



**SINGAPORE  
PREMIER  
LEAGUE**

# **2022 REGULATIONS**

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### Purpose and Applications

These Regulations for the Singapore Premier League (SPL) are promulgated by the Football Association of Singapore (FAS) to regulate and govern the conduct, operations and administration of the SPL, all Clubs, League and Club Officials, Match Officials, Referees, Players, and other related stakeholders as cited within these Regulations.

### Scope of Application

These Regulations shall be used at all times in conjunction with all other governing documents and regulations of the SPL as issued from time to time. These Regulations shall be binding on the SPL, all Clubs in the Competition, League and Club Officials, Referees, Players and other stakeholders and partners as cited within these Regulations and other FAS governing documents.

### Enforcement

Any breach of any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be enforced by the imposition of action and possible sanctions pursuant to the FIFA, AFC and/or FAS Disciplinary Code as may be subsequently issued.

### Definition and Interpretation

Unless otherwise indicated, words and expressions in these Regulations shall have the same meaning as in other governing documents of the FAS. Any interpretation of provision of these Regulations shall at all times be the interpretation that best achieves the objectives of the FAS.

### Amendments

Any part of these Regulations may be amended from time to time, provided that any such amendments are formalized after appropriate consultation with the relevant committees of the FAS and approved by Exco.

## DEFINITIONS

Unless the contrary appears from the context in this and the following Sections,

- the words “AFC Statutes” means the statutes and accompanying standing orders and regulations promulgated by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) from time to time;
- the word “Club” means any Club in membership of the Singapore Premier League (SPL);
- the words “Code of Conduct” means the FAS Code of Conduct and SPL Code of Conduct as may hereafter be issued;
- the word “Competition” and/or “SPL”, and/or the “League” means the professional football club competition, namely the Singapore Premier League, organized and sanctioned by FAS and staged and managed by the FAS, including Pre-season, Regular Season and Singapore Cup;
- the words “FIFA Statutes” means the statutes including the standing orders and regulations promulgated by FIFA, including the Regulations Governing the Status and Transfer of Players, as amended from time to time;
- the word “the Council” shall refer to the Council of Football Association of Singapore;
- the word “dollars” refers to Singapore Dollars;
- the word “Exco” refers to the Executive Committee of Football Association of Singapore, and any decision made by the Exco shall be deemed to be the decision of the Council of Football Association of Singapore.
- the letters “FAS” mean Football Association of Singapore;
- the letters “FIFA” mean the Federation Internationale De Football Association;
- the word “he” and its derivatives are used of any person, whether male or female;
- the word “person” includes any company or association or body of persons, whether incorporated or not;
- the word “public” includes any class of the public or any community;
- the words “SPL Match” mean any Match in any tournament organised by the Singapore Premier League and/or or sanctioned pursuant to these Rules in these Sections;
- the word “Season” refer to a particular calendar year;
- the word “Foreign Player” means a Player who is not a citizen of Singapore;
- the words “Friendly Match” means any match participated in by a Club that is not part of the Regular Season or Singapore Cup and sanctioned by FAS;
- the word “Intermediary” means a person authorized to negotiate a Standard Player Contract on behalf of a player as specified in these Regulations;
- the words “Laws of the Game” means the Official Laws of the Game as promulgated by IFAB and enforced by FIFA;
- the words “Match Official” means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, match commissioner, referee assessor or any person in charge of safety or any person appointed by FAS to assume responsibility in connection with a match;

the words “Medical Officer” means the suitably qualified, registered medical doctor appointed by the Host Club to treat players for injury and illness;

the words “National Team” means any national team squad selected or nominated by a FIFA Member Association, including the men’s senior, Olympics, age-groups, futsal or beach football teams or any other national representative team determined by FIFA from time to time;

the word “Official” means any person involved with:

- Club Official - the administration, management or organization of a Club (whether paid or unpaid), including employees, contractors, consultants, officers and directors and representatives; or

- Team Official - the management, preparation or participation of a Club’s team (whether paid or unpaid) including the coaches, managers, medical staff (including team doctor), physiotherapists, kitman and other support staff;

the words “Registration Window” means:

- First Registration Window - The period starting on 1 January and ending on 25 March 2022;

- Second Registration Window - The period starting on 1 June and ending 30 June 2022 for registrations for sport related reasons;

the plural number, and words importing the plural number include the singular number.

## SECTION A: MEMBERSHIP & COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE

### 1. Composition of the League

- 1.1 The League shall consist of seven (7) Clubs and the Young Lions, or any other number as determined by the FAS.
- 1.2 With the exception of Clubs invited to participate in the League by the Executive Committee (hereinafter “the Exco”), all other invited foreign Clubs shall be accepted by the Exco and authorized by FIFA and AFC to participate in the League.
- 1.3 The Exco shall at all material times and at their absolute discretion consider for the purpose of eligibility to participate in the League the leading football Clubs in Singapore so long as they meet the requirements of the FAS.
- 1.4 The Exco reserves before, during or after any Season, the right to determine at all material times and at their absolute discretion the participation of any Club in the League which fails to meet the criteria and/or requirements, from time to time, of FAS.
- 1.5 A Club eligible to participate in the League under Rule 1.2 to 1.4 above shall also be required to satisfy such other criteria for continuing its membership in the League as shall from time to time be sanctioned by the Exco and/or through the Rules formulated and sanctioned by FAS’ Standing Committees.
- 1.6 The Exco shall appoint a FAS Competitions Committee, an Administrative and Finance Committee, a Marketing Committee, a Players Status Committee or such other Committee or Committees which Committees in their respective terms and Rules thereunder, if any, shall determine the format, timing and venues of, and all other rules relating to match or matches, and any play-offs thereof, or regulating Players, Coaches, or any other key personnel, their contracts of service, their registrations, transfers and/or status, and anything akin thereto, and sponsorship, and finance, administration and its management thereof, and the use of the stadia or anything relating thereto, and/or anything relevant and desirable for promoting professional football in Singapore.
- 1.7 Such Committee or Committees, so appointed from time to time, shall promote, provide for, regulate, publish, where necessary, manage all or on any details or arrangements or other things necessary or desirable for or ancillary to the comfort, conduct, management, convenience or benefit of the game, the League and/or the Clubs thereunder and/or its members thereof.
- 1.8 Save as otherwise expressly provided for by these Rules, all such decisions and rulings of the Committees shall be deemed to be decisions of the Exco, and shall be binding upon all Clubs, and all members thereof unless they are rescinded or varied by the relevant Committee or the Appeals Committee or the Exco as per these Rules in these Sections hereinafter appearing, the Exco being deemed the supreme body and the final decision-maker.

## **2. Undertaking by Clubs**

- 2.1 Membership of the League shall constitute an agreement between FAS and each Club, and between each of the Clubs, to be bound by and to comply with:
  - 2.1.1 These Rules (each as altered, revoked or added to from time to time);
  - 2.1.2 Club Licensing Regulations (each as altered, revoked or added to from time to time);
  - 2.1.3 The Rules of all Committees of FAS (each as altered, revoked or added to from time to time);
  - 2.1.4 Such other Rules that are applicable to the Clubs partaking in tournaments organised and/or sanctioned by FAS; and
  - 2.1.5 Such decisions of the Exco of FAS;
  - 2.1.6 The Laws of the Game as laid down from time to time by the Federation Internationale De Football Association (FIFA) as adopted by FAS or otherwise.
- 2.2 Such agreement shall have effect from the date of the Club's admission to the League and terminate upon the Club ceasing to be a member thereof (but without prejudice to any rights or claims which may have arisen or arise in respect of circumstances prior to such a date and to any Rules which, by their terms, establish rights and obligations applicable after such a date) and/or pursuant to any resolution of FAS, through the Exco.
- 2.3 By virtue of this undertaking, Clubs shall in particular be bound to provide certain rights, facilities and services to FAS in order to enable it to fulfil its obligations under commercial contracts entered into in accordance with its Constitution, and in return for this, the FAS, through the Exco, shall make payments to Clubs of fees or "seed money" as specified in Rules relating to Finance, Marketing and/or Broadcasting and/or Sponsorship.

## **3. Relationship between Clubs and the League: Confidentiality**

- 3.1 In all matters and transactions relating to the League, each Club shall behave towards each other Club and FAS and/or its Departments and/or its Committees with the utmost good faith.
- 3.2 No player/coach/official, its employees of a club or agents shall by any means whatsoever unfairly criticise, disparage, belittle or discredit any other Club or FAS or its Departments and/or its Committees or in either case any of its employees, officials or agents or bring football into disrepute.
- 3.3 A Club shall not either during its membership of the League or at any time after its membership has been determined disclose or divulge either directly or indirectly to any person, firm or company whatsoever or otherwise make use of any confidential information as to the business and/or finances of FAS and/or its Departments or its Committees and/or any of its dealings, transactions or affairs or as to any other matters which may come to its knowledge by reason of its membership without FAS's prior written consent, save as to statutory and regulatory authorities and to such employees of a team to whom such disclosure is strictly necessary for the purpose of their duties and only then to the extent so necessary.

- 3.4 Each Club shall procure that each of its officials and employees are made aware of the foregoing provisions of Rule 3.3 above and enter into a binding obligation to comply with the same both during the period of their appointment or employment by the Club and at all times thereafter.
- 3.5 Any Club found to be in breach of Rule 3.1 to Rule 3.4 herein shall be deemed to be guilty of gross misconduct.

#### **4. Commitment to the National Team(s) or any such Representative Team(s)**

- 4.1 All Clubs shall support FAS in relation to international matches in accordance with the provisions of FIFA and The Rules of the Players Status Committee of FAS, the latter Rules prevailing.
- 4.2 No matches shall be arranged on any of the days preceding any of the specified dates of each Season for international matches, unless otherwise decided by the League.
- 4.3 All Clubs shall support and release selected coaches and/or players to represent FAS and/or League and to participate in officially sanctioned events, activities or competitive matches for the sole purpose of promoting and publicising the FAS and/or League.
- 4.4 In support of the development and preparation of the National Team, a National Team Training Day shall be designated, and the Clubs shall support and release players called up by the National Head Coach. The players shall participate in the programme drawn up at the sole discretion of the National Head Coach.

#### **5. Termination of Membership**

- 5.1 Subject to these Sections, no Club shall terminate its membership of the League unless it has given notice in writing to FAS of its intention to do so, a minimum of four (4) months before the end of the Season in reference. Subject to Section 5.3, no Club shall terminate its membership before the end of the Season.
- 5.2 Any Club which is in breach of the provisions of Rule 5.1 above shall indemnify FAS against all losses from any such breach.
- 5.3 FAS may from time to time, and upon such terms and conditions as it may think fit, expel or accept the retirement or relegation of any Club from the League. Any resolution to expel, retire or relegate any Club from the League shall be at the complete discretion of the Exco.

#### **6. Basis of Competition**

- 6.1 The League shall be spread over a minimum of eight (8) months, be divided into two (2) Tournaments namely, the Singapore Premier League and the Singapore Cup.
- 6.2 The FAS Competitions Department shall determine dates of commencement and conclusion of the League.

- 6.3 The Competition shall be played on a “league” basis, with each Club facing each opponent four times; twice at “home” and twice “away”. The FAS Competitions Department shall reserve the right to alter the basis of the league; not limited to the competition format.
- 6.4 Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win and no points to the losing team.
- 6.5 In the event of a draw after the 90 minutes of regulation time, both the teams shall be awarded one (1) point each.
- 6.6 The team that accumulates the greatest number of points at the end of the Competition shall be declared the Champion.

## **7. Tiebreaker Mechanism**

- 7.1 In the event that two (2) or more teams have accumulated the similar number of points, then the higher placed team shall be the team which has the greater goal difference, that is, number of goals conceded subtracted from the number of goals scored.
- 7.2 In the event that two (2) or more teams have a similar goal difference, then the higher placed team shall be the team which scores the greater number of goals.
- 7.3 In the event that two (2) or more teams score a similar number of goals, then the higher placed team shall be the team which attains the greater number of wins.
- 7.4 In the event that two (2) or more teams attain the same number of wins, then the higher placed team shall be the team which attains the higher number of points from the matches played between the teams in question.
- 7.5 In the event that two (2) or more teams attain the same number of points from the matches played between the teams in question, then the higher placed team shall be the team which has the greater goal difference from the matches played between the teams in question.
- 7.6 In the event that two (2) or more teams have a similar goal difference from the matches played between the teams in question, then the higher placed team shall be the team which scored the greater number of goals from the matches played between the teams in question.
- 7.7 In the event that two (2) or more teams score a similar number of goals from the matches played between the teams in question, then the higher placed team shall be the team which attains the greater number of wins from the matches played between the teams in question (Head-to-Head).
- 7.8 In the event that two (2) or more teams attain the same number of wins from the matches played between the teams in question, the higher placed team shall be the team which is ranked higher in the Fair Play table (tabulation of Yellow and Red Cards).



- 7.9 In the event that two (2) or more teams cannot be separated using the above criteria, the winner shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

## **8. Participation in AFC Club Competitions**

- 8.1 The League Champion shall represent Singapore and qualify for the Asian Champions League (ACL) organised by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).
- 8.2 The Singapore Cup Champion shall represent Singapore and qualify for the AFC Cup (ACC) organised by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).
- 8.3 The next best-placed local Club at the conclusion of the League shall represent Singapore and qualify for the AFC Cup (ACC) organised by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).
- 8.4 All Clubs representing Singapore in the said competitions above shall be local teams, with the exception of the Albirex Niigata FC (S) and Young Lions. In the event of non-participation or withdrawal of a team for any reason, or if the Singapore Premier League Champion and Singapore Cup Champion is the same club, or if the Singapore Premier League Champion is a foreign-based team or if the Singapore Cup champion is a foreign-based team or invited foreign team, then the next highest-placed local team(s) in the Singapore Premier League shall represent Singapore in the said competitions, subject to the entry/qualification rules and regulations of the respective said competitions.
- 8.5 Any matter not provided for in these Rules, including that for the Singapore Cup shall be dealt with by Head, FAS Competitions Department, whose decision shall be final.

## **9. Champion Trophy of the League and Singapore Cup**

- 9.1 The Champions of the League and the Singapore Cup shall each receive a Championship Trophy, which is the property of the FAS.
- 9.2 The League Championship Trophy shall be presented to the winner of the League, but the trophy shall remain the property of the FAS. The Champion Club shall hold the trophy until two (2) months before the end of the following season's competition, when the Club shall return the same trophy in good order and condition to the FAS. However, the FAS reserves the right to recall the trophy from the Club whenever it deems necessary. In the event that an invited foreign team wins the League, a replica trophy shall be given to the said foreign team instead.
- 9.3 The FAS shall present to the Champion team and runner-up teams (second and third) of the League a total of forty (40) medals each for their players and team officials. Additional souvenirs may be purchased by the Club concerned with the approval of the FAS Competitions Department.
- 9.4 Should the Trophy be lost, destroyed or damaged by fire or by any other cause whilst under the care, control or custody of the Club, the latter shall refund to the Company

the amount of its current insured value of the cost of thorough repair and outgoings in addition to any other penalty that the FAS may impose.



