



Competition Regulations

Hero National Beach Soccer Championship 2022-23

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DEFINITIONS

In these Competition Regulations, the capitalised terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context specifically indicates otherwise:

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| Accommodation | Any location providing accommodation to the Team Official Delegation of any of the Participating Teams. |
| Accreditation Card | Any physical item which is issued by the AIFF and/or the LOC which provides the recipient the right to access a Controlled Access Area (or part thereof) where the Controlled Access Area is under the control of the AIFF or the LOC. |
| Advertising Rights | The right to promote brand and/or corporate names and/or products and/or services at and/or in relation to the Competition by whatever means available, whether existing now or to be developed in the future, whether at the Stadium or Facility Areas or within the Controlled Access Areas, in association with the Competition Marks and/or the AIFF Marks, by Stadium perimeter signage and other advertising, digital signage and screens, closed circuit television, equipment usage or other methods and through printed matter (including digitally delivered printed matter) such as programmes, posters, letterheads, press releases, newsletters and Tickets, and subject to any AIFF regulations, the right to display such advertising on the clothing or footwear worn, or on any equipment used, carried or transported by the AIFF Delegation (including for the avoidance of doubt Match Officials), medical and security staff, ball boys, Player escorts, flag bearers and/or photographers. The display of the name and/or logo of the bona fide supplier of clothing on the strip of the uniforms of the AIFF Delegation (including for the avoidance of doubt Match Officials) are also included. For the avoidance of doubt, advertising on the strip of Participating Players is excluded, other than where it is the trademark of the bona fide manufacturer and is in accordance with FIFA and/or AIFF regulations. Similarly, branding on any equipment, goods and/or services used in connection with the Competition, save where supplied by a Licensee, may only include customary branding of the bona fide manufacturer and may not be associated in any way with the Commercial Rights. |
| AFC | The Asian Football Confederation. |
| AIFF | The All India Football Federation. |

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| AIFF CRS | Competition Registration System - the online player registration system of the AIFF. |
| AIFF CMS | The online Competition Management System of the AIFF. |
| AIFF Commercial Rights Partner | The entity appointed by the AIFF as the sole and exclusive representative of the AIFF with regard to the sale of the Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) and the provision of services in relation thereto. |
| AIFF Delegation | (i) AIFF staff; (ii) Match Officials; (iii) other officials appointed by the AIFF; (iv) The AIFF's Committee members; and (iv) AIFF guests. |
| AIFF Marks | All design marks, slogans, designations, names, logos, insignia, emblems or devices (in any application) owned and/or controlled by the AIFF (in any language) relating to the AIFF itself, but excluding the Competition Marks. |
| AIFF Official Merchandise | Official merchandise of the Competition to which the AIFF Marks and the Competition Marks may be applied at the sole discretion of the AIFF. |
| Broadcast Licensee | Any entity, including the Host Broadcaster, which has been granted the Media Rights from the AIFF or the AIFF Commercial Rights Partner for the Competition. |
| Winner | The Participating Team that wins the final Match of the Championship. |
| Arenas | An Arena or Official Training Sites whether inside, in the air space above or the outer perimeter, delivered to the AIFF at a prescribed time, that is free from: (i) any advertising and commercial signage of any kind, whether on any Stadium infrastructure, staff uniforms, accreditations, fences, equipment or elsewhere; (ii) third party agreements relating to the use and operation of the Arenas (or part thereof); and/or (iii) Arenas or venue naming rights. |
| Commercial Rights | Advertising Rights, Concession Rights, Hospitality Rights, Image Rights, Media Rights, Merchandising Rights, Promotional Rights, Sponsorship Rights, and Travel and Tour Rights. |

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| Competition | AIFF Beach Soccer NFC 2022-23, which includes without limitation, all Matches as set out in the Match Schedule, all qualifying Matches, all activities on the Field of Play (other than Matches), opening ceremonies, presentation or closing ceremonies, press conferences or Official Functions connected therewith. |
| Commencement of Competition | The Competition shall be deemed to have commenced from such date as officially notified by the AIFF and shall remain operative till presentation or closing ceremony as be scheduled. |
| 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 Competition, Match analysis, Referee decisions, and any other information in relation to the Competition. |
| Competition Marks | <p>Either cumulatively or individually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Competition logo officially adopted by the AIFF as a visual design symbol of the Competition; (ii) any mascot officially adopted by the AIFF for the Competition; (iii) any two-dimensional representation of the Competition trophy; (iv) the official name of the Competition (in any language); and/or (v) any and all current and future trademarks, and/or logos, and/or copyrights and/or designs whether or not registered or applied for and whether registered in part or in whole including any present and/or future names, designations, symbols, logos or identifying music or sounds of the AIFF or the Competition, the AIFF Fair Play name and device mark, and other artistic and auto-graphic representations in one, two or three dimensional proportions used by or in association with the Competition. |
| Competition Website | The official website in relation to a Competition operated exclusively by the AIFF secretariat with a dedicated URL registered, owned and maintained by the AIFF, at the Competition's sole expense, for use exclusively by the Competition. |

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| Controlled Access Areas | <p>(i) any Arenas;</p> <p>(ii) any Official Training Site;</p> <p>(iii) any official hotel (public areas being excepted), subject to and to the extent agreed in an executed hotel agreement;</p> <p>(iv) any official exclusion zone encircling a Stadium on any Match day;</p> <p>(v) any official parking area, accreditation centre, International Broadcast Compound, and/or hospitality area;</p> <p>(vi) the venue of any Official Function;</p> <p>(vii) any official AIFF fan park;</p> <p>(viii) Facility Areas; and/or</p> <p>(ix) any other location and/or facility designated by the AIFF as a Controlled Access Area and to which access is permitted only to those in possession of an Accreditation Card, Ticket, and/or other officially-sanctioned entry permit.</p> |
| Digital Media | <p>Any digitalised media (including the AIFF Website and any related Competition website) created by AIFF in relation to the Competition, including but not limited to any mobile website, mobile application (app), online video channel, data product, photo-sharing account, social media account, and any further form of digital media developed herewith.</p> |
| Facility Areas | <p>The location of Official Functions, ceremonies, press centres, ticket offices, competition hotels, media areas (including without limitation areas used for viewing of any public exhibition), sponsor village areas (including without limitation “AIFF fan park” areas, and areas used for the activation of the Commercial Rights), official hospitality areas (including without limitation areas used for the exploitation of the Hospitality Rights), and information centres controlled by or on behalf of the AIFF and used in connection with the Competition at the Arenas.</p> |
| FIFA | <p>The Federation Internationale de Football Association.</p> |
| Fixed Media | <p>Any magnetic, electronic or digital storage device or method including without limitation DVD, VHS or CD-ROM.</p> |
| Football Association | <p>The controlling body for football within a territory of India as recognised by the AIFF.</p> |

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| Force Majeure | Any event affecting the performance or any provision of these Regulations arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, pandemic, epidemic or other natural disaster, failure or shortage of power supplies, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion. |
| Laws of the Game | The Beach Soccer Laws of the Games |
| Hospitality Rights | The opportunity to offer and sell hospitality and entertainment facilities at the Venues or within the Controlled Access Areas in combination with Tickets as may be purchased from the Organising Member Association whether such facilities are in boxes, marquees or otherwise, but excluding those private facilities reserved for AIFF officials and its guests not forming part of the Commercial Rights. |
| Host Broadcaster | The organisation appointed by the AIFF to ensure and provide the production of broadcast signals of the Matches and other events of the Competition, and the provision of all related services in accordance with the Media Rights granted to it. |
| Host City | Any city and/or identifiable metropolitan area in which the Matches of the Competition are staged. |
| Host State | The State or territory of the hosting Member Association. |
| AIFF Secretariat | The administrative body of the AIFF. |
| Image Rights | The right to use still and/or moving images and/or representations of images of Participating Teams and Participating Players participating in the Competition, and including, for the avoidance of doubt, images of Participating Officials, Match Officials, and other officials forming part of the Competition. |
| LOC | The Local Organising Committee. The committee constituted by the host Member Association through which the AIFF executes Competition activities and other Match related activities. |
| Arenas | The venue at which a Match is played. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes: (i) the entire premises (to the extent that a valid Accreditation Card or Ticket is required in order to gain access) of an Arena and (on Match days and any day on which any official practice session takes place within the Arena), the aerial space above such Arena; (ii) parking facilities; |

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| | <p>(iii) VIP and hospitality areas (including any hospitality village);</p> <p>(iv) the media tribune;</p> <p>(v) concessions areas;</p> <p>(vi) commercial display areas;</p> <p>(vii) buildings;</p> <p>(viii) the Field of Play;</p> <p>(ix) any broadcast compound or Stadium media centre;</p> <p>(x) any stands; and</p> <p>(xi) any areas beneath the stands.</p> |
| Match | <p>A Beach Soccer match in its entirety (including a replayed and/or deferred Beach Soccer match, extra time and kicks from the penalty mark) which takes place as part of the Competition in accordance with the Match Schedule.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, a Match formally commences when the Arena is officially opened to spectators and formally concludes when the Arena is officially closed to spectators.</p> |
| Match Officials | <p>Any individual appointed to officiate a Match in the Competition in the role of Referee, Second Referee, Third Referee, Timekeeper, Match commissioner, Referee Assessor.</p> |
| Match Schedule | <p>The official schedule which sets out, without limitation, the dates and times on which Matches will be played, the Arena at which the Matches will be played, and the names of the Participating Teams.</p> |
| Media | <p>Any individual granted a media Accreditation Card by the AIFF.</p> |
| Media Rights | <p>The right and license to produce, edit, and transmit, for intelligible reception throughout the world in any language and in any format, and on any platform including film, fixed media, digital media, games, internet, public exhibition, radio, mobile, and television, a visual, audio-visual, and/or audio signal and/or image or recording (including without limitation the basic feed, multi feeds, additional feeds, audio feeds, a feed incorporating Competition Data, world feed, and</p> |

