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DEFINITIONS

In these Regulations, unless otherwise repugnant to the context and expressly stated, undermentioned expressions shall have the meaning(s) as defined in respective expressions:

ACCOMMODATION: Hotels or any other locations providing accommodation to the guests for the Competition.

ACCREDITATION OR ACCREDITED: The giving of authority to a person or a group of persons, involving certification, which allows the accredited person(s) to undertake specified activities within the Controlled Access Areas.

ADVERTISING RIGHTS: The right to promote to the exclusion of all others save as qualified in this Agreement, brand and/or corporate names and/or products and/or services at and/or in relation to the Competitions by whatever means available, whether existing now or to be developed in the future, whether at the Stadia or within the Controlled Access Areas, by in-stadium/outstadium perimeter signage and other advertising, concessions, displays, sampling, premiums, equipment usage or other methods and through printed matter such as programmes, posters, letterheads, press releases, newsletters and tickets, including, for the avoidance of doubt, subject always to the I-League Guidelines, the right to display such advertising on the clothing or footwear worn, or on any equipment used, carried or transported by officials, medical and security staff, ballboys and/or photographers. The display of the name and/or logo of the bona fide supplier of clothing on the strip of referees/linesmen and other officials are also included. For the avoidance of doubt, advertising on the strip of Participating Players is excluded, other than where it is in accordance with I-League rules and regulations.

I-LEAGUE: The Indian League. Known as “Hero I-League”.

I-LEAGUE COMMITTEE: Committee shall mean the Committee constituted by AIFF for conduct of I-League. In case of any emergent

decisions, Members of the Committee present shall form quorum to take decision on spot.

I-LEAGUE DELEGATION: Any officials appointed by I-League committee, including but not limited to the Head of Delegation, Head of Administration, Venue Manager, Assistant Venue Manager, Match Commissioner, Referee Assessor, Referee, Assistant Referees, Fourth Official, Media Officer, Security Officer, Medical Officer, Doping Control Officer and Technical Study Group Officer.

I-LEAGUE LOGO(S): The official logo of I-League, and/or such other official logo, which shall be the only marks used by I-League, save where otherwise mutually agreed by the parties.

I-LEAGUE'S MARKETING PARTNER: IMG-Reliance holds the sole and exclusive contract for the Commercial Rights for the Competition.

I-LEAGUE SECRETARIAT: The I-League department of AIFF.

I-LEAGUE'S OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE: The official merchandise of I-League, to which the I-League Logo and the Competition Marks may be applied, to those products at the sole discretion of I-League.

I-LEAGUE WEBSITE: I-League website is www.i-league.org

AMBUSH MARKETING: Also known as parasitic marketing, is generally understood as being marketing or promotional activities activated by individuals or entities which have no official association with a product and/or service, and where such activities seek to take advantage of the goodwill associated with an event or other sponsored property.

ARCHIVE MATERIALS: Any audio and/or audio-visual materials and/or photographs, Image Rights, Broadcast Rights, Film Rights, Video Rights, New Media Rights, and/or all Competition Data.

BROADCAST AFFILIATES: Any entity, including the Host Broadcaster, which has acquired from I-League and IMG Reliance directly any rights in respect of the Broadcast Rights of the Competition.

BROADCAST RIGHTS: The right to broadcast the Competition and the right of access to the Stadia to the exclusion of all others, for the purposes of producing a live television and/or radio signal and/or recordings of the Competition in any form of audio and/or audio-visual medium and the right to license the right to exhibit such live signal and/or recordings and/or part thereof by any and all forms of television and/or radio and/or any media now existing or as may be developed in the future, including, all forms of terrestrial, cable and satellite television, IPTV, broadband (fixed and/or wireless), Internet and Interactive Television on a world-wide basis.

CLEAN STADIA: The Stadia shall be free from commercial or promotional messages, advertising, displays or facilities of any kind except for those installed, erected or otherwise authorised by I-League from the period commencing 48 hours prior to each Match or other event comprising the Competitions until 24 hours thereafter so that the Commercial Rights shall be fully available to I-League without hindrance.

CLUBS: Clubs which exist within the geographical territory of National Federation, and granted Licenses in accordance with AIFF Club Licensing Regulations and/or provided with one time exemption shall be eligible to participate in the competition and be described as participating Clubs. .

COMMERCIAL AFFILIATES: Any entity to which I-League directly or indirectly has granted or will grant any aspect of the Commercial Rights in respect of the Competition, including but not limited to Official Sponsors, Official Supporters, Official Licensees and Official Media Partners. Commercial Rights All rights of commercial exploitation of the Competition , including without limitation all rights of commercial exploitation of the Advertising Rights, Broadcast Rights, Concession Rights, Hospitality Rights, Image Rights, Merchandising Rights, Promotional Rights, Sponsorship Rights, and Travel and Tour Rights, by New Media Rights, Video Rights and/or commercial exploitation by any other means.

COMPETITION: I-League 2015-2016 shall include the Matches as may be Scheduled from time to time and notified by the I-League Committee, activities on the field of play (other than matches), opening ceremonies, presentation or closing ceremonies, press conferences or official functions connected therewith.

COMPETITION DATA: Any and all information related to the Competition, including Fixture Lists, Image Rights, information and/or statistics about the Participating Teams and/or Participating Players, information and/or statistics about their participation and/or performance in the Competitions, match analysis, referee decisions, and any other information in relation to the Competition.

COMPETITION MARKS: Shall mean any and all current and future competition Trademark's and/or logos, copyrights and/or designs whether or not registered or applied for and whether registered in part or in whole including any and or present and future names, designations, symbols, logos or identifying music or sounds of I-League or the Competition, the AIFF Fair Play name and device mark, the official logo, the Competition Trophy and other artistic and autographic representations in one, two or three dimensional proportions used by or in association with the Competition.

COMPETITION WEBSITE: www.i-league.org is the official website in relation to a Competition operated exclusively by I-League with a dedicated URL registered, owned and maintained by All India Football Federation, at I-League's sole expense, for use exclusively by I-League.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS: Tickets which are supplied without charge. Concession Rights Sampling, vending and other distribution methods for and of products or services, including pourage rights at the Stadia and Facility Areas.

CONTROLLED ACCESS AREAS: The locations of the Matches and other events, such as (without limitation) Stadia and their fences and perimeters, the aerial space above the Stadia, and all other locations associated with the Competitions, including the Facility Areas, media

centres, international broadcast centres, Official Training Sites, designated official hotels (including but not limited to the official hotels for the Participating Teams), hospitality and VIP areas and facilities, other areas to which admission is regulated by the Hosting clubs accreditation system, and surrounding and adjacent areas to the locations described above.

FACILITY AREAS: The location of Official Functions, press centres, ticket offices, official hotels, media areas, official hospitality areas and information centres controlled by or on behalf of I-League used in connection with the Competition whether at the Stadia or elsewhere at the Venues.

FIFA: The Federation International de Football Association.

FILM RIGHTS: The right to exploit visual images of the Competition, including images of the Participating Teams and/or Participating Players, whether produced for the purpose of the Broadcast Rights or separately, by means of cinematograph film throughout the Territory by any means of transmission and/or exhibition and/or reproduction now existing or hereinafter developed.

FORCE MAJEURE: Any event affecting the performance or any provision of this Agreement arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control as shall be determined by I-League Committee, and shall include abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, epidemic or other natural disaster, failure or shortage of power supplies, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, or civil commotion.

HOSPITALITY RIGHTS: The exclusive opportunity to sell all hospitality and entertainment facilities at the Venue or within the Controlled Access Areas in combination with the Complimentary Tickets, whether such facilities are in boxes, marquees or otherwise, but excluding those private facilities reserved for AIFF officials and guests not forming part of any commercial programme.

HOST BROADCASTER: The organisation appointed by I-League directly or indirectly to ensure and provide the production of the broadcast signals of the Matches and other events of the Competition, and the provision of all related services in accordance with the Broadcast Rights.

HOSTING CLUB: A participating Club hosting any Match of I-League Competition on rotational basis as per the Match Schedules.

IMAGE RIGHTS: The right to use still and/or moving images and/or representations of images of Participating Teams and Participating Players participation in the Competitions, in accordance with the Commercial Regulations.

INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM: Any interactive communication system that enables end users to engage in two-way interactive transmissions including the ability to access interactive programmes, services and media content, whether such programmes, services and media content are distributed by telephone or cable lines (whether fibre optic, coaxial or otherwise) satellites, microwave or other wireless digital communication systems, cellular communication systems, WAP, UTMS, personal digital communications devices, pager services, online data services, broadband, the Internet or any combination or subset of the foregoing employing any current or future design or technology or any similar interactive communications systems whether now known or hereafter developed.

INTERACTIVE TELEVISION: Any distribution of television signals in conjunction with an Interactive Communications System in such a way as to allow recipients to engage in two-way interactive communications including the ability to access interactive programmes and services irrespective of the means of distribution of such television signals.

INTERNET: The world-wide network of TCP/IP based networks, including services running applications such as the World Wide Web, email, chat lines, FTP and Gopher. For the purposes of this Agreement, Internet also means any private or proprietary network that connects to

the above World Wide network of TCP/IP based networks through bridges or gateways.

MATCH (ES): Each football match (es) in its entirety of the Competition, and including any delayed, deferred Matches and/or replays.

MATCH SCHEDULE: The schedule containing details of the Competition (which details shall include but not be limited to the names of the Participating Teams, Venues, Stadia, and details of the Match kick-off times) as may be published from time to time including postponement, rescheduling, cancellation or otherwise by I-League Committee.

MEDIA: All members of the written press, on-line editors, photographers, television news crews and the representatives of the Broadcast Rights Holders entitled to media accreditation as determined by I-League.

MERCHANDISING RIGHTS: The right to design, in consultation with I-League, and the right to exploit the Competition Marks and/or Official Status in connection with the promotion, manufacture, packaging, distribution and sale of goods and services of all kinds, including items of clothing, coins, medals, other collectibles and premiums related to the Competition.

