



# SINGAPORE CUP 2022<sup>®</sup>

# REGULATIONS

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### Purpose and Applications

These Regulations for the Singapore Cup are promulgated by the Football Association of Singapore (FAS) to regulate and govern the conduct, operations and administration of the Singapore Cup, 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 Singapore Premier League (SPL) as issued from time to time. These Regulations shall be binding on the SPL, all Clubs in the Competition 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 FAS 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) and/or Singapore Cup;
- the words “Code of Conduct” means the FAS Code of Conduct and SPL Code of Conduct as may hereafter be issued;
- the words “Competition” and “Tournament” mean the professional football club tournament, namely the Singapore Cup, organized and sanctioned by FAS and staged and managed by the FAS;
- the word “League” means the professional football league in Singapore, the AIA Singapore Premier League;
- 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 word “Match” means any Match in the Singapore Cup and/or sanctioned by the Football Association of Singapore (FAS) 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 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 plural number, and words importing the plural number include the singular number.



## SECTION A: COMPOSITION OF THE TOURNAMENT

### 1. Composition of the Tournament

- 1.1 The Tournament 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 Tournament 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 Tournament.
- 1.3 The Exco shall at all material times and at their absolute discretion consider for the purpose of eligibility to participate in the Tournament 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 Tournament which fails to meet the criteria and/or requirements, from time to time, of FAS.
- 1.5 A Club eligible to participate in the Tournament under Rule 1.2 to 1.4 above shall also be required to satisfy such other criteria for continuing its membership in the Tournament 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 Tournament 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 Tournament 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 Tournament 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.
- 2.4 In all matters and transactions relating to the Tournament, each Club shall behave towards each other Club and FAS and/or its Departments and/or its Committees with the utmost good faith.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 A Club shall not either during its membership of the Tournament 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.
- 2.7 Each Club shall procure that each of its officials and employees are made aware of the foregoing provisions of Rule 2.6 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.

- 2.8 Any Club found to be in breach of Rule 2.4 to Rule 2.7 herein shall be deemed to be guilty of gross misconduct.
- 2.9 All participating Clubs shall in addition, where applicable, comply and abide with all the requirements and regulations specified in the Singapore Premier League 2022 Regulations.

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

- 3.1 The Singapore Cup Champion shall represent Singapore and qualify for the AFC Cup (ACC) organised by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 Any matter not provided for in these Rules, including that for the Singapore Cup shall be dealt with by Director, FAS Competitions Department, whose decision shall be final.



## SECTION B: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

### 4. Eligibility of Players

- 4.1 Players registered and eligible to play in the League shall be eligible to be registered for the Tournament.
- 4.2 Each Club shall ensure that all Players are registered with the FAS pursuant to these regulations.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 Individuals who meet the criteria set out in Rule 4.2 and 4.3 are approved Players and eligible to participate in the League and Tournament, subject to additional provisions of the FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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 5.3 and/or referred to the FAS Disciplinary Committee.
- 4.7 For avoidance of doubt, permanent residents shall be deemed to be foreign players.
- 4.8 Except for players who are enlisted into National Service or who have completed their National Service obligations and are returning to play for the club with which he has an existing contract, a Player who has played for his previous club in this Tournament before registering for another club in the same season, is ineligible to play for his new club in the same Cup competition.

### 5. Breach of Conditions of Registration & Eligibility

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 An Eligible Player for a particular Match is one who:
  - 5.2.1 Is not serving a suspension as a result of a caution/dismissal in a match; or
  - 5.2.2 Is not serving a suspension as a result of a decision by the FAS Disciplinary Committee; or
  - 5.2.3 Has passed the mandatory fitness test for the League; or
  - 5.2.4 Has been fielded in a match without contravening any of the League's requirement of fielding and/or substitution of Players

- 5.3 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.



## SECTION C: TOURNAMENT FORMAT, FIXTURES & MATCH PROCEDURES

### 6. Tournament Format

- 6.1 The 2022 Singapore Cup shall consist of three (3) stages:
- 6.1.1 Group Stage (Single Round-Robin)
  - 6.1.2 Semi-Finals (Two-Legs)
  - 6.1.3 Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Place Playoff & Final
- 6.2 An official draw(s) shall be conducted for the purpose of determining the Tournament fixtures. For all Matches, the first-named team shall be deemed to be the “home” team. All Matches shall be played in Singapore, unless otherwise decided by the FAS.

