rights belong to AIFF and its partners, IMG/Reliance
5. The AIFF reserves the right to use and/or sub-license, names and images of teams, its players and officials shall be exclusive in respect of, or in connection with, the filming, recording, broadcasting and any other forms of transmission, broadcast in connection with this tournament.

Art. 34: *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 club to nominate a Nodal officer for integrity and he shall report to AIFF's Integrity Officer about any matter concerning infringement of integrity of that match/event. All the Nodal officers to form a network with Integrity Officer of AIFF. The details of all the Nodal officers so appointed/nominated may be sent to Integrity Officer with their E-mail, phone numbers etc.
- 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/club to educate the players, coaches and match officials regarding Integrity of game and risks involved in match manipulation. Necessary arrangement for the same is to be made by concerned club/team manager in consultation with AIFF.
- 5) The Integrity Declaration form (ID Form) is to be signed by all the players, coaches, referees and match officials before the starting of tournament. Team managers to obtain the signature of players, match officials on the Integrity Declaration forms (ID Form) and send a copy of the same to the Integrity Officer of AIFF.
- 6) In case of strong suspicion of match manipulation with cogent evidence against any player, coach, referee, match official or club etc, an enquiry may be conducted and he can be removed/substituted/suspended on the direction of AIFF and will not be allowed to further participate till the conclusion of enquiry. All players, coaches, referees, match officials, clubs are required to cooperate with such an enquiry in the interest of preserving the integrity of the game.

- 7) The Hosting Clubs are to set up an Integrity Room for Integrity Officer of AIFF in the Controlled Access Area (CAA) with all the facilities. The Nodal Officer of host team will associate with the Integrity officer and he will manage the Integrity Office in absence of Integrity officer.
- 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 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.
- 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. 35: 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 Club and its Member Associations by means of a circular of doping control procedure for the Competition.

ART. 36: SPECIAL INFORMATION

1. The AIFF reserves the right to alter, amend, remove from and/or add to these rules as and when necessary.
2. The AIFF shall, in conjunction with various Host Clubs/Associations, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances, which might arise in the organisation of Matches, which shall form an integral part of these Regulations.
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.
4. In the event of any dispute regarding interpretation of these regulations the decision of the AIFF shall be final and binding.


ART. 37: FORCE MAJEURE

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

ART. 38: MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

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

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