## **SECTION B: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

### **10. Eligibility of Players**

- 10.1 Each Club shall ensure that all Players are registered with the FAS pursuant to these regulations.
- 10.2 A registered Player is one whose registration has been approved by the FAS Competitions Department through the MyFAS Online Registration System, with the player being indicated as 'active' in the said system.
- 10.3 Individuals who meet the criteria set out in Rule 10.1 and 10.2 are approved Players and eligible to participate in the League, subject to additional provisions of the FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 10.4 The FAS Competitions Department may decide not to approve the registration of a player if any of the requirements set out in this Section are not met.
- 10.5 The approval of the registration of a Player by the FAS Competitions Department does not automatically provide for the eligibility of the Player. Each Club is responsible for and shall bear the onus of fielding only eligible Players in a Match. Failure to do so shall be considered as gross misconduct and shall lead to the consequences stipulated in Rule 17.3 and/or referred to the FAS Disciplinary Committee.
- 10.6 For avoidance of doubt, permanent residents shall be deemed to be foreign players.

### **11. Documents for Registration of Players**

- 11.1 All Players shall be registered using the MyFAS online registration system.
- 11.2 All Players shall be issued with accreditation cards authorised by the FAS Competitions Department. Should a card be misplaced, the Club shall be required to pay a penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00) for each misplaced card as a replacement fee.

### **12. Multiplicity of Registration**

- 12.1 In the event of a Player registering for more than one Club, priority of registration shall be the deciding factor. The Club submitting the later registration shall be notified of the prior registration of the Player, and the Head, FAS Competitions Department, shall investigate the circumstances under which the registrations were conducted.
- 12.2 Any player found to have wilfully registered with more than one Club or a Club found to have knowingly induced a registered Player of another Club to register shall be dealt with by the Head, FAS Competitions Department, in such manner as he shall think fit.

- 12.3 Local Players who have been de-registered or have his contract terminated by the Club during the season, shall be allowed to move to another Club during the next available registration window provided it does not contravene any of the League Rules.
- 12.4 In extenuating circumstances, the Head, FAS Competitions Department can approve Players to move to another Club before the next available registration window.

### 13. Squad Composition for Local Clubs

- 13.1 Each local Club (excluding Albirex Niigata FC (S), and Young Lions) shall have a minimum squad of eighteen (18) Players under non-amateur (Professional) contract, as at the pre-season minimum registration deadline, and a maximum of twenty-five (25) Players.
- 13.2 Each local Club (excluding Albirex Niigata FC (S), and Young Lions) shall be allowed to register a maximum of four (4) foreign Players, of whom at least one (1) shall be of the nationality of an AFC Member Association (Asian). For avoidance of doubt, a maximum of four (4) foreign Players may be named or fielded in any one match.

### 14. Squad Composition for Albirex Niigata FC (S)

- 14.1. Albirex Niigata FC (S) shall have a minimum squad of eighteen (18) Players under non-amateur (Professional) contract, as at the pre-season minimum registration deadline and a maximum of twenty-five (25) Players.
- 14.2. Pursuant to Rule 14.1, the squad composition for Albirex Niigata FC (S) shall be as follows:

Squad Size	18-25 Players
Japanese U-21 Players (Born on or after 1 January 2001)	Minimum. 4
Open Japanese Player	Maximum. 1
Japanese U-23 Players (Born on or after 1 January 1999) & Singaporean Players	Remaining Slots

### 15. Squad Composition for Young Lions

- 15.1. Young Lions shall register a minimum of twenty (20) Players as at the pre-season minimum registration deadline and a maximum of thirty-five (35) Players as at the close of the first registration window.
- 15.2. All players registered for Young Lions shall be Under-23 years of age (born on or after 1 January 1999).

15.3. Players over the age of 23, and currently serving National Service (NS) shall be allowed to be registered with the Young Lions for the League.

## 16. Jersey Numbers for Clubs

16.1. All Clubs in the League shall adopt the following jersey number allocation reflected in the table below:

Club	SPL	COE U21 / U19	COE U17
Albirex Niigata FC (S)	1 – 50	51 - 80	1 – 30
Balestier Khalsa FC	1 – 50	51 – 80	1 – 30
Geylang International FC	1 – 50	51 – 80	1 – 30
Hougang United FC	1 – 50	51 – 80	1 – 30
Lion City Sailors FC	1 – 50	51 – 80	1 – 30
Tampines Rovers FC	1 – 50	51 – 80	1 – 30
Tanjong Pagar United FC	1 – 50	51 – 80	1 – 30
Young Lions	1 – 50		

16.2. The FAS Competitions Department shall reserve the right to allocate other numbers to Clubs at any time during the season.

## 17. Breach of Conditions of Registration & Eligibility

17.1 Failure to comply with any of the condition(s) relating to the registration of a Player shall render the Player ineligible to play for the Club concerned.

17.2. An Eligible Player for a particular Match is one who:

- 17.2.1. Is not serving a suspension as a result of a caution/dismissal in a match;
- 17.2.2. Is not serving a suspension as a result of a decision by the FAS Disciplinary Committee;
- 17.2.3. Has passed the mandatory League fitness test,
- 17.2.4. Has been fielded in a match without contravening any of the League's requirement of fielding and/or substitution of Players

- 17.3. Should a Club field an unregistered, suspended or ineligible Player or field a registered Player in the starting line-up (First XI) who have been named as a substitute, or without the Player's name being indicated so either in the First XI or as Substitute in accordance to the Player Selection List, the match and three points shall be awarded to the opposing non-infringing team, and the score to remain/or a three (3) - nil (0) shall be awarded to the said non-infringing team, whichever is the greater. If a match is forfeited, suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended Player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the forfeit of the match.

## 18. Fitness Test for Players

- 18.2. Every Player shall undergo the Yo-Yo Intermittent Recovery Fitness Test and achieve the required level as stipulated by the FAS to be eligible for selection in a League match.
- 18.3. A Player who fails to pass the test or have yet to attempt the test for whatever reason(s) is allowed to be registered but shall only be eligible to play after he passes the test.
- 18.4. Players who are registered as goalkeepers are not allowed to play in any other outfield positions other than the goalkeeper position unless they have achieved the passing mark required for that of an outfield Player.
- 18.5. The passing standard for players are as follows:

Position	Minimum Passing Level	Enhanced Fitness Incentive Minimum Requirement
Outfield Players	19.8	21.2 and above
Goalkeepers	16.8	19.8 and above

- 18.6. Players who fulfil the minimum incentive requirement at the first attempt shall be eligible for a one-time incentive of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00).
- 18.7. The Enhanced Fitness Incentive shall only be eligible to players of Singaporean nationality.
- 18.8. Players who are injured or on medical leave on the appointed date of the test may be given another opportunity to take the test to be determined by the FAS Football Science and Medicine Department.
- 18.9. Players shall not be allowed to play in the League until they have passed the Fitness Test. A Player who has not acquired the required level is considered an ineligible Player when fielded in the match and the appropriate sanctions shall be taken against the Player/Club concerned as per Rule 17.3 above.
- 18.10. Any Club failing to register a minimum of eighteen (18) Players who have passed the fitness test at the commencement of the League shall be deemed to have committed an offence of gross misconduct and be subjected to disciplinary action and further sanctions.

## SECTION C: REGISTRATION OF TEAM OFFICIALS

### 19. Registration of Team Officials

- 19.2. All Clubs shall submit to the FAS Competitions Department its registration of Team Officials and the supporting documents by the deadline stipulated for the relevant registration Window.
- 19.3. All Clubs may register a maximum of fifteen (15) Team Officials.
- 19.4. Up to ten (10) Team Officials may be registered for each match to be on the Substitutes Bench. The following three (3) Team Officials shall be registered on the Officials on the Substitution Bench Form and be present at all matches:
  - 19.4.1. Head Coach;
  - 19.4.2. Team Manager; and
  - 19.4.3. Physiotherapist
- 19.5. Each Club may register any other seven (7) Team Officials for any positions, including without limitation:
  - 19.5.1. Assistant Coach;
  - 19.5.2. Goalkeeper Coach;
  - 19.5.3. Fitness Coach/Trainer;
  - 19.5.4. Media Officer;
  - 19.5.5. Doctor;
  - 19.5.6. Interpreter;
  - 19.5.7. Security Officer;
  - 19.5.8. Video Analyst;
  - 19.5.9. Technical Director;
  - 19.5.10. Equipment Manager/Kitman.
- 19.6. Should the Club nominate less than ten (10) Team Officials on the “Officials on the Substitution Bench Form”, or the FAS Competitions Department does not approve the registration of any person(s) nominated, the number of Team Officials permitted on the team bench shall reduce proportionately.
- 19.7. All Team Officials shall be issued with official eligibility cards authorized by the FAS Competitions Department. Should a card be misplaced, the Club shall be required to pay a penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00) for each misplaced card.

### 20. Documents for Registration of Team Officials

- 20.2. All Team Officials shall be registered using the MyFAS online registration system.
- 20.3. All Team Officials shall provide in the MyFAS online registration system, evidence of their qualification, based on the Minimum Coaching Requirements (MCR) set by the League.

## 21. Minimum Coaching Requirements for Head Coaches and other Technical Positions

21.2. All Clubs shall ensure that the following coaching and technical positions adhere to the following Minimum Coaching Requirements (MCR) stipulated below:

Position	Minimum Coaching Requirements (MCR)
Head Coach	AFC Professional Coaching Diploma or equivalent Or Have started/enrolled in the required coaching course in 2021
Assistant Head Coach	AFC 'A' Coaching Diploma or equivalent
First Team Coach	AFC 'B' Coaching Diploma or equivalent
Goalkeeper Coach	AFC Level 2 Goalkeeper Coaching Certificate
Fitness Coach	AFC Level 2 Fitness Coaching Certificate
Physiotherapist	Certified by Ministry of Health (or relevant country's Healthy Ministry) and/or registered with physiotherapy board/council in Singapore and Registered with FAS Football Science Department
Sports Trainer	FAS Level 1 Sports Trainer Certificate and Registered with FAS Football Science Department

21.3. All Clubs shall seek the prior approval of FAS General Secretary, FAS Technical Director and Head, FAS Competitions Department in writing before employing a Coach.

21.4. Should a Coach not possess the minimum coaching qualification, the Club can apply for an official Recognition of Experience and Coaching Competence (RECC) through the FAS Technical Department. The approval of RECC shall be at the discretion of the FAS Technical Department and shall be only valid for one (1) year.



- 21.5. The Head Coach shall be present for all the matches where he is in-charge, unless approval has been sought and given by the FAS Competitions Department, for the Head Coach to do otherwise.
- 21.6. In the event that a Club terminates the Head Coach's services, or he resigns during the Season, the Club is bound to find a replacement with the required MCR within sixty (60) days. However, in the event that there is not more than sixty (60) days left from the material date of the termination or resignation to the end of the Season, the club may appoint, subject to the approval of Head, FAS Competitions Department, a caretaker coach not meeting the required coaching qualifications.
- 21.7. A copy of the League coaches' contracts shall be submitted to the FAS Competitions Department for retention.
- 21.8. Any club found to be in breach of Rule 21.1 to 21.6 above shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct.

## SECTION D: LEAGUE FIXTURES & MATCH PROCEDURES

### 22. Fixtures scheduling policy

- 22.1. All Matches in the League shall be arranged as soon as practicable prior to the commencement of the Season. The copyright in all lists or arrangements of such fixtures in any Tournament in any Season or of any match sanctioned by the FAS Competitions Department shall be vested in FAS.
- 22.2. The FAS Competitions Department shall be responsible for drawing out the match fixtures for dissemination to all the Clubs before the commencement of the Competition.
- 22.3. The FAS Competitions Department and the FAS Referees Department shall appoint the Match Commissioners and Referees for the League and Singapore Cup respectively.
- 22.4. The League shall adopt the guideline of a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours between matches (SPL and AFC Club Competitions). The rest period shall not take into account for the impact travel has on recovery.
- 22.5. Except for extenuating circumstances, requests for rescheduling and postponement of matches shall not be approved unless otherwise decided by the FAS Competitions Department.
- 22.6. All Clubs shall seek the approval of the FAS Competitions Department before granting leave of absence and/or overseas breaks for their respective Players and Team Officials during the official period of Competition.
- 22.7. All kick-offs shall adhere to the time advertised by the FAS Competitions Department. Clubs and Referees shall report any delays at the scheduled time of kick-off and the start of the second half to the Competitions Department. Any Club causing a kick-off to be delayed by up to five (5) minutes from the time advertised shall be fined the sum of at least Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2000.00) for a first offence and for a second or subsequent offence occurring within the same season of the first offence shall be deemed guilty of misconduct. Any Club causing a kick-off to be delayed by more than fifteen (15) minutes from the time advertised shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.
- 22.8. Should any delayed kick-off necessitate the visiting Club incurring expenses, the Visiting Club shall be entitled to claim reasonable costs against the gross gate takings. Any dispute arising from the claim so made shall be referred to the Head, Competitions Department and/or FAS General Secretary, whose decision shall be final. Any such claim must be made within fourteen (14) days of the match in question and payment, or referral to the Head, Competitions Department, shall be made within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the claim.

## **23. Kick-off Timings**

- 23.1. Save as provided in Rules 23.2, 23.3 and 23.4 below, the time of kick-off is between 5.00pm and 9.45pm for all matches.
- 23.2. Any variation to these timings can be made only with the approval of the FAS Competitions Department.
- 23.3. For matches on Public Holidays, the FAS Competitions Department shall fix the time of kick-off.
- 23.4. For matches televised (whether live or otherwise), the FAS Competitions Department shall determine the time of kick-off and, if necessary, in consultation with the participating Clubs.
- 23.5. Both Teams shall enter the field of play together as per the Official Match Countdown at least four (4) minutes prior to the kick-off time, along with the Match Officials.

## **24. Half-time Interval**

- 24.1. In all League Matches, the half-time interval shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes, from whistle to whistle.
- 24.2. Any Club found guilty of causing delay to the kick-off of the second half by more than one (1) minute shall be fined a sum of at least One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1000.00).
- 24.3. Any Club found guilty of causing delay to the kick-off of the second half by more than two (2) minutes shall be deemed guilty of misconduct. If the club is found guilty for a second or subsequent offence occurring within the same season of the first offence shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

## **25. Official Clock & Time**

- 25.1. For avoidance of doubt, Clubs and Match Officials shall refer to the official world clock as measured from Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and determined by the FAS Competitions Department, for all matters relating to the Official Match Countdown and its activities, including but not limited to match kick-off times, pre-match ceremonies and pre-match inspections.
- 25.2. Stadium (timer) clocks in the stadium showing the amount of time played shall run during the match, provided they are stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e. after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation is also applied in the event of extra time being played i.e. after 15 minutes of each half.

## **26. Duration of Matches**

- 26.1 All League Matches shall be of ninety (90) minutes' duration (forty-five (45) minutes for each half) but any Match which for any cause whatever falls short of ninety (90) minutes' duration may be ordered to count as a completed fixture or to be replayed in full as the FAS Competitions Department may in its absolute discretion determine.

## **27. Laws of the Game**

- 27.1. All League Matches shall be played in compliance with these Rules and in compliance with the Laws of the Game as approved by FIFA as laid down from time to time unless otherwise expressed.

## **28. Minimum Number of Players during a Match**

- 28.1. A Match shall not start or continue if either team consist of fewer than seven (7) players.