### 7. Group Stage

- 7.1 The Group Stage shall be played on a single round-robin basis, in which each Club shall play one (1) match against each Club in its group in accordance with the match schedule
- 7.2 At the conclusion of the Group Stage, the top two (2) teams from each group shall qualify to the Semi-Finals.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 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.
- 7.8 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.

- 7.9 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).
- 7.10 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).
- 7.11 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. Semi-Finals**

- 8.1 The Semi-Finals shall be played on a two-legged "Home and Away" basis.
- 8.2 The winner shall be the team that scores the greater number of goals (total aggregate score) over the two (2) matches played. The "Away Goals" rule shall not apply.
- 8.3 Should there be a tie in the total aggregate score after the second match, thirty (30) minutes of Extra Time (two halves of fifteen minutes each) shall be played. The winner shall be the team that scores the greater number of goals (total aggregate score) over the Extra Time period. The "Away Goals" rule shall not apply.
- 8.4 In the event that the scores are still tied after the conclusion of Extra Time, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

## **9. Third Place Playoff**

- 9.1 The Third Place Playoff shall be played between the two (2) losing Semi-Finalists.
- 9.2 The match shall be played at a venue determined by the FAS Competitions Department.
- 9.3 The winner shall be the team that scores the greater number of goals (total aggregate score) over ninety (90) minutes of regulation time.
- 9.4 In the event that the scores are still tied at the end of regulation time, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.

## **10. Final**

- 10.1 The match shall be played at a venue determined by the FAS Competitions Department.

- 10.2 The winner shall be the team that scores the greater number of goals (total aggregate score) over ninety (90) minutes of regulation time.
- 10.3 In the event that the scores are tied at the end of regulation time, thirty (30) minutes of Extra Time (two halves of fifteen minutes each) shall be played. The winner shall be the team that scores the greater number of goals (total aggregate score) over the Extra Time period.
- 10.4 In the event that the scores are still tied at the end of regulation time, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

## **11. Fixtures Scheduling Policy**

- 11.1 All Matches in the Tournament shall be arranged as soon as practicable prior to its commencement. 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.
- 11.2 The FAS Competitions Department shall be responsible for drawing out the match fixtures for dissemination to all the Clubs before the commencement of the Tournament.
- 11.3 The FAS Competitions Department and the FAS Referees Department shall appoint the Match Commissioners and Referees respectively for the Tournament.
- 11.4 The FAS Competitions Department reserves the right to award tournament byes to Clubs at any stage of the Tournament when or where it deems fit and necessary.
- 11.5 The Tournament shall adopt the guideline of a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours interval between matches. The rest period shall not take into account for the impact travel has on recovery.
- 11.6 Except for extenuating circumstances, requests for rescheduling and postponement of matches in the Tournament shall not be approved unless otherwise decided by the FAS Competitions Department.
- 11.7 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 Season.
- 11.8 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 FAS 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\$2,000.00) 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.

11.9 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 Director, FAS Competitions Department and/or FAS General Secretary, whose decision shall be final. Any such claim shall be made within fourteen (14) days of the match in question and payment, or referral to the Director, FAS Competitions Department, shall be made within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the claim.

11.10 The FAS Competitions Department reserves the right to decide and/or amend the date, venue and kick-off time of all Matches.

## **12. Kick-off Timings**

12.1 Save as provided in Rules 12.2, 12.3 and 12.4 below, the time of kick-off is between 5.00pm and 9.45pm for all matches.

12.2 Any variation to these timings can be made only with the approval of the FAS Competitions Department.

12.3 For matches on Public Holidays, the FAS Competitions Department shall fix the time of kick-off.

12.4 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 Clubs.

12.5 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.

## **13. Half-time Interval**

13.1 In all Matches, the half-time interval shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes, from whistle to whistle.

13.2 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\$1,000.00).

13.3 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.

## **14. Official Clock & Time**

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 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.

## **15. Duration of Matches**

- 15.1 All 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.

## **16. Laws of the Game**

- 16.1 All 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.

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

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

## **18. Teams for Matches**

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

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

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 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.
- 19.3 The Club Media Officer and Team Manager shall be responsible for coordinating all Club and media-related matters with the FAS.

- 19.4 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.
- 19.5 Failure to comply with Rule 19.4 shall deem the errant Club liable for further disciplinary action.