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| | unilateral feeds) of the Competition, and all interview activities and action during and forming part of the Competition including Official Functions and the Image Rights by any and all means of transmission distribution, exhibition and reception, now existing or hereinafter developed including but not limited to analogue, digital, satellite cable and interactive communication systems, on a live, delayed, and unlimited repeat basis, in full or in part (including without limitation by way of clips and/or highlights and/or support programmes and/or magazine shows and/or news access), and all rights to exploit any and all commercial opportunities (including for example broadcast sponsorship and commercial airtime opportunities) arising from and/or in connection with such rights. |
| Member Association/ host Member Association | A Football Association which is a member of the AIFF. A 'host' Member Association is a Member Association of the AIFF trusted with hosting and organising the Competition under the supervision of the AIFF. |
| Merchandise Rights | The right to exploit the Competition Marks and/or Official Status in the manufacture, packaging, distribution and sale of goods and services of all kinds, including items of equipment (i.e. balls), clothing, coins, medals, games (electronic or otherwise), other collectibles and Premiums related to the Competition. |
| Team Official | Any member of a Participating Team's without limitation, any coaching staff, assisting staff, team doctor, team physiotherapist or any other person registered by the Participating Team to accompany its Participating Players for the Competition in its Team's Official Delegation. |
| Official Function | Any event which is officially organised or sanctioned by the AIFF in connection with the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, this expressly includes, without limitation, all matches and/or events held at Official Training Sites, the opening ceremony, the closing ceremony, any AIFF gala dinner, lunch, or banquet, cultural events, official press conferences and launch events. |
| Official Licensee | Any entity to which the AIFF and the AIFF Commercial Rights Partner has granted the right to exercise and exploit the Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) in respect of the Competition. |
| Official Training Site | Any site designated by the host Member Association and approved by the AIFF for use by the Participating Teams throughout the duration of the Competition for training purposes. |
| Participating Official | Any official who is registered to participate in the |

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| | Competition. |
| Participating Player | Any player who is registered or in process of being registered to participate in the Competition. |
| Participating Team | A team which represents the territory of a Member Association of the AIFF, which has been sent by the Member Association to take part in the Competition. |
| Premiums | Any promotional item (including packaging, labelling, and/or containers thereof) which incorporates a mark and/or logo of the AIFF and/or the Competition, 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 (including without limitation any sweepstakes or lotteries) and to make awards and give prizes, official music rights, the right to use an Official Designation and all other rights of commercial value in regard to the Competition. |
| Proprietary Interests | Without limitation, intellectual property, copyright and analogous rights, trademark rights, moral rights, performing rights, personality rights, and all remedies available under the applicable laws of unfair competition comprised in the Commercial Rights. |
| Regulations | These Competition Regulations. |
| Sponsorship Rights | The right, in any and all media, throughout the world, and in all languages, to promote an association between the Competition and certain products, services, and/or brands, and shall include (by way of illustration only) the exclusive right to exercise rights of association with the Competition, including without limitation the right to (a) use an official designation; (b) use the AIFF Marks and/or applicable Competition Marks on branded products and/or product packaging (including Premiums, and in relation to the Competition Marks only on items for retail sale) and/or advertising; (c) receive commercial programme Tickets, and (d) receive broadcast sponsorship opportunities in connections with broadcasts of a Match or Official Function. |
| Team Official Delegation | The final-registered delegation of a Participating Team for the Competition subject to the limits set out in the Competition Regulations. |
| Venue | Includes without limitation, the Arena and structures within the Arena premises, Controlled Access Areas, field of play, Official Training Sites, warm up sites, team benches and the technical area. |

For the purposes of these Regulations, 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 natural persons shall include any legal person or corporation;
- (d) references to the AIFF shall include its successors and permitted assigns and in relation to the availability of the Commercial Rights, its respective Member Associations, and the AIFF Committees;
- (e) reference to the AIFF Commercial Rights Partner or Official Licensees shall include where advised by the AIFF, its successors, and permitted assigns and, in relation to the exercise and exploitation of the Commercial Rights; and
- (f) all defined terms, unless otherwise stated herein shall bear the same meaning as ascribed in the AIFF Statutes, unless the context indicates otherwise.

SECTION 1: National Beach Soccer Championship

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The All India Football Federation (AIFF) will be staging the National Beach Soccer Championship (referred to as the “Competition”) first time for the Member Associations.
- 1.2. The National Beach Soccer Championship 2022-23 will be called “***HERO National Beach Soccer Championship 2022-23***”
- 1.3. Any right associated with the Competition which has not already been granted by these Regulations and/or by any agreement and/or by operation of law and/or by operation of any applicable law to a Member Association (sending its Participating Team) in the Competition shall belong to the AIFF.
- 1.4. These Regulations set out the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the AIFF, the host Member Association, all the Participating Teams, their Players and Officials taking part in the Competition and form an integral part of the host Member Association’s agreement with the AIFF, its annexes, amendments and any future addendums and modifications if any.
- 1.5. The current HERO National Beach Soccer Championship 2022-23 regulations (the “Regulations”), guidelines, circulars and codes shall be binding on all Participating Teams, their Officials, Participating Players, support staff and supporters and others and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Competition.
- 1.6. The host Member Association of the Competition is subject to the control and supervision of the AIFF, which has the last word on all matters relevant to the Competition. Any recommendation/suggestion made by AIFF in matters related to this Competition shall be final and binding.
- 1.7. The AIFF will appoint Match Officials including but not limited to Match Commissioner, Referees, Time Keeper and Referee Assessor for each Match of the Competition.
- 1.8. Any reference to the AIFF Constitution and to any of the AIFF, AFC and FIFA regulations refer to those valid at the time of application.

SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

2. The All India Football Federation

- 2.1. The AIFF shall be responsible for ensuring that the host Member Association organises the Competition in accordance with the AIFF Constitution and other AIFF regulations. The AIFF General Secretariat (the “AIFF Secretariat/ AIFF General Secretariat”) shall carry out the necessary administrative work in conducting the Competition.
- 2.2. The responsibilities of the AIFF shall include, but are not limited to:

- 2.2.1. supervising general preparations and deciding on the Competition format, the draws, and the entries to the Competition;
 - 2.2.2. determining the Match Schedule;
 - 2.2.3. appointing the Match Officials for each Match;
 - 2.2.4. choosing the official ball and the stipulated technical material;
 - 2.2.5. reporting cases where appropriate, to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee;
 - 2.2.6. dealing with cases of abandoned Matches or cancelled Matches;
 - 2.2.7. dealing with cases of Force Majeure;
 - 2.2.8. dealing with any other aspect of the Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body of the AIFF pursuant to these Regulations or the AIFF Constitution or any other AIFF regulation or code.
- 2.3. All decisions made by the AIFF General Secretariat in connection with the Competition are final and binding and not appealable.
 - 2.4. All decisions made by the AIFF Disciplinary Committee in relation to the Competition are subject to the operation of the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

3. Participating Teams

- 3.1. Participation in the Competition is open for the Member Associations of the AIFF. All permanent, associate and provisional Members can take part in the Competition by sending a representative team for the Competition. The participation of teams is subject to the receipt of the confirmation through mail on or before the timeline provided to the Member Associations by the AIFF.
- 3.2. Each Participating Team is obligated to ensure faithful compliances of, amongst others, these Regulations and other Competition guidelines and circulars, and any other agreements reached between the AIFF and the Participating Teams or their Member Associations, all directives and instructions issued by the AIFF, and any other relevant regulations of the AIFF, AFC and FIFA (the "Entire Regulations").
- 3.3. The Participating Team agrees and undertakes to participate in the entire Competition till its elimination/conclusion from the Competition and will not miss any Match which it is required to play in the Competition as per the fixtures/schedule finalized by AIFF. If any Match is so missed, the Member Association of that Participating Team may be sanctioned by the AIFF Disciplinary Committee as per its discretion and/or appropriate measures under these Regulations may be taken by the AIFF against such Member Association.
- 3.4. In addition to or in consonance with the terms of the entry, each Participating Team shall be automatically deemed to have undertaken the below:
 - 3.4.1. to have accepted all the AIFF regulations, including these Regulations, any Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) guidelines (which may include the Covid-19 guidelines), any other circulars, codes, policies, guidelines

or directives issued by the AIFF, by whatever name called or described as well as the AIFF, AFC and FIFA regulations and to comply with, observe and perform all obligations, duties and responsibilities and abide by all decisions that may be issued, passed or imposed by the AIFF's bodies and Committees;