## **29. Teams for League Matches**

- 29.1. Each Club shall play its full-strength team in all League Matches. Any Club failing to play its full-strength team in any League Match shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

## **30. Size of Team Delegation at Matches**

- 30.1. Each Club shall register an official team delegation comprising of maximum twenty (20) Players and a maximum of ten (10) Team Officials for a match.
- 30.2. The official team delegation shall be granted full access to all official areas, including the Field of Play and other necessary Controlled Accessed Areas, as determined by the FAS Competitions Department.
- 30.3. The Club Media Officer and Team Manager shall be responsible for coordinating all Club and media-related matters with the FAS.
- 30.4. All Clubs shall ensure that no unauthorized persons are permitted entry into the team dressing room, Field of Play, or any Controlled Access Area requiring an Accreditation Card.
- 30.5. Failure to comply with Rule 30.4 shall deem the errant Club liable for further disciplinary action.

## **31. Naming of Players for Match**

- 31.1. All Clubs shall provide one (1) duly completed 'Player Selection List' to the Match Commissioner no less than ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off. The club shall indicate on the Starting List the eleven (11) players who shall start the

match and the other nine (9) named substitutes. The Team Captain shall also be identified on the starting list.

- 31.2. All Clubs, with the exception of Young Lions shall ensure that a minimum of one (1) Under-23 Player (**born on or after 1 January 1999**) of Singaporean nationality, is included in the list of eleven (11) Players who shall start the match.
- 31.3. All Clubs, except for Albirex Niigata FC (S) and Young Lions, may also include a maximum of five (5) Players from its Centre of Excellence (COE) Under-21 Team, in the Player Selection List, either in the starting line-up or as a substitute provided it does not contravene any of the other Competition Rules.
- 31.4. Pursuant to Rule 31.3, COE Under-21 Players who have undergone medical screening and passed the mandatory fitness test for the League shall be eligible for selection.
- 31.5. Albirex Niigata FC (S) may also include a maximum of five (5) Players from its Centre of Excellence (COE) Under-19 Team, in the Player Selection List, either in the starting line-up or as a substitute provided it does not contravene any of the other Competition Rules.
- 31.6. Pursuant to Rule 31.5, COE Under-19 players, registered with Albirex Niigata FC (S), who have undergone medical screening and passed the mandatory fitness test for the League shall be eligible for selection.
- 31.7. Pursuant to Rules 31.3 and 31.5, a Non-Singaporean Player (foreign) from the COE Under-21 or COE Under-19 Team may be named in the Player Selection List on the following conditions:
  - 31.7.1. He replaces one of the first team's existing foreign players.
  - 31.7.2. The first team foreign player he replaces must not be under suspension or ineligible for any reason.
  - 31.7.3. He must have met the minimum League fitness requirements to be eligible for selection in the League.
- 31.8. Without breaching any of the Rules, all Clubs, excluding Albirex Niigata FC (S), and Young Lions, can name a maximum of four (4) foreign Players either in the starting line-up or as a substitute in a match.
- 31.9. Once the Player Selection List is submitted to the Match Commissioner and becomes an official document, and if the match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions shall apply:
  - 31.9.1. If any of the eleven (11) Players listed on the Player Selection List selected to start the match are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the named substitutes. Such replacements shall reduce the quota of substitute Players accordingly. The Player being replaced

cannot be renamed as a substitute. During the match, five (5) substitutions may still be made by the team.

31.9.2. If any of the substitutes named on the Player Selection List is not able to be fielded for any reason, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute Players shall be reduced accordingly.

31.10. Any Club failing to carry out these provisions shall be fined a minimum sum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1000.00) for the first offence, and for any subsequent offence the club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

## **32. Substitution of Players**

32.1. In all Matches, each Club shall be permitted a maximum of five (5) named substitutions.

32.2. Pursuant to 32.1, the five (5) named substitutions shall only be made over three (3) substitution opportunities, excluding half-time.

32.3. If the goalkeeper is ordered off during play, the designated substitute may subsequently replace another player of the same Team and play as a goalkeeper.

32.4. There shall be no substitution of any Player who is ordered off the field of play.

32.5. At all times, all Clubs, excluding Young Lions, shall have a minimum of one (1) Under-23 Player of Singaporean nationality fielded during the entire first half of a match, except in the case of an Under-23 Player of Singaporean nationality who is ordered off the field of play in the first half.

32.6. All Clubs wishing to make a substitution shall inform the Fourth Official of the Players involved in the Substitution using a duly completed 'Substitution Card' and accompanied by the Players' AD Pass.

32.7. Should a Club be found to infringe any of the rules above in relation to Substitution of Players, the match and three (3) points shall be awarded to the opposing non-infringing team, and the score to remain or a three (3) - nil (0) win to be awarded to the said non-infringing team, whichever is the greater. If a match is forfeited, suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the forfeit of the match.

## **33. Player Identification**

33.1. The players' jerseys must be clearly numbered on the back in accordance with the Player Selection List submitted to the Match Commissioner before any Match.

- 33.2. Prior to the start of the Season, each Club shall notify the FAS Competitions Department of the shirt numbers allocated to each player in their teams. Each Player must be allocated a different shirt number.
- 33.3. A Player's shirt number must remain with him for the duration of the Season unless:
- 33.3.1. He ceases to play for a Club in which case his shirt number shall become available for allocation to new members of the First Team Squad and/or the Youth Team Squad; or
  - 33.3.2. The FAS Competitions Department may permit the re-use of shirt numbers allocated to another player in the team, if it is satisfied that there are good reasons to do so.
- 33.4. Pursuant to the above sub-Rule 33.3, any Club which fields a Player in a match wearing a jersey not carrying the number allocated to him shall be fined a minimum sum of Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2000.00) for its first offence, and for a second or subsequent offence occurring within the same season of the first offence, the Club shall be subjected to further disciplinary action.
- 33.5. Before the match commences, the Team Manager or his assistant acting as the Team Manager of each team shall indicate in the Player Selection List to the Match Commissioner the Captain of the team. The Team Captain shall wear the League-issued armband as per the SPL Jersey Printing guidelines to indicate his status.
- 33.6. The Match Commissioner shall, ninety (90) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time, and at the dressing room of the respective Clubs, verify the League Accreditation Passes of the players named in the Player Selection List to ensure that it is in order, and that the player is eligible to play.
- 33.7. Notwithstanding the fines herein this sub-Section, the Head, FAS Competitions Department, may take such other action as it deems desirable against the Club, its Official, or the Player for any infringement of these provisions or refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee.

#### **34. Clubs to Register Colours**

- 34.1. Thirty (30) days before the commencement of the League, the FAS Competitions Department shall obtain from the Clubs, in writing, details of their first choice (home) and second choice (away) colours (jerseys, shorts and socks). The colours registered by each team shall be worn during the current season and no changes either in the colours or the combination of colours shall be permitted during the course of the Season except in the circumstances set out in Rule 35 below, and the prior consent of the FAS Competitions Department is obtained.
- 34.2. The choice of playing kit colours must be registered with the FAS Competitions Department. Each Club shall submit a sample of its registered colours to the FAS Competitions Department at least thirty (30) days before the commencement of the League.

- 34.3. No kit item worn by a Player (shirt, shorts and socks) may contain more than four (4) colours. Furthermore, one colour (1) must be clearly predominant on the shirt, shorts and socks. In the case of striped shirts, vertical or otherwise, one (1) of the colours must be predominant on the other kit items.
- 34.4. The predominant colour must be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the kit item in question.
- 34.5. The colours of the official kit must be noticeably different from and contrasting to the colours of the reserve kit/s.
- 34.6. The colours worn by the goalkeepers must distinguish him from the other Players, the Referee and Assistant Referees.
- 34.7. For the current season, the jersey shall carry the name of the Player. Only actual names, nicknames or abbreviations of actual names officially registered with and approved by the FAS Competitions Department are permissible. Symbols and numbers in the names are not allowed.

### **35. Clash of Colours**

- 35.1. Clubs are required to wear their first-choice colours at their “Home” match and the second choice at their “Away” match.
- 35.2. Each Club shall wear its official colours as registered and pre-decided by the FAS Competitions Department unless prior approval has been obtained from the FAS Competitions Department. If, in the opinion of the FAS Competitions Department, the referee or match commissioner, the two (2) teams’ colours might cause confusion or prove unsuitable, the visiting Club shall have to change and wear its first choice or a combination of both.
- 35.3. When there is a further clash of colours, the Home Club shall wear their second-choice colours or a combination of both 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice colours as determined by the FAS Competitions Department.

### **36. Printing and Advertising on Jerseys**

- 36.1. The jerseys of all Players in the League shall follow the instructions stipulated in the SPL Jersey Printing Guidelines, issued by the FAS Marketing Department and endorsed by the FAS Competitions Department.

### **37. Ball Kids**

- 37.1. The Home Club shall provide and ensure a minimum of eight (8) ball kids for the League and Singapore Cup matches. They shall be properly attired in the official bibs issued by the League.



- 37.2. The colours of clothing worn by ball kids shall not clash with the colours of either of the competing Clubs and match referees and they must be properly attired.

### **38. Stretcher bearers**

- 38.1. The Home Club shall provide and ensure that there are at least two stretchers, approved by the FAS Sports Science and Medical Department, with eight (8) adult stretcher-bearers for all League and Singapore Cup matches. They shall be properly attired in the bibs issued by the League.

### **39. The Team Bench and Technical Area**

- 39.1. Each Home Club shall provide separate areas adjacent to the pitch (hereinafter "the technical area") for the sole use of team officials, team medical staff and substitutes; such designated areas shall be clearly marked "Home" and "Away", have direct access to the pitch, be located equidistant from the half-way line, preferably be under cover, and capable of seating at least twenty (20) people from each Club.
- 39.2. Technical areas may vary between stadium, for example in size or location.
- 39.3. The technical area extends one (1) metre on either side of the designated seated area and shall extend forward up to a distance of one (1) metre from the touchline.
- 39.4. The Fourth Official before the commencement of the match shall identify and verify the accreditations of the occupants of the technical area. Accreditations shall be worn by all registered Team Officials at all times. Any Team Official in the technical area found guilty of not wearing an accreditation pass will be fined a minimum sum of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00).
- 39.5. All person at the technical area must wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of Players and referees on the field of play.
- 39.6. A Player and/or Team Official who has been sent off the field/technical area shall not be allowed to remain in the vicinity of the field or technical area.

39.7. The access and management of suspended or expelled Players and/or Team Officials shall be managed as depicted below:

	Player		Team Official	
	Expulsion	Suspension	Expulsion	Suspension
Field of Play	Ordered to leave the field of play and its surroundings	Banned from the field of play and its surrounding	Ordered to leave the field of play and its surroundings	Banned from the field of play and its surroundings
Team Bench	Ordered to leave the team bench	Banned from the team bench	Ordered to leave the team bench	Banned from the team bench
Technical area	Cannot sit in the technical area	Banned from the technical area	Cannot sit in the technical area	Banned from the technical area
Dressing Room	Shall stay in either the dressing room or doping control room accompanied by a chaperon until 75 <sup>th</sup> minute	Banned from the dressing room at any time before and during the match in question (can join after the final whistle)	Banned from entering the team dressing rooms at half time if sent off during the first half of the match	Banned from the team dressing rooms at any time before and during the match in question (can join after final whistle)
Stands	Allowed to sit in the stands, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded as of 75 <sup>th</sup> minute, if he is not picked for doping control	Allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate surroundings of the field of play. The player could sit in the VIP or VVIP area, provided that integrity and security are safeguarded	Allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate surroundings of the field of play, for the rest of the match, provided that integrity and security are safeguarded	Allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate surroundings of the field of play. The official could sit in the VIP or VVIP area, provided that integrity and security are safeguarded
Award Ceremony	Allowed to take part in the award ceremony	Allowed to take part in the award ceremony	Allowed to take part in the award ceremony	Allowed to take part in the award ceremony
Mixed Zone	Not allowed to stop and participate in flash interview	Banned from mixed zone	Not allowed to stop and participate in flash interview	Banned from mixed zone
Press conferences	Not allowed to attend or participate in any match-related press conference	Banned from all match-related press conferences	Not allowed to attend or participate in any match-related press conference	Banned from all match-related press conference
Media activities	Not allowed to undertake any media activities in the stadium	Not allowed to undertake any media activities during the course of the match	Not allowed to undertake any media activities in the stadium	Not allowed to undertake any media activities during the course of the match
Doping control room	Eligible for doping control and shall stay accompanied by a chaperon until 75 <sup>th</sup> minute	NIL	NIL	NIL
Contact and communication	Not allowed in the VIP tribune	Can sit in an area designated by the FAS / Host Organisation	Not allowed in the VIP tribune	Can sit in an area designated by the FAS / Host Organisation

- 39.8. A Player and/or Team Official on suspension is not allowed to be in the vicinity of the field or technical area.
- 39.9. Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions from the technical area.
- 39.10. The Head Coach, Team Officials and other occupants of the technical area must remain within the confines of the technical area except in special circumstances, for example, a Medical Practitioner and/or a physiotherapist and/or a Sports Trainer entering the field of play with the Referee's permission to assess an injured player.
- 39.11. The Head Coach and other occupants of the technical area shall behave in a responsible manner at all times. Any Team Official in the technical area found guilty of not behaving in a responsible manner shall be fined a minimum sum of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00).
- 39.12. Only a maximum of ten (10) registered team officials and nine (9) substitute Players are allowed to be on the substitutes' bench. Team Officials and Players who are expelled or suspended from the game shall not be allowed to be in the technical area.

#### **40. Warm-up Protocols**

- 40.1. Only players indicated in the Official Player Selection List and registered for play (maximum 20) shall be allowed to take part in the Pre-Match warm up.
- 40.2. During actual play, a maximum of six (6) named substitutes from each Club may warm up at the same time but without a ball (except for the Goalkeeper), behind the goal closest to their substitutes' bench or in a space determined by the Match Commissioner. These Participating Players may be accompanied by a maximum of two (2) Participating Officials.
- 40.3. If there is no space to warm-up behind the goal, a maximum of three (3) Players from each Club may warm up simultaneously without a ball (except Goalkeeper) behind the Assistant Referee 2. These Players may be assisted by one (1) team official.

#### **41. Official League Footballs**

- 41.1. The footballs for the League shall be selected and supplied by the FAS.
- 41.2. Each Club shall receive footballs for training and League Matches.
- 41.3. Clubs are only permitted to use the footballs provided by the FAS for training and warming-up purposes.

#### **42. Post-Match Handshake**

- 42.1. Players from both the teams are required to assemble at the centre circle with the Match Officials for a post-match handshake. Any player who fails to do so shall be issued with a mandatory fine of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00).

#### 43. Field of Play

43.1. Each Club shall register its ground with the FAS Competitions Department, and no Club shall move to another ground, without the consent of the FAS Competitions Department.

43.2. The dimensions of the field of play for all Matches shall be as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum
Length	100m	110m
Width	64m	75m

43.3. All Clubs must register their pitch dimensions with the FAS Competitions Department, prior to the start of each Season. Clubs are not allowed to alter its pitch dimensions during a Season unless with the prior written consent of the FAS Competitions Department; the Department may at any time require a Club to submit a report from a qualified independent source, at its cost, certifying the pitch dimensions or the condition of the Stadium, including the ground.

43.4. Each Club shall take all reasonable steps to maintain its pitch and grounds in good order. The FAS Competitions Department or the Facilities, Grounds and Building Committee (SportSG) or the Field Maintenance Committee (SportSG), may require a Club to take such steps as it shall specify if it is not satisfied that an adequate standard of pitch or ground or offices or the safety and security of the Club is/are being (or has been) maintained.