NEW MEDIA RIGHTS: The right to develop, prepare, adapt, reformat, publish and sell, distribute, transmit, exhibit or otherwise transfer, and licence others to do so, the Broadcast rights, Film Rights, Video Rights, Image Rights and any Competition Data relating to the Competitions, for exploitation in any manner (whether sequentially or non-sequentially or in combination with any third party works or derivative works, if any) by any means, method or device including the Internet, broadband, wireless, Interactive Communication Systems, Interactive Television, intranet, extranet, digital magnetic and or optical information storage and retrieval systems, GSM or other mobile phone technology and any other device or medium for electronic reproduction, publication, distribution or transmission, whether now known or hereafter known or developed. For the avoidance of doubt, the New Media Rights will include the right:

- (1) To develop an Internet web site in relation to the Competition;
- (2) To develop e-commerce opportunities;
- (3) To publish the Competition Data, in print media (including, without limitation, magazines, books and other printed materials); and
- (4) To develop a computer game in relation to the Competition

OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS: Any official event organised in connection with I-League, including but not limited to press conferences, official dinners or lunches and banquets.

OFFICIAL LICENSEE: A sub-licensee of the Commercial Rights appointed by I-League.

OFFICIAL TRAINING SITES: Training sites designated by the Hosting Clubs for use by the Participating Teams throughout the duration of the I-League.

PARTICIPATING PLAYERS: Players registered and participating in the Competition under the authority of I-League during the Competition.

PREMIUMS: A promotional item (including packaging, labeling and/or containers thereof) which incorporates a mark and/or logo of AIFF and/or the Competitions, and which is distributed free of charge or via prize competitions.

PROMOTIONAL RIGHTS: Any rights to official publications, official suppliers, official products, sales promotion including but not limited to the right to organise promotional competitions and to make awards and give prizes, official music rights, the right to grant Official Status and all other rights of commercial value in regard to the Competition.

SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS: An association with the Competition and/or I-League (subject to the special provisions regarding the development of I-League Logo as set out in this Agreement and/or the I-League Guidelines) by any combination of Commercial Rights, including title sponsor of the Competitions or any of them such as I-League 2015-16 sponsored /

presented by Company and/or such other designation as mutually agreed by the parties.

STADIA: The official stadia (or any stadium) and the airspace and surrounding areas for the Matches, whether under the control of the Hosting Club or otherwise, used for the Matches, including without limitation parking facilities, VIP and hospitality areas, concourses, concession areas, fencing and entrances.

TEAM'S OFFICIAL DELEGATION: The participating club's Official Delegation will comprise of players and officials.

TICKETING: All operational measures to provide tickets to all spectators of every Match and for Official Functions of the Competition allowing them to enter the Stadia and for a Venue. Ticketing shall include the management of operation necessary for the production, sale, distribution, delivery and payment of the tickets of the Competition.

TRIBUNE: The highest category of seating in the Stadia that is reserved for VVIP Guests.

VIDEO RIGHTS: The right to produce or license the production of video cassettes, video discs, digital video discs or other video material containing material created by means of the Broadcast Rights and/or Film Rights for the purpose of exploiting said video cassettes and/or discs and/or material by means of, including but not limited to, sale or rental and by all forms of non-theatrical distribution.

For the purposes of this Regulation and provided the context so permits:

- (a) The singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
- (b) The masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice versa.
- (c) Reference to persons shall include any legal person or corporation.
- (d) References to I-League shall where the context permits include its successors and permitted assigns and, in relation to the availability of the

Commercial Rights, its respective members, national bodies and hosting committees.

SECTION 1: ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. REPRESENTATION

- a) The AIFF stages the I-League Competition annually.
- b) Any right associated with the Competition which has not been granted by these Regulations and/or by specific agreement to a participating Club in the Competition shall belong to AIFF.
- c) AIFF stages the Competition with the participating Clubs.
- d) The current I-League regulations, guidelines, circulars and codes shall be binding for all participating Clubs, their Officials, Players, Support Staff and Supporters and others and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Competition.
- e) The winner of the Competition shall undertake to take part in the following competitions:
 - a. AFC Cup/Champions League play off, if permitted and so licensed as per applicable Regulatory provisions.
- f) Clubs are not authorised to represent I-League or the Competition without valid Licenses and/or “one time exemption” obtained under AIFF Club Licensing Regulations.
- g) AIFF will appoint match officials including but not limited to Match Commissioner, Referees, Referee Assessor and Doping Control Officer for each match of the Competition for the purpose of match organisation.

2. Participating Team Agreement (Entry form)

- a) The obligations and responsibilities of the Participating Club/s are stipulated in the Participating Team Agreement (PTA), its annexures and amendments, the I-League List of Requirements and in these

Regulations and other I-League guidelines and circulars and any other agreements reached between I-League Committee and the Participating Club/s.

- b) Participating Team Agreement must be completed in full and submitted by the respective participating clubs to the I-League Secretariat.
- c) Only the Participating Team Agreement submitted to the I-League Secretariat by email and courier post will be valid and taken into consideration.
- d) The eligible Club(s) are responsible to ensure that the original copy of the Participating Team Agreement reaches the I-League Secretariat not later than the entry deadline communicated to the Clubs. If the Participating Team Agreement & the entry fees does not reach the I-League Secretariat by the entry deadline, the participation of the eligible Club will be cancelled.

3. Security and Safety

- a) The Hosting Club, and the relevant local authorities are responsible for devising, planning and implementing adequate security and safety for the Competition at every relevant location (covering all Controlled Access Areas) which shall cover for all relevant persons at all times, including but not limited to the following:
 - i. All participating Club's players, officials and support Staff
 - ii. I-League Match Officials
 - iii. Media
 - iv. Commercial Partners
 - v. Fans/Supporters and spectators

- b) A detailed and highly relevant security plan shall be issued in the form of a binding declaration on all parties involved and shall include but not be limited to the Stadium and its vicinity, the training grounds and also hotels of visiting Club and I-League Match Officials. This security plan shall be based on the principles outlined in the FIFA Safety Guidelines.
- c) Host Associations shall comply with and implement all safety rules, regulations and plans and take all possible safety precautions demanded by circumstances, including maintenance of law and order in the Stadium before, during and after the matches.
- d) In the interests of the safety of players and match officials, Hosting Clubs must provide access to the field of play that guarantees the safe entry and exit of these persons.
- e) The Hosting Club may be subject to disciplinary measures if appropriate security arrangements are not provided. Sanctions may include fines and suspensions.

4. Insurance

- a) 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.
- b) 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
- c) The remaining risks of the Hosting Club must be covered by, at their own risk, by means of additional insurance contracts. I-League Secretariat must be notified of such additional insurance coverage, and may request copies of the policies concerned.
- d) 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. Responsibility

- a) 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.

- b) 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.

SECTION 2: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

6. Matches played in accordance with the Laws of the Game

- a) 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.
- b) In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail and is authoritative.
- c) Only three (3) substitutes listed on the Match Starting List may take part in the match.
- d) At any stage of a Match, if a Participating Club is only able to field fewer than seven (7) players, the Match shall be abandoned and appropriate sanctions be imposed by the AIFF Disciplinary Committee on the defaulting team.

7. Duration of Match

- a) Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes in between from the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period.
- b) Both teams shall walk to the field together from their dressing rooms 2 minutes before the end of interval.
- c) A Participating Club that causes a delay in the commencement of the first period of the Match and/or the second period of the Match may be sanctioned by the AIFF Disciplinary Committee.

8. Abandonment/Stoppage of Matches

- a) If the match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal time or during any injury time because of any *force majeure* or any other Field/Playing condition related incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedures 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. Any on field decision of the Referee shall be final.
 - 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) minute period, the Referee must declare the match to have been abandoned.
 - iii. 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 organized and whether the match result at the time of abandonment is valid, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account.
- b) No appeals shall be lodged against decisions adopted in terms of Art. 8 a).
- c) In case of an abandoned match as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following principles will 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 the numbers of substitutes available 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 sanction imposed before the match was abandoned shall remain valid for the remainder of the match;
- vii. The kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by the I-League Secretariat with the concerned authorities.

9. Match Not Commencing

- a) If the match cannot commence on time due to *force majeure* or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedures 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 of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of delay will allow the match to commence. Any

on field decision of the Referee shall be final. Otherwise, at the end of this second thirty (30) minute period, the Referee must declare the match to have been cancelled.

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

b) No appeal shall be lodged against decisions stated in Art. 9a)

10. Stadiums (Stadia)

- a. The Stadium for the matches in the Competition shall be nominated upon entry, by the Clubs and subject to inspection and confirmation by AIFF.
- b. Unless stipulated otherwise in these Regulations, matches in the Competition must be played in a stadium which meets all the requirements and standards and is in compliance with the safety & security standards for international matches.
- c. The stadium nominated for the matches in the Competition by the Participating Club(s) shall be the home venue of the Participating Club(s) in the I-League Competition.
- d. If the Hosting Club considers the field of play unfit for play, the I-League Secretariat shall be informed immediately, as well as the visiting Club and the I-League Match Officials before their departure. If the Hosting Club concerned fails to do this, it will be obliged to cover all of the expenses incurred for travel, board and lodging of the parties involved.