## 20. Naming of Players for Match

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 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 Tournament Regulations.
- 20.4 Pursuant to Rule 20.3, COE Under-21 Players who have undergone medical screening and passed the mandatory fitness test for the League shall be eligible for selection in all matches.
- 20.5 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 Tournament Regulations.
- 20.6 Pursuant to Rule 20.5, 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 in all matches.
- 20.7 Pursuant to Rules 20.3 and 20.5, 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:
- 20.1.1 He replaces one of the first team's existing foreign players;
  - 20.1.2 The first team foreign player he replaces shall not be under suspension or ineligible for any reason;
  - 20.1.3 He shall have met the minimum League fitness requirements to be eligible for selection in the Tournament.

- 20.8 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.
- 20.9 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:
- 20.9.1 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.
- 20.9.2 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.
- 20.10 Any Club failing to carry out these provisions shall be fined a minimum sum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00) for the first offence, and for any subsequent offence the club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

## 21. Substitution of Players

- 21.1 In all Matches, each Club shall be permitted a maximum of five (5) named substitutions.
- 21.2 Pursuant to Rule 21.1, the five (5) named substitutions shall only be made over three (3) substitution opportunities, excluding the half-time interval.
- 21.3 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.
- 21.4 There shall be no substitution of any Player who is ordered off the field of play.
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 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' Accreditation Card.
- 21.7 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.

## **22. Player Identification**

- 22.1 The players' jerseys shall be clearly numbered on the back in accordance with the Player Selection List submitted to the Match Commissioner before any Match.
- 22.2 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 shall be allocated a different shirt number.
- 22.3 A Player's shirt number shall remain with him for the duration of the Season unless:
  - 22.3.1 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
  - 22.3.2 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.
- 22.4 Pursuant to the above sub-Rule 22.3, 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\$2,000.00) 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.
- 22.5 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.
- 22.6 The Match Commissioner shall, ninety (90) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time, and at the dressing room of the respective Clubs, verify the 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.
- 22.7 Notwithstanding the fines herein this sub-Section, the Director, 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.

## **23. Clubs to Register Colours**

- 23.1 Thirty (30) days before the commencement of the Season, 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 25 below, and/or the prior consent of the FAS Competitions Department is obtained.

- 23.2 The choice of playing kit colours shall 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 Season.
- 23.3 No kit item worn by a Player (shirt, shorts and socks) may contain more than four (4) colours. Furthermore, one colour (1) shall be clearly predominant on the shirt, shorts and socks. In the case of striped shirts, vertical or otherwise, one (1) of the colours shall be predominant on the other kit items.
- 23.4 The predominant colour shall be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the kit item in question.
- 23.5 The colours of the official kit shall be noticeably different from and contrasting to the colours of the reserve kit/s.
- 23.6 The colours worn by the goalkeepers shall distinguish him from the other Players, the Referee and Assistant Referees.
- 23.7 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.

## 24. Clash of Colours

- 24.1 Clubs are required to wear their first-choice colours at their "Home" match and the second choice at their "Away" match.
- 24.2 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.
- 24.3 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.

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

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

## **26. Ball Kids**

- 26.1 The Home Club shall provide and ensure a minimum of eight (8) ball kids for all matches in the Tournament. They shall be properly attired in the official bibs issued by the FAS.
- 26.2 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 shall be properly attired.

## **27. Stretcher bearers**

- 27.1 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 matches in the Tournament. They shall be properly attired in the bibs issued by the FAS.

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

- 28.1 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.
- 28.2 Technical areas may vary between stadium, for example in size or location.
- 28.3 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.
- 28.4 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).
- 28.5 All person at the technical area shall wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of Players and referees on the field of play.
- 28.6 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.

28.7 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

- 28.8 A Player and/or Team Official on suspension is not allowed to be in the vicinity of the field or technical area.
- 28.9 Only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions from the technical area.
- 28.10 The Head Coach, Team Officials and other occupants of the technical area shall 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.
- 28.11 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).
- 28.12 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.

## **29. Warm-up Protocols**

- 29.1 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.
- 29.2 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.
- 29.3 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.

## **30. Official League Footballs**

- 30.1 The footballs for the Season shall be selected and supplied by the FAS.
- 30.2 Each Club shall receive footballs for training and Matches in the Season.
- 30.3 Clubs are only permitted to use the footballs provided by the FAS for training and warming-up purposes.

## **31. Post-Match Handshake**

- 31.1 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).