43.5. A Club shall have a regular use of a ground where charge for admission may be made and a gate collection be taken in all Matches.

43.6. The playing area and the technical area must be demarcated, and spectator viewing must be further demarcated.

43.7. There must be separate dressing rooms for each Clubs and the Match Officials.

43.8. There must be toilets/bathrooms provided in dressing rooms used by players and Match Officials, and not for spectator use; dressing rooms must have adequate facilities.

43.9. Floodlights installed at the stadia ought to meet the requirements of FAS Competitions Department and/or the relevant authorities.

#### 44. Consumption of Liquids during Match

44.1. Players are entitled to take refreshments during stoppage in the match but only on the touchline. The throwing of water bottles or any other water containers onto the field is not permitted.

#### **45. Crowd Control**

- 45.1. All Clubs must ensure that the stadium they occupy is safe and to this extent the Home Club shall be responsible for all security and safety arrangements in respect of each League Match and shall ensure the safety of Match Officials and opponents, and the public.
- 45.2. The Home Club shall ensure that spectators do not misbehave or throw any missiles or water bottles onto the field or encroach into the field of play or the technical area before, during or just after a match.
- 45.3. The spectators are not allowed usage of prohibited items stipulated in the League's match ticketing terms and conditions including but not limited to whistles, laser pointers, pyrotechnics and incendiary devices during the match.
- 45.4. Any Host Club that fails to ensure the compliance of Articles 45.1 to 45.3 shall be deemed guilty of gross misconduct.

#### **46. Non-fulfilment of Fixture Obligations**

- 46.1. Any Club that failed to fulfil its fixture obligation without just cause in respect of any League Match on the appointed date or dates shall be deemed guilty of gross misconduct.
- 46.2. A Club that fails to fulfil its fixture obligations shall be liable to pay a fine and compensation for any expenses necessarily incurred by the opposing team, FAS and other affected parties as a direct result of the failure. The amount of compensation shall be at the discretion of Head, FAS Competitions Department after weighing the merits of each case. The FAS Competitions Department reserves the right to take whatever action they deem fit against the infringing team, including but not limited to imposing a fine on the team, and/or referring the matter to the Exco.

#### **47. Dispute / Dislocation of Fixtures / Abandoned Matches**

- 47.1. Any dispute between two or more Clubs as to the arrangement of League Matches shall be referred to and decided by the Head, FAS Competitions Department, as soon as possible but not later than seven (7) days before the Match in reference.
- 47.2. If, for whatever reason, League Matches cannot be played on the appointed date, this shall be immediately reported to the FAS Competitions Department by the Clubs concerned, and it shall be the FAS Competition Department's responsibility in each instance to notify immediately the appointed Referee, the Assistant Referees, the Fourth Official, and the Match Commissioner, and such other relevant personnel, of such postponement.
- 47.3. In the event of any League Match that has been postponed or abandoned before the completion of the regulation time of ninety (90) minutes, the result shall be decided by the FAS Competitions Department as to whether there should be a replay or any form of disciplinary action to be taken against the errant Club.

- 47.4. If a match is abandoned due to conditions beyond control (inclement weather, power failure) the match, as far as possible, shall be replayed the following day or any day determined by the FAS Competitions Department.
- 47.5. The FAS Competitions Department shall as far as possible arrange for a date agreeable to both the teams if the match is not played the following day. When this is not possible then the FAS Competitions Department shall decide on the date and venue, and whose decision shall be final. A team unable to play on the date and venue decided by the FAS Competitions Department shall be considered to have failed to fulfil an engagement or play its fixtures and liable to disciplinary action. The decision shall be final and binding.
- 47.6. An abandoned/postponed match shall not be considered as the match where a suspended player has served the suspension; the suspended player shall serve the suspension in the immediate match following the abandoned/postponed match. If an abandoned match is to be replayed, any caution issued during that match shall be annulled but a red card received by a player in an abandoned match shall count and the appropriate sanction shall follow. The replay of the abandoned match shall not be considered as the match where the errant player has served the suspension. If the match is not to be replayed, the cautions received by the team responsible for causing the match to be abandoned are upheld; if both teams are responsible, then all of the cautions are upheld.
- 47.7. The score of the abandoned match shall be considered null and void, and the replay shall start as a new match playing the ninety (90) minutes of regulation time with the score of 0-0.
- 47.8. If a match is abandoned, suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment of the match.

#### **48. Club Ceasing to Play**

- 48.1. If any Club in the League ceases to operate during the Season, its playing record in the League shall be expunged, and the number of places from the respective League, shall be reduced accordingly unless otherwise determined by the Exco. The remaining fixtures if any shall continue without the Club that has ceased to operate.
- 48.2. If any Club ceases to operate after the completion of the Season's fixture programme, the Exco shall determine the position of the Club without prejudice to any and all rights it has.

#### **49. Club Protest**

- 49.1. Any Club intending to lodge a protest against their opponents for any violation of the Tournament procedure in or about the Match shall do so in writing signed by the General/Club Manager or Hon. Secretary of the Club or a responsible Official of the Club to the FAS Competitions Department within forty-eight (48) hours from the end of the Match with a deposit of Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2000.00).

- 49.2. The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with plays are final and generally may not be reviewed.
- 49.3. In cases where a decision by the Referee involves an obvious error (such as mistaking the identity of the person penalised), the FAS Committee and/or judicial bodies may only review the disciplinary consequences of that decision. In cases of mistaken identity, the relevant proceedings may be opened against the person who was actually at fault.
- 49.4. Any Club intending to lodge a protest against the Referee's decision at a match shall abide by the following procedure:
- 49.4.1. The Team Manager or a responsible official of the Club shall notify the Match Commissioner immediately after the match that he shall be protesting against the Referee's decision. The Team Manager/official must then send in his protest to the FAS Competitions Department within forty-eight (48) hours, following the end of the match.
  - 49.4.2. The Match Commissioner shall reflect this in his report and submit a detailed report on the incident.
  - 49.4.3. On receiving the protest, the Head, FAS Competitions Department, after studying the relevant reports, shall decide on the outcome where possible.
  - 49.4.4. When no decision can be ascertained, the FAS Referees' Department and/or FAS Committees may be consulted.
  - 49.4.5. The player pending the appeal shall have to serve his mandatory suspension until a decision is arrived at by the Head, FAS Competitions Department.
  - 49.4.6. The decision of Head, FAS Competitions Department is binding and shall be final.
  - 49.4.7. Where the Referee's decision is upheld, the Head, FAS Competitions Department, shall decide whether the Club shall have to forfeit the Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2000.00) imposed on the Club and where the Referee's decision is overruled, the Club shall not have to pay the Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2000.00).
- 49.5. The FAS Committee and/or judicial bodies are also responsible for:
- 49.5.1 sanctioning serious infringements which have escaped the Match Official's attention; and
  - 49.5.2 rectifying obvious errors in the Referee's disciplinary decisions;

## **50. Disparaging Remarks on Refereeing / Charging at Referees / Conduct of Club Officials and Players**

- 50.1. No Club Official, Coach, Player or a member of the Team shall make any disparaging remarks about the refereeing of a match; any such remark made by a Club Official, Coach or a member of the Team may render such person liable to disciplinary action.
- 50.2. Players/Officials are prohibited from charging at the referee before, during or after the game, for whatever reasons. Any such action shall render the player/official and club concerned, liable to a fine at the discretion of Head, FAS Competitions Department and/or referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

- 50.3. Any Club Official or player who fails to conduct oneself in a proper and responsible manner before, during or after the game, including but not limited to misconduct on the field of play, in the technical area, dressing rooms and stadium premises, shall be liable to disciplinary action.





## **SECTION F: REGULATIONS ON STATUS OF PLAYERS AND TRANSFERS**

### **51. Status of Players**

51.1. All Players playing in the League shall be under contract, either as: -

- 51.1.1. Amateur
- 51.1.2. Non-Amateur

### **52. Amateur Players (Singapore Nationality)**

- 52.1. An amateur Player is one who does not play football professionally and are paid expenses such as travelling allowances, etc.
- 52.2. An amateur Player, regardless of age, who wishes to move to another club at the end of his contract is free to do so without his new club having to pay any form of compensation, provided that he retains his amateur status at his new club.
- 52.3. An amateur Player under the age of 23 (born on or after 1 January 1999), who is out of contract and wishes to move to another Club and change his status to that of a Professional, is free to do so, but his previous club(s) can seek compensation based upon a justifiable claim for training compensation.
- 52.4. An amateur Player who is above the age of 23 (born on or before 31 December 1998), who is out of contract and wishes to move to another Club and change his status to that of a non-amateur, is free to do so without his new club having to pay any form of compensation to his previous club(s).

### **53. Non-Amateur Player (Singapore Nationality)**

- 53.1. A full-time non-amateur Player is an individual who earns his living solely from football; he shall be contracted to a Club on a full-time basis for a minimum six (6) months in a playing season. If a full-time non-amateur Player wishes to move to another Club at the end of his contract, he is free to do so provided that he has fulfilled all his contractual obligations.
- 53.2. A part-time non-amateur Player is defined as one who may be in an institution of learning or whose main source of income is gained from employment other than football; he can be contracted for a minimal six (6) months in a playing season. He is, however, paid a secondary income for his footballing activities. This secondary income shall be subject to CPF contributions and tax liability. After fulfilling his contractual obligations, the Player is free to move to any Club of his choice.

### **54. Non-Amateur Player (Foreign)**

- 54.1. A foreign Player having completed his contract is free to leave provided that the terms and conditions stipulated in his ITC have been adhered to (e.g. on his transfer, loan, retention of contract, etc).
- 54.2. Subject to the above, if a foreign Player, at the end of his contract, wishes to move to another Club within the League, the first Club which he initially played for can claim a

one-time, three (3) month compensation of the Player's last drawn salary or a three (3) month compensation of the Player's salary with his new club, whichever is higher, as a compensation for his training.

- 54.3. If the services of a contracted foreign Player is sought by a foreign club, the Club may negotiate a transfer fee as they are the holders of that Player's ITC.

## **55. Execution of Contracts**

- 55.1. All Players on attaining the age of majority (21 years of age) can execute non-amateur contracts.
- 55.2. Players who have reached the age of sixteen (16) at the time of the execution of the contract can execute non-amateur contracts in their personal capacity in that it is for their benefit. A written consent must be obtained from the Player's parent or guardian if he is below twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of execution of the contract.
- 55.3. All other contracts, amateur in nature, involving minors (between the ages of 16 and 21) must be signed by either of the Player's parents or guardian (where applicable), and witnessed by the Player contracted, and where any such Player is in school or is in a tertiary institution, that school or tertiary institution shall be so notified of the contract by the Club.

## **56. Conditions of Contract**

- 56.1. No Player under the age of sixteen (16) years can sign a contract, and such a player for all purposes shall be treated as having amateur status only.
- 56.2. All contracts of service between Clubs and Players shall be on the official template approved by FAS. The contracts must be signed on behalf of the Club by an authorised Club Official. Clubs shall be free at any time to re-negotiate or amend contracts of service where it relates to Schedule 1 with its Players on such terms in writing as shall be mutually acceptable; but the main body of the contract in its official form shall not be amended without leave of the Head, FAS Competitions Department.
- 56.3. All Clubs shall submit copies of all contracts of service including any addendums thereof to the FAS Competitions Department, and such contracts including any addendums shall be subject to the approval of the Head, FAS Competitions Department.
- 56.4. Full details of all payments to or benefits paid in cash or in kind on behalf of Players must be included in the contract of service to be set out in Schedule 1 thereto, and must comply with the Rulings of FAS, in particular to salary caps.
- 56.5. It shall be a condition of all payments to Players that all stipulated sums in the contract of service shall be strictly adhered to by all Clubs and Players, and any Player who has not received his dues under his written contract shall notify in writing the FAS General Secretary and/or the Head, FAS Competitions Department, as soon as possible.

- 56.6. The FAS General Secretary and/or the Head, FAS Competitions Department, shall be at liberty to call for any and all records of payments by Clubs whether in the form of salaries or match bonus or whatever; any Club failing to provide such records shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.
- 56.7. Any censures/reprimands and/or fines, suspensions and/or notices of determination or sanctions or whatsoever penalties of any contract of service of a Player must be recorded and forthwith reported to the Head, FAS Competitions Department, and such notification must be accompanied by a copy of any notice served and/or reasons for any such action adjudicated and determined on the Player.
- 56.8. If any Player or official shall be found guilty of serious or persistent misconduct or serious or persistent breach of the terms and conditions of his contract of service or of the disciplinary rules of the Club, the Club may on giving written notice to the Player, terminate the contract without prejudice to the Club's rights, and the Club shall notify the Player or official in writing as soon as practicable but no later than four (4) days, of the full reasons for the action taken.
- 56.9. Such action shall be subject to the Player's or the official's right of appeal to the Head, FAS Competitions Department, who shall decide by himself or refer it to an Arbitrator or a Board of three (3) Arbitrators at the absolute discretion of the Head, FAS Competitions Department or the Head, FAS Competitions Department, may refer such appeal at his absolute discretion to the Players Status Committee within seven (7) days of receipt by the Player or Official of such written notification of such action (with the full reasons from the Club) from the Club, and any decision of the Players Status Committee or the Head, FAS Competitions Department or the Arbitrator or the Board of Arbitrators, where applicable, shall be made within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such notice of appeal of the Player or Official or such extended period requested for from the Head, FAS Competitions Department, and approved as such but no later than a month of receipt of such notice of appeal as they shall so determine.
- 56.10. The Player or Official shall have the right to a personal hearing before the Head, FAS Competitions Department or the Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators or the Players Status Committee and shall have the right to representation by any member of his then Club that adjudicated and determined against him. An Advocate and Solicitor may represent the Player or the Club only if he is a member of that Club for a continuous period of twelve (12) months preceding any such notice of appeal.
- 56.11. The Head, FAS Competitions Department or the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or the Players Status Committee, may summon or call any witness or witnesses or any document or documents from the Club and/or the Player or Official to adjudicate and determine any issue.
- 56.12. The Head, Competitions or the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or the Players Status Committee shall determine any appeal if the Player or Official, appealing against the decision of the Club, absents himself, provided that due notice has been given to him of the hearing date(s).
- 56.13. If any Player or Official shall be guilty of misconduct or breach of the disciplinary rules of the Club (other than as provided for above), the Club may determine the

Agreement or suspend the Player or Official for a defined period not exceeding fourteen (14) days and/or impose a fine not exceeding two weeks' wages or censure the Player or Official, and the Club shall notify the Player or Official in writing of the full reason(s) for the action taken.

- 56.14. All contracts of service, in particular Schedule 1 thereof, between Clubs and Players or officials must be treated as private and confidential.
- 56.15. When a player's Contract is terminated by mutual consent, the Club may retain the player's registration until he signs for another Club and may be entitled, without further payment to the player, to a compensation fee for training and/or development in respect of any subsequent transfer of his registration. The Player shall be informed in writing of the Club's intention to retain his registration.
- 56.16. Any dispute or impasse between the Club holding the player's registration and any other Club negotiating to obtain such registration as to the amount of compensation payable shall, as soon as practicable, and within these Rules/Sections, be determined by the Players Status Committee, FAS.
- 56.17. All Clubs must submit a Return of Players' Earnings for the previous tax year, not later than 30 November in any Season.
- 56.18. All termination of contracts between Club and Player shall be of mutual consent and not unilaterally by either party.