- 3.4.2. to comply with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game;
- 3.4.3. to accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition shall be settled by the AIFF in compliance with these Regulations and/or all other AIFF regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars issued from time to time;
- 3.4.4. to field their strongest team throughout the Competition;
- 3.4.5. to observe the principles of Fair Play;
- 3.4.6. to be solely responsible for fielding eligible Participating Players and Officials for the Matches of the Competition;
- 3.4.7. to ensure the good conduct of the members of its Team's Official Delegation and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition;
- 3.4.8. To ensure and confirm to the AIFF that its Participating Players undergo a pre-competition medical assessment at least fifteen (15) days prior to the first match of the Competition by submitting the "Medical Fitness Certificate" attached with these Regulations as "**Annexure I**" duly endorsed by a doctor holding an MBBS degree along with a valid Medical Practitioner License under the Indian Law;
- 3.4.9. to accept all the arrangements made by the host Member Association in agreement with the AIFF Secretariat;
- 3.4.10. to attend and participate in all Official Functions along with all official activities and events, including without limitation any team arrival meeting, match coordination meeting, press conferences, and other media and marketing activities in accordance with the instructions issued by the AIFF;
- 3.4.11. to accept the use of records and broadcast of the images of their Participating Players and Officials that may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the Participating Team in the Competition;
- 3.4.12. to accept the AIFF's right to use and/or sub-license, names and images of the Participating Teams, its Participating Players and Officials and the same shall be exclusive in respect of, or in connection with, without limitation, the filming, recording, broadcasting and any other forms of transmission, broadcast in connection with this Competition;
- 3.4.13. to be held responsible for any damage caused by their respective Participating Players, Officials, members, fans, supporters and any other person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the

Competition;

3.4.14. to provide requisite insurance cover to their Participating Players and Officials, including injury, accident and health during the Competition and the team's travel;

3.4.15. to keep records of the cautions and the expulsions issued to their Participating Players and Officials and make sure that the suspensions are served, even if officially not communicated by the host MA or the Match Commissioner; and

3.4.16. provide to the AIFF, prior to the Competition, statistics and photographs of their Participating Players and any further data as requested and in accordance with instructions issued by the AIFF;

3.5. Participating Teams/ their Member Associations are not authorised to represent the AIFF or the Competition without the prior written approval of the AIFF.

3.6. Each Participating Team/ their Member Association shall ensure that any decision(s) made by the AIFF relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

4. The Host Member Association

4.1. The AIFF entrusts host Member Associations (affiliated units of the AIFF) to organise the Competition. The host Member Association(s) may form a Local Organizing Committee ("LOC") for the smooth operations of the Match -related activities during the Competition.

4.2. The principal obligations and responsibilities of the host Member Association are regulated through the agreement signed between the AIFF and the host Member Association, its annexes and amendments, these Regulations, all the directives, decisions, guidelines, and circulars issued by the AIFF, as well as the AIFF Constitution and any other relevant AIFF regulations and such other applicable laws.

4.3. The host Member Association shall provide adequate facilities to the Match Commissioner, Referees and any other Officials appointed by the AIFF to discharge their duties.

4.4. The host Member Association shall conduct periodical safety checks on the Arenas in terms of applicable laws and directions and recommendations as may be provided by AIFF and shall provide the AIFF with a safety certificate at least fifteen (15) days before the Competition starts. In the event that any changes are recommended by AIFF in relation to safety within the Arena and other Match related facilities, then in such case the host Member Association shall endeavour to take all steps to comply with such requirements.

4.5. The host Member Association must provide the marketing agents and the sponsors all facilities to display their advertising boards within the Arena premises and facility areas.

- 4.6. The host Member Association shall ensure that all agreements entered into by the AIFF regarding broadcast, TV coverage, sponsorships, copy rights, intellectual property rights (“IPR”) and other rights, are fully protected and there are no infringements thereof.
- 4.7. The host Member Association shall ensure that sufficient security is provided to the visiting Participating Teams and to all the members of the visiting Participating Teams and all the officials appointed by the AIFF.
- 4.8. The host Member Association shall inform the team manager, as soon as the Participating Team’s Team Official Delegation arrives, of the exact kick-off time and the schedule of the managers’ meeting.
- 4.9. The host Member Association shall see that the infrastructure at the Arena and its premises is insured.
- 4.10. The host Member Association shall provide local transport for training and Matches to the Participating Teams, Match Commissioner, Referees Assessor, the Referees and any other official deputed by AIFF.
- 4.11. The host Member Association is fully responsible for the safety and security of without limits the Participating Players, Participating Teams, their Officials, AIFF officials, TV crew, media, agents of sponsors and telecast rights holders, spectators, etc., at the Arena premises.
- 4.12. The host Member Association shall provide the facility areas, corridors, staircases free from all advertisements and ensure that the Arena is available exclusively for the Competition’s Matches during the time of Competition.
- 4.13. The host Member Association shall have a medical team, headed by a qualified doctor for first aid and other emergency duty during the Matches and such other facilities as may be prescribed by AIFF. The medical team shall be equipped for emergencies, including automated external defibrillator (AED).
- 4.14. The host Member Association shall completely indemnify the AIFF and hold it harmless against all responsibility and relinquish any claim against the AIFF and the AIFF Delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation of the Competition to the exclusion of damages caused by the AIFF or the members of the AIFF Delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.
- 4.15. The host Member Association shall ensure that any decision made by the AIFF judicial bodies or the AIFF Executive Committee relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

5. Security and Safety

- 5.1. The security and safety for the Competition at every Competition related location (covering all Controlled Access Areas and Arena premises) shall be handled by the host Member Association as per the terms of the agreement between the AIFF and the host Member Association. Any decision or arrangements made by the AIFF or the host Member Association or the local authorities in this regard shall not be

open to an appeal or protest of any kind.

6. Insurance

- 6.1. The Participating Teams may conclude the necessary insurance policies (including but not limited to Travel insurance, Medical insurance etc.) with a reputable insurance company (ies), including but not limited to insurance against any third-party liability. Such insurance must involve a notified 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 the AIFF from all claims and liabilities whatsoever (even if arising from third parties), and further name the AIFF as a co-insured party in all the policies.
- 6.2. For the Competition, the Participating Teams may conclude the following insurance coverage through their insurance agreement(s):
- i. Insurance against liability for pecuniary loss
 - ii. Accident insurance
 - iii. Legal expenses insurance
 - iv. Travel luggage insurance
 - v. Electronic equipment insurance
 - vi. Robbery insurance
 - vii. Fidelity insurance
 - viii. Cup insurance
 - ix. Accidental and Medical insurance
 - x. Travel insurance for Participating Team's entire Delegation.
- 6.3. All insurance contracts entered into by the respective Participating Teams, are at their own risk. The AIFF must be notified of any additional insurance coverage. The AIFF may further request copies of the policies concerned.
- 6.4. The Participating Teams are responsible for the insurance coverage (including hospitalization and surgical operations) of their Team's Official Delegation, including for their Participating Players and Officials, at their own expense, for the duration of the Competition. Claims for damages against the AIFF must be expressly excluded, and the Participating Teams shall hold AIFF harmless against any such claims.
- 6.5. The AIFF shall be responsible for taking an appropriate insurance cover for the circumstances of event cancellation which will cover solely the actual cost/expenses incurred only by the AIFF. Further as per the terms of the agreement between the AIFF and the host Member Association wherever necessary, shall take an insurance for any other purpose with no expenses being chargeable or accruing to the AIFF.

7. Indemnity

- 7.1. The Participating Teams and their Member Associations shall discharge the AIFF and hold it harmless from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against the AIFF and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organization during the course of the Competition, to the exclusion of damages caused by the AIFF itself or the members of its delegation

acting with intent or gross negligence.

- 7.2. The Participating Teams and their Member Associations shall exempt (indemnify and hold harmless) the AIFF from all third-party claims for damages relating to Match organisation, regardless of whether individual Matches in question take place or not.

SECTION 3: ENTRY, WITHDRAWAL, MATCH SCHEDULE AND COMPETITION SYSTEM

8. Admission Criteria

- 8.1. All the Member Associations of the AIFF shall send its representative Participating Team to enter the Competition.
- 8.2. The Participating Teams of the respective Member Association are required to send their confirmation to AIFF through email on or before the given timeline.
- 8.3. Only Member Associations who have confirmed their participation on or before the timeline provided by the AIFF are eligible to have their representative Participating Teams participate in the Competition. All the decisions by the AIFF regarding entries in the Competition are final and not subject to appeal by any party.

If any information which is provided by a Member Association to the AIFF during the entry form process is found to be misrepresented, false or inaccurate at any point of time, the AIFF may revoke the permission to participate granted to the Participating Team of that Member Association anytime thereafter and subsequently remove that Participating Team from the Competition.

- 8.4. If there has been a change subsequently in relation to any information provided by a Member Association during its entry form process, the said Member Association is under a duty to immediately inform the AIFF of such change(s) for its approval. In the event that no such prior approval is sought from the AIFF for the change(s) by the Member Association, the AIFF reserves the right to cancel the permission granted to that Member Association's Participating Team for participating in the Competition and subsequently remove that Participating Team from the Competition at any point of time.

9. Withdrawal Prior to Commencement of the Competition

- 9.1. Any Participating Team that enters the Competition undertakes that it shall play all of its Matches as set out in the Match Schedule. A Participating Team would have officially entered the Competition upon submission of confirmation of participation through mail.
- 9.2. The Participating Team that withdraws prior to commencement of the Competition as notified by the AIFF (i.e. after submitting entry form and prior to the start of zonal qualifying round), or is ineligible or excluded from playing in the Competition will be sanctioned with a fine of INR 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) except in cases of Force Majeure, which will be decided at the sole discretion of the AIFF.
- 9.3. The AIFF may at its discretion introduce changes, including a change in the Competition system and technical rules for the Competition, if necessary.