## 32. Field of Play

- 32.1 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.
- 32.2 The dimensions of the field of play for all Matches shall be as follows:

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

- 32.3 All Clubs shall 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 FAS Competitions 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.
- 32.4 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.
- 32.5 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.
- 32.6 The playing area and the technical area shall be demarcated, and spectator viewing shall be further demarcated.
- 32.7 There shall be separate dressing rooms for each Club and the Match Officials.
- 32.8 There shall be toilets/bathrooms provided in dressing rooms used by players and Match Officials, and not for spectator use; dressing rooms shall have adequate facilities.
- 32.9 Floodlights installed at the stadia ought to meet the requirements of FAS Competitions Department and/or the relevant authorities.

## 33. Consumption of Liquids during Match

- 33.1 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.

#### **34. Crowd Control**

- 34.1 All Clubs shall 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 Match and shall ensure the safety of Match Officials and opponents, and the public.
- 34.2 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.
- 34.3 The spectators are not allowed usage of prohibited items stipulated in the Tournament's match ticketing terms and conditions including but not limited to whistles, laser pointers, pyrotechnics and incendiary devices during the match.
- 34.4 Any Home Club that fails to ensure the compliance of Articles 34.1 to 34.3 shall be deemed guilty of gross misconduct.

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

- 35.1 Any Club that failed to fulfil its fixture obligation without just cause in respect of any Match on the appointed date or dates shall be deemed guilty of gross misconduct.
- 35.2 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 Director, 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.

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

- 36.1 Any dispute between two or more Clubs as to the arrangement of Matches shall be referred to and decided by the Director, FAS Competitions Department, as soon as possible but not later than seven (7) days before the Match in reference.
- 36.2 If, for whatever reason, 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.
- 36.3 In the event of any 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.

- 36.4 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.
- 36.5 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.
- 36.6 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.
- 36.7 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.
- 36.8 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.

### **37. Club Ceasing to Play**

- 37.1 If any Club in the Tournament ceases to operate during the Season, its playing record in the Tournament shall be expunged, and the number of places from the Tournament, 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.
- 37.2 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.

### **38. Club Protest**

- 38.1 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\$2,000.00).

- 38.2 The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with plays are final and generally may not be reviewed.
- 38.3 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.
- 38.4 Any Club intending to lodge a protest against the Referee's decision at a match shall abide by the following procedure:
- 38.4.1 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 shall then send in his protest to the FAS Competitions Department within forty-eight (48) hours, following the end of the match.
  - 38.4.2 The Match Commissioner shall reflect this in his report and submit a detailed report on the incident.
  - 38.4.3 On receiving the protest, the Director, FAS Competitions Department, after studying the relevant reports, shall decide on the outcome where possible.
  - 38.4.4 When no decision can be ascertained, the FAS Referees' Department and/or FAS Committees may be consulted.
  - 38.4.5 The player pending the appeal shall have to serve his mandatory suspension until a decision is arrived at by the Director, FAS Competitions Department.
  - 38.4.6 The decision of Director, FAS Competitions Department is binding and shall be final.
  - 38.4.7 Where the Referee's decision is upheld, the Director, FAS Competitions Department, shall decide whether the Club will have to forfeit the Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2,000.00) deposit imposed on the Club and where the Referee's decision is overruled, the Club shall not have to pay the Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2,000.00) deposit.
- 38.5 The FAS Committee and/or judicial bodies are also responsible for:
- 38.5.1 sanctioning serious infringements which have escaped the Match Official's attention; and
  - 38.5.2 rectifying obvious errors in the Referee's disciplinary decisions;

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

- 39.1 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.
- 39.2 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 Director, FAS Competitions Department and/or referred to the Disciplinary Committee.



- 39.3 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 D: MEDIA**

### **40. Media Access**

- 40.1 The Home 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.

### **41. Press Conferences**

- 41.1 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.
- 41.2 Each Team Media Officer shall ensure the attendance of the Head Coach.
- 41.3 Each club is responsible (if applicable) for the interpretation of its Head Coach into English.
- 41.4 Any individual who fails to attend an obligatory press conference shall be fined up to a maximum of Two Thousand Dollars (SGD\$2,000.00). The relevant club shall also be held liable and the FAS Competitions Department may issue further sanctions in its discretion.

### **42. Mixed Zone**

- 42.1 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.
- 42.2 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.

### **43. Interviews**

- 43.1 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.
- 43.2 All interview locations shall be designated by the Club Media Officer or FAS Marketing and/or FAS Communications Department.
- 43.3 Any individual who fails to conduct an interview when requested shall be fine up to a maximum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00). The relevant club shall also be held liable and the FAS Competitions Department may issue further sanctions in its discretion.

