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DEFINITIONS

The terms in Capital letters used in these Regulations (as hereinafter defined) shall have the following meaning(s):

- AFC* The Asian Football Confederation.
- AFC Committees* AFC Committees including The Disciplinary Committee, Appeals Committee, Referees Committee, Technical Study Group, Finance & Marketing Committee, AFC Executive Committee, AFC Competitions Committee, Organising Committee for AFC Asian Cup 2011, and such other committees of the AFC as advised by AFC from time to time.
- AFC Competitions Committee* The AFC Committee consisting of a Chairman and six (6) members whose duties are to organise and manage competitions on behalf of the Confederation including making decisions on any matters related to these Competitions; to arrange the groups, venues and dates for competitions and matches and delegate, if necessary, the organisation of the same to any Member or Committee; to appoint officials for its competitions; to recommend to the Executive Committee amendments or alterations to the Rules, Regulations and Instructions for competition and matches; to submit reports on competitions and matches to the Secretariat.
- AFC Delegation* Any officials appointed by AFC, including but not limited to the Head of Delegation, Head of Administration, Venue Manager, Match Commissioner, Referee Assessor, Referee, Assistant Referees, Fourth Official, Media Officer, Security Officer, Medical Officer and Technical Study Group Officer.
- AFC Logo(s)* The official logo of AFC, and/or such other official logo, which shall be the only marks used by AFC, where otherwise mutually agreed by the parties.

<i>AFC's Marketing Partner</i>	The marketing company, if any, that AFC has contracted the Commercial Rights for the Competition.
<i>AFC Official Merchandise</i>	The official merchandise of AFC, to which the AFC Logo and the Competition Marks may be applied, to those products at the sole discretion of AFC.
<i>AFCAS</i>	AFC Administration System (AFCAS) is a web-based system to manage the AFC's operations and monitor the status of competition and individual registrations.
<i>Broadcast Affiliates</i>	Any entity, including the Host Broadcaster, which has acquired from AFC directly or from AFC's Marketing Partner any rights in respect of the Broadcast Rights of the Competition.
<i>Broadcast Rights</i>	The right to broadcast the Competition and the right of access to the Stadia to the exclusion of all others, for the purposes of producing a live television and/or radio signal and/or recordings of the Competition in any form of audio and/or audio-visual medium and the right to license the right to exhibit such live signal and/or recordings and/or part thereof by any and all forms of television and/or radio and/or any media now existing or as may be developed in the future, including, all forms of terrestrial, cable and satellite television, IPTV, broadband (fixed and/or wireless), Internet and Interactive Television on a world-wide basis.
<i>Commercial Affiliates</i>	Any entity to which AFC directly or indirectly has granted or will grant any aspect of the Commercial Rights in respect of the Competition, including but not limited to Official Sponsors, Official Supporters, Official Licensees and Official Media Partners.
<i>Commercial Rights</i>	All rights of commercial exploitation of the Competition, including without limitation all rights of

commercial exploitation of the Advertising Rights, Broadcast Rights, Concession Rights, Hospitality Rights, Image Rights, Merchandising Rights, Promotional Rights, Sponsorship Rights, and Travel and Tour Rights, by New Media Rights, Video Rights and/or commercial exploitation by any other means.

Competition

AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2011™ which shall include the Matches as set out in the Match Schedule, including any qualifying matches, activities on the field of play (other than matches), opening ceremonies, presentation or closing ceremonies, press conferences or official functions connected therewith.

Competition Marks

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

Complimentary Tickets

Tickets which are supplied without charge.

Controlled Access Areas

The locations of the Matches and other events, such as (without limitation) Stadia and their fences and perimeters, the aerial space above the Stadia, and all other locations associated with the Competitions, including the Facility Areas, media centres, international broadcast centres, Official Training Sites, designated official hotels (including but not limited to the official hotels for the Participating Teams), hospitality and VIP areas and facilities, other areas to which admission is regulated by the accreditation system, and surrounding and adjacent areas to the locations described above.