9.4. All decisions of the AIFF in this regard are final and binding and not appealable.

10. Withdrawal after Commencement of the Competition

10.1. If a Participating Team withdraws from the Competition after the Commencement Date of the Competition or does not report for a Match at any stage of the Competition, except in cases of a Force-Majeure situation, recognized by the Match Commissioner and the AIFF, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the field of play before the end of the Match despite the Referee and/or the Match Commissioner's decision to continue to play, or the Match cannot be continued due to the behaviour of a particular Participating Team or any member of its Team Official Delegation or for any other behaviour for which the Participating Team is liable to be held responsible, the Participating Team/ its Member Association shall:

10.1.1. be considered to have withdrawn wilfully from the Competition amounting to refusal;

10.1.2. have all its Matches cancelled and considered null and void. For the avoidance of doubt, all points and goals in those Matches shall not be taken into consideration when determining the rankings in the Group Stage;

10.1.3. be sanctioned with a fine of INR 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) and be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, wherever applicable, the other Participating Teams, the AIFF, the AIFF Commercial Rights Partner, Licensees, Broadcast Licensees, and any other Member Association(s). The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AIFF Executive Committee;

10.1.4. be automatically and forthwith disqualified from taking part in the continued edition or any future edition of the Competition notwithstanding any penal action otherwise provided in any other code or regulation of the AIFF. The AIFF may however extend the suspension for next two (2) editions of the Competition depending on the gravity of the situation and/or quantum of damages;

10.1.5. be referred to the AIFF Disciplinary Committee for additional and further sanctions and fines depending on the gravity of the situation;

10.1.6. return to the AIFF, any financial stipends/ assistance/ subsidy that had been paid to the Participating Team/ its Member Association by the AIFF throughout the Competition or forfeit the right to claim the same; and

10.2. The above Article 10.1 is not applicable in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AIFF.

10.3. Any aggrieved Participating Team/ Member Association may notwithstanding anything contained in the Disciplinary Code or contrary thereto, prefer an appeal before the Executive Committee of the AIFF whose decision shall be final and binding.

10.4. The AIFF shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of Force Majeure.

11. Match Schedule

- 11.1. All Matches shall be played according to the dates, kick-off times, and in the Arena as determined by the host Member Association in consultation with the AIFF and notified to the Participating Teams prior to the scheduled official Date of Commencement of the Competition.
- 11.2. The dates and timings of the Matches and the grouping of the Participating Teams shall be determined and notified by the AIFF, depending upon the number of entries received.
- 11.3. The AIFF General Secretariat retains final discretion to amend the Match Schedule and other Match related factors including without limits the Arenas, the other Venues and the kick-off times and any decision taken to that effect is final and binding and non-appealable.

12. Competition System

- 12.1. The Competition shall consist of two (2) stages:
 - 12.1.1. Group Stage; and
 - 12.1.2. The Knockout Stage
- 12.2. The AIFF shall decide upon the format of the Competition system, such decisions are final and binding and not appealable.
- 12.3. Depending upon the number of entries, or in case of withdrawal or suspension of any Participating Teams, the AIFF may change the competition system and/or technical rules. Such decisions are final and binding and not appealable.

13. Group Stage

- 13.1. The Group Stage shall consist of Participating Teams drawn into groups in accordance with the competition system set by AIFF.
- 13.2. Participating Teams shall play one (1) Match against each Participating Team within its group in accordance with the Match Schedule.

14. At the conclusion of each Match:

- 14.1. three (3) points shall be awarded for a win in normal playing time:
- 14.2. two (2) points shall be awarded for a win in Extra Time;
- 14.3. one (1) point shall be awarded for a win following Kicks from Imaginary Penalty Mark: and
- 14.4. zero (0) points shall be awarded for a loss
- 14.5. The ranking in each group shall be determined in descending order as follows:
 - 14.5.1. higher number of points obtained in group Matches;

14.5.2. if two (2) or more Participating Teams are equal on points, the following criteria are applied to determine the ranking (in descending order):

15. Head-to-Head criteria

- 15.1. higher number of points obtained in the group Matches between the Participating Teams in question:
- 15.2. superior goal difference from the group Matches between the Participating Teams in question:
- 15.3. higher number of goals scored in the group Matches between the Participating Teams in question:

16. Tiebreaker

- 16.1. if after applied the Head-to-Head criteria, two (2) or more Participating Teams still have an equal ranking, the Head-to-Head criteria shall be reapplied exclusively to the Matches between the Participating Teams in question to determine their ranking, if this procedure does not lead to a decision, the following Group Results criteria shall apply:

16.1.1. Group Results criteria

- 16.1.1.1. superior goal difference from all group Matches played;
- 16.1.1.2. higher number of goals scored from all group Matches played;
- 16.1.1.3. Kicks from Imaginary Penalty Mark only if two (2) Participating Teams still have equal ranking and have played their last group Match against each other;
- 16.1.1.4. the lower score, calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in group Matches; or
- 16.1.1.5. by drawing of lots

17. At the conclusion of the Group Stage:

- 17.1. the best-ranked Participating Teams determined in accordance with the competition system shall qualify for the Knockout Stage; and
- 17.2. other Participating Teams shall be eliminated from the Competition.

18. Knockout Stage

- 18.1. The Knockout Stage shall consist of the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final, with each round played in centralised knockout format.
- 18.2. For each round of the Knockout Stage, Participating Teams shall play one (1) Match in accordance with the Match Schedule.
- 18.3. The eight (8) Participating Teams that qualify from Group Stage shall play the Quarter Finals

18.4. The four (4) winners of the Quarter Finals shall play the Semi Finals.

18.5. The two (2) winners of the Semi Finals shall play the Final

19. Extra Time and Kicks from Imaginary Penalty Mark.

19.1. If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time in any Match, Extra Time comprising one (1) period of three (3) minutes shall be played. A short drink break, which should not exceed one (1) minute, is permitted at the interval between the end of the third period of normal playing time and the start of Extra Time.

19.2. If no winner is determined at the end of the Extra Time, Kicks from the Imaginary Penalty Mark shall be taken in accordance with the FIFA Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

20. Cancellation of Matches

20.1. For any match which is cancelled as a result of Force Majeure, the AIFF shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary

20.2. Decision made pursuant to Article 20.1 are final and binding and not appealable.

20.3. Any Match which is cancelled, except in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AIFF, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the AIFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee against the relevant party that has caused the cancellation in accordance with the AIFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

20.4. If a Match cannot commence for any reason, the procedure described in Article 21 shall be followed

21. Procedure

21.1. If Match cannot commence for any reason, the following procedure shall be followed, should the Match not be cancelled prior to Match day:

21.1.1. The Match must be delayed for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes. During this delay, the Referee may decide that the Match can commence prior to the completion of the delay:

21.1.2. Following the first delay, either:

21.1.3. An additional delay of thirty (30) minutes shall occur if in the discretion of the Referee this second delay may allow the Match to commence;
or

21.1.4. The Match is declared cancelled by the Referee;

21.1.5. Following the two (2) delays of thirty (30) minutes, the Referee must

declare the Match cancelled.

22. Abandonment of matches

- 22.1. For any Match which is abandoned as a result of Force Majeure, the AIFF shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary
- 22.2. Decision made pursuant to Article 22.1 are final and binding and not appealable.
- 22.3. Any Match which is abandoned except in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AIFF, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the AIFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee against the relevant party that has caused the abandonment in accordance with the AIFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 22.4. If a Match is stopped by the referee for any reason, the procedure described in Article 23 shall be followed

23. Procedure

- 23.1. If a Match is stopped by the Referee for any reason except for that set out in Article 22, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - 23.1.1. The Match is stopped for thirty (30) minutes. During this stoppage, the Referee may decide that the Match can commence prior to the completion of the stoppage;
 - 23.1.2. Subsequent to the first stoppage, either:
 - 23.1.3. An additional stoppage of thirty (30) minutes shall occur if in the discretion of the Referee this second stoppage may allow the Match to be resumed; or
 - 23.1.4. The Match is declared abandoned by the Referee;
 - 23.1.5. Following two (2) stoppages of thirty (30) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match abandoned.
 - 23.1.6. Should the AIFF determine that the abandoned Match should be rescheduled and completed, the following principles shall apply:
 - 23.1.6.1. The Match shall commence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full;
 - 23.1.6.2. The Match shall recommence with the same Participating Players on the field of play and same substitutes at the time it was initially abandoned;
 - 23.1.6.3. No additional substitutes may be added to the Player Selection List or Match Starting List;

23.1.6.4. Any sanction imposed before the Match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the scheduled Match;

23.1.6.5. The kick-off time, date and Arena of the re-scheduled Match shall be decided by the AIFF; and

23.1.6.6. Any other matters not set out above shall be decided by the AIFF in its sole discretion.

23.1.6.7. If a Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal playing time or during any Extra Time as a result of a Participating Team being able to only field fewer than three (3) Participating Players, the Match shall be declared abandoned and the Participating Team who is able to field more than three (3) Participating Players shall be declared the winner by the score 3-0, or the score at the time of abandonment, whichever is higher

24. Duration of the Match

24.1. All Matches shall be played in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

25. Period of Play

25.1. Each Match shall last thirty-six (36) minutes, comprising of three (3) periods of twelve (12) minutes (herein normal playing time), with an interval of three (3) minutes between the periods of play.

26. Ending the periods of play

26.1. The timekeeper signals the end of each twelve (12) minutes period (and extra-time period) with an acoustic signal.

26.2. The period finishes when the acoustic signal sounds, even if the referees do not signal the end by blowing their whistle.