#### 44. Flash Interviews

- 44.1 Players and Officials are not permitted to give interviews at the Stadium without the express permission of the FAS.
- 44.2 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.
- 44.3 If requested by the FAS, any Players and/or Officials shall participate in a flash interview following each match.
- 44.4 Any individual who fails to conduct an interview when requested shall be fine up to a maximum of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00). The relevant club shall also be held liable and the FAS Competitions Department may issue further sanctions in its discretion.



## SECTION E: MEDICAL AND DOPING

### 45. Pre-Competition Medical Screening

- 45.1 Each Club shall ensure that each Player undergoes a pre-competition medical screening prior to their mandatory fitness test and registration.
- 45.2 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 Season. The player, however, can be provisionally registered for the Season.

### 46. Facilities and Personnel

- 46.1 The Home Club of a match shall be responsible in providing a 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.
- 46.2 One (1) ambulance shall be provided by the Home Club 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.
- 46.3 Each ambulance shall be equipped with advance life support equipment such as defibrillator, oxygen/ mask, I/V drip sets and emergency medicaments and trained emergency medical personnel.
- 46.4 Communication channels with the ambulance(s) for emergency evacuation should be in place.
- 46.5 Security stewards shall be available at all times to escort the ambulance(s) for smooth and quick transportation of patients to the referral hospital.
- 46.6 The area wherein the ambulance(s) are stationed shall be free from any obstruction. Media shall not be permitted within this area.
- 46.7 Each Stadium will have one (1) fully equipped medical room for medical care of the Team and Match Officials.
- 46.8 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.
- 46.9 Medical support at the Field of Play is recommended to be equipped with a transportable medical bag consisting of:
  - 46.9.1 Diagnostic equipment
    - 46.9.1.1 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
    - 46.9.1.2 Infusion equipment with administration sets and solution, portable defibrillator with rhythm and patient data recording (AED);

#### 46.9.2 Breathing

- 46.9.2.1 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;

#### 46.9.3 Emergency Surgical Equipment

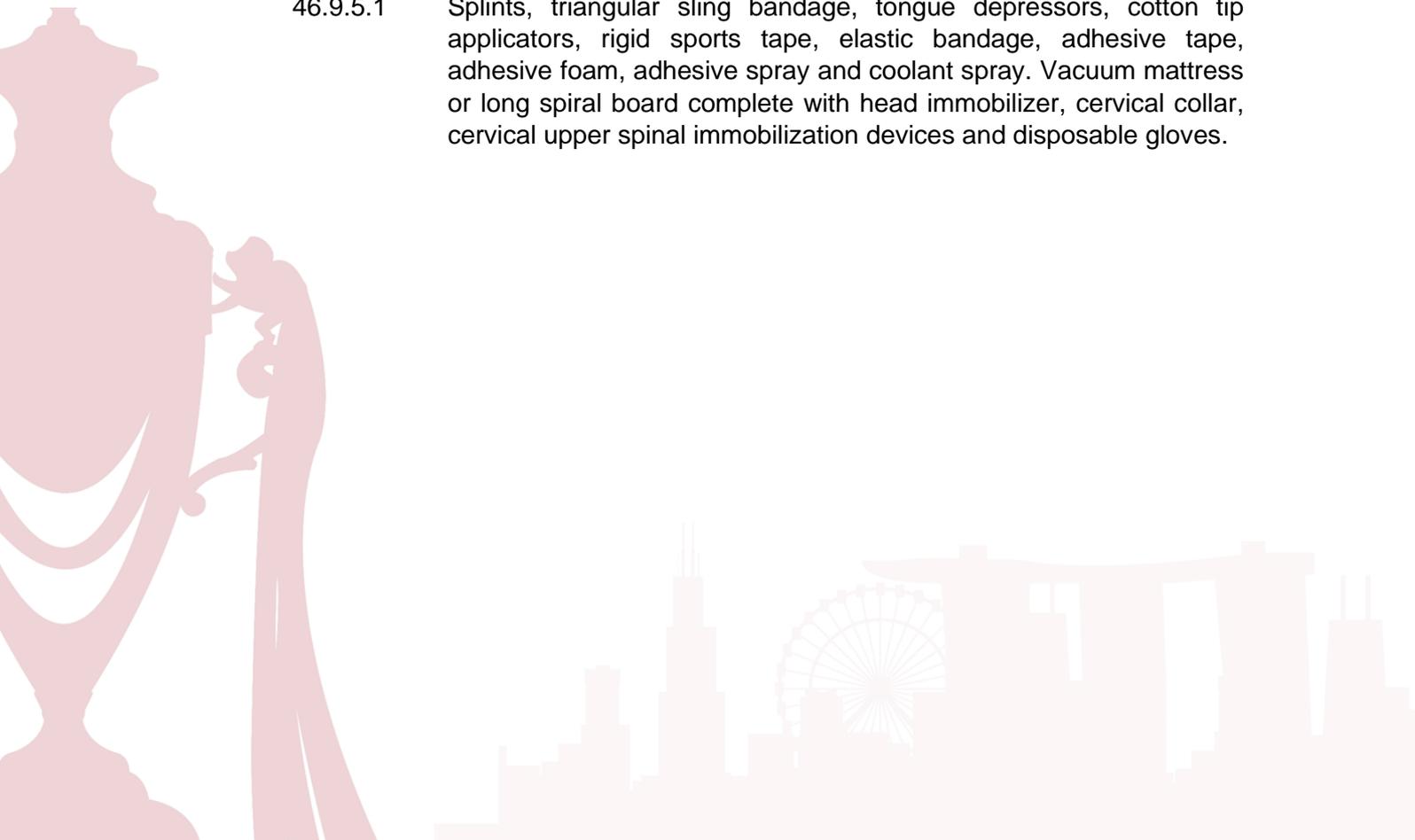
- 46.9.3.1 Needle holder, forceps, scalpel, scalpel blades, Scissors (sharp and tape), nail clippers, syringes (2ml, 5 ml, 10ml), needles, suture cutters, local anesthetics (lidocain with and without adrenaline (epinephrine), Steristrips (1/8, 1/4"), alcohol swabs, Sterile dressing pads, dressing strips,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