## **57. Termination of Contract/Cancellation of Registration**

- 57.1. Any contracted Player of Singaporean nationality whose registration is cancelled or who is released or terminated by his Club on the grounds of permanent disability or for any other reason or cause howsoever arising, shall not be registered for any other Club, without the prior written consent of the Club which last held his registration.
- 57.2. The registration of a contracted Player, local or foreign, released or terminated by his Club shall be cancelled subject to the Head, Competitions Department being satisfied the same. The Club must notify the Head, Competitions Department, immediately in writing, accompanied by supporting or relevant documents related to the termination when the registration of such a Player is cancelled by the Club for any reason whatsoever. Any Club found to have infringed this Rule shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct.

## **58. Window for Transfer**

- 58.1. Pursuant to the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players, Players are normally contracted for one playing season. However, in the Singapore context, Players can be contracted for a minimum of six (6) months. Hence, in order to maintain club stability and flexibility of employment for Players, this contract can be further shortened by mutual consent between the club and the Player.
- 58.2. Insofar as it applies to the currency of the League, Singapore Cup Competition, and notwithstanding anything herein these Rules in these Sections, there shall be two (2) windows for transfer.

- 58.3. No changing of Players shall be made after the closure of the first registration window.
- 58.4. Clubs in the League can change as many of their local and foreign Players during the second registration window on any dates decided by the FAS Competitions Department. Without breaching any of the Rules in these Sections, a Player is eligible to play when he is registered before twelve (12) noon on the day of the match. If any Club in the League has not filled up its full quota of Players, then such a Club can register those additional players during the registration periods.
- 58.5. These windows for transfer shall apply except in the case of Players going into or out of National Service or National Commitments, where such Player is permitted to be registered with the Young Lions or his previous Club or a new Club of his choice, provided that the Club has not exhausted its full quota of Players.
- 58.6. Clubs falling short or failing to register the minimum registration requirements by the minimum registration deadlines and after the close of registration windows shall constitute a disciplinary offence.

#### **59. Transfer While Under Contract**

- 59.1. During the currency of a contract of a Player, the transfer of his registration from one Club to another shall be done through the MyFAS online registration system.
- 59.2. Such contracted Player does not become a registered Player of the Club seeking his transfer until the Club has received from the FAS Competitions Department, his League Accreditation Pass, confirming registration and eligibility to play.
- 59.3. It is the responsibility of the Club seeking the transfer of a Player to satisfy itself as to the Player's fitness and a certificate to the effect that such Club is satisfied with all Players' medical fitness must be forwarded to the FAS Competitions Department, before the player's League Accreditation Pass is issued.

#### **60. Transfers after Expiry of Contract**

- 60.1. Subject to these provisions of this Section or these Sections, a Player shall be free at the end of his contractual engagement to seek registration with any Club of his choice.
- 60.2. If a foreign Player, at the end of his contract, wishes to move to another (second) Club within the League, the first Club which he initially played for can claim a one-time three (3) month compensation of the Player's last drawn salary or a three (3) month compensation of the Player's salary with his new club, whichever is higher, as a compensation for his training.

#### **61. Conditions of Transfer**

- 61.1. The terms and conditions of all transfers of registration must be forthwith reported to the FAS Competitions Department and a copy of the agreement giving full details of the transfer fee, if any, signed by both Clubs, must be received by the FAS Competitions Department at the same time as the online registration and the LTC/ITC

in respect of all Players signed for a fee whether local or from abroad. Transfers shall not be registered until the FAS Competitions Department is satisfied ex-facie that all formalities and/or arrangements have been complied with.

- 61.2. All transfer fees (inclusive of any sign-on fees whatsoever), if any, shall be treated as private and confidential, the General Secretary, FAS and the Head, FAS Competitions Department having the right to know, and obtaining the same from the Club on demand.
- 61.3. The approval and registration of any Player, local or foreign in these Rules, is at the absolute discretion of the FAS Competitions Department, as the case may be, and in any event, there shall be no transfer of any Player in the current Season or beyond, save for what has been set out in these Rules in this Section, or as determined by the Players Status Committee.

## **62. Temporary Transfers: Loans**

- 62.1. Under the provisions of these Rules, the loan of a Player by one Club to another constitutes a temporary transfer. A transfer certificate via the MyFAS online registration system shall therefore be issued:
  - 62.1.1. whenever a Player leaves a Club to join another Club to which he has been released on loan;
  - 62.1.2. whenever, on expiry of the period of loan, a Player re-joins the Club which released him on loan.
- 62.2. The conditions governing the loan of a Professional Player (duration of the loan, obligations to which the loan is subject to) shall be regulated by concluding a separate written contract between both Clubs concerned and duly submitted to the FAS Competitions Department.
- 62.3. The League shall not approve more than two (2) temporary transfers to any Club at any one time. The maximum number of temporary transfers allowed to any Club in a Season shall not exceed three (3). It is at the absolute discretion of Head, FAS Competitions Department to allow, in extenuating circumstances, the additional temporary transfer (or transfers) of a goalkeeper (or goalkeepers) outside of the prescribed Player registration windows, the quota of Players being maintained by the Club in reference as per these Rules.
- 62.4. The FAS Competitions Department shall not allow a Club to sign a goalkeeper on temporary transfer for a period less than one month (30 days), unless in exceptional circumstances, and with the consent of the Head, FAS Competitions Department, and as per these Rules.
- 62.5. Temporary Transfers which subsequently become permanent shall count against a Club's quota.

## **63. Full-Time National Service & Young Lions**

- 63.1. Subject to Rules 61 & 62 above, local Players, whether Non-Amateur or otherwise, who have not been registered or enlisted for full-time National Service, and those

who have been deferred from full-time National Service can be contracted by a Club for not more than three (3) years in service to the said Club.

- 63.2. Contracted Players from Clubs called up for full-time National Service or national commitment with the Young Lions shall be released (temporarily) from their contractual obligations during their term of (full-time) National Service and national commitments. Upon completion of all full-time National Service and national commitments, these Players shall return immediately (the next day), upon their (full-time National Service) ORD or completion of national commitments, to their former Club, at the behest of their contracting Club, under the terms and conditions of their (original) contracts, if any such terms and conditions are remaining or outstanding, and subject to Rule 63.5 below.
- 63.3. When a Player from a Club is called up for full-time National Service or Young Lions during any Season, the Player's Club may register a new Player (Local) to cover the vacancy created by the said enlistment. It is expressly understood that Young Lions may register such a Player provided that the said respective Clubs have not exhausted its full quota of Players. This is despite the transfer window being closed.
- 63.4. When a Player has completed his full-time National Service or goes on ORD, or completed his contractual obligations with Young Lions, he can be registered by his previous Club still holding his original contract prior to enlistment into full-time National Service or registration by Young Lions, provided that the previous Club has not exhausted its full quota of Players. This is despite the transfer window being closed. In such a case, the Club that the Player was representing whilst performing full-time National Service or Young Lions may register another Player to cover the vacancy.
- 63.5. When a Player completes his Full-time National Service or goes on ORD or completed his contractual obligations with Young Lions but has no existing contract with any Club, the Young Lions are obliged to make this known in writing to the FAS Competitions Department, who shall then disseminate this information to all Clubs. The Player shall still be permitted to be registered with any Club of his choice provided that the Club has not exhausted its full quota of Players. This is despite the transfer window being closed.
- 63.6. A Player, of whatever status, called-up for full-time National Service, shall play as an amateur Player. His original contract shall remain with his original Club. Players doing their full-time National Service (NSF) are prohibited from entering into a contract of service with any Club.
- 63.7. Upon ORD or completion of contractual obligations with Young Lions, the Player, of whatever status, shall return to the Club, which still holds his contract and shall complete the balance of that contract. Upon completion, these Rules shall apply to this Player as with all others.
- 63.8. Clubs are not allowed to negotiate with a Player, who is serving his full-time National Service until ninety (90) days prior to his ORD, notification of which must be given to the original Club having that Player's contract.

## **64. Inducements**

- 64.1. Clubs or their officials shall not approach any Player/Coach to make inquiries for the purpose of inducing that Player/Coach to join his Club or make or offer to make any payment whatsoever in cash or in kind or by any other form to Players/Coaches or their families or any other person as an inducement to sign other than those provided for in these Rules or by the respective Committees of FAS.
- 64.2. The Player/Coach shall not induce or attempt to induce any other Player/Coach in the League to leave that Club for any reason whatsoever.
- 64.3. Any Club, Official or Player/Coach or member of the Club found to have infringed this Rule shall be deemed guilty of misconduct, and shall be referred to the Head, FAS Competitions Department, who may refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee, FAS.

## **65. Inducements and Approaches**

- 65.1. Subject to the provisions of Rule 64 above, Clubs, Officials or Players/Coaches shall not directly or indirectly attempt to induce a registered Player/Coach of another Club to leave for any purpose whatsoever the Club with which he is registered. Any infringement of this Rule shall be deemed to be misconduct and shall be dealt with by the Head, FAS Competitions Department, in his absolute discretion, who shall (but not limited to) be entitled to take such action and/or impose such penalties against the official or Player/Coach or the Club as they may in the circumstances think fit. Any penalty imposed on a Club may include the refusal to register for the Club, guilty of the infringement, any Player/Coach who they consider has been so induced.
- 65.2. Public statements by Club officials of their interest in registered Players/Coaches of other Clubs shall be regarded as inducements within the meaning of this Rule.
- 65.3. All transfers (including any temporary transfer) of registrations shall be arranged directly between the Clubs concerned (and the Player/Coach) and not through or by an agent (subject to this Section). No Club shall employ a Player who is on the list of registered Players/Coaches of another Club or who has failed to comply with a decision of the Head, FAS Competitions Department or the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or the Players Status Committee, adjudicated on an appeal made under these Rules. The Head, FAS Competitions Department, may impose any penalty, at his absolute discretion, including a refusal to register the Player/Coach.
- 65.4. Subject to the provisions of any rule on compensation, a registered Player/Coach shall not directly or indirectly communicate with or approach another Club or any official or Player/Coach of another Club with the object of negotiating or arranging the transfer of himself or another Player/Coach to such other Club during the currency of contract. Any infringement of this rule shall render the Player/Coach concerned and any Official or other Player/Coach who enters into communication or negotiation with him liable to such penalties by way of fine, suspension, expulsion or otherwise as the Head, FAS Competitions Department may deem fit in the circumstances.

## **66. Players Transferred from one Club to Another**

- 66.1. A Club wishing to engage the services of a Player who is at present under contract with another Club shall, before commencing any negotiations with that player, be obliged to inform his Club in writing of its interest, giving at least fourteen (14) days'



notice from the date of the letter. A Club can only commence negotiations two (2) months before the expiry of the said Player's contract, or any time after the Player's current Club has ceased to be involved in the League, whichever is the later.

- 66.2. Clubs are not allowed to negotiate with a Player who is serving his Full-Time National Service until ninety (90) days prior to his ORD, notification of which must be given to the original Club having that Player's consent.
- 66.3. Any violation of the foregoing obligation shall be referred to FAS Disciplinary Committee should any complaints be lodged by the Club concerned or by the Head, FAS Competitions Department.
- 66.4. In the case of a Player whose employment contract has expired or has been terminated, neither he nor any prospective new Club is required to notify his former Club of any negotiations he is personally conducting.
- 66.5. However, once the Player has signed a contract with a new Club, the new Club is obliged forthwith to contact the Club to which compensation is possibly due under the terms of Rule 67 below.
- 66.6. Subject to the conditions stipulated in Rule 69 of this Section, if a foreign Non-Amateur player concludes a contract with a new (second) Club, his first Club shall be entitled to a three (3)-month compensation of the Player's last drawn salary or a three (3)-month compensation of the Player's salary with the new Club, whichever is higher.
- 66.7. If an amateur Player under the age of 23 (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999) concludes a contract with a new Club which he joins in a Professional capacity, his former Club(s) shall be entitled to compensation for his training.
- 66.8. If an amateur Player, regardless of age, is transferred to another Club and has the same amateur status there, his former Club shall have no claim to training compensation.
- 66.9. If an amateur Player above the age of 23 (born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1998) concludes a contract with a new Club which he joins in a non-amateur capacity, his former club shall have no claim to compensation for his training.
- 66.10. If the Player's former Club considers it is entitled to compensation for training and development of the Player, it shall file its claim within twelve (12) months from the day the Player turned non-amateur, otherwise its request shall be rejected.
- 66.11. When a Player is transferred to a new club, the following provisions regarding the payment of training compensation shall apply:

<b>Current Status &amp; Age of Player</b>	<b>Status of Player (at new Club)</b>	<b>Compensation (Yes/No)</b>
Amateur (regardless of age)	Amateur	No
Amateur (above 23)	Professional	No
Amateur (under 23)	Professional	Yes

Professional (regardless of age)	Amateur	No
Professional (above 23)	Professional	No
Professional (under 23)	Professional	No

- 66.12. The amount of compensation shall be agreed upon in writing between the two Clubs involved on the compensation stipulated in Rule 67 below.
- 66.13. Any agreement made between a Player and his former Club or between a third party and the former Club regarding the amount of compensation shall be disregarded.
- 66.14. A Club may make a valid agreement with any one of its Players that it waives its right to compensation for training due to it under the terms of these Rules if the Player concerned is transferred to another Club. Such a waiver must be in written form to be valid.
- 66.15. Any agreement concluded between the Clubs regarding the amount of compensation provided by these Rules shall be brought to the attention of the FAS Competitions Department, or any other National Football Association (in a foreign country).
- 66.16. In all matters concerning training compensation, FIFA's latest Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players shall be the guiding principle.

## 67. Permanent Transfer Rules

- 67.1. Any Player, who is under contract, is only free to move to another Club if the buying and selling Clubs successfully agree on all terms and conditions of the transfer.
- 67.2. The previous Club claiming for compensation is only entitled to a one-time compensation from the buying Club when the Player immediately joins the latter in the following season. When the same Player moves to a subsequent Club, the previous Club(s) cannot seek further compensation from the new Club.
- 67.3. A local Player, whether amateur or non-amateur, who is over the age of 23 (born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 1998) and is out of contract is free to move to another Club without his new Club having to pay any form of compensation or transfer fee to his previous Club.
- 67.4. A local amateur Player, who is under the age of 23 (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999) and is out of contract, is free to move to another Club provided that his new Club pays his previous Club, a training and development compensation fee.
- 67.5. If no agreement on the compensation fee is agreed between the two Clubs, the fee shall be fixed as follows:
- 67.5.1. SGD\$3,000 for every complete season, from the age of 12, that the Player has spent in the COE scheme at his previous Clubs.
  - 67.5.2. SGD\$4,000 for every complete season that the Player has spent in the Prime, S.League / SPL squads at his previous Clubs.

- 67.6. All the Clubs that the Player has played for whilst under the age of 23 shall be entitled to compensation. The compensation fee the buying Club pays shall be apportioned according to the number of complete seasons spent at each Club.