- e. If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the field of play once the visiting Club has already left to play the match, the referee shall decide whether the field of play is playable or not. If the referee declares that the match cannot commence because of force majeure, or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failures, etc. the procedure to be followed is described in Art. 9 above.
- f. Throughout the competition a Club must play all its home matches in the Competition at one and the same Stadium unless forced to do otherwise because of circumstances beyond its control or otherwise determined by the Committee. In this case, the Club must provide proof and evidence, including but not limited to photographs, visual evidence and letters from the appropriate authorities as to why the Stadium is no longer fit to host the Match.
- g. Only upon receipt of the necessary documents, I-League Secretariat will make a decision on condition of the Stadium and where necessary, grant the Club the permission to nominate another Stadium which must meet the conditions.
- h. Prior to approving any Stadium, AIFF reserves the right to conduct an inspection on the nominated Stadium. The cost of this inspection visit will be borne by the Club who requested this change.
- i. Should such Hosting Club not be able to propose an acceptable alternative Stadium within the deadline as may be provided set by the AIFF; the AIFF will select an alternative Stadium in a neutral Venue. In such case, the club considered the home club must stage the relevant matches at the neutral venue in accordance with the instructions of I-League and in cooperation with the Member Association on whose territory the match will take place and local authorities. The costs of staging the match shall be borne by the club considered the home club.

- j. If, at any time during the Competition, the AIFF deems that, for whatever reason, the Stadium is not fit for staging a match; the AIFF may consult with the Hosting Club and propose an alternative Stadium, in accordance with the standards required by it.

11. Field of Play

- a. Hosting Club should ensure that the field of play is in good playable conditions and all necessary on field and the Stadium as well as other required facilities for the match being played as per the Rules of the Game, including but not merely limited to floodlights (whenever required), sound system, police, security and safety, medical facilities inclusive of the doctor, stretcher bearers, medical team, ambulances, volunteers, ball boys, uninterrupted video recording of the entire match, dedicated net connection are made available to the satisfaction of the Match Commissioner immediately on his arrival till conclusion of the Match.
- b. The Match Commissioner will inspect the stadium prior to the match day and also prior to commencement of the match so as to satisfy that all arrangements are in accordance with The Laws of the Game and these Regulations. If the conditions of the Field of Play are not met by the Laws of the Game and other required facilities are not provided, the Match Commissioner will issue instructions for the hosting clubs to rectify and amend. The decision of the Match Commissioner shall be final and binding.
- c. However, if prior to the match kick-off time, Art. 11 b) is still not complied with to the satisfaction of the Match Commissioner, the Host Club shall forfeit the match and resultant three (3) points will be awarded to the opposite team with additional 3 Goals award. No appeal shall lie against the decision.

12. Team Bench and Technical Area

- A. Six (6) team officials (if Doctor and Physiotherapist accompany the team) and seven (7) substitutes shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. (Total: Thirteen; 7+6)
- B. Five (5) team officials (if only a Qualified Doctor or a qualified Physiotherapist (any one of them) accompany the team) and seven (7) substitutes shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench (Total: Twelve; 7+5)
- C. Three (3) team officials (if Doctor and Physiotherapist does not accompany the team) and seven (7) substitutes shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench (Total: Ten)
- d. All officials and players on the team bench must carry/display their eligibility accreditation cards at all times.
- e. All persons on the bench must wear jersey's/bibs that are contrasting with the jersey of the players and referees on the pitch.
- f. Team "A" shall occupy the left hand side bench as viewed from the 4th Official's bench.
- g. A suspended player/official shall not be allowed in the substitution bench area or in any other place inside the field/perimeter fence.
- h. Technical Director: Individual's coaching certificate or coaching licence minimum AFC "A" licence or its equivalent.
- i. Goal Keeper coach can also sit on the bench provided he has a minimum license of Level 1 issued by AFC or its equivalent.

13. Warming up

- a. The Clubs shall be entitled to warm up on the main field of play before the match subject to the ground conditions.
- b. During actual play, a maximum of six (6) named substitutes from each team may warm up at the same time but without a ball (except

for the goalkeeper), behind the goal closest to their substitutes bench or in a space determined by the Match Commissioner. The players may be accompanied by a maximum of two (2) officials from the team bench.

14. Official Training Sessions at the Stadium

- a. Depending on the weather and condition of the pitch, the visiting Team will be entitled to one-hour of official training session in the Stadium where they are due to play one day or 2 days before their match preferably at the same time as the match kick-off.
- b. The field of play must be prepared to match conditions for this session. If the field of play is not in good condition, the Match Commissioner may direct the teams only to inspect the field of play wearing training shoes.

15. Official Training Sites

- a. Official training sites, in good condition and situated near the Visiting Team's headquarters in each venue shall be made available to the visiting Club at least two (2) full days prior to the match in the Competition and must be declared upon entry to the Competition.
- b. The Clubs participating in the Competition shall use only those training sites which have been officially designated for training and approved by the AIFF/I-League Secretariat.
- c. These official training sites shall be reserved for training and practice matches and shall not be used for other matches and events as from two (2) days prior to each Club's scheduled match in the competition, unless written permission has been obtained from the AIFF/I-League Secretariat.

- d) The training venue for the match for visiting club must not be more than either forty five (45) minutes or thirty (30) kilometers from the visiting team's hotel.

The training field should be prepared and ready in the same condition as of the match venue pitch for the teams.

16. Footballs

- a) The footballs for the Competition shall be selected and supplied by I-League as follows:
- i. Each Club will be provided with 20 match balls for training.
 - ii. Each Club will be provided 10 match balls for conducting matches. For each match a minimum of 10 balls need to be given to the match official for the conduct of match by the home team.
 - iii. Visiting Clubs are required to carry the training balls provided to them by I-League for their away match (es).
- b) Whenever the footballs are delivered to the Hosting Club, the Hosting Club is responsible to cover the cost of any taxes and / or fees pertaining to the clearance of these footballs.

17. Match Schedule

- a. All matches are to be played according to the I-League Schedule as may be published from time to time including rescheduling thereof by the I-League Secretariat. The dates as notified shall be final and binding on all concerned, unless altered by the AIFF/I-League Secretariat.
- b. The Clubs shall inform the kick-off times for all home matches upon entry to the Competition, which shall be subject to approval by I-League Secretariat. Kick off timings of matches that would not be

televised shall be informed to I-League Secretariat atleast **15 days** before the match.

- c. Venues may be changed only under force majeure conditions or at the decision of the I-League Secretariat. The I-League secretariat will henceforth take the decision of rescheduling of matches and shall be decided on the following way:
 - 1. Re-scheduling on alternate date by I-League Secretariat in consultation with the Home and Away Team
 - 2. Alternative Venue to be suggested by the Home Team which needs to be approved by AIFF.
 - 3. To play away match with same team on the same date.
- d. Request for change in venue by the Home Club should be made at least thirty (30) days in advance.
- e. All expenses incurred resulting from change in venue shall be borne by the concerned Hosting Club.

18. Competition System

- a. Participation is by invitation only, subject to obtaining Licenses under AIFF Club Licensing Regulations or upon granting One time exemption.
- b. I-League shall be played on a “home and away” league system.
- c. The Winner of the I-League will be designated as the Champion Club of India
- d. In the League matches, three (3) points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a draw no point for a defeat.
- e. The ranking shall be determined in the order given below:
 - i. Greater number of points obtained in all matches;

- ii. If two or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criterion, their place shall be determined as follows:
 - A) Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the Teams concerned;
 - B) Goal difference resulting from the matches between the Teams concerned;
 - C) Greater number of goals scored in the matches between the Teams concerned;
 - D) Goal difference in all the matches;
 - E) Greater number of goals scored in all the matches;
 - H) Drawing of lots

- f. A team which gives walk over without sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the I-League Committee or fields an ineligible player, shall forfeit the match and the opponent Team shall be declared winner and awarded with 3 points in addition to award of three goal difference.

- g. Any club found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match. Victory and the resultant three (3) points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score of the match. The guilty team, its officials and players will have their medals and title stripped and if qualification has been made for the AFC Cup/Champions League play off's, the qualification will be annulled. The guilty club, its officials and team officials shall also be subject to further fines and sanctions as determined by the I-League Disciplinary Committee.

- h. One team standing last in the I-League will be demoted to the Second Division. This rule shall however not apply to Bengaluru FC and DSK Shivajians FC.

NB: Bengaluru FC and DSK Shivajians FC shall be immune from relegation. Team to be relegated will be considered by excluding the Bengaluru FC and DSK Shivajians FC from the points table.

SECTION 3: ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION

19. Eligible Teams

a) The eligible clubs are as follows.

1. Kingfisher East Bengal Football Team Pvt. Ltd.
2. Aizawl FC Pvt. Ltd.
3. Sporting Clube de Goa Pvt. Ltd
4. United Mohun Bagan Football Team Pvt. Ltd.
5. DSK Shivajians FC Pvt. Ltd.
6. Mumbai Football Club Pvt. Ltd.
7. JSW Bengaluru Football Club Pvt. Ltd.
8. Shillong Lajong Football Club Pvt. Ltd.
9. Salgaocar Sports Club Pvt. Ltd.

b) All nominated clubs are subject to securing licenses in accordance with AIFF Club Licensing Regulations and/or obtaining “One Time Exemptions”. Except for DSK Shivajians FC

c) All clubs will be playing under the entity name.

20. Admission Criteria

a) All nominated clubs are subject to securing licenses in accordance with AIFF Club Licensing Regulations and/or obtaining “One Time Exemptions”. Except for DSK Shivajians FC.

21. Duties and Obligations

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

- a) To have accepted all AIFF Regulations, including I-League 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 field their strongest team throughout the competition;
- f) To observe the principles of Fair Play;
- g) 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;
- h) 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 I-League, and in accordance with these Regulations.
- i) In their capacity as the Hosting Club, to guarantee access, safety and security of the I-League delegation, officials/players of the visiting club, AIFF officials, sponsors, travelling fans, viewers, and media without any discrimination of gender, race and nationality. Hosting Club shall also ensure and guarantee in terms of Article 11(a).

- j) To accept all the arrangements made by the Hosting Club in agreement with I-League;
- k) To attend and participate in all official activities and events such as Team Manager's Meeting, media conferences, other media activities, etc. organised by I-League in accordance with guidelines and/or instructions in circulars issued by I-League regarding, in particular, media access to Clubs.
- l) It is the responsibility of the clubs concerned to field eligible players only. Match officials shall not be responsible for eligibility of the players.
- m) To adhere to Anti-corruption Regulation / Integrity guidelines of AIFF.