#### 46.9.4 Medicaments

- 46.9.4.1 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;

#### 46.9.5 Equipment

- 46.9.5.1 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 F: SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### **47. General Principles**

- 47.1 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.
- 47.2 Each Home Club shall, in conjunction with the relevant authorities and/or Stadium owners, devise, plan, and implement adequate security and safety measures for the Season 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.
- 47.3 Each Home 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 Season.

### **48. Covered Stadia**

- 48.1 No match 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.
- 48.2 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).

### **49. Stadium Access Control**

- 49.1 On match days, only persons in possession of a valid permit shall be granted entry to the stadium. Valid permits include:
  - 49.1.1 Match tickets
  - 49.1.2 Accreditations
- 49.2 If a person cannot produce a valid permit, he shall be refused entry into the stadium.
- 49.3 It is the responsibility of all stewards and the Home 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.
- 49.4 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.

- 49.5 The Home 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.
- 49.6 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.
- 49.7 Any Club found to be in breach of Rule 49.1 to Rule 49.6 herein shall be deemed to be guilty of gross misconduct and may be referred to the FAS Disciplinary Committee.



## **SECTION G: DISCIPLINARY**

### **50. Disciplinary Measures**

- 50.1 All disciplinary measures in relation to the Tournament shall be undertaken in accordance with the current FAS Constitution, 2022 Singapore Cup Regulations, FAS Disciplinary and Ethics Code, and any relevant FAS circular.
- 50.2 The FAS may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Season. Such rules shall be communicated to the Clubs in due course.
- 50.3 Only Players and Officials may serve match suspensions in the Tournament. For avoidance of doubt, this requires the registration of the relevant individual within a Registration Window in accordance with the deadlines set out in the Singapore Premier League 2022 Regulations.
- 50.4 All Players agree to:
  - 50.4.1 respect the spirit of fair play, respect, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
  - 50.4.2 behave accordingly; and
  - 50.4.3 refrain from doping.

### **51. Administrative Procedure**

- 51.1 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 Director, 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.
- 51.2 The FAS Congress shall elect a Committee known as the FAS Disciplinary Committee [hereinafter "the Committee"].
- 51.3 The Committee shall receive from the Director, 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.
- 51.4 The FAS Exco delegates the exercise of any of its powers under these Rules either generally or specifically to the Committee or the Director, 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.
- 51.5 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.

- 51.6 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.
- 51.7 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 Director, FAS Competitions Department 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.
- 51.8 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 Director, FAS Competitions Department shall have the power to refer such acts to the relevant authorities.
- 51.9 The Committee or such other Standing Committee of the FAS, inclusive of the Director, 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.