26.3. If a free kick or a penalty kick is awarded when a period is about to end, the period will be considered to have ended once the kick has been completed. Either kick is considered completed when, after the ball is in play, one of the following occurs:

26.4. The ball stops moving or goes out of play;

26.5. The ball is played by any player (including the kicker) other than the defending goalkeeper;

26.6. The referees stop play for an offence by the kicker or a team-mate of the kicker.

26.7. If a defending-team player commits an offence before the kick is completed, the referees continue the game by ordering a retake or awarding a further free kick or penalty kick as appropriate, in line with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

26.8. A goal scored in accordance with Law 1 and 10 but after the end of the period. As indicated by the timekeeper with the acoustic signal, will only be allowed in the above situation.

26.9. Periods of play will not be extended in any other case.

27. Chronometer

27.1. If the Chronometer does not work properly, the timekeeper informs the referees accordingly. The timekeeper must then time the match using a manual chronometer. In such situation, the assistant referees invite an official from each team in order to inform them of how much time is left to be played.

27.2. If, after a stoppage in play, the timekeeper forgets to start the chronometer, the referees order the timekeeper to add the elapsed time on the chronometer.

28. Interval between periods of play

28.1. Players are entitled to break not exceeding three (3) minutes between the periods of play

28.2. If extra time is played, there is no interval between the end of the third period and the start of extra time. However, in this case, a short drink break (which should not exceed one minute) is permitted.

29. Team Official Delegation

29.1. Each Participating Team shall register a Team Delegation comprising of twelve (12) Players and three (3) Officials

30. Number of players

30.1. A Match is played by two (2) teams, each with maximum of five (5) players, one of whom must be a goalkeeper. A Match may not start or resume if either has fewer than three players.

31. Number of substitutions and substitutes

31.1. Substitutions

31.1.1. An unlimited number of substitutions may be made during a match

31.2. Substitutes

31.2.1. A maximum of seven (7) substitutes may be named and used in a match in an official competition organised under the auspices of AIFF.

32. Substitution procedure

- 32.1. A substitution may be made at any time, whether the ball is in play or not. To replace a player with a substitute, the following applies;
- 32.1.1. The player being substituted leaves the pitch via the substitution zone, except as provided for in the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.
 - 32.1.2. The player being substituted does not need to obtain either of the referee's permission to leave the pitch.
 - 32.1.3. The referee do not need to authorise the substitute to enter the pitch
 - 32.1.4. The substitute only enters the pitch after the player being replaced has left.
 - 32.1.5. The substitute enters the pitch via substitution zone.
 - 32.1.6. The substitution is completed when a substitute fully enters the pitch via the substitution zone after handing the bib to the player being replaced, unless the latter player has had to leave the pitch via another zone for any reason provided for in the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game, in which case the substitute shall hand the bib to the third referee.
 - 32.1.7. From the moment, the substitute becomes a player and the player who has been replaced becomes a substitute.
 - 32.1.8. Permission to proceed with a substitution may be refused under certain circumstances, e.g. if the substitute's equipment is not in order.
 - 32.1.9. A substitute who has not completed the substitution procedure cannot restart play by taking a kick-in/throw-in, penalty kick, free kick, corner kick or goal clearance, or by receiving a dropped ball.
 - 32.1.10. The player replaced may take further part in the match.
 - 32.1.11. All substitutes are subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the referees, whether called upon to play or not.
 - 32.1.12. If a period is extended to allow a penalty kick or a free kick to be taken, only the goalkeeper of the defending team or the player who was fouled for the kick, if the offence was a foul and this player is unable to take the kick due to injury, may be substituted.

33. Warming up

- 33.1. A maximum of five (5) substitutes per team are allowed to warm up at the same time.

34. Changing the goalkeeper

- 34.1. Any of the substitutes may change places with the goalkeeper without informing

the referees or waiting for a stoppage in the match.

- 34.2. Any player may change places with the goalkeeper; this player must do so during a stoppage in the match and must inform the referees before the change is made.
- 34.3. A player or substitute replacing the goalkeeper must wear a goalkeeper's shirt with the player or substitute's own number on the back.
- 34.4. A player acting as a flying goalkeeper must wear exactly the same colour as the main goalkeeper's shirt.

35. Arenas

- 35.1. The Organising Member Association shall ensure that all the Matches in the Competition are played in Arena which meets the requirements defined in the Law 1 of the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game and all other applicable AIFF regulations. The AIFF General Secretariate may carry out inspection at any time before and during the Competition to check whether the requirements are met.
- 35.2. The Organising Association shall ensure that no matches and/or any other events or activities are held at the Arena during the period starting at least five (5) days prior to the first Match in the Arena until one (1) day after the last Match in the Arena.

36. Official Training Sites

- 36.1. Official Training Sites shall contain a fully equipped training field prepared to Match condition.
- 36.2. Official Training Sites shall be made available at least two (2) days prior to the first Match of the Competition until one (1) day after the last Match in the venue. They shall not be used for any other purpose during this period.

37. Beach Soccer Balls

- 37.1. The Beach Soccer Balls used in the Competition shall be selected and supplied by the AIFF, which meets the requirements as stated in Law 2 of the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

38. Beach Soccer Laws of the Game

- 38.1. All the Matches shall be played in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game approved by the FIFA Council and published by FIFA.

39. Refereeing

- 39.1. If one of the two (2) Referees is prevented from carrying out his/her duties, such Referee shall be replaced by the Third Referee.

40. Team Bench and Technical Area

- 40.1. A maximum of seven (7) Participating Players and a maximum of three (3) Participating Officials are permitted to sit on the team bench during the Match, provided they are in possession of the appropriate Accreditation Card.

41. Eligibility of Players

- 41.1. Each Participating Team shall ensure that all its Participating Players:
- 41.1.1. are duly registered with the respective Member Association before the announcement of the Championship dates. The native players can also play for their respective state, irrespective of their place of registration by producing voter ID or Birth Certificate or any other document as a proof of birth/residence;
 - 41.1.2. are duly registered to participate in this Competition in accordance with these Regulations;
 - 41.1.3. are citizens of India holding an Indian passport including Non-Resident Indian (“NRI”) holding Indian passport and are registered with a Member Association after following the relevant rules and procedures set out in AIFF Regulations on the Status and Transfers of Players;
 - 41.1.4. are not holding foreign passport or any proof of Permanent Residence (PR) of another country;
 - 41.1.5. submit the “Certificate of Medical Fitness” of each registered player as per the prescribed format (attached as Annexure I) duly endorsed by a Medical Officer holding MBBS degree from a recognised university;
 - 41.1.6. are not registered to play in ISL, I-League, Futsal Club Championship and Group Stage of NFC for Santosh Trophy (only 22 registered players).
 - 41.1.7. Individuals who meet the criteria set out in Article 41.1 are eligible to participate in the Competition, subject to AIFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
 - 41.1.8. Each Participating team shall ensure to submit authentic documents for registration of its Participating Players.
 - 41.1.9. Each Participating Member Association is responsible for fielding only eligible Participating Players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the AIFF Disciplinary and Ethic Code.
 - 41.1.10. A Participating Player shall be deemed ineligible, without limitation, if:
 - 41.1.10.1. there is violation of Article 41.1; or
 - 41.1.10.2. he participates in a Match contrary to a decision of the AIFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, these Regulations, or the operation of the AIFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code; or

- 41.1.10.3. the AIFF determines that any documents submitted during registration is falsified or forged.

42. Registration of Players

- 42.1. There are three (3) stages of a Participating Player's registration:

- 42.1.1. Preliminary Registration;
- 42.1.2. Final Registration;
- 42.1.3. Player Selection List;

42.1.4. **Preliminary Registration:**

- 42.1.4.1. Each Participating Team must submit a squad of a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of twenty (20) Participating Players on or before the timeline given by AIFF;

42.1.5. **Final Registration:**

- 42.1.5.1. Each Participating Team must submit a squad of twelve (12) Participating Players comprising individuals registered in the Preliminary Registration on or before the timeline given by AIFF;

42.1.6. **Player Selection List**

- 42.1.6.1. each Participating Team will must submit a "Player Selection List" prior to each Match which identifies the starting five (5) and up to seven (7) substitutes comprising individuals registered in the Final Registration, including the team captain.

- 42.1.6.2. Each Participating Player who is marked on the "Player Selection List" must be available at the "Player and Equipment Check" undertaken by the AIFF Match Commissioner on Match Day.

- 42.1.6.3. Each Participating Team must hand their Player Selection List signed by the Head Coach or the Team Manager, together with the "Officials on the Substitute Bench" form with the names of two (2) Participating Officials who shall be intitled to sit on the team bench, to the AIFF Match Commissioner by latest ninety (90) minutes prior to the commencement of each Match.

- 42.1.6.4. Should the AIFF not receive all required documents by the stipulated deadline, the Participating Member Association concerned shall be considered as withdrawn from the Competition prior to its commencement and subject to Article 9.

43. Registration of Officials

- 43.1. There shall only be one (1) registration period for Participating Officials for the Competition

- 43.2. Each Participating Team shall submit the supporting documents in accordance with Article 44 via CMS no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first Match of the

Competition.