22. Withdrawal, Refusal to play and Penalty

- a) Clubs shall play in all Competition matches once entered.
- b) Club that withdraws prior to entering into the Competition, or is ineligible or excluded from playing in the Competition, may be replaced by another Club. I-League Committee may at its discretion obtain relevant decision, including a change in the Competition system and Technical Rules for the Competition, if necessary.
- c) If a Club withdraws after entering the Competition or does not report for a match at any Stage of the Competition, except in cases of force-majeure situation recognized by the Match Commissioner and/or I-League Committee, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the field of play/stadium before the end of the match despite the Referee and/or the Match Referee's decisions to continue to play, or the match cannot be continued due to the behaviour of a team or behaviour for which the Club is liable or be held responsible, the Club shall:

- i. Be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition unauthorizedly and unlawfully:
 - ii. Have all its played matches of the Competition including the subject match cancelled and forfeited of all points, goals scored and not be counted and taken into consideration when deciding the ranking in the I-League.
 - iii. Be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by the Opponent Club, AIFF, and IMG-Reliance and TV partner. The amount of compensations will be determined by the I-League Committee.
 - iv Notwithstanding any penal action otherwise provided in any other Code or Regulation of the AIFF, be automatically and forthwith disqualified from taking part in the continued edition of the Competition. . The I-League Committee may however extend the suspension for next two (2) Editions of the Competitions depending on the gravity of the situation and/or quantum of damages.
 - v. Be referred to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for additional and further sanctions and fines depending on the gravity of the situation;
 - vi. Return to the I-League any financial stipends that had been paid to the Club by I-League throughout the Competition or forfeit the right to the same.
- d) While imposition of penal actions, as above shall come into effect forthwith, any aggrieved Club may prefer appeal before the Executive Committee of AIFF in the manner and mode provided hereafter. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and binding.

SECTION 4: TEAM'S OFFICIAL DELEGATION: OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS

23. Stages of Registration of Players

- a) There are two (2) stages of player's registration:
1. Preliminary Registration
 2. Player Selection List
 3. Match Starting List

24. Eligibility of players

- a) A player is eligible to play in the Competition provided he fulfills all the following conditions:
- i. He is duly registered by the Club and its State Association concerned according to its own rules and those of AIFF Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players where relevant;
 - ii. He is only eligible to play for a Club affiliated to its State Association concerned;
 - iii. He is duly registered with the I-League by the Participating Club according to the provisions of these regulations.
- b) A player is deemed ineligible if:
- i. There is a violation of article 24 a);
 - ii. He is fielded despite being served a suspension (yellow & red cards);
 - iii. The player fails a doping test;
 - iv. I-League/AIFF finds that documents submitted during registration is/are false

- c) Any player found guilty of playing unauthorizedly will be suspended and have his medals and title stripped apart from being subjected to further fines and sanctions as may be determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

25. Documentations for Registration of Players

- a) For the registration of players for the Competition, players must be registered using the I-League Registration Form for Players and Central Registration System of AIFF.
- b) Documentations for the registration of players are, but not limited to, the following;
 - I. Summarised Registration form for Players
 - II. Colour-copy of valid passport copy containing full name, passport number, date of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality or a receipt for application of a passport.
 - III. Passport-size colored photo (taken within 3 months prior to the submission of the registration)
 - IV. Copy of valid contract
 - V. FIFA International Transfer Certificate (ITC) for foreign players
 - VI. FIFA's PCMA Form

26. Principles for Registration of Players

- a) A Club can register no less than twenty (20) players and no more than thirty (35) players for the Competition with sequential shirt numbers from 1 to 50 while the shirt number one (1) shall be reserved for Goalkeeper. Each participating Club may register a maximum of twenty five (30) players for participation in the I-League 15-16. A Club may register five more U-22 players provided

they are born on or after the 1st of January, 1994. A team should however register a minimum of twenty (20) players before the registration deadline as set by AIFF. The remaining players should be registered by the 15th of March 2015. It is mandatory for the Clubs to register minimum three (3) goalkeepers in their I-League Player Registration Form of 35 Players.

Start List to identify the starting eleven (11) and up to seven (7) substitute players for each match during the Competition. The 18 player list must have two players that are U-22. The starting eleven must have a U-22 player.

- b) If a club fails to register a minimum of twenty (20) players, before the registration deadline as set by AIFF/I-League the club will be fined Rs. 5000/- everyday till it completes the registration process.
- c) Throughout the Competition and for each match to which he is registered, each player shall wear the same number allocated to him on the I-League Registration Form for Players from 1-50 submitted to I-League Secretariat during the registration. Only the foreign players registered as replacement can only be allocated vacant shirt numbers, or numbers made vacant by the non-registration of players bearing these numbers.
- d) **FOUR (4)** foreign players may be registered for each team after due completion of International registration formalities, of which **ONE** should compulsorily be a National of an **Asian Country**. All foreign players may be listed among the eleven selected players for a match.
- e) Foreign player may be replaced by another foreign player in case an injury or illness prevents him from continuing to play for the rest of the I-League or after mutual termination of contract.
- f) A player can only be contracted, registered and/or playing for only one club at any point of time. The player cannot sign or play with any other club regardless of where the club is based. It is the Club's

responsibility to ensure that its player is not contracted or registered to any other club.

- g) For foreign players, the official date of FIFA International Transfer Certificate (ITC) shall be taken as proof of the date of registration to the present Club. For domestic transfers, the official date on the player's contract shall be taken as proof of the date of registration to the present Club.
- h) The I-League Secretariat shall carry out a check of the documents listed in Art. 25b) at the time registration. Players with missing documentations will not be eligible for registration. All eligible players will be issued with official eligibility cards authorized by the AIFF. Should the card been misplaced, the Club shall be required to pay a INR 20,000 (Twenty thousand rupees only) production fee for every card lost, to replace it. i) It is responsibility of the club to ensure that all original forms and supporting documents are sent in proper time and reach I-League Secretariat at New Delhi or Uploaded on AIFF's Online System (AIFF CMS) before the deadline as communicated by AIFF/I-League Secretariat from time to time.
- i) In the event there is a dispute pertaining to the qualification or status of a player, the subject case will be referred to Players Status Committee of AIFF for final decision.
- j) A club shall be allowed to field a player subject to completion of the concerned player's registration 48 hours before the Kick Off time of an upcoming match of Hero I-League.

27. Match Starting list

- a) The Club must indicate on the Match Starting List the first eleven (11) players and seven (7) substitutes. The Club Captain, Goalkeepers, and foreign players, Substitutes and U-22 players must be ticked mark

accordingly. The match starting list must be handed over to the Match Commissioner upon his arrival at the match venue.

- b) Both Clubs must hand their Match Starting List duly signed by the head coaches and team managers to the organizer atleast three (3) hours prior to the kick off of their match.
- c) If the Player Selection List is not completed and returned on time, the matter will be submitted to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for disciplinary sanction.
- d) The Match Commissioner will also be provided with the official eligibility cards of the players whose names are listed on the Match Starting List sixty five (65) minutes before kick-off. Only those players who are in possession of official identity cards shall be entitled to play in the matches.
- e) After the Match Starting List has been completed and signed by both Teams and returned to the Match Commissioner, and if the match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions shall apply:
 - i. If any of the eleven (11) players listed on the Match Starting List (e.g. Jr. No-X) 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, provided however the player (Jr. No-X) so replaced cannot be named as a substitute player to fulfill the quota of substitute player and such replacement will reduce the quota of substitute players and during the course of the match, three (3) players may be replaced. . Also, he (player X) cannot sit on the substitute bench.
 - ii. If any of the substitutes listed on the Match Starting List are not able to be fielded for any reason, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute players will be reduced accordingly.

28. Appointment of Officials

- a) Each participating club must appoint a team manager who coordinates with AIFF Match Commissioner regarding all match related matters. The appointed team manager of the Club must be registered as one of the twenty (20) officials as indicated in Art. 29. And must represent the Club in all official activities with regards to the match including compulsory attendance at Manager's meeting.
- b) Each participating club must also appoint a club media officer working exclusively in full time capacity for forty-eight (48) hours prior to match day, on match day, and twenty four hours(24) hours after the match and represent the Club in all official activities with regards to the match. The appointed club media officer must be registered as one of the twenty (20) officials.
- c) In addition, each participating Club must appoint a General Coordinator to coordinate with Match Commissioner regarding all home match organizational related matters, working exclusively in full time capacity for forty-eight (48) hours prior to match day, on match day, and twenty four (24) hours after the match and represent the Club in all official activities with regards to the match.

29. Registration of Officials

- a) Each Club may register maximum of twenty (20) officials by filling the appropriate form. Among these twenty officials, compulsorily, one should be a Doctor (with MBBS Degree) and one Physiotherapist (or sports trainer, physical trainer or any official with a similar function) with a degree course in Physiotherapy. He must have a certificate that he is trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In addition to this, the club can register more than one doctor in the panel. The club may appoint a panel of Doctors (maximum: 4). From this panel, one (1) Doctor can accompany the team. Each of these Doctors will be issued identity card. Teams may also register more than one Physio (Maximum 2) but only one will

be allowed to travel with the team the respective State Association shall endorse the Registration form of the officials.

- b) In addition to the photos affixed in the Registration form, the officials shall give one photo to their respective club for preparing the identity card.
- c) In addition to the above, every Club participating in the I-League shall be issued identity cards for their President, Secretary and two other officials, (provided their photos are submitted to the LOC) who shall be given free admission for all matches of the competition and sitting accommodation in a place reserved for them during their teams matches.

Note: A request for change of any official/s should be sent to AIFF at least 48 hours in advance of any Match.