#### **68. National Service/Young Lions**

- 68.1. A Player who has to fulfil his National Service or National Commitments shall be allowed to register with Young Lions.
- 68.2. There shall be no transfer fee or compensation paid by these teams to the Player's previous Club.
- 68.3. Upon completion of National Service or National Commitments with Young Lions, the Player shall return to his previous Club to serve out the remainder of his contract.
- 68.4. If the Player's contract had lapsed upon entering National Service, and he was under the age of 23 at that point, the player's previous Club shall be entitled to a compensation fee should the Player choose to join another Club upon completing his NS. His new Club shall be liable to pay his previous club (before NS) compensation as though he had moved when he was under 23, and Rule 67.5 shall apply.

#### **69. Training Compensation for Singapore Football League (SFL) Clubs**

- 69.1. If a Player from the Singapore Football League (SFL), regardless of age, is transferred to a SPL Club, either a non-amateur or amateur capacity, the last SFL club he represented shall be entitled to compensation for training and development of the Player.
- 69.2. If a Player from the Singapore Football League (SFL), under the age of 21 (born on or after 1 January 2001), is transferred to a SPL Club COE team, the last SFL club he represented shall not be entitled to compensation for training and development of the Player.
- 69.3. The amount shall be fixed at SGD\$3000.00 for each Player entitled to compensation for training and development.
- 69.4. SFL Players playing for both Police Sports Association (PSA) and Singapore Armed Forces Sports Association (SAFSA) while serving their National Service shall not be entitled to compensation for training and development.
- 69.5. Players who have played for any S.League or Prime League team, on either a non-amateur or amateur capacity, prior to playing in the SFL, shall not be entitled to compensation for training and development.

#### **70. The Players Status Committee**

- 70.1. If two Clubs have not reached an agreement on the amount of compensation in respect of the training and/or development of a Player, the dispute shall be submitted to the Players Status Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the PSC").
- 70.2. The PSC may draw up its own regulations to settle any differences of the kind described in Rule 70.1 above between the two Clubs.
- 70.3. The PSC shall also determine any disagreement on the terms of the contract.

- 70.4. The PSC shall comprise a minimum of three (3) persons appointed by the FAS Council, and any two (2) forming a quorum at any meeting of the PSC. The Secretary of the PSC shall be the Head, FAS Competitions Department, or his/her delegated representative. The members of the PSC shall not belong to any of the Clubs.
- 70.5. The PSC shall have exclusive powers to hear all disputes, including disagreements regarding compensation, including that for training and/or development, and shall have also power to call for witnesses and/or demand documents, and shall further include powers to hear and determine:
- 70.5.1. A dispute concerning an amateur or non-amateur status or his status and eligibility as a Player;
  - 70.5.2. A dispute concerning the interpretation of clauses in contracts between Clubs and/or Players;
  - 70.5.3. A dispute concerning the transfer and/or release of Players to FAS for the national or representative teams by the Clubs employing them;
  - 70.5.4. A dispute about other matters governed by these Rules in this Section.
- 70.6. Any disagreement between two Clubs regarding the amount of compensation for the training of a Player shall not affect his sporting or professional activity and the Player shall therefore be free to play for the new Club with which he has signed a contract unless otherwise determined by the PSC, which shall convene and hear the dispute within 30 days of being notified by the Head, Competitions Department.
- 70.7. A Player may however be subject to a suspension arising from a dispute other than that described in Rule 70.6 above.
- 70.8. The PSC may appoint an ad hoc Transfer Committee to determine the amount of training compensation.

## **71. Re-Acquisition of Amateur Status**

- 71.1. A Player who has been registered as a non-amateur with FAS or any national association overseas may not be classified as amateur until a period of one (1) month has elapsed.
- 71.2. The interim period shall start as from the day the Player competed in his last match with the Club which he was registered as a non-amateur.
- 71.3. A Club which a non-amateur Player has left shall not be entitled to compensation from the new Club with which the Player has regained amateur status. This provision is subject to the eventuality provided for under Rule 71.4 below.
- 71.4. If, within thirty (30) months of the day on which he regained amateur status, a Player reverts to non-amateur status, the Club with which he was registered before regaining amateur status may be, subject to Rule 66 of this Section, entitled to compensation for training.
- 71.5. If, in such a case, the Player has since changed clubs again, the Club with which the Player was, for a while, registered as an amateur shall not be entitled to compensation.
- 71.6. If there is any doubt as to whether a Player who has regained amateur status actually plays as an amateur in his new Club, the Club with which he was last registered as

non-amateur, may ask the PSC to investigate the matter and, if necessary, take appropriate action.

## **72. Termination of Activity**

- 72.1. A non-amateur Player who stops playing competitive football shall remain registered as a player with the Club with which he was last employed for a period of twelve (12) months.
- 72.2. The period shall begin as from the end of the Season in which the Player stops playing football.
- 72.3. The Club of a non-amateur Player who stops playing football upon expiry of his contract shall not be entitled to claim compensation of any kind from him.
- 72.4. Nothing under this Rule shall prevent an individual moving to another Club in a purely non-playing capacity.
- 72.5. If, within the period mentioned in Rule 72.1, a non-amateur Player who has stopped playing football wishes to start playing again within the same status, he shall remain registered with the Club with which he was last employed.
- 72.6. If the period mentioned in Rule 72.1 has elapsed, the Club with which the Player was last registered shall no longer be entitled to any compensation.

## **73. Special Provisions**

- 73.1. The validity of a transfer contract between Clubs or of an employment contract between a Player and a Club shall be made subject to the positive results of a medical examination or to the acquisition of a work permit.
- 73.2. Consequently, the prospective new Club of the Player shall be required to make any necessary investigations or to take any appropriate action before concluding or executing the contract, otherwise it shall be liable to pay the full amount of compensation for training agreed upon (and/or the amount of the salary due).
- 73.3. Under the provisions of these Rules, the loan of a Player by one Club to another constitutes a temporary transfer. A transfer certificate shall therefore be issued:
  - 73.3.1. Whenever a Player leaves a Club to join another Club to which he has been released on loan;
  - 73.3.2. Whenever, on expiry of the period of loan, a Player re-joins the Club which released him on loan.
- 73.4. The conditions governing the loan of a non-amateur Player (duration of the loan, obligations to which the loan is subject to) shall be regulated by concluding a separate written contract, in reference to the Player's current with the parent club
- 73.5. Any local Player who has not done his National Service (unless he is given exemption) can sign a contract not exceeding three (3) years. Any clause referring to a longer duration shall be null and void. Such a Player who has completed his National Service obligations continues to remain registered with the Club he was last with prior to enlistment and shall remain contractually bound for any outstanding period under the contract with that Club.

- 73.6. Clubs are not allowed to sign or re-sign a Player if he is not training or playing in matches for the Club just before he enters Full-Time National Service. If such contracts are signed, thereby making the Players contracted to the Club for twelve (12) months, or longer, such contracts signed shall be deemed null and void.
- 73.7. If the services of a contracted foreign Player is sought by a foreign Club, the local Club can negotiate a transfer fee as it is the holder of the Player's ITC.

#### **74. Breaking of Contract**

- 74.1. Any Player who wishes to break his contract shall not be allowed to do so unless any other Club wishing to sign the Player, the Player so agreeing in writing of this intention, shall pay a transfer fee to the Club holding his contract. The transfer fee shall be negotiated between the two Clubs concerned. If these Clubs are unable to decide upon the amount, then it may be referred to the Head, Competitions Department, who shall refer the matter to the PSC.

#### **75. Release of Player to National Team or Representative Teams for FAS**

- 75.1. Any Club which has concluded a contract with a Player who is eligible to play for FAS of which the Club is a member shall be obliged to release him to FAS of which he is a National Team Player in the event that he is selected for one of its representative Teams, irrespective of his age.
- 75.2. The same provision applies to a Club of FAS for any of its Players who are Nationals of FAS, if and when they are summoned to play in a representative match.
- 75.3. This provision is binding for the following matches:
- 75.3.1. a total of five (5) international matches per calendar year. If during the course of the same calendar year and after five (5) matches have been played, FAS still has to play matches in the FIFA World Cup Preliminary Competition, then the compulsory release of the Player shall be extended to include such matches.
  - 75.3.2. additionally, any Match in the final competition of any FIFA Competition or the final Competition of Confederation Championships for senior National Teams ("A" teams) or the final Competition of other Competitions organised by the Confederations, provided these Competitions lead to qualification for a FIFA Competition;
  - 75.3.3. additionally, any other Tournament/Match in respect of which FIFA Executive Committee or FAS has taken a decision.
- 75.4. If the representative team of FAS is qualified ex officio for a final competition, the compulsory release, as prescribed in Rule 75.3 above, shall comprise eight (8) international matches per calendar year.
- 75.5. The period of release shall allow for training time. The extent of this time shall be laid down as follows:
- 75.5.1. for a friendly international Match: minimum 48 hours;
  - 75.5.2. for a qualifying match for an international Competition: 4 days (including the day of the match). The period of release shall be prolonged to 5 days if the match in question is held on a different continent from that on which the club is

- domiciled.
- 75.5.3. for the final competition of an international Competition: 14 days before the first match of the tournament. Any friendly matches played during this preparatory period do not count among the five international matches stipulated under para. 2 (a), or the eight matches stipulated under para. 42.4.
- 75.6. In any event, a Player is obliged to arrive at the match venue at least 48 hours before kick-off.
- 75.7. The Clubs and FAS concerned may, if desired, agree to extend the period of release. Where such an agreement has been made at the time of transfer of the Player, a copy of it shall be attached to the international transfer certificate.
- 75.8. Any Player who has complied with the summons of FAS pursuant to this Rule shall resume duty with his Club not later than twenty-four (24) hours after the Match to which he was summoned. This period may be prolonged to forty-eight (48) hours if the Match took place on a different continent from that of the Club with which the Player is registered. The club shall be notified in writing of the player's expected outward and return journey ten (10) days before the match. The FAS shall ensure that the player returns to his club on time after the match.
- 75.9. If a player does not resume duty with his club by the deadlines stipulated in this Rule, the period of release for FAS shall be shortened for the subsequent summons as follows:
- 75.9.1. for a friendly match: 24 hours;
- 75.9.2. for a qualifying match: to 3 days; and
- 75.9.3. for the final competition of an international competition: 10 days.
- 75.10. A Player shall not be permitted to remain with his National Team in the interval between two (2) matches for which he has been summoned if the interval is ten (10) days or more.
- 75.11. Any Club which releases a Player pursuant to Rule 73.3 above may not be entitled to financial compensation except as determined by the PSC.
- 75.12. FAS summoning the Player shall bear the costs for the travel or where relevant hotel expenses or any other direct expenses actually incurred by the Player as a result of this summons.
- 75.13. The Club with which the summoned Player is registered shall be responsible for his insurance cover against sickness and accident during the entire period of his release including insurance for injury sustained in the international Match (or Matches) or Competitions/Tournaments for which he is released.
- 75.14. Any Player registered with a Club is obliged to respond affirmatively when called upon by FAS to play for the National Team or for one of its representative teams.
- 75.15. A Player who is unable to comply with a written summons from FAS owing to injury or illness shall, if FAS so requires, agree to undergo a medical examination by a Medical Practitioner of FAS's choice.
- 75.16. A Player who has been summoned by FAS for its National Team or for one of its representative teams shall, under no circumstance, be entitled to play for the Club

with which he is registered during the period of which he has been released or should have been released, pursuant to Rule 73.5 above. This restriction on playing for the Club shall, moreover, be prolonged by five (5) days (starting from the day of the match) in the event that the Player, for whatsoever reason, did not wish to or was unable to comply with the summons.

75.17. If a Club refuses to release a Player or neglects to do so despite the Rules above, any or both or any number of the following sanctions shall be applied:

75.17.1. a fine;

75.17.2. a caution, censure or suspension of the Club involved;

## **76. Final Provisions**

76.1. Any matter not provided for under these Rules in this Section shall be settled by the PSC and shall not be subject to appeal.

76.2. The PSC reserves all rights to alter, revoke, add or vary these Rules from time to time at their absolute discretion.



## **SECTION F: MEDIA**

### **77. Media Access**

- 77.1. The Host Club shall ensure that the FAS, the Host Broadcaster and all Broadcast Licensees have free access to the Stadium from two (2) days prior to each Match until one (1) day following each Match, to allow for the resolution of any technical issues and for the assembly of the relevant infrastructure required to execute the Media Rights.

### **78. Press Conferences**

- 78.1. The Head Coach of each Club shall attend a post-Match press conference for each match in which they participate, commencing no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the match.
- 78.2. Each Team Media Officer shall ensure the attendance of the Head Coach.
- 78.3. Each club is responsible (if applicable) for the interpretation of its Head Coach into English.
- 78.4. Any individual who fails to attend an obligatory press conference shall be fined up to a maximum of Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2000.00). The relevant club shall also be held liable and the FAS Competitions Department may issue further sanctions in its discretion.

### **79. Mixed Zone**

- 79.1. All members of a Team Official Delegation shall pass through the Mixed Zone on their way from their dressing room to their bus/exit after the match.
- 79.2. Any individual who fails to pass through the Mixed Zone shall be fined a sum of Three Hundred Dollars (SGD\$300.00). The relevant club shall also be held liable and the FAS Competitions Department may issue further sanctions in its discretion.

### **80. Interviews**

- 80.1. If requested by the FAS, each club shall make their Head Coach and selected Players available for an interview of up to ten (10) minutes, to be recorded by the Host Broadcaster or other Broadcast Licensees, any Official Licensee or Official Partner.
- 80.2. Any such interviews shall be conducted one (1) or two (2) days prior to the match.
- 80.3. All interview locations shall be designated by the Club Media Officer or FAS Marketing and/or Communications Department.
- 80.4. Any individual who fails to conduct an interview when requested shall be fine up to a maximum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1000.00). The relevant club shall also be held liable and the FAS Competitions Department may issue further sanctions in its discretion.

## 81. Flash Interviews

- 81.1. Players and Officials are not permitted to give interviews at the Stadium without the express permission of the FAS.
- 81.2. The Club Media Officer may designate an area for the multilateral and unilateral flash interviews to be conducted by the Host Broadcaster and the visiting Broadcast Licensee (if applicable) following each match.
- 81.3. If requested by the FAS, any Players and/or Officials shall participate in a flash interview following each match.
- 81.4. Any individual who fails to conduct an interview when requested shall be fine up to a maximum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1000.00). The relevant club shall also be held liable and the FAS Competitions Department may issue further sanctions in its discretion.

## SECTION G: MEDICAL AND DOPING

### 82. Pre-Competition Medical Screening

- 82.1. Each Club shall ensure that each Player undergoes a pre-competition medical screening prior to their mandatory fitness test and registration.
- 82.2. Any player who has not undergone his medical screening and not certified cleared to play shall not be eligible for selection to play in the Competition. The player, however, can be provisionally registered for the competition.