## **52. Differences between Clubs**

- 52.1 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 Director, FAS Competitions Department. Each Club making such a reference shall do so in writing and shall deposit a fee of One Thousand Dollars (SGD\$1,000.00) only which shall be liable to be forfeited to the FAS at the discretion of the Committee or the Director, FAS Competitions Department or Arbitrator or the FAS three (3) Arbitrators or such Standing Committee or the PSC as the case may be.
- 52.2 On any such submission or reference, the Director, FAS Competitions Department, may in his absolute discretion:
- 52.2.1 either determine the dispute, question or difference himself; or

- 52.2.2 refer to or delegate the determination of such dispute, difference or question, at the absolute discretion of the Director, FAS Competitions Department, to a single Arbitrator or a Board of three (3) Arbitrators appointed by the Director, FAS Competitions Department or to any of the Standing Committees of the FAS or the PSC; or
- 52.2.3 refer the matter to the Committee.
- 52.3 The Director, 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.
- 52.4 Any Club aggrieved at the determination of the Director, 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.
- 52.5 Membership for the time being for the FAS shall constitute an agreement to refer all disputes, questions and differences between the Director, FAS Competitions Department who shall determine the same in accordance with the provision of Rule 52.2 above.
- 52.5.1 The Arbitration tribunal ("the tribunal") shall consist of either a single Arbitrator or three (3) Arbitrators appointed by the Director, FAS Competitions Department. The Director, FAS Competitions Department shall, in a case involving three (3) Arbitrators, appoint a Chairman to chair all such meetings, and three (3) members shall hear the matter, adjudicate and determine the dispute, question or difference.
- 52.5.2 If any arbitrator appointed by the Director, 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 Director, FAS Competitions Department to replace him.
- 52.6 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 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.
- 52.7 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.

- 52.8 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.
- 52.9 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.
- 52.10 The power of the Director, 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 52.1 shall be in addition to the power conferred on the Director, 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 Director, 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.

### **53. Procedure and Appeals**

- 53.1 The Director, 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.
- 53.2 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\$1,000.00) shall 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.
- 53.3 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.
- 53.4 A notice of appeal shall be in writing and shall be lodged with Director, 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\$2,000.00). This amount shall be refunded to the appellant if the appeal is successful.

53.5 At the same time that the notice of appeal is lodged there shall also be lodged with the Director, FAS Competitions Department with a copy to the Secretary of the Appeal Committee:

- 53.5.1 a statement of the grounds of appeal; and
- 53.5.2 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
- 53.5.3 particulars of any fact or circumstances which do not appear from the statement or accompanying documents upon which the appellant is seeking to rely.

53.6 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.

53.7 Upon the application of either party, or of its own motion, the Appeal Committee may hold-preliminary hearings for the purpose of:

- 53.7.1 deciding any application for leave to call fresh evidence;
- 53.7.2 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.

53.8 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:

- 53.8.1 the evidence was not available at the time of the hearing appealed against despite the exercise of reasonable diligence;
- 53.8.2 it is credible evidence; and
- 53.8.3 it is relevant.

53.9 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 52.8 above, no party may be represented at the hearing of any appeal by solicitor or counsel acting in his capacity as such.

53.10 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.

53.11 The Appeal Committee shall have power:

- 53.11.1 to allow or dismiss the appeal;

- 53.11.2 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;
  - 53.11.3 to remit the matter with such directions as it thinks fit for re-hearing and determination by the earlier decision making body;
  - 53.11.4 to make such further or other order as it thinks fit, including an order to forfeit the deposit.
- 53.12 The 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.
- 53.13 The 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.
- 53.14 Where the 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.

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

- 54.1 Upon finding an offence, or a breach of these Rules or if misconduct is proved, the Director, 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 Director, 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.
- 54.2 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 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.
- 54.3 The Director, 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.