- d) Documentations for the registration of Officials, but not limited to, as following;
 - i. Official Registration form for Officials
 - ii. Passport-size colored photo (taken within 3 months prior to the submission of the registration)
 - iii. Colour-copy of valid passport copy containing full name, passport number, date of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality (group passport will not be accepted)
 - iv. Copy of National ID (passport Copy/Driving License/Voters ID card)
 - v. Certificate / Qualifications based on his/her function
 - vi. Team Manager: full time employment contract with the club
 - vii. Head coach and Assistant Coach: Individual's coaching certificate or coaching license. Head Coach minimum AFC "A" license or its equivalent, and Assistant Coach minimum AFC "B"

license or its equivalent. Technical Director minimum AFC “A” license or its equivalent,

- viii. Team Media Officer: Full time employment contract with the club, Diploma in the field of communications and / or previous experiences in the field of communications
 - ix. Doctor and Physiotherapist : Medical Qualification
- e) I-League Secretariat has a right to ask further documentations for the clarification of the eligibility of the officials other than documentations listed above.

30. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING CLUBS

A. The Clubs participating in I-League are responsible:

- i. For the behaviour of their officials, players, support Staff and Supporters before, during and after the matches.
- ii. To provide adequate injury, sickness, accident and life insurance for all the members of their delegation (Officials and Players).
- iii. To provide unrestricted internet facilities to MC & RA from one day before till one day after the match (Both, in the hotel as well as the stadium).
- iv. To work jointly with the LOC to provide security and all facilities to the visiting club and the Match Officials.
- v. **To field an U-18 team, (players born on or after the 1st of January, 1997 are eligible) in a competition specially conducted for the junior squads of I-League club.**
- vi. **To field an U-15 team, (players born on or after the 1st of January, 2000 are eligible) in a competition specially conducted for the junior squads of I-League club.**

- vii. To ascertain and certify that all their registered players are fit to take part in the competition.
 - viii. To send the Coach of the team to attend the post-match press conference.
 - ix. To send compulsorily the Manager, Local General Coordinator and media officer of the team to attend the Managers' meeting.
 - x. Not to display any advertisement in their equipment without prior written permission of I-League/AIFF.
 - xi. To respect all the agreements entered between AIFF/ I-League with the sponsors, broadcasters, TV Networks, Marketing agents and others.
 - xii. Entries for the I-League shall be submitted to the AIFF on or before the 2nd January 2016. All entry forms shall be accompanied by the prescribed entry fee of Rs. 3,50,000/- (rupees three lakhs fifty thousand only), which shall be paid by Demand Draft payable at New Delhi in favour of AIFF. Only entries in the prescribed form will be accepted. (Form is attached which these Regulations).
- B. The Host Club will be responsible for the security of the visiting team and match officials from the moment they arrive until they leave the State in which the match is played.
- C. The club is responsible for putting up 40 boards for each of the games and to provide storage spaced for the same between matches
- D. Local accreditation for vendors – laminated and with a lanyard to be provided to I-League staff and vendors
- E. Central accreditations must be accepted by the club security staff

- F. Parking for player buses at all venues as close to the player entrance into the stadium
- G. Provide the team logos in Open Source formats.
- H. Submit all collateral designs to I-League secretariat where the I-League logo is being used for approval
- I. Provide sufficient directional signage at the venue for easy spectator access
- J. The host club or state association is responsible for field markings, goal posts, corner flags, substitution boards, player dugouts, **scoreboard** with operator etc.
- K. PA system to be installed at each venue – sound to be distributed evenly through the venue (speakers to be used and not loud speakers)
- L. AIFF Fair Play Flag and FIFA Fairplay Anthem to be played when teams enter field of play for the start of the match.
- M. Provide visiting teams locker/change rooms which meets all the requirements/standards of I league
- N. Housekeeping to be provided in the entire stadium
- O. Vizi coolers and soft drinks/water for the visiting team and event staff including match officials
- P. F&B for the visiting team, I-League and match officials
- Q. TV production room, gen set parking, dish/OB van space, access to the ground and other parts of the stadium – please refer to the checklist
- R. 8 ball boys per game and they will be briefed by the ball boy coordinator
- S. Maintenance and ground staff to be available on match days

T. Match permissions – Police, fire and any other local authorities

U. Coordinators:

- i. Media
- ii. Match Commissioner
- iii. Local General Co-ordinator
- iv. Match Officials
- v. Teams
- vi. Security

V. Evacuation plan for the stadium

W. Power for all areas and backup power source

X. First aid stations in the stand

Y. F&B concession stalls in the stands

Z. Master of Ceremony for the game to make announcements and announce the teams. Also match attendance needs to be announced in the 65th minute of the match.

AA. After the match, a mixed zone must be set-up by the Hosting Club for the media. The Mixed Zone will be in operation from immediately after the game till both teams have left the stadium.

BB. One hour before the start of the match the starting line-up must be emailed to the I-League Secretariat.

CC. Space for an event office at each venue for I-League management

SECTION 5: MEDIA

31. General

- a. The Hosting Clubs shall remain responsible to ensure all media requirements and facilities are met at their own cost.
- b. The Participating clubs must link the competition website (www.i-league.org) to its own website respectively.

32. Media Accreditation

- a. The Hosting Club or its State Association must implement a media accreditation programme as instructed by I-League Secretariat to control and manage access to the Stadiums. **A control sheet provided by the I-League secretariat is to be strictly maintained for the cards issued.**
- b. Where required, the clubs will be responsible for the production of media bibs for photographers, TV and ENG crews under supervision by I-League. The Clubs will be responsible for bib distribution and collection for accredited photographers while Local Media Officer shall look after Official Photographers bibs.
- c. All reasonable security measures must be put in place, at the cost of the Hosting Club, to protect the commentary area, camera positions and the equipment of the broadcasters.

33. Media Access areas

- a. No representatives of the print Media or radio journalists are allowed on the field of play or the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators.
- b. Only those accredited photographers, TV cameramen of the host broadcaster and the main visiting broadcaster as well as the personnel required to operate the television cameras of the host broadcaster shall be allowed in the area between the boundaries of

the field of play and the spectators, where they will carry out their work in the specific locations assigned to them.

- c. The team dressing-rooms are strictly off limits to representatives of the media before, during and after the match.
- d. The Hosting Clubs shall ensure that the officials of I-League/AIFF, IMG-Reliance, the Host Broadcaster and Broadcast Affiliates have free access to the Stadia from three days prior to match day until one day after the match, in order to access the technical issues of each and to assemble and construct the relevant infrastructure required for the execution of the Broadcast Rights.
- e. The Hosting Clubs are responsible for ensuring that I-League's Broadcast Rights are fully protected and that no other competitive broadcaster and/or video or ENG camera crews/personnel are allowed access to the stadium without the prior written permission of the concerned I-League Official.

34. Open training session

- a) During the two (2) days preceding the match, the Official Training Sessions must be opened to the media. Should the clubs wish to close its Official Training Session to the media, it shall open for at least the first fifteen (15) minutes of the training. If the Official Training is to be held at the match stadium, the areas accessible by the media shall be the same areas available to them on match day, and the access to such areas must be security controlled.

35. Press Conferences

- a) The Hosting Club must organise a pre-match press conference to be conducted under supervision of Local Media Officer one day prior to each match of the Competition.
- b) 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 to be held at least one day before the match. The participating Club Media Officer must ensure the attendance of the Head Coach and one starting player.

- c) A post-match conference must be conducted at the stadium and commence no later than 15 minutes after the final whistle. Both Clubs are obliged to make their Head Coach available and an interpreter for the visiting club must be provided by the Hosting Club when required.
- d) Non-compliance with Art. 36 a), b) and c) will result in disciplinary action which may include a fine of a minimum of Rs. 20000 and the Head Coach may be subject to a ban from the dressing room and/or the substitutes bench.

36. Mixed Zone

- a) 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.
- b) Team Media Officer is responsible for briefing all players and the Head Coach prior to the match so they are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.
- c) 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. Players and Officials who do not fulfill this Article will be subject to disciplinary action including fines.
- d) 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.

37. Interviews

- a) If requested by I-League and/or the IMG-Reliance, both clubs should have their Head Coach and one player available for the day before each match and/or the match day for an interview of up to ten (10) minutes, to be recorded by the main TV rights-holding broadcaster (or local TV rights-holding broadcaster) in the territory of the relevant club and/or I-League's official media partners, for the purpose of continental news-exchange distribution to all Competition Right holders and the I-League's official website.
- b) Players and officials of participating clubs are not permitted to give interviews during the match on the field of play or in its immediate vicinity. However, the Local Media Officer may designate an area between the substitute's benches and dressing rooms in which (flash) interviews for the host television broadcaster only, including the visiting TV rights-holding broadcaster if there is, can take place at the end of the match.
- c) For the (flash) interviews, the Head Coach and at least one (1) key player from both participating clubs must be available for at least the host broadcaster and the visiting TV rights-holding broadcaster upon their request. All players and the Head Coach of each group must be briefed by their respective Team Media Officer prior to the match so they are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.
- d) In the final minutes of the game, the Host Broadcaster or other broadcaster representatives shall inform the Local Media Officer of the players who are selected for the flash interview.
- e) All interview locations should be assigned mainly by the Local Media Officer or by the I-League Match Commissioner if necessary.

SECTION 6: EQUIPMENT / KIT

38. I-League Equipment Regulations

- a) The Participating Clubs must comply with the AIFF Equipment Regulations for Club Competitions.
- b) AIFF Equipment Regulations for Club Competitions are in force from the time the Team's Official Delegation arrive at a Controlled Access Area until the time the Team's Official Delegation depart from such areas.

39. Jersey Colors, Numbers, Players Equipment

- a) It is compulsory for the Numbers on the attire to range from one (1) to fifty (50) with number 1 reserved for goalkeeper.
- b) Players shall wear the same numbers declared in the official list, throughout the competition.