### 83. Facilities and Personnel

- 83.1. The hosting team of a match in the League shall be responsible in providing medical response team which consists of one (1) match doctor and eight (8) stretcher bearers. They shall arrive and report for duty at the match venue at least sixty (60) minutes before the commencement of each match.
- 83.2. One (1) ambulance shall be provided by the hosting team in a match and stationed sixty (60) minutes before the commencement of each match at the designated area near the Medical Room and the Field of Play.
- 83.3. Each ambulance must be equipped with advance life support equipment such as defibrillator, oxygen/ mask, I/V drip sets and emergency medicaments and trained emergency medical personnel.
- 83.4. Communication channels with the ambulance(s) for emergency evacuation should be in place.
- 83.5. Security stewards must be available at all times to escort the ambulance(s) for smooth and quick transportation of patients to the referral hospital.
- 83.6. The area wherein the ambulance(s) are stationed shall be free from any obstruction. Media shall not be permitted within this area.
- 83.7. Each Stadium will have one (1) fully equipped medical room for medical care of the Team and Match Officials.
- 83.8. The first medical room will be located in the tunnel close to the Field of Play and team dressing rooms for emergency treatment of seriously injured Players.
- 83.9. Medical support at the Field of Play is recommended to be equipped with a transportable medical bag consisting of:
  - 83.9.1. Diagnostic equipment
    - 83.9.1.1. Stethoscope, Blood Pressure Monitor with cuff size 10 cm/66 cm, pupil lamp, reflex hammer, blood sugar gauge and/or blood sugar test sticks, digital thermometer, pulse oximeter; Circulation
    - 83.9.1.2. Infusion equipment with administration sets and solution, portable defibrillator with rhythm and patient data recording (AED);

### 83.9.2. Breathing

83.9.2.1. Portable airway care system, aspirator, suction catheter, portable oxygen minimum of four hundred (400) Litres, resuscitator with masks and airway, mouth to mask ventilator with oxygen inlet, larynx mask, intubation equipment, tubes;

### 83.9.3. Emergency Surgical Equipment

83.9.3.1. Needle holder, forceps, scalpel, scalpel blades, Scissors (sharp and tape), nail clippers, syringes (2ml, 5 ml, 10ml), needles, suture cutters, local anesthetics (lidocain with and without adrenaline (epinephrine), Steristrips (1/8, 1/4"), alcohol swabs, Sterile dressing pads, dressing strips, tube and dressing gauze and container for contaminated needle;

### 83.9.4. Medicaments

83.9.4.1. Oral analgesics/antipyretics, injectable analgesics (not in the list of prohibited substances). NSAIDs/COX2-inhibitors, injectable adrenalin (epinephrine) for anaphylaxis, Antibiotics, antacids, antihistamines, anti-asthmatic inhalators (beta-2-agonist, corticosteroid), 50% glucose solution, sedatives, hypnotics, throat lozenges, cough mixture/antitussive medications, creams/ ointment (anti-fungal, antibiotic, corticosteroid, anti-inflammatory), eye and ear antibiotic drops, tetanus toxoid and anti-diarrhea tablets/liquids;

### 83.9.5. Equipment

83.9.5.1. Splints, triangular sling bandage, tongue depressors, cotton tip applicators, rigid sports tape, elastic bandage, adhesive tape, adhesive foam, adhesive spray and coolant spray. Vacuum mattress or long spiral board complete with head immobilizer, cervical collar, cervical upper spinal immobilization devices and disposable gloves.

## **SECTION H: SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### **84. General Principles**

- 84.1. All matters relating to safety and security shall be undertaken in compliance with the directives from the FAS Competitions Department and/or FAS Competitions Operations Manual.
- 84.2. Each Host Club shall, in conjunction with the relevant authorities and/or Stadium owners, devise, plan, and implement adequate security and safety measures for the Competition at all Controlled Access Areas within the Venue and other relevant locations to protect all relevant persons, including without limitation the FAS personnel, Team Officials, Official Licensees, Sponsors, Partners, Media and spectators, and all goods brought in by the FAS, Team Officials, FAS Commercial Rights Partner, and official Licensees.
- 84.3. Each Host Club shall issue a detailed security plan in the form of an official document, submitted to the FAS Competitions Department for approval prior to the start of the Competition.

### **85. Covered Stadia**

- 85.1. No match in the Competition shall take place at any stadium where the playing area is covered or partially covered by a fixed or moveable roof without the prior written approval of the FAS Competitions Department and SportSG.
- 85.2. Any Club proposing to cover or partially cover its stadium with a fixed or moveable roof shall be required to submit outline plans and a copy of the planning application to the FAS Competitions Department, prior to such planning application being submitted to the appropriate authority(s).

### **86. Stadium Access Control**

- 86.1. On match days, only persons in possession of a valid permit shall be granted entry to the stadium. Valid permits include:
  - 86.1.1. Match tickets
  - 86.1.2. Accreditations
- 86.2. If a person cannot produce a valid permit, he shall be refused entry into the stadium.
- 86.3. It is the responsibility of all stewards and the Host Club to ensure that only those persons with authority to be inside the stadium, including members of the public, officials and staff, are permitted into the stadium.
- 86.4. Where restricted access zones have been established (for example, players' areas, the field of play, the media, hospitality, etc.), stewards or other appropriate security staff shall be in place to enforce and control access in accordance with the established accreditation and stadium zoning plan.

- 86.5. The Host Club shall ensure that spectators do not misbehave or throw any projectiles such as water bottles onto the field or encroach into the field of play or the technical area before, during or just after a match.
- 86.6. The spectators are not allowed usage of prohibited items stipulated in the Match ticketing terms and conditions including but not limited to whistles, laser pointers, pyrotechnics and incendiary devices during the match.
- 86.7. Any Club found to be in breach of Rule 86.1 to Rule 86.6 herein shall be deemed to be guilty of gross misconduct and may be referred to the FAS Disciplinary Committee.

## **SECTION I: FAIR PLAY**

### **87. General Principles**

- 87.1. In its effort to promote Fair Play and sportsmanship, the Competition shall hold a Fair Play Competition for the Season, based on an assessment of the Teams'/Clubs' conduct.
- 87.2. The objectives of the Fair Play Competition is to foster sportsmanship and Fair Play among Players, Clubs/Team Officials, Members of the Club, and spectators, in keeping with the Mission Statement of the League, thereby also increasing the entertainment value of the game.
- 87.3. The FAS Competitions Department shall release the standings upon the completion of the competition whose decision shall be final.
- 87.4. The FAS Competitions Department shall award the Club winning the Fair Play Competition a trophy and/or a cash award or such prizes at their absolute discretion, so determine.

### **88. The Final Assessment**

- 88.1. The overall assessment of Team/Club during the league, or beyond, shall be calculated by adding the marks attained at each game divided by the number of matches played. The Club that has the highest average points shall be the winner of the Fair Play Trophy.
- 88.2. In the event of a tie in the overall assessment, there shall be a tie breaker. Tie breaker 1: Team with less direct red cards shall receive the award, Tie breaker 2: team with less indirect red cards shall receive the award if both tie breakers cannot determine, then both teams shall be awarded.
- 88.3. The FAS Competitions Department draws up these Rules and the decision on any other matters pertaining to this Award is final.
- 88.4. This Award is based on the Clubs' performance in the league, aforesaid, and or other such tournaments in the seasons following, and shall not include the performance in any other competition unless determined by the FAS Competitions Department.

## SECTION J: DISCIPLINARY

### 89. Disciplinary Measures

- 89.1. All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the current FAS Constitution, FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code, and any relevant FAS circular.
- 89.2. The FAS may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the Clubs in due course.
- 89.3. Only Players and Officials may serve match suspensions in the Competition. For avoidance of doubt, this requires the registration of the relevant individual within a Registration Window in accordance with the deadlines set out in these Regulations.
- 89.4. All Players agree to:
  - 89.4.1. respect the spirit of fair play, respect, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
  - 89.4.2. behave accordingly; and
  - 89.4.3. refrain from doping.

### 90. Administrative Procedure

- 90.1. Where a specified financial penalty and/or sanction is/are provided for in these Rules in these Sections, the FAS Executive Committee [hereinafter "the FAS Exco"] shall have, through the Head, FAS Competitions Department or any of the Standing Committees, the full power to impose against any Club, Official and/or Player and/or Member who they shall deem guilty of having offended against or committed a breach of these Rules in these Sections such financial penalties and/or sanctions as these Rules hereinafter appearing permit.
- 90.2. The FAS Congress shall elect a Committee known as the FAS Disciplinary Committee [hereinafter "the Committee"].
- 90.3. The Committee shall receive from the Head, FAS Competitions Department, or any Standing Committee of the FAS or the FAS Exco itself notice of any suspected or alleged offence or breach of any of these Rules of these Sections or any misconduct notwithstanding that a penalty for such offence, breach of the Rules under these Sections or misconduct is not specifically provided for by the Rules.
- 90.4. The FAS Exco delegates the exercise of any of its powers under these Rules either generally or specifically to the Committee or the Head, FAS Competitions Department, or any of the Standing Committees of the FAS or the FAS Players Status Committee [hereinafter "the PSC"] for adjudication and determination as hereunder set out.
- 90.5. The Committee pursuant to these Rules shall consist of a maximum of twelve (12) members, of whom any three (3) shall be adequate to hear and determine any matter. From among the three (3) one shall be the Chairperson of the Committee. The



Chairman of the Committee has the power to appoint a Deputy Chairman or any member of his Committee who shall deputise as Chairman as and when necessary.

- 90.6. The Committee shall draw its own sub-rules which may include procedures, infringements and sanctions, implementation thereof, and any appeal procedures or powers thereof, including such order as to the payment of expenses, costs or financial penalties by Clubs, Players or Officials or Members of the Club as they think fit, in accordance with the FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 90.7. The Committee shall have the power of inquiry into all disputes, questions or differences between Clubs and Players, Officials or Members of the Club, and into all matters constituting or pertaining to any breach of these Rules under the various Sections by Clubs, Players, Officials and Members as may be referred to by the Head, Competitions or any of the FAS's Standing Committees, and to convene a hearing on notice being given, and to effect that purpose the Committee may require the attendance of all Officials, Players and other persons for the hearing of the complaint and compel the production of all books, letters and other documents relevant and necessary for the determination of the dispute/question/difference.
- 90.8. Any Club, Official, Player or Member offering or receiving a payment or any other form of inducement to or from any Club or Official or Player or Member of any Club or any person, or any such Club, Official or Player or Member receiving or seeking to receive any payment or any other form of inducement from any other person or organisation to win, lose or draw a match under the jurisdiction of the FAS shall be deemed guilty of misconduct. The FAS or any of its Standing Committees or the Head, Competitions shall have the power to refer such acts to the relevant authorities.
- 90.9. The Committee or such other Standing Committee of the FAS, inclusive of the Head, FAS Competitions Department, the Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators or the Appeals Committee or the PSC, shall be entitled to publish in the media or in such other manner as they shall think fit reports of their proceedings, acts, resolutions, findings and financial penalties whether the same shall or shall not reflect on the character or conduct of any Club, Official, Player or Member, and every such Club, Official, Player or Member shall be deemed to have assented to such an inquiry and such publication.

## **91. Differences between Clubs**

- 91.1. A Club in the first instance shall refer all differences and questions or disputes between it and any other Club or Officials or Players or Members thereof to the Head, FAS Competitions Department. Each Club making such a reference shall do so in writing and shall deposit a fee of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1000.00) only which shall be liable to be forfeited to the FAS at the discretion of the Committee or the Head, FAS Competitions Department or Arbitrator or the FAS three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the PSC as the case may be.
- 91.2. On any such submission or reference, the Head, FAS Competitions Department, may in his absolute discretion:
  - 91.2.1. either determine the dispute, question or difference himself; or

- 91.2.2. refer to or delegate the determination of such dispute, difference or question, at the absolute discretion of the Head, FAS Competitions Department, to a single Arbitrator or a Board of three (3) Arbitrators appointed by the Head, FAS Competitions Department or to any of the Standing Committees of the FAS or the PSC; or
- 91.2.3. refer the matter to the Committee.
- 91.3. The Head, FAS Competitions Department shall be under no obligation whatsoever to grant an oral hearing to a Club should he, in his absolute discretion, refer the matter to a single Arbitrator or a Board of three (3) Arbitrators or the Committee or any of the Standing Committees of the FAS or the PSC.
- 91.4. Any Club aggrieved at the determination of the Head, FAS Competitions Department or the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or of the Committee or any of the Standing Committees of the FAS, made pursuant to this Rule as regards the determination of the dispute, question, difference, or at the manner in which such determination was arrived at, shall refer the matter to the Appeal Committee [hereinafter "the Appeal Committee"] as provided in this Section, and any decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final and binding on all parties.
- 91.5. Membership for the time being for the FAS shall constitute an agreement to refer all disputes, questions and differences between the Head, FAS Competitions Department who shall determine the same in accordance to the provision of Rule 91.2 above.
- 91.5.1. The Arbitration tribunal ("the tribunal") shall consist of either a single Arbitrator or three (3) Arbitrators appointed by the Head, Competitions. The Head, FAS Competitions Department shall, in a case involving three (3) Arbitrators, appoint a Chairman to chair all such meetings, and three (3) members must hear the matter, adjudicate and determine the dispute, question or difference.
- 91.5.2. If any arbitrator appointed by the Head, FAS Competitions Department shall die, refuse to act or become incapacitated from acting prior to the making of a determination a further arbitrator shall be appointed by the Head, FAS Competitions Department to replace him.
- 91.6. As soon as practicable after it has been convened, the Arbitrator or Board of three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee of the FAS or the PSC as the case may be shall convene a meeting with the parties or their representatives. The Arbitrator or Board of three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee of the FAS or the PSC may adopt such procedures as it considers appropriate for the resolution of the dispute, question or difference, and may proceed by way of oral hearing or by written submission, and by such manner of evidence as it considers appropriate.
- 91.7. Any decision or procedural decision shall be made by the Arbitrator himself or in the case of the Board of Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the PSC shall, where necessary, be made by a majority and, in the event that no majority may be formed, the Chairman of the Board of Arbitrators or the Chairman of such Standing Committee or the PSC shall make his determination as if he were a sole arbitrator.
- 91.8. No party shall be represented at any hearing by a solicitor or counsel acting in his capacity as such, unless he has been a member of a Club for a period of at least

twelve (12) months preceding the appointment of the Arbitrator, Board of Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC or the Appeal Committee to hear the dispute, question or difference or any appeal therefrom.

- 91.9. In the event of default by either party in respect of any procedural order of the Arbitrator or Board of three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC, the Arbitrator or such Board or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC shall have the power to debar that party from further participation in the arbitration/ proceedings, and deliver its determination as the Arbitrator or such Board or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC may deem fit.
- 91.10. The power of the Head, FAS Competitions Department, the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC to forfeit the deposit under Rule 91.1 shall be in addition to the power conferred on the Head, FAS Competitions Department, the Arbitrator or the Board of three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC to determine the difference, dispute or question. Any form of misconduct during the conduct of the proceedings found by the Head, FAS Competitions Department or the Arbitrator or the Board of Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the Committee or the PSC or the Appeal Committee may be referred to the FAS Exco.

## **92. Procedure and Appeals**

- 92.1. The Head, FAS Competitions Department, the Arbitrator or the Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or any of the Standing Committees of the FAS (save for the PSC) imposing any decision or penalty on any Club, Player or Official or Member shall inform in writing any Club or person against whom action is being taken of any such decision as soon as practicable thereafter.
- 92.2. Any Club or person against whom action is being taken (save for the decision of the PSC) may, within seven (7) working days of being informed of such a decision, require the body or person taking such action to specify in writing the findings of fact leading to the decision and the reasons for the decision. A fee of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1000.00) must accompany such request. Any such requirement shall be met within seven (7) working days of its receipt and shall be accompanied by copies of all materials which were before the body or person making the decision, or such of that material as such body or person may consider relevant to the decision.
- 92.3. Any Club or person on whom a decision and/or penalty has been imposed pursuant to these Rules may appeal against such decision and/or against the penalty so imposed. Any such appeal shall be made and conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Rule.
- 92.4. A notice of appeal must be in writing and must be lodged with Head, FAS Competitions Department with a copy to the Secretary of the Appeal Committee within seven (7) working days of the receipt of the decision, or where a request for the reasons for the decision has been made within seven (7) working days of the receipt of those reasons and shall be accompanied by a deposit of Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2000.00). This amount shall be refunded to the appellant if the appeal is successful.