43.3. Each Participating Team may nominate a maximum of three (3) Participating Officials, which should include the following:

43.3.1. Head Coach

43.3.2. Team Manager

43.3.3. Team Doctor/Physiotherapist

44. Documents for Registration of Officials

44.1. Participating Officials must be registered in AIFF “CMS”

44.2. “C” Licence for Head Coach

44.3. Letter of appointment by the Participating Association for the Team Manager

44.4. Relevant Medical Qualification for Team Doctor/Physiotherapist

45. Documents for Registration of Players

45.1. For the registration of Participating Players for the Competition, the Participating Players must be registered using the AIFF Competition Management System (hereinafter referred as “CMS”) after completing due process in the AIFF Centralised Registration System (the “AIFF CRS”).

45.2. Participating Players must be registered in the CMS (after being approved in CRS) with the supporting documents set out below:

45.2.1 Medical Fitness Certificate as per Annexure I;

45.2.2 Proof of Nationality (i.e. original scan copy of Indian Passport (preferred) or any other Indian Government issued document proving the Indian nationality of the player;

45.2.3 The AIFF reserves the right to request additional documents in all cases.

SECTION 4: LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

46. Participating Team’s Travel

46.1. Participating Teams shall be reimbursed 3tier A/c rail fare to and fro for fifteen (15) persons (12 Participating Players and 3 Officials), bus fare, where bus journey is involved on production of actual tickets and reservation slip.

46.2. For Jammu and Kashmir, bus fare shall be paid from Srinagar to Jammu and back (on production of actual tickets) and train fare from Jammu to the Competition Venue. For Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep, travel fare shall be paid according to their mode of travel to the Venue (Ferry, boat, bus or train).

46.3. Rail fare/bus fare reimbursement shall be paid only for the actual number of Players and Officials accompanying the Participating Team, subject to a maximum of fifteen (15) persons. (twelve (12) Players and three (3) Officials).

- 46.4. Journey allowances of rupees four hundred (Rs.400/-) per person per day shall be paid during train/bus journey, if the team's travel is more than twelve (12) hours. Journey allowance of rupees two hundred (Rs. 200/-) per person shall be paid if teams travel is less than twelve (12) hours.
- 46.5. Each Participating Team shall arrive at the Host City of the Competition within the time as notified by the AIFF and shall upon arrival, immediately report to the person designated by the AIFF for that Participating Team.
- 46.6. The host Member Association's Participating Team is not entitled to receive any expenses towards travelling.

47. Boarding & Lodging of Participating Teams

- 47.1. AIFF/Host Member Association will provide boarding and lodging to all the Participating Teams, starting two (2) days before the Participating Team's first match and ending on the day of their last match of the competition. For North East Teams, boarding and lodging shall be provided as per their arrival date (maximum three (3) days before). Participating Teams and their accompanying Officials shall have to make their own arrangements for stay beyond the days allocated by the AIFF. All the Participating Teams shall travel by the shortest routes

48. Allowances to AIFF Match Officials

- 48.1. The AIFF Official Delegation and the Match Officials shall be entitled to receive the following from the host Member Association under directions from the AIFF:
- i. AC 2-tier rail fare/luxury bus to and fro from the city hosting the Competition;
 - ii. INR 300/- during journey, per day;
 - iii. INR 2000/- daily allowance for Referees, Match Commissioners and Referee Assessors or any other AIFF Official;
 - iv. INR 1000/- incidental charges - lump sum reimbursement upon submission of actual receipts;
 - v. Free lodging and boarding;
 - vi. Free medical facilities throughout the duration of the Competition;
 - vii. Appropriate local transport for the duration of the Competition.
- 48.2. The allowances to be paid to the Match Officials, starting two (2) days before the start of the Competition and one (1) day after the last Match, subject to actual arrival and departure of the Officials.

49. Host Member Association's Obligations

- 49.1. The host Member Association should provide free of cost, the following to the Participating Teams and Match/AIFF Officials:

- i. Lodging and boarding
- ii. Local transport for the duration of the Competition;
- iii. Railway/Bus/Airport reception upon arrival/departure of the Teams;
- iv. Free Local transport from Railway/Bus/Airport to the place of lodging and back;
- v. Free local transport for matches and practice sessions;
- vi. Practice ground facilities;
- vii. Potable drinking water at the practice grounds and the main Venue;
- viii. Provision of ambulances on Match days and other Medical facilities;

SECTION 5: MEDIA

50. General

- 50.1. The host Member Association shall remain responsible to ensure that all media requirements and facilities are met at their own cost.

51. Media Access Areas

- 51.1. Representatives of the written press and radio journalists are not permitted on the field of play or the area between the boundaries of the field of play and the spectators.
- 51.2. Only photographers (as accredited by the AIFF), TV cameramen of the host broadcaster and the main visiting broadcast licensee and the personnel required to operate the electronic television cameras of the host broadcaster are 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.
- 51.3. No Media representatives are permitted to enter any team dressing room at any stage of any Match.
- 51.4. The host Member Association shall ensure that the officials of AIFF, FSDL, the Host Broadcaster and Broadcast Affiliates have free access to the Stadium premises from three (3) days prior to Match day until one (1) day after the Match, in order to access the technical issues of each and to assemble and construct the relevant infrastructure as communicated by AIFF Secretariat required for the execution of the Broadcast Rights.
- 51.5. The host Member Association is responsible for ensuring that the Media Rights are protected and that no unofficial or unauthorised broadcaster and/or video or ENG camera crews are permitted access to the Stadium premises without the prior written permission of the concerned AIFF official.

52. Accreditation

- 52.1. The Host Association/AIFF will issue the media accreditation if and when deemed necessary.

53. Press Conferences

- 53.1. The Host MA/ AIFF will organize a pre-Match press conference one (1) day prior to the start of the Competition and a post-Match press conference after each Match.
- 53.2. Head Coaches of the Participating Teams and one (1) starting Participating Player from each Participating Team must attend and participate in that. The Participating Team media officer must try to ensure the attendance of the Head Coach and at least one (1) starting Participating Player.
- 53.3. Each Participating Team is responsible (if applicable) for the interpretation of its Head Coach and relevant Participating Players words into English. Interpretation into the local language (if applicable) shall be the responsibility of the respective Member Associations.
- 53.4. Non-compliance with Article 53.2 will result in disciplinary action which may include a fine of a minimum of INR 20,000 (Rupees Twenty Thousand).
- 53.5. For the avoidance of doubt, the relevant Participating Team shall also be held liable for any breach of Article 53.2. The AIFF Disciplinary Committee may issue further sanctions at its discretion.

54. Interviews

- 54.1. If requested by AIFF Secretariat and/or the AIFF's Commercial Rights partner, both Participating Teams should have their head coach and one(1)Participating 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 MA and/or the Competition's official media partners, for the purpose of continental news-exchange distribution to all Competition Right holders and the Competition's official social media handles.
- 54.2. Participating Players and Officials of Participating Teams are not permitted to give interviews during the Match on the field of play or in its immediate vicinity. However, a designated area can be identified by the AIFF between the substitute's benches and dressing rooms in which (flash) interviews for the host television broadcaster, including the visiting TV rights-holding broadcaster, can take place at the end of the Match.
- 54.3. For the (flash) interviews, the head coach and at least one (1) key Participating Player from both Participating Teams must be available for the host broadcaster and the visiting TV rights-holding broadcaster upon their request. All the required Participating 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.
- 54.4. Any individual who fails to conduct an interview when requested shall be fined at least INR 20,000. The AIFF Disciplinary Committee may issue further sanctions in its discretion.

SECTION 6: TICKETING

55. Ticketing Policy

- 55.1. All ticketing rights are given to the host Member Association.

SECTION 7: EQUIPMENT

56. Safety

- 56.1. A player must not wear any equipment or other item that is dangerous.
- 56.2. All items of jewellery (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc) are forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewellery is not permitted.
- 56.3. The players and the substitutes must be inspected before the start of the match. If a player is wearing or using unauthorised/dangerous equipment or jewellery on the pitch, the referee must order the player to:
 - 56.3.1. Remove the items
 - 56.3.2. Leave the pitch at the next stoppage if the player is unable or unwilling to comply.
 - 56.3.3. A player who refuses to comply or wears the item again must be cautioned

57. Compulsory equipment

- 57.1. The compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items:
 - 57.1.1. A shirt with sleeves
 - 57.1.2. Shorts (the goalkeeper is permitted to wear trousers); these may not be rolled up and must be in keeping with professional appearance of a player's equipment
 - 57.1.3. Footwear is not permitted.

58. Colours

- 58.1. The two teams must wear colours that distinguishes them from each other as well as from the match officials
- 58.2. Each goalkeeper must wear colours that are distinguishable from those of the other players and the match officials.
- 58.3. If the two goalkeepers' shirts are the same colour and neither has another shirt to change into, the referee can allow the match to be played.
- 58.4. Undershirts must be a single colour which is the same as the main colour of the

shirt sleeve or comprise a pattern/colour which exactly replicate(s) the shirt sleeve.