#### **55. Sanctions / Penalties**

- 55.1 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:

- 55.1.1 a caution;
  - 55.1.2 a censure;
  - 55.1.3 a fine;
  - 55.1.4 suspension for a specified number of matches and/or a specified period;
  - 55.1.5 a ban on participating or being involved in a game in any capacity whatsoever;
  - 55.1.6 cancellation of a match (requiring a replay, if any);
  - 55.1.7 deduction or cancellation of points;
  - 55.1.8 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;
  - 55.1.9 a ban from the stadium/stadia or on terms;
  - 55.1.10 matches to be played with the exclusion of the public or on certain conditions;
  - 55.1.11 a ban from taking part in the current and/or future competition or any part thereof;
  - 55.1.12 a cancellation/refusal of registration of a Player or on terms;
  - 55.1.13 withdrawal of any or all financial privileges given by the FAS or on terms.
- 55.2 In determining any disciplinary sanction or penalty to be imposed, the FAS, the Committee or any of the Standing Committees, or the Arbitrator or Board of Arbitrators or the PSC, and the Appeal Committee 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.

## 56. Competition Specific Sanctions / Penalties

- 56.1 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 Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 56.2 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 Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 56.3 Subject to the provisions of 56.1 above, a player who has accumulated two (2) red cards in the course of the Tournament shall at the discretion of Director, FAS Competitions Department, be fined up to Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00) or referred to the Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 56.4 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 Committee. Until then, the said player shall not be allowed to participate in the Tournament until he has paid

the composition fine and/or served the suspension imposed by the Committee, who may after due inquiry impose other sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory penalties.

- 56.5 A Player who has received two (2) yellow card cautions in the course of the Tournament shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in which he received the second yellow card caution in the Tournament.
- 56.6 A Player who completes the Group Stage of the Tournament having only received one (1) yellow card caution shall not carry-over that caution to the Semi-Finals.
- 56.7 A Team Official who has received two (2) yellow card cautions in the course of the Tournament shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in which he received the second yellow card caution in the Tournament. This shall apply to all stages of the Tournament and shall be carried forward until the Final match.
- 56.8 A Team Official who has accumulated two (2) red cards in the course of the Tournament shall at the discretion of Director, FAS Competitions Department, be fined up to Five Hundred Dollars (SGD\$500.00) or referred to the Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 56.9 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 Committee. Until then, the said Team Official shall not be allowed to participate in his official capacity in the Tournament until he has paid the composition fine and/or served the suspension imposed by the Committee, who may after due inquiry impose other sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory penalties.
- 56.10 When disciplinary action is taken against any player by way of a composition fine or referred to the Committee for further sanctions, the yellow/red cards accumulated by the said player shall not be considered for further sanctions.
- 56.11 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.
- 56.12 Notwithstanding Rule 56.1 and 56.2, the Director, 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.
- 56.13 When a player has to appear before or sanctioned by the 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 absence. The team/player shall be informed of the outcome accordingly. When a player has to appear before the Committee, he shall be accompanied by a Club representative where the player is registered.

- 56.14 All sanctions and/or penalties shall commence with immediate effect except in cases where the Tournament Committee or the Director, Competitions may otherwise decide pursuant to Rule 57.1 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.
- 56.15 All sanctions and/or penalties under this Rule shall 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.
- 56.16 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 FAS.
- 56.17 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.
- 56.18 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).

## **57. Compounding Offences**

- 57.1 Without prejudice to the Rules hereinbefore, the Director, 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.

## **58. Disputes Involving League Clubs**

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

## 59. Prohibition to Recourse to Ordinary Court

- 59.1 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 H: ADMINISTRATION**

### **60. Prize Money**

60.1 The FAS shall pay the following prize money:

60.1.1	Champion	: SGD\$50,000.00;
60.1.2	Runner-Up	: SGD\$30,000.00;
60.1.3	Third Place	: SGD\$20,000.00;
60.1.4	Fourth Place	: SGD\$10,000.00

### **61. Champion Trophy of the Singapore Cup**

61.1 The Champions of Singapore Cup shall receive a Championship Trophy, which is the property of the FAS. The Champion Club shall hold the trophy until two (2) months before the end of the following season's Tournament, 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 Tournament, a replica trophy shall be given to the said foreign team instead.

61.2 The FAS shall present to the Champion team and runner-up teams (second and third) of the Tournament 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.

61.3 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 Club 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.

### **62. Medals**

62.1 The FAS shall award the following medals:

- 62.1.1 Forty (40) medals to the Champion;
- 62.1.2 Forty (40) medals to the Runner-Up; and
- 62.1.3 Forty (40) medals to the Third Placed Team.

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

### **63. Prize Presentation Ceremony**

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

## **64. Special Instructions**

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

## **65. Decisions**

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

## **66. Amendments**

- 66.1 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.

## **67. Force Majeure**

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

## **68. Matters Not Provided For**

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

## **69. Closing Provisions**

- 69.1 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.