40. Kit Approval Procedure

- a) The Equipment Regulations require the Participating Club to submit to I-League, for I-League's approval, one sample of all kit which the I-League Equipment Regulations cover. At the same time, the participating Club shall submit also to I-League, for I-League's approval, one sample of all other apparel to be worn by their Team's Official Delegation within the Controlled Access Areas during the Competition Period, namely all clothing, apparel and equipment worn underneath, or in replacement of, official team kit, including any "celebratory" apparel.
- b) The Participating Club shall submit to the I-League Secretariat the above mentioned equipment by latest two (2) weeks prior to the start of the Competition. If any equipment submitted infringes any of the I-League Equipment Regulations and/or these Regulations, I-

League will require the Participating Teams to take corrective action and resubmit to I-League the corrected equipment. In addition, Participating Clubs may be required to present samples at the Club workshop.

- c) All items to be used by a Participating Club within the Controlled Access Areas during the Competition period shall be subjected to I-League's approval in accordance with the procedure set forth by I-League.
- d) The I-League Match Commissioner, the I-League Venue Manager, and/or the I-League Marketing Manager has/have the right and duty to check kit items at the match venue and are entitled to send such items to the I-League Headquarters for further control after the match.

41. Responsibility

- a) I-League would decide finally regarding the approval of kits and other items mentioned in the I-League Equipment Regulations. I-League declines all responsibility and authority in the event of conflicts arising from I-League Regulations 2015-16 contract between a club and its sponsor(s) on account of the advertising provisions of the I-League Equipment Regulations.
- b) The clubs agree to hold I-League harmless from any and all damages which may arise from decisions regarding kits.

SECTION 7: TICKETING

42. Policy

- a. Ticketing, including production, distribution and sales, shall be the responsibility of the Club. I-League and/or I-League's 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.

- b. Hosting Club must guarantee and ensure that access to the Stadium will be granted to the I-League delegation, officials and players of the visiting club, AIFF officials, sponsors, and accredited media personnel without any discrimination of gender, race or nationality, subject to however reserving the exceptions mentioned heretofore.

43. Terms and Conditions

- a. I-League Committee 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.

44 . Complimentary Tickets

- a. The Host club shall hand over to the designated representative of the AIFF at each venue the following passes:

For Kolkata

- i. 5 VVIP season passes and car parks
- ii. 50 VIP (Middle section) season passes and car parks
- iii. 150 VIP (Left & Right Section) season passes
- iv. 300 any other stand season passes

For other venues: 15 VVIP tickets and car parks and for other categories 2% of the total available tickets for each category or 300 tickets (whichever is higher).

And for all venues atleast 50 VVIP/VIP car park passes.

- b. AIFF Executive Committee Members and General Secretary, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Members and CEO of the I-League, Arjuna Awardees, Dronacharya Awardees shall always be seated in the VVIP gallery.
- c. All former International players with identity card issued by the AIFF shall be given free admission to the VIP gallery
- d. Special arrangements for sitting of the manager and the coach of participating non playing teams shall be made in VIP gallery.

The Hosting Club shall set aside the following number of complimentary tickets for the visiting Club.

- i. 1 VVIP for each of the team's match
- ii. 5 VIP for each of the team's match
- iii. 20 1st Best Category Non-VIP tickets for each match or match day of the Competition
- e. Match officials are entitled to 2 VIP complimentary passes each.
- f. The following needs to be arranged for Hero MotoCorp Ltd., the title sponsor of I-League
 - i. Highest category tickets/passes with hospitality
 - 1. Kolkata (Salt Lake Stadium/Barasat Stadium) (4)
 - 2. Bengaluru (Sree Kanteerava Stadium) (5)
 - 3. Pune (Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex) (5)
 - 4. Mumbai (Cooperage Football Ground) (20)
 - 5. Shillong (Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium) (5)
 - 6. Goa (Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium) (20)
 - 7. Aizawl (Rajiv Gandhi Stadium) (5)
 - ii. Next best Category tickets
 - 1. Kolkata (Salt Lake Stadium) (25)
 - 2. Bengaluru (Sree Kanteerava Stadium) (25)
 - 3. Pune (Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex) (25)

4. Mumbai (Cooperage Football Ground) (25)
 5. Shillong (Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium) (25)
 6. Goa (Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium) (25)
 7. Aizawl (Rajiv Gandhi Stadium) (25)
- iii. 100 General tickets/passes

45. Purchasable Tickets

- a. The Hosting Club must make at least 8% of the net saleable capacity of their Stadium available exclusively to the supporters of the visiting Clubs, for the matches they feature in, in a segregated, safe area to be determined by the Hosting Club in consultation with local law enforcing authority. The visiting Clubs must declare the number of seats required (up to 8% of the net saleable capacity) at least two weeks before the match day. The visiting Clubs shall be responsible for the costs of all seats declared.
- b. Participating Clubs shall be entitled to purchase an agreed number of tickets, i.e. up to 200 top or second-category tickets, or a combination thereof, for their VIPs, supporters, sponsors, etc. The price of tickets for supporters of the Clubs may not exceed the price of tickets of a comparable quality that are sold to supporters of the hosting Club.
- c. The Hosting Clubs will provide I-League's Marketing Partner with the opportunity to buy tickets at face value and on an individual Match-by-Match basis, for itself and for the Commercial Affiliates. The number of tickets required shall be communicated to the Hosting Club at least two (2) weeks before the match concerned.

SECTION 8: MEDICAL

46. 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 I-League 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.
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- 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. 47 a) & b) will result in the forfeiture of the Match Subsidies (if any) due to the Hosting club.

47. 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 Services:

- One (1) on-pitch Medical Officer trained in Emergency Medicine
 - Eight (8) trained stretcher bearers in good physical condition
 - Two (2) Ambulances equipped with emergency kits
- iii. Doping control personnel:
- One (1) Doping Control Assistant (Medical Officer)
 - Four (4) Doping Control Chaperones
 - One (1) Security Officer

SECTION 9: DISCIPLINARY LAWS AND PROCEDURES

48. Disciplinary measures

- a. Save as have been expressly provided in these Regulations, while all penal actions, measures and/or breaches or violations shall be dealt with in accordance with the I-League Regulations, Guidelines, and Circulars issued from time to time, AIFF Disciplinary Code and other AIFF, Regulations may also be invoked, if necessary. Also, on occasion of any dispute arising out of disciplinary sanctions/issues, the disciplinary code of AIFF will prevail.
- b. The I-League Committee and/or the AIFF Disciplinary Committee, based on breach, violation or contravention or compliant, may either on its own or on the basis of any complaint initiate investigations and take penal measures of any breach, violation or non-performance or otherwise in accordance with AIFF Statutes, AIFF Disciplinary Code, Regulation, Guidelines, Decision or the relevant AIFF Circular(s) or otherwise as per law.

49. Decisions of the Match Officials

While on filed Decisions of the Referee shall be final, the Report of the Match Referee and/or Match Officials regarding any act, incident or issue outside the field of play shall be considered to be

authoritative, unless proof of any inaccuracy is established by authentic documentations beyond any reasonable doubt.

50. Players and Officials cautioned or dismissed from the field of play

- a. A player who receives four (4) cautions (yellow cards) during a stage of the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which he received the fourth caution.
- b. A player and/or official who received a red card during the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which he received the red card. If the player and/or official received the red card in his Club's last match in the Competition, the suspension for the red card the suspension will be carried forward as indicated in the AIFF Disciplinary Code. Also, player/official shall pay a minimum fine of Rs. 20,000/-.
- c. Any player or official who is sent off during the Competition shall remain suspended from further play until his/her case has been decided by the AIFF Disciplinary Committee.
- d. A suspended player and official shall not be allowed on the substitution bench and technical area.
- e. Each Club shall bear the responsibility of monitoring the cautions and/or suspensions received by their players and officials and to ensure that all players and officials registered and/or fielded during the competition are eligible to play.

51. Conduct of players and/or officials

- a. Any player or official reported for any indiscipline or unbecoming or unsporting conduct, violence, or overt act of any nature or conduct amounting to misconduct anywhere including but not

limited to the field of play, the changing rooms, at the training sites and in the hotels or otherwise reported by the Referee or the Match Commissioner or any Club or any responsible person shall be dealt with by the AIFF Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the applicable Regulations, Code, Guidelines as may be deemed necessary. .

52. Protest

- a) Subject to the following provisions, protests are objections of any kind to occurrences that have a direct effect on matches organised in the Competition (state and marking of the pitch, accessory, match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations, footballs, etc.) and any matters related to breach of these Regulations.
- b) Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall first be submitted in writing to the AIFF Match Commissioner within two (2) hours of the match by the club concerned and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing to the AIFF General Secretariat accompanied by a fee of INR 25000/- (five thousand rupees only). The Club shall confirm the protest by registered letter, to be sent to the I-League Secretariat no later than two (2) days after the match in question.
- c) Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the AIFF Match Commissioner by the manager of team delegation no later than two (2) hours after the match.
- d) No protests shall lie against the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.

- e) If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine and the protest fee of INR 25000 (Five thousand rupees only) will be forfeited.
- f) On conclusion of the Competition, no protest shall be entertained.

54. Dispute Resolution

- a) With the exception of disputes arising through physical assault or matters of a criminal nature, Clubs, Club representatives and Match Officials may not launch proceedings with official authorities or civil courts to settle disputes arising out of Competition Matches or activities until exhausting all the procedures provided for in the AIFF's Regulations.
- b) Accordingly, disputes of a sporting nature arising out of competition Matches and/or activities must be dealt with by the judicial bodies listed below in the following order:
 - 1. Disciplinary Committee;
 - 2. Appeals Committee;
 - 3. Court of Arbitration for Sport, in Lausanne, Switzerland.