- 92.5. At the same time that the notice of appeal is lodged there shall also be lodged with the Head, Competitions with a copy to the Secretary of the Appeal Committee:
- 92.5.1. a statement of the grounds of appeal; and
  - 92.5.2. if leave is sought to present any fresh evidence to the Appeal Committee, particulars of such evidence and of the reasons why it was not presented to the earlier decision-maker, and
  - 92.5.3. particulars of any fact or circumstances which do not appear from the statement or accompanying documents upon which the appellant is seeking to rely.
- 92.6. The Appeal Committee shall be elected by the FAS Congress. No persons so appointed shall have taken part in any previous proceedings relating to the same matter. The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.
- 92.7. Upon the application of either party, or of its own motion, the Appeal Committee may hold-preliminary hearings for the purpose of:
- 92.7.1. deciding any application for leave to call fresh evidence;
  - 92.7.2. giving any other instructions which it considers necessary for the conduct of the proceedings; and the Appeal Committee may at any time extend or abridge all or any time limits governing appeals and may permit amendments to documents lodged by the parties on such terms as it thinks fit.
- 92.8. No fresh evidence shall be presented to the Appeal Committee without its leave. Save in the exceptional circumstances, no such leave shall be given unless:
- 92.8.1. the evidence was not available at the time of the hearing appealed against despite the exercise of reasonable diligence;
  - 92.8.2. it is credible evidence; and
  - 92.8.3. it is relevant.
- 92.9. An appeal shall be by way of re-hearing on the documents, except where the Appeal Committee gives leave to present fresh evidence, and save that the parties shall be entitled to make oral representations to the Appeal Committee at the hearing. Subject to Rule 92.8 above, no party may be represented at the hearing of any appeal by solicitor or counsel acting in his capacity as such.
- 92.10. The Appeal Committee, like the PSC, may conduct the hearing in such a manner and at such times as it considers desirable and/or suitable. If either party fails to attend at the hearing, the Appeal Committee, like the PSC, may proceed in its absence. The Appeal Committee and/or the PSC shall not be bound by any enactment or rule of law relating to the inadmissibility of evidence in proceedings before any court of law.
- 92.11. An Appeal Committee shall have power:
- 92.11.1. to allow or dismiss the appeal;
  - 92.11.2. to vary the decision and/or penalty in such a manner as it shall think fit, including the power to increase, decrease or remit any penalty included in such decision except when such penalty shall be specified in these Rules when the Appeal Committee shall impose such penalty if it finds the case proved;

- 92.11.3. to remit the matter with such directions as it thinks fit for re-hearing and determination by the earlier decision making body;
- 92.11.4. to make such further or other order as it thinks fit, including an order to forfeit the deposit.

92.12. An Appeal Committee shall not be bound to allow an appeal on the ground of misdirection or wrong evaluation of evidence, unless in the opinion of the said Committee, substantial injustice, including a miscarriage of justice, has thereby been occasioned.

92.13. An Appeal Committee may take account of facts or matters which have become evident or have occurred since the date of the decision appealed against where, pursuant to leave given to call fresh evidence, evidence has been given about such matters.

92.14. Where an Appeal Committee dismisses an appeal or varies the decision, the Appeal Committee may order the deposit to be forfeited towards the costs of the appeal, and may make any further order for the payment of costs.

### **93. Powers of the Head, FAS Competitions Department, the Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or Standing Committee of the FAS**

93.1. Upon finding an offence, or a breach of these Rules or if misconduct is proved, the Head, FAS Competitions Department, the Arbitrator, the Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or any such Standing Committee of FAS or the PSC shall be entitled to take such action and to impose such penalties by way of reprimand, fine, suspension, deduction of points, or other penalty (or combinations thereof) as the Head, FAS Competitions Department, the Arbitrator, the Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or any such Standing Committee or the PSC may think fit in the circumstances.

93.2. The Committee or such Standing Committee of the FAS shall only be entitled to recommend expulsion of a Club to the FAS Exco, and such power shall also avail to the Appeal Committee, but no Club shall be expelled from the League without the sanction of a resolution passed at a Meeting of the Exco of the FAS. There shall be no right of appeal against a resolution to expel, passed as aforesaid, by the FAS Exco.

93.3. The Head, FAS Competitions Department, Arbitrator, Board of Arbitrators or the Committee or the Standing Committees of the FAS or the PSC shall be entitled to order any Club, Player, Official or Member for any such offence against or breach of these Rules of these Sections or misconduct, and, where applicable, cancel or refuse registrations of Players which are contrary to these Rules or Rules laid down by any of the Standing Committees of the FAS.

### **94. Sanctions / Penalties**

94.1. Disciplinary sanctions and penalties which may be imposed by the FAS, the Committee, any of the Standing Committees of the FAS, or the Arbitrator or Board of three (3) Arbitrators or the PSC or the Appeal Board on Players, Clubs, Officials and Members of the Clubs shall include:

- 94.1.1. a caution;
  - 94.1.2. a censure;
  - 94.1.3. a fine;
  - 94.1.4. suspension for a specified number of matches and/or a specified period;
  - 94.1.5. a ban on participating or being involved in a game in any capacity whatsoever;
  - 94.1.6. cancellation of a match (requiring a replay, if any);
  - 94.1.7. deduction or cancellation of points;
  - 94.1.8. a win by default, in which case a score of three (3)-nil (0) shall be given, unless the goal difference attained in the match is greater in favour of the non-infringing Club;
  - 94.1.9. a ban from the stadium/stadia or on terms;
  - 94.1.10. matches to be played with the exclusion of the public or on certain conditions;
  - 94.1.11. a ban from taking part in the current and/or future competition or any part thereof;
  - 94.1.12. a cancellation/refusal of registration of a Player or on terms;
  - 94.1.13. withdrawal of any or all financial privileges given by the FAS or on terms.
- 94.2. In determining any disciplinary sanction or penalty to be imposed, the FAS, the Committee or any of the Standing Committees of the Board, or the Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators or the PSC, and the Appeal Board may be guided by the list of disciplinary measures as specified in the regulations of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and/or AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

## **95. Competition Specific Sanctions / Penalties**

- 95.1. A Player who is expelled for any of the sending-off offences stated under Law 12 in The Laws of The Game shall be suspended for the following two (2) matches. However, under these same laws, in the case where he is being sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, he shall only serve a one (1) match suspension. The Player may also be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 95.2. A Team Official who has been sent off by the referee under Law 12 in The Laws of The Game shall be suspended from the touchline for the following one (1) match. The Team Official may also be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 95.3. Subject to the provisions of 94.1 above, a player who has accumulated two (2) red cards in the course of the competition shall at the discretion of Head, FAS Competitions Department, be fined up to Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00) or referred to the Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 95.4. A Player who has received four (4) yellow card cautions in the course of the competition shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in the said competition. If the Player receives a further three (3) yellow card cautions in the course of the same competition, he shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in that competition. If he receives a further two (2) yellow card cautions in the course of the same competition, he shall be suspended for the following one

- (1) match in the said competition and pay a composition fine of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00).
- 95.5. In the event the said Player fails or is unable to pay the composition fine within the next seven (7) days, the said Player shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. Until then, the said Player shall not be allowed to play in the competition until he has paid the composition fine and/or served the suspension imposed by the Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose other sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory penalties.
- 95.6. A Team Official who has accumulated two (2) red cards in the course of the competition shall at the discretion of Head, FAS Competitions Department, be fined up to Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00) or referred to the Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 95.7. A Team Official who has received three (3) yellow card cautions in the course of the competition shall at the discretion of Head, FAS Competitions Department be fined up to Three Hundred Dollars (SGD\$300.00). If the Team Official receives a further two (2) yellow card cautions in the course of the same competition, he shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in that competition and pay a composition fine of Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00).
- 95.8. In the event the said Team Official fails or is unable to pay the composition fine within the next seven (7) days, the said Team Official shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. Until then, the said Team Official shall not be allowed to participate in his official capacity in the competition until he has paid the composition fine and/or served the suspension imposed by the Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose other sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory penalties.
- 95.9. For avoidance of doubt, a Player who is expelled for any of the sending-off offences stated under Law 12 in The Laws of The Game during the Community Shield shall be suspended for the following two (2) League matches. However, under these same laws, in the case where he is being sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, he shall only serve a one (1) match suspension in the League. The Player may also be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 95.10. Pursuant to Rule 95.2, for avoidance of doubt, a Team Official who is expelled for any of the sending-off offences stated under Law 12 in The Laws of The Game during the Community Shield shall be suspended for the following one (1) League matches. The Team Official may also be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 95.11. When disciplinary action is taken against any player by way of a composition fine or referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions, the yellow/red cards accumulated by the said player shall not be considered for further sanctions.

- 95.12. The Club and Player shall be responsible for monitoring the record on the yellow and red cards accumulated by their respective players in the respective tournaments.
- 95.13. Notwithstanding Rule 95.1 and 95.2, the Head, FAS Competitions Department, or any of the Standing Committees of the FAS (including the Committee) or the Arbitrator of the Board of Arbitrators or the PSC or the Appeals Committee may refer to the Committee (and the Committee itself may consider) any misconduct by any Player or Team Official, and the Committee may after due inquiry, impose any further sanctions and penalties over and above the mandatory penalties. When disciplinary action is taken against any player or Team Official by way of a composition fine or referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions, the yellow/red cards accumulated by the said player shall not be considered for further sanctions.
- 95.14. When a player has to appear before or sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee for any reason whatsoever, the said player may be given an option whether the player is required to attend the Disciplinary Inquiry personally or submit his plea with his mitigation if he is not challenging the charge/s against him where he need not have to appear before the Committee. The Committee, in this case, shall have the absolute power to impose sanction in the player's absentia. The team/player shall be informed of the outcome accordingly. When a player has to appear before the Committee, he must be accompanied by a Club representative where the player is registered.
- 95.15. All sanctions and/or penalties shall commence with immediate effect except in cases where the Tournament Committee or the Head, Competitions may otherwise decide pursuant to Rule 95.16 below, and all fines including composition fines imposed shall be paid in full within seven (7) days from the date the penalty/sentence is imposed before the said Player can participate in any match of a competition in which the offence was committed. A fine, including composition fines imposed on a Player/Team Official shall be paid in full within seven (7) days from the date the penalty/sentence is imposed. For the purpose of these Rules, all tournaments organised by the FAS shall fall under the Rules.
- 95.16. All sanctions and/or penalties under this Rule must be served out or complied with in full during the competition in which the offence or offences were committed by the Player. If the sanctions and/or penalties cannot be fully served or complied with in full, it shall be deferred only to the following season of the same competition where the said Player is registered and eligible to play.
- 95.17. Red card and yellow card cautions shall not be accumulated to the following season of the competition or to any other competition organised by the League.
- 95.18. Any disciplinary measures imposed by the Referee on the field of play are final with exceptions being made for possible modifications arising from corrections made to the Referee's Report or if obvious proven mistakes have been made.
- 95.19. If the referee sanctions (either caution or expulsion) at least five (5) members of the same team during a match, the team is deemed to have failed to conduct itself properly (i.e. Team Misconduct) and the Club shall be fined One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00).



## **96. Compounding Offences**

96.1. Without prejudice to the Rules hereinbefore, the Head, FAS Competitions Department, is empowered to compound any offence, misconduct or breach of these Rules of these Sections committed by a Player, Team Official or Club to a maximum limit of Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2,000.00) and/or a suspension of up to a maximum of one (1) match and/or awarding a win by default, in which case a score of three (3)-nil (0) shall be given, unless the goal difference attained in the match is greater in favour of the non-infringing Club.

## **97. Disputes Involving League Clubs**

97.1. Any dispute, question or difference or matter affecting Clubs, Officials or Players or Members shall be referred to the Head, FAS Competitions Department, who has powers to adjudicate, determine or resolve it himself or refer the same as per the provisions of these Rules.

## **98. Prohibition to Recourse to Ordinary Court**

98.1. Pursuant to Article 59 of the FIFA Statutes adopted at the Extraordinary Congress in Zurich on 26 February 2016 and which came into force immediately after adoption, clubs and members are prohibited from taking a dispute to ordinary courts of law, and are required to submit any disagreement to the jurisdiction of the Association (FAS), the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) or FIFA.

## **SECTION K: ADMINISTRATION**

### **99. Prize Money**

99.1. The FAS shall pay the following prize money:

99.1.1. Champion	: SGD\$150,000.00;
99.1.2. Runner-Up	: SGD\$80,000.00;
99.1.3. Third Place	: SGD\$40,000.00;
99.1.4. Fourth Place	: SGD\$20,000.00

### **100. Awards**

100.1. The following awards will be presented:

- 100.1.1. Player of the Year;
- 100.1.2. Young Player of the Year;
- 100.1.3. Coach of the Year
- 100.1.4. League's Team of the Year
- 100.1.5. Golden Boot of the League
- 100.1.6. Golden Glove of the League;
- 100.1.7. League's Goal of the Year
- 100.1.8. Fair Play Award for the League
- 100.1.9. Man of the Match

100.2. The FAS may decide to introduce further awards.

### **101. Man of the Match Awards**

101.1. All Man of the Match awards shall be decided by the FAS Match Commissioner appointed to the respective matches.

### **102. Monthly Awards**

102.1. The monthly awards shall consist of the following;

- 102.1.1. Player of the Month
- 102.1.2. Coach of the Month
- 102.1.3. Goal of the Month

102.2. These awards shall be nominated and decided by a panel.

### **103. Medals**

103.1. The FAS shall award the following medals:

- 103.1.1. Forty (40) medals to the Champion;
- 103.1.2. Forty (40) medals to the Runner-Up; and
- 103.1.3. Forty (40) medals to the Third Placed Team.

103.2. Additional medals may be produced upon request and at the cost of the requesting Club.

#### **104. Prize Presentation Ceremony**

104.1. A prize presentation ceremony for the League Champion, managed, controlled and coordinated by the FAS shall be held immediately after the final Match of the Competition, or otherwise decided by the FAS Competitions Department, to present the trophies and medals.

#### **105. Special Instructions**

105.1. The FAS shall issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the organization of matches.

#### **106. Decisions**

106.1. All decisions made in accordance with these Regulations, except where expressly identified otherwise, are final and binding.

#### **107. Amendments**

107.1. The FAS reserves the right to make amendments to any part of these Regulations for any reason whatsoever. Such amendments shall be duly communicated in due course.

#### **108. Force Majeure**

108.1. The FAS Exco is the only body capable of declaring a Force Majeure event.

#### **109. Matters Not Provided For**

109.1. Matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the FAS Exco and FAS Competitions Department. Such decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

#### **110. Closing Provisions**

110.1. The FAS is entrusted with the operational management of the Competition and is therefore entitled to make decisions and adopt the detailed provisions necessary for implementing these Regulations.

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