- 58.5. Undershorts/tights must be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts or lowest part of the shorts – players of the same team must wear the same colour.
- 58.6. The occupants of the technical area, other than the substitutes, should wear different colour to the clothing worn by the players and match officials
- 58.7. The Participating Teams must have two (2) sets of shirt in contrasting colours, which should be declared in AIFF CMS and use these colours for all Matches.
- 58.8. The Participating Teams are obliged to bring along their first and second colours kits to the Stadium and its premises.
- 58.9. The Participating Team designated as Team “A” will always have the 1st preference to choose the shirt colour. Team “B” will have to use their alternate colour. In the event of clash of colours, the match Referee’s decision shall be final and non-appealable.
- 58.10. If in the opinion of the Match Commissioner or the Match Referee, the colours of two opposing teams might lead to confusion, or prove unsuitable for television, they shall be changed.
- 58.11. The Match Commissioner, or anyone duly appointed by him shall have the right and duty to check kit items at the Stadium premises and are entitled to confiscate and send any unacceptable items to the AIFF for further inspection after the Match, as they see fit. The same would not be appealable.
- 58.12. The AIFF would decide finally regarding equipment items. The AIFF declines all responsibility and authority in the event of conflicts arising from these Regulations upon contracts being entered into between a Participating Team’s Member Association and its sponsor(s).
- 58.13. Each Member Association and the Participating Teams agree to hold the AIFF harmless from any and all damages which may arise from decisions regarding kits and equipment’s.

59. Other equipment

- 59.1. Non-dangerous protective equipment – for example, headgear, facemasks and knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight padded material – is permitted, as are goalkeepers’ caps and sports spectacles.
- 59.2. Elastic foot bindings are permitted provided that they do not fully cover the heels or toes.

60. Bibs

- 60.1. Where head covers (excluding goalkeepers’ caps) are worn, they must:

- 60.1.1. Be black or same main colour as the shirt (provided that the players of the same team were the same colour);
- 60.1.2. Be in keeping with the professional appearance of the player's equipment;
- 60.1.3. Not be attached to the shirt;
- 60.1.4. Not be dangerous to the player wearing it or any other player (e.g., due to an opening/closing mechanism around the neck);
- 60.1.5. Not have any parts extending out from the surface (protruding elements);

61. Knee and arm protectors

- 61.1. Where knee and arm protectors are worn, they must be the same colour as the main colour of the shirt sleeve (arm protector) or the shorts/trousers (knee protectors) and must not protrude excessively. When it is not possible to match these colours, black or white protectors may be used with shirt sleeves/shorts (or trousers, where applicable) of any colour. When protectors that do not match the shirt sleeves/shorts (or trousers) are used. All such protectors must be the same colour (black or white)

62. Electronic Communication

- 62.1. Players (including substitutes and sent-off players) are not permitted to wear or use any form of electronic or communication equipment (except where electronic performance and tracking systems are allowed).
- 62.2. The use of electronic or communication equipment by team officials is permitted where it directly related to player welfare or safety for tactical/coaching reasons but only small, mobile, handheld equipment (e.g. microphones, headphones/earpieces, mobile/smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops) may be used. A team official who uses unauthorised equipment or who behaves in an inappropriate manner as a result of the use of electronic or communication equipment will be dismissed from the technical area.

63. Slogans, statements, images and advertising

- 63.1. Equipment must not bear any political, religious or personal slogans, statements or images. Players must not reveal undergarments that show political, religious or personal slogans, statements or images, or advertising other than the manufacturer's logo. For any offence, the player and/or the team will be sanctioned by the AIFF.

64. Principles

- 64.1. Law 4 applies to all equipment (including clothing) worn by players and substitutes; its principles also apply to all team officials in the technical area.
- 64.2. The following are (usually) permitted:

64.2.1. The player's number, name, team crest/logo, initiative slogans/emblems promoting the game of beach soccer, respect and integrity as well as any advertising permitted by the competition rules/AIFF.

64.2.2. The facts of the match; teams, date, competition/event, venue

64.2.3. Permitted slogans, statements or images should be confined to shirt front and/or armband.

64.2.4. In some cases, the slogans, statement, or images might only appear on the captain's armband.

65. Interpretation of Law

65.1. As per Law 4 of the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game

66. Numbering of the players

66.1. The numbers on the shirts should range from one (1) to fifteen (15), with number one (1)

66.2. The numbers of each player must be visible on their back and be distinguishable from the main colour of the shirt.

66.3. Participating Players shall wear registered numbers on their shirt (back and front) and shorts. Number on shirts, in contrasting colours shall be between twenty-five (25) to thirty-five (35) cm high at the back and ten (10) to fifteen (15) cm high in front of the shirt and shorts. Goalkeepers shall wear colours contrasting with those of the two teams and the Referee.

66.4. The stroke width of the figure of the number on the back of the shirts used by players must be between 3cm and 5cm. The number on the front of the shirt must be positioned at the chest level irrespective of a specific cut or size of the players shirt.

66.5. The players names must be positioned above the number on the back of the shirt. The letters used for the players name on the back shall be between 5cm and 7.5cm in height and must be separated from the number by at least 4cm.

66.6. The letters used for the players name must be of Latin characters.

SECTION 8: MEDICAL & ANTI-DOPING

67. Medical Facilities, Staff and Treatment

67.1. Participating Teams must pay for any and all costs of hospitalization, surgical operation and specialized investigative procedures for all members of its Team's Official Delegation.

- 67.2. The host Member Association will provide an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for all Matches. This is mandatory at all Matches and must be placed next to the 4th Official's seat or at the medical bench, if any.
- 67.3. All Participating Teams shall provide ample insurance cover to their Participating Players and Officials, including injury, accident and health during the Competition along with travel insurance. In the event of any injury to a Participating Player or an Official during a Match, the responsibility of the host Member Association will be to take the injured Participating Player/Official to the nearest hospital as soon as possible and the entire cost of his medication/doctors fee has to be borne by the Participating Team whose Participating Player or Official is injured.
- 67.4. The hosting Member Association either by itself or through the LOC must provide the following to the Participating Teams from two (2) days before their Match day until one (1) day after the Match and to the AIFF Official Delegation from the moment they arrive at 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. The treatment must cover basic/primary medical care as listed below:
 - Outpatient treatment
 - Minor surgeries (suturing, etc.)
 - Radiological Investigation
 - Emergency Treatment
- 67.5. The host Member Association will provide an emergency medical room, located in close proximity to the 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
- 67.6. The host Member Association will also provide the following for the Matches: -
- A certified medical officer;
 - A team of support Para-medical staff trained in emergency medical care (CPR/ATLS);
 - Two (2) ambulances, with them having together, designated drivers equipped with oxygen, masks, defibrillator, I/V drip sets, emergency medicaments and trained medical staff.
- 67.7. The host Member Association will also provide 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:

- i. One (1) table with four (4) chairs;
- ii. One cabinet with a lock;
- iii. Attached bathroom and toilet equipped with washbasin, mirror and shower
- iv. Sofa for eight (8) persons;
- v. A refrigerator equipped with non-alcoholic drinks in sealed bottles
- vi. mineral water bottles and canned juices;
- vii. A television

67.8. The host Member Association will provide, at its own cost, the following medical personnel on each Match day at the Stadium where the Match is organized:

- i. Stadium emergency medical room supported by a medical officer and a 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; and
 - One (1) Security Officer

67.9. In the event that the host Member Association does not provide the above mentioned requirement for the Match, the host Member Association shall forfeit any match subsidies due to the host Member Association from the AIFF.

68. Anti-Doping

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

68.2. The AIFF shall inform the host Member Association by means of a circular of the doping control procedure for the Competition.

SECTION 9: DISCIPLINARY

69. Disciplinary Measures

69.1. All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the current AIFF Constitution, AIFF Disciplinary Code and any

relevant AIFF guideline, directive or circular as issued by the AIFF. The Participating Teams and their respective Member Associations without limits undertake to be bound by the relevant Constitution/Codes mentioned above.

- 69.2. The AIFF may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Competition. Such rules may be communicated to the Member Associations prior to the date of the scheduled commencement of the Competition.
- 69.3. All Participating Players agree to:
- 69.3.1. respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
 - 69.3.2. behave accordingly;
 - 69.3.3. refrain from doping; and
 - 69.3.4. refrain from indulging in Match fixing or corruption.
- 69.4. The AIFF Disciplinary Committee, based on the nature of the breach, violation or contravention or compliant, may either on its own or on the basis of any complaint received, initiate investigations and take measures for any breach, violation or non-performance or otherwise in accordance with AIFF Constitution, the AIFF Disciplinary Code, any other relevant regulations, guidelines, decisions or the relevant AIFF circular(s) or directions otherwise as per law.
- 69.5. The decisions and the report of the Match Referee and/or Match Officials regarding any act, incident or issue on or outside the field of play shall be considered to be final, authoritative and binding and would generally not be open to appeal unless substantive incontrovertible proof of any obvious inaccuracy or error is established by authentic documentations beyond any reasonable doubt.

70. Good Conduct

- 70.1. Each Participating Team is directly liable for the improper conduct of any member of its Team's Official Delegation; and/or any person affiliated to it and/or carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition.
- 70.2. Any Participating Player or Official reported for without limitation, 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 Participating Team or any other person, shall be dealt with by the AIFF Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the applicable Regulations, Code, guidelines as may be deemed necessary.

71. Cautions and Expulsions

- 71.1. All matters relating to cautions and/or expulsions, including the carrying forward of cautions between stages of the Competition, shall be undertaken in accordance with the AIFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code and any relevant AIFF circular except

where expressly set out below.

- 71.1.1. Any Participating Player or Official who completes the Group Stage having only received one (1) caution shall carry over that caution to the Quarter Finals.
- 71.1.2. Any Participating Player or Official who completes the Group Stage and Quarter Finals having only received one (1) caution shall not carry over that caution to the Semi Finals.
- 71.1.3. Each Participating Team shall bear the responsibility of monitoring the cautions and/or suspensions received by its Participating Players and Officials and to ensure that all Participating Players and Officials registered and/or fielded during the Competition are eligible to play. The same can be monitored via the AIFF CMS.