SECTION 10: ADMINISTRATION

55. Financial Provisions

a) Payments to the clubs

Clubs will be paid the following subsidy: Rs. 45 lacs each. The subsidy will be paid in the following installments:

- 1) Rs. 10 lacs before the start of the tournament.
 - 2) Rs. 10 lacs before the 8th Round.
 - 3) Rs. 10 lacs before the 16th Round.
 - 4) Rs.15 lacs within two weeks after the conclusion of the I-League.
- b) The subsidy is the contribution of the AIFF for I-League to enable the Club to take care of the following:

- i) All travel, lodging and boarding of the teams for away matches
- c) The following deductions will be made:
 - i. If a team does not register a qualified Doctor and a qualified physiotherapist: Rs. 5,00,000.00
 - ii. If a team does not turn up for a match; Rs. 10,00,000.00 (Note: This is besides deduction of points and other sanctions as per AIFF disciplinary code regulations.)
- d) Aizawl FC and Shillong Lajong FC to be paid DA and provided Flight tickets instead of subsidy mentioned above as per separate agreement with AIFF.

56. Subsidy to local organization

- a) 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 percentage given to them:
 - d. An air conditioned bus for the traveling team and a five seater car for Match/AIFF officials.
 - e. 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.
 - f. Cost of actual consumption for floodlights will be reimbursed by the I-League, only when the I-League 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 I-League. Receipt from the Stadium authorities for floodlight charges shall be submitted to the I-League along with the match accounts.

MATCH OFFICIALS:

DA @Rs. 2000/- x 3 days per match.

Incidentals @Rs. 1000/- per match (lumpsum) to meet miscellaneous expenses.

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)

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

Payments to the officials would be made directly under arrangements of AIFF.

1. In the event of any act of gross indiscipline by the players, officials or organisers the Match Commissioner shall fax/e-mail a detailed report soon after the conclusion of the match. The LOC shall provide all the facilities to the Match Commissioner to send all reports
2. The Match Commissioner shall be solely responsible for all decisions in respect of the match organisation.
3. The Match Commissioner must conduct a Managers' Meeting on the day prior to the match. If this is not possible due to late arrival of the visiting team or the Match Commissioner, Managers' Meeting may be conducted on the day of the match.

57. Marketing & promotion

- Each participating Club is entitled to display twelve (12) perimeter boards for their home matches only. The clubs can brand the gates and the concourse area.

The cost of making, transporting and displaying the boards will be met by the Clubs as the case maybe.

S.No	Item	Regulations
1	Jersey Logo - I-League - right sleeve	Clubs to be responsible for putting up the sleeves patches sent to them.
2	Jersey logo - Left sleeve	Team Sponsors
3	Jersey logo - front	Team Sponsors
4	Jersey Logo - back	Team Sponsors
5	Jersey logo - Left chest	Team Sponsors
6	Jersey logo - right chest	Team Sponsors
7	Perimeter Boards - Central	IMG Reliance, Broadcaster, I-League, I-League Central/Associate Sponsors, Nike, City etc
8	Perimeter Boards Club - 1	A conflicting sponsor with a league's central sponsor can get a maximum of 2 boards
9	Perimeter Boards Club - 2	A single sponsor can get a maximum of 4 boards
10	Perimeter Boards Club - 3	The club name or logo can be carried on all 12 boards
		PLZ NOTE :- Under no circumstances can a team have more that 12 boards for usage at a home game.
11	Perimeter Boards Club - 4	State Associations can have a maximum of 6 perimeter boards for their home games if agreed with the clubs.
12	Perimeter Boards Club - 5	Clubs cannot give any boards to any Media channel/company for a Media conflicting with a central Media partner
13	Branding	The clubs will be solely responsible to ensure that all branding provided by them conform to applicable laws and rules and IMGR will not be responsible for any violations and consequences arising from such violations
14	Non-Camera Facing Perimeter boards - 1	Clubs will be allowed to have 2 non camera facing boards of 3mx1m (behind the player dugouts and the location for the same will be agreed with AIFF/IMGR).
15	Non-Camera Facing Perimeter boards - 2	These cannot be conflicting to an I-League central sponsor and cannot be one of the Team sponsors that has been allocated boards on the field.
16	Gate Branding	Sponsor logo to be of the same size as the I-League composite event logo.
17	Concourse Branding	Team Sponsors
18	Any other non-camera facing branding	Team Sponsors
19	Camera facing club name or logo branding	To be approved by AIFF and IMGR

20	Photographer Bib	<p>I-League composite event logo on the left chest - logo to be minimum 27sq cm (9cm left to right).</p> <p>Club Sponsor Logo - sleeve - logo to be maximum 40sq cm.</p> <p>Club Sponsor logo - right chest - logo to be maximum 40sq cm .</p> <p>Club Sponsor logo - back or front - logo to be maximum 200sq cm</p> <p>This will not include the National and Regional Broadcaster bibs.</p>
21	Ball Boys uniform	<p>I-League composite event logo on the left chest - logo to be minimum 27sq cm (9cm left to right).</p> <p>Club Sponsor Logo - sleeve - logo to be maximum 40sq cm.</p> <p>Club Sponsor logo - right chest - logo to be maximum 40sq cm .</p> <p>Club Sponsor logo - back or front - logo to be maximum 200sq cm</p>
22	Stretcher boys uniforms	<p>I-League composite event logo on the left chest - logo to be minimum 27sq cm (9cm left to right).</p> <p>Club Sponsor Logo - sleeve - logo to be maximum 40sq cm.</p> <p>Club Sponsor logo - right chest - logo to be maximum 40sq cm .</p> <p>Club Sponsor logo - back or front - logo to be maximum 200sq cm</p>
23	Medical Staff	<p>I-League composite logo on the left chest - logo to be minimum 27sq cm (9cm left to right).</p> <p>Club Sponsor Logo - sleeve - logo to be maximum 40sq cm.</p> <p>Club Sponsor logo - right chest - logo to be maximum 40sq cm .</p> <p>Club Sponsor logo - back or front - logo to be maximum 200sq cm</p>
24	Official Broadcaster	Broadcaster will make his own bibs/jackets
25	Pre Match Interview Backdrop	I-League central sponsor logos only. * this will be based on the design sent by AIFF and IMG R
26	Post Match Conference Backdrop	<p>Clubs have been allocated 25% branding space on the backdrop. The main/principle sponsors (logo on jersey front or back) can be allocated 10% of the area.</p> <p>If the team sponsor conflicts with a central sponsor then they can be allocated only 5% of the total areas.</p> <p>If the team sponsor conflicts with the league title sponsor then they will not be allowed any presence on the backdrop.</p> <p>Total 60 logos - 1 sponsor 30 logos, conflicting sponsor 15 logos.* this will be based on the design sent by AIFF and IMG R</p>
27	2 camera set up for analysis	Clubs to sign the agreement with the AIFF which mentions that the footage will not be used for commercial and/or media purposes including but not limited to uploading online and go ahead with this coverage. This can be used only internally by the team for technical purposes. All related costs to be borne by clubs
28	Cheerleaders	Maximum of 2 cheerleaders per podium and 2 podiums on ground behind the perimeter boards. Designs / creative to be approved by AIFF/IMGR.
29	Cheerleader Podium 1	Podium size - 3ft (height), 8ft width & 4ft depth. Podiums and cheerleader uniforms to be branded with the club name or logo only
30	Cheerleader Podium 2	Final position of the podium to be approved by the AIFF/IMGR.
31	Fan Contest	Lucky draw winners to meet teams on the field in branded jerseys - either a replica of the club uniform should be provided otherwise logo size on the front and or back should not exceed 200sq cm - the team logo to be visible as well (40sq cm)

32	Activation 1	Clubs to inform and get approval from AIFF/IMGR for any sponsor activation.
33	Activation 2	IMGR to speak with the broadcaster and try on a case to case basis
34	Radio Partner	Clubs are free to have local radio partners - AIFF need to be informed of any such deals.
35	Other Partners	Clubs are free to have partners in various categories - AIFF need to be informed of the same
36	Tickets	Clubs to go ahead and print their own tickets but will ensure the I-League logo is the most prominent logo on the ticket. I-League composite event logo and club name/logo to be 100% and all other logos to be 50% of the same.
37	Accreditations	AIFF to make central accreditations and club to make local accreditations. I-League logo must be the most prominent logo on the card.
38	Perimeter board Schematic	All the perimeter boards will be put on ground for matches according to the perimeter board schematic sent by AIFF and IMG R
39	Validity	The above regulations are only valid for I-League 2015-16 season

58. PRIZE MONEY, PERFORMANCE BONUS & PARTICIPATION FEES

a) The Winner of the I-League shall be awarded a trophy and the following **CASH PRIZES** shall be distributed:

1. Winners Rs. 1 Crore
 2. 2nd Place Rs. 60 Lacs
 3. 3rd Place Rs. 40 Lacs
 4. 4th Place Rs. 25 Lacs
- ii. Match Winning Rs. 50,000
 - iii. Man of the Match Rs. 10,000 (to be paid by Hero MotoCorp)

b) Beside cash prizes the following trophies shall also be awarded:

- a. Winner's trophy for I-League champions.
- b. Winners of fair play contest and a cash prize of Rs. 1 Lakh.
- c. Highest scorer of I-League and cash prize of Rs. 50000.

- d. Best Goalkeeper and cash prize of Rs. 25000.
- e. Jarnail Singh Award for Best Defender and cash prize of Rs. 25000.
- f. Best Half and cash prize of Rs. 25000.
- g. Best Forward and cash prize of Rs. 25000.
- h. Syed Abdul Rahim Award for Best Coach
- i. Best Referee and cash prize of Rs. 50000.
- j. Best assistant referee and cash prize of Rs. 25000.
- k. 50 Medals to Players and Officials of I-League Champions.

The prize money for the Clubs will be sent directly to them.

- c) Rolling Trophy, if awarded, shall be returned within three months of the conclusion of the I-League.
- d) The trophy for the best defender shall be in the name of the late Mr. Jarnail Singh.
- e) The trophy for best coach shall be named after the late Syed Abdul Rahim.