<i>Eligibility Card</i>	The giving of authority to a person or a group of persons, involving certification, which allows the accredited person(s) to undertake specified activities within the Controlled Access Areas.
<i>FIFA</i>	The Federation International de Football Association.
<i>Force Majeure</i>	Any event affecting the performance or any provision of this Agreement arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, epidemic or other natural disaster, failure or shortage of power supplies, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion.
<i>Host Broadcaster</i>	The organisation appointed by AFC directly or indirectly to ensure and provide the production of the broadcast signals of the Matches and other events of the Competition, and the provision of all related services in accordance with the Broadcast Rights.
<i>Match(es)</i>	Each football match(es) in its entirety (including extra time and penalty kick) of the Competition, and including any delayed, deferred Matches and/or replays.
<i>Match Schedule</i>	The published schedule containing details of the Competition (which details shall include but not be limited to the names of the Participating Teams, Venues, Stadia, and details of the Match kick-off times)
<i>Media</i>	All members of the written press, on-line editors, photographers, television news crews and the representatives of the Broadcast Rights Holders

entitled to media accreditation as determined by AFC.

Member(s) / Member Associations

Those National Associations who are members of FIFA, and who have applied for and been granted Ordinary, Provisional and Associate membership of AFC. For the purpose of this definition “Ordinary”, “Provisional” and “Associate” membership shall have the same meaning as contained in AFC Statutes.

National Association(s)

The controlling bodies for association football within each country or territory of Asia.

Official Functions

Any official event organised in connection with the Competitions, including but not limited to Media activities, official dinners or lunches and banquets.

Official Training Sites

Training sites designated by the Organising Association and approved by AFC for use by the Participating Teams throughout the duration of the Competition.

Organising Association(s)

A Member Association(s) and their Local Organising Committee appointed by AFC to organise, stage and host the Competition.

Participating Players

Those players registered and participating in the Competition and any other players under the authority of AFC during the Competition.

Participating Teams(s) / Member Association(s)

Those teams participating in the Competitions, under the authority of the Member Associations and AFC during the Competition.

Regulations

Those regulations controlled and published by AFC to be used in connection with the Competition.

<i>Stadia</i>	The official stadia (or any stadium) and the airspace and surrounding areas for the Matches, whether under the control of the Organising Association or otherwise, used for the Matches, including without limitation parking facilities, VIP and hospitality areas, concourses, concession areas, fencing and entrances.
<i>Team's Official Delegation</i>	The participating team's Official Delegation will comprise of a maximum of 23 players and 11 officials (TM2) who are named in the Final Registration for the Competition.
<i>Venues</i>	The host city and the immediately surrounding area in which the Stadia are located.

SECTION 1: REPRESENTATION

1. Representation

- a) The AFC stages the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2011™ (hereafter the “Competition”) for senior men’s national teams once every four (4) years
- b) Any rights associated with the Competition which has not been granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to a Participating Member Association in the Competition belong to AFC.
- c) AFC stages the Competition with Qatar Football Association (hereinafter the Organising Association) following the appointment of this Association by the AFC Executive Committee.
- d) The current AFC Statutes, all AFC Regulations, Guidelines, Circulars and Codes are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Competition. Any reference in these Regulations to the AFC Statutes refers to the Statutes valid at the time of entry and to all relevant AFC Regulations, Guidelines, Circulars and Codes.
- e) The winner of the Competition shall qualify directly and undertake to take part in the following competitions:
 - i. FIFA Confederations Cup 2013
 - ii. Intercontinental Competitions arranged by AFC with other Confederations, if any.
- f) The winner of the Competition is not authorised to represent AFC or the Competition without AFC’s prior written approval.
- g) All Players and Officials registered for participation in this Competition shall undertake to ensure their presence at the AFC Awards Night of the AFC Competitions Calendar Year if they are nominated for an award. Any player or official failing to do so shall be declared ineligible to participate in all AFC Competitions in the next calendar year. This clause is only applicable to Asian players playing in leagues of AFC Member Associations.

2. Participating Teams Agreement

- a) The obligations and responsibilities of the Participating Member Associations are stipulated in the Participating Team Agreement (PTA), its annexes and amendments, the AFC List of Requirements (LOR) and in

these Regulations and other AFC Regulations, Guidelines and Circulars and any other agreements reached between AFC and the Participating Association.

- b) Each Member Association taking part in the Competition shall ensure, as a condition of its participation in the