72. Protest

- 72.1. For the purpose of these Regulations, a protest is an objection of any kind related to any event and/or matter that has a direct effect on a Match.
- 72.2. Unless otherwise stipulated in these Regulations, to be considered valid, a protest must be:
 - 72.2.1. submitted in writing (using the appropriate Protest Form issued by the organisers) to the AIFF Match Commissioner for relevant Match within two (2) hours of the end of the relevant Match;
 - 72.2.2. followed up with a full written report (including a copy of the original Protest Form) which must be sent to the AIFF General Secretariat within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the relevant Match; and
 - 72.2.3. accompanied by a non-refundable fee of Rs. 10,000/- which must be paid in cash or transmitted to the bank account nominated by AIFF within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the relevant Match.
 - 72.2.4. No protest shall be lodged relating to the Referee's decisions regarding fact connected with play. Such decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal, unless expressly otherwise stipulated in the AIFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
 - 72.2.5. Any protest which relates to the eligibility of a player to participate in the Competition must be submitted to the AIFF General Secretariat no later than five (5) days before the day on which the opening Match of the Competition is scheduled to take place. To be considered valid, such protest must be:
 - 72.2.5.1. Submitted in writing (in the form of a full written report); and
 - 72.2.5.2. Accompanied by a non-refundable fee of Rs. 10,000/- which must be transmitted to the bank account nominated by the AIFF before the

expiry of the aforementioned deadline.

72.3. If any of the formal requirements set out in Article 72.2 are not met, the relevant protest shall be disregarded. The AIFF General Secretariat decides whether or not such formal requirements have been met. Such decisions are final and binding and not appealable.

72.4. Pursuant to the regulations of the AIFF, Participating Teams are prohibited from taking disputes to a Civil Court before submitting them first to the appropriate body of the AIFF for resolution and exhausting all of AIFF's internal remedies available.

73. Dispute Resolution

73.1. Any dispute in connection with the Competition shall be promptly settled by negotiation.

73.2. In compliance with the AIFF Constitution, the Participating Teams, their Member Associations, Participating Players, and Participating Officials agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of the AIFF and exhaust all internal remedies.

73.3. Participating Teams, their Member Association, Participating Players, and Participating Officials acknowledge and accept that, once all internal channels have been exhausted at the AIFF, their sole recourse shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration shall be applicable. The language of arbitration shall be English.

73.4. The jurisdiction of the CAS to resolve disputes is only available where it has not been expressly excluded or a decision is declared as final and binding and not appealable.

73.5. In the event any party after exhausting all remedies mentioned hereinabove, still decides to approach a court of law, the courts in New Delhi shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the matter.

SECTION 10: DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

74. Disciplinary Committee

74.1. Same as have been expressly provided in these Regulations, the AIFF Disciplinary Committee shall deal with all disciplinary matters related to the Competition in accordance with the provisions of the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

74.2. In its decisions the Disciplinary Committee shall rely upon, amongst others, the AIFF Disciplinary Code and these Regulations.

74.3. The decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be based, inter alia, on the written reports of the Referee, the Match commissioner and the Referees Assessor. 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.

- 74.4. 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 these Regulations. The procedure followed by the Appeal Committee shall be in accordance with those provided in the applicable AIFF regulations.

SECTION 11: ADMINISTRATION

75. Financial Provisions

- 75.1. Participating Teams will be given financial assistance for logistical arrangements as provided for under Section 4 of these Regulations for the entire Competition at the end of the Competition.
- 75.2. Referees and Other Match Officials: -
Match Officials will be paid as per Art. 48 of these regulations. Payments will be made to the Match Officials directly under arrangements of the AIFF.
- 75.3. After completion of each Match, the Referee and Match Commissioner shall fill the official report form and the claim form after their last match in the zonal/Final competition in AIFF CMS.
- 75.4. In the event of any act of gross indiscipline by the Participating Players, Officials or organisers (host MA) the Match Commissioner shall fill up the confidential report in the AIFF CMS soon after the conclusion of the Match.
- 75.5. No further subsidy or allowance amounts shall be provided to the Participating Teams for any accommodation, meals or refreshments, transport (including air and road) either prior, during or after the Competition. Arrangements for the accommodation, meals or refreshments, transport (including air and road), if any provided by the AIFF/ host Member Association shall be as notified herein in Section 4, or as further notified with changes to the Member Associations of Participating Teams via separate communication by the AIFF prior to the Participating Team's Team Official Delegation arriving in the city hosting the Competition.

76. Commercial and Marketing Rights

- 76.1. All the Commercial Rights related to the Competition including but not limited to Wireless, Broadcast, Interactive, Advertisement & Marketing rights and the title, gate decoration, decoration of stage for prize distribution, are either the property of the AIFF or its Commercial Rights partner.
- 76.2. All the perimeter boards, advertising areas at ground, first, second tier levels area are also the property of the AIFF or its Commercial Rights partner. If the host Member Association wants to put any advertisement boards, prior permission of the AIFF will have to be obtained for displaying the same. These boards should not be in conflict with any of the sponsors of AIFF and its Commercial Rights partner.

- 76.3. Advertisement rights on the Match tickets belong solely to the AIFF. The ticket design will be finalized and provided by the AIFF or its Commercial Rights partner.
- 76.4. The television, Internet rights and other media rights belong solely to the AIFF's Commercial Rights partner.
- 76.5. All the revenue from exploration of television and commercial rights for the Competition Matches belongs to the AIFF and/or its Commercial Rights partner.
- 76.6. No Commercial Rights shall accrue to the host Member Association or any other third party whatsoever, in connection to this Competition.

77. Trophies, Medals

- 77.1. The trophies and medals shall be awarded to:

- 77.1.1. Winners
- 77.1.2. Runners-up
- 77.1.3. Third place winners

78. Prize Presentation Ceremony

- 78.1. A prize presentation ceremony, managed and controlled by the host Member Association, will be held immediately after the last Match of the Competition to award the Trophy and Medals.

79. Special Provisions

- 79.1. The AIFF shall, in conjunction with the host Member Association, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the organisation of the Matches. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.
- 79.2. Jurisdiction relating to adjudication of any dispute shall, unless provided otherwise in these Regulations or under any Code or Statute of the AIFF, shall be at Delhi being the headquarter of the AIFF.

80. Fair Play

- 80.1. In every Match of the Competition, Fair Play shall be actively promoted through the FIFA Fair Play flags.

81. Intellectual Property

- 81.1. The AIFF is the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights connected with the Competition, including any current or future rights of the Competition's name, logos, brands, medals and trophies. Any use of the aforementioned rights requires the prior written consent of the AIFF and must always conform to the instructions and guidelines on correct usage as issued by the AIFF from time to time.

82. Decisions

- 82.1. All decisions made in accordance with these Regulations, except where expressly identified otherwise, are final and binding and not appealable.

83. Amendments

- 83.1. The AIFF reserves the right to make amendments to any part of these Regulations for any reason whatsoever at any time prior to the commencement of the Competition.

SECTION 12: CODE OF CONDUCT

84. Code of Conduct

- 84.1. By agreeing to take part in the Competition, the members of the Participating Teams' Team Official Delegation agree to abide by the following code of conduct.

84.1.1. Be punctual on all occasion including but not limited to field of play, Press Meets, meetings, Match day countdown etc.;

84.1.2. Respect the decisions of the AIFF and host Member Association;

84.1.3. Respect the Laws of the Game, the Referee, Match Commissioner and their decisions;

84.1.4. Display and promote high standards of exemplary behaviour;

84.1.5. Promote Fair Play;

84.1.6. Always respect Match Officials decisions;

84.1.7. Never engage or participate in public criticism of the Match Officials;

84.1.8. Never indulge in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour;

84.1.9. Never engage in any brawl, bullying, intimidation, and physical or verbal assault, abusing language or harassment;

84.1.10. Speak to team mates, officials of own team and opponent team with respect;

84.1.11. Win or lose with dignity;

84.1.12. No Participating Player/Official of a Participating Team shall make any adverse comment anytime against opponent Participating Team or the AIFF or any of its officials;

84.1.13. No Participating Player/Official shall make any adverse comment anytime

against the host Member Association or LOC;

84.1.14. No Player/Official of a Participating Team shall make any adverse comment anytime against AIFF/the Competition;

84.1.15. Any Participating 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.

84.1.16. The above code of conduct is not exhaustive but indicative only.

SECTION 13: RESIDUARY

85. Force Majeure

85.1. The AIFF is the only body capable of declaring and accepting the existence of a Force Majeure event.

86. Matters not provided for

86.1. Matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the AIFF Executive Committee. Such decisions are final and binding and not appealable.

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Secretary General

Annexure 1: Certificate of Medical Fitness

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL FITNESS

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

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

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

1. Any history of fever in the last 1 month.
2. Any history of breathlessness (normally).
3. Any history of breathlessness on exertion.
4. Any history of jaundice.
5. Any history of seizure.
6. Any history of sudden loss of consciousness.
7. Any history of head injury associated with momentary cognitive deficits (time /place person) in the last 3 months.
8. Any history of major surgery in the last 2 months.
9. Any history of major muscle or bone injury in the last 2 months.
10. Any history of heart illness in the family.
11. Any history of diabetes.
12. Any history of hypertension.

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

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

_____ son/daughter of Sh. _____,

who has signed in my presence.

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

Signature of the Candidate

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

Station : _____

Date : _____