59. FAIR PLAY

- a) In every match of the competition, Fair Play shall be actively promoted through the AIFF Fair Play flags, etc.
- b) The Players will shake hands with each other's after every match. Shaking of hands after the match will remind spectators that in spite of the emotions of a football match, it is to be played in accordance with the laws of the game. The emotions should not be dealt upon, once the players have left the pitch, losing is also the part and parcel of football.
- c) The Fair Play qualities of the participating teams and which are pertinent to the spectators will be evaluated using the FIFA Fair Play evaluation form.
- d) A Fair Play contest shall also be run during the I-League.

60. PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

- a. A prize presentation ceremony, managed and controlled by I-League and coordinated with its partners including the Hosting Club, its State Association and I-League's Marketing Partner, will be held immediately after the Final match of the Competition to award the Trophy and Medals.

62. Special Provisions

- a. Jurisdiction relating to adjudication of any dispute shall, unless provided otherwise in these Regulations or under the Code or Statute of the AIFF, shall be at Delhi being the Headquarter of AIFF.
- b. The I-League Committee shall, in conjunction with the Hosting Associations, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the locale of hosting matches of the Competition. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

63. Intellectual Property Rights

- a. I-League is the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights of the Competition, including any current or future rights of I-League's name, logos, brands, medals and trophies. Any use of the aforementioned rights requires the prior written consent of I-League, and must always conform to I-League's instructions and guidelines on correct usage.

SECTION 11: THE I-LEAGUE COMMITTEE AND OTHER SUB COMMITTEES

64. I-League Committee

- a) The AIFF Executive Committee shall constitute the I-League Committee, which shall be responsible to hold and organize the I-League 2015-16 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.

- b) The I-League Committee 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.

- c) The I-League Committee 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.

- d) Except as expressly provided, the I-League Committee 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.

- e) Save as expressly provided in these Regulations, the I-League Committee 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.

- f) The I-League Committee 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.
- g) The I-League Committee shall constitute in consultation with the AIFF various sub committees, which may be required, for the smooth conduct of the Tournament.
- h) The I-League Committee shall coordinate the work of various Committees or agencies involved in the organisation of the I-League.
- i) The I-League Committee shall be at liberty to add, alter, modify or change any part of these Regulations whenever necessary with the approval of the AIFF.
- j) The I-League Committee shall insure all the officials deputed by the AIFF/ I-League for conduct of the matches.
- k) In the event of any dispute between the I-League Committee and any State Association, the AIFF Executive Committee shall decide the same, which shall be final and binding.
- l) Disputing issue in Appeal not provided for in the Regulation between any participating Club and the Committee shall also be finally adjudicated by the AIFF Executive Committee.
- m) For resolving any dispute/appeal, the principles of natural justice shall be reasonably complied with.

65. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE:

- a. The Emergency Committee shall be appointed by the I-League Committee in consultation with the AIFF.
- b. The Emergency Committee shall decide on all urgent matters regarding the I-League. Very urgent decisions may be taken by circulation.
- c. The Emergency Committee will meet from time to time to review the progress of the I-League.

66. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- a) The concerned Host club shall constitute the Local Organising Committee.
- b) The LOC shall provide adequate facilities to the Match Commissioner, Referees and any other Officials appointed by the I-League Committee/AIFF to discharge their duties.
- c) 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.
- d) The LOC must provide the marketing agents and the sponsors all facilities to display their advertising boards within the stadium premises and facility areas.
- e) The LOC shall ensure that all agreements entered by the AIFF/ I-League Committee regarding broadcast, TV coverage, sponsorships, copy rights, intellectual property rights and other rights by AIFF are fully protected and there be no infringements thereof.

- f) 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/ I-League Committee.
- g) 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.
- h) The LOC shall see that the infrastructure at the Stadium is insured.
- i) In addition to the other Committees, the LOC shall constitute a Security and a Media Sub Committee.
- j) 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 I-League Committee or the AIFF.
- k) The LOC shall provide decent Accommodation to the AIFF/ I-League officials whenever they are deputed by I-League Committee /AIFF and arrange accommodation for the teams whenever requested by them.
- l) The LOC shall provide good practice grounds for the visiting teams.
- m) 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.
- n) The LOC shall ensure that the match venue is available exclusively for the I-League matches during the time of competition.
- o) The LOC shall give the host Club and I-League Committee a statement of tickets sold, within 72 hours from the conclusion of the match.

- p) 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.
- q) 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 I-League 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.

67. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- a) Save as have been expressly provided in these Regulations, the AIFF Disciplinary Committee shall deal with all disciplinary matters related to the I-League Competition.
- b) Meetings of the Sub Committee will be chaired by the Chairman of the Committee and in his absence by the Dy. Chairman. If both are absent the remaining three members shall elect one member among themselves to Chair the meeting.
- c) The Committee shall take its decisions by simple majority of votes of members present. No member may abstain from voting. If an equal number of votes are recorded, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- d) In its decisions the Disciplinary Committee shall rely upon, amongst others, the AIFF Disciplinary Regulations and I-League Regulations,

- e) The decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be based, inter alia, on the written reports of the referee, the match commissioner and the Referees Inspector. The Committee may also, if deemed necessary, refer to and rely upon any other evidence, like television and video recordings, reports and others by whatever name called. The Committee shall before arriving at any decision, provide reasonable opportunities of hearing by way of seeking written submissions and/or personal hearing. It shall decide on the procedure to be adopted.
- f) Appeal may be lodged with the Appeals Committee of the AIFF/ or any Committee duly constituted by the AIFF, against any decision of the Disciplinary Committee which is not stipulated as final under the Regulations. .
- g) The appeal shall be lodged within 48 hours following the decision and must be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 60,000/- (Rupees sixty thousand) only.
- h) The Member of the Disciplinary Committee shall not take part in any deliberation, if the cases being dealt with concern themselves or players, clubs, officials or any members of the State Associations to which they belong.

68. REFEREES SUB COMMITTEE

- a) The Referees Sub Committee for the I-League shall be appointed by the AIFF.
- b) The Referees Sub-Committee will finalise the panel of Referees for the I-League.
- c) They will appoint the referees for the I-League matches.

- d) They will conduct refresher courses for the Referees, assistant referees, Referees Assessor and Match Commissioners.

SECTION 12: CODE OF CONDUCT

By agreeing to take part in the I-League 2015-16, all players and team officials agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct.

This code is not exhaustive but indicative only.

- (a) Be punctual on all occasion including but not limited to field of play, Press Meets , meetings, match day countdown etc.
- (b) Respect the decision of the I-League Committee.
- (c) Respect the Laws of the Game, the Referee, Match Commissioner and their decisions.
- (d) Display and promote high standards of exemplary behavior.
- (e) Promote Fair Play.
- (f) Always respect match officials decisions.
- (g) Never engage or participate in public criticism of the match officials.
- (h) Never indulge in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior.
- (i) Never engage in any brawl, bullying, intimidation, and physical or verbal assault, abusing language or harassment.
- (j) Speak to team mates, officials of own team and opponent team with respect.
- (k) Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with opposing team and match officials at the end of every game.

- (l) No player/official of a team shall make any adverse comment anytime against opponent team or I-League Committee or any of its Officials.
- (m) No player/official of a team shall make any adverse comment anytime against match officials.
- (n) No player/official of a team shall make any adverse comment anytime against organiser.
- (o) No player/official of a team shall make any adverse comment anytime against AIFF/I-League.
- (p) Any player or official who insults someone in any way by using offensive gestures or language or who violates the principles of fair play or whose behaviour is found to be unsporting in any other way or uses violence or threat to pressure any Match Official into taking certain action or to hinder him from acting as per free will, shall be sanctioned with severe punishment in accordance with the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

Following additional actions are applicable to defaulting club and/or players and/or officials of teams apart from possible match suspension as per AIFF Disciplinary Code:-

Occasion	Action
Late to attend prescribed meeting by player and/or official	First occasion – Warning. Second occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Non attendance of prescribed meeting by player and/or official	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is

	repeated.
Team reporting late for equipment checking before the match. Team reporting late to restart after interval.	First occasion – Warning. Second occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Player/s and/or official/s indulge in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior before, during or after the match	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Engage in public criticism of the match officials	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Not shaking hands with opponent team, players and match officials at the end of the game.	First occasion – Warning. Second occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Making any adverse comment in media, press conferences etc. anytime against opponent team players and officials, Referees and other match officials.	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment of match officials	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 20000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled

by team official/s and/or player/s	than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Unruly behavior like bursting of cracker, stone pelting, water bottle throwing, and using laser beam pointed towards pitch, burning of smoke candles etc. by supporters of a team	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 20000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Entering the pitch during or after the game by any occupant of technical area to protest any decision of the referee.	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 20000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Three or more players surround the referee to protest any decision.	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Pitch invasion by supporter of a team	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 50000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Non adherence to Equipment Regulation	First occasion – Warning. Second occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Display of undergarment slogan	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 20000/-. Subsequent occasion –

before, during or after the match	the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
An action which brings disrepute to the game	As may be decided by disciplinary committee
While teams marching in before start of the match, falling out from the marching in ceremony to perform personal ritual/s, before final line up position.	Each player: First occasion – Warning. Second occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.

Following additional actions are applicable to defaulting club/ LOC, apart from possible match suspension as per AIFF Disciplinary Code:-

Occasion	Action
Failure to provide adequate security to match officials or visiting team	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 20000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Allowing unauthorised occupant in the technical area	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 20000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Failure to provide internet facilities from one day before till one day after the match to MC & RA	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Failure to notify change of	First occasion – Warning. Second

match kick off time	occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Failure to submit team list to MC/RA on time as per official countdown	First occasion – Warning. Second occasion – Penalty of Rs. 10000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Failure to provide two ambulances 90 minutes before kick off time till after departure of both teams from stadium	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 20000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Failure to provide all field equipments as per standard specification	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 20000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.

SECTION 13. 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.

SECTION 14 . MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

a. Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the I-League Committee, whose decisions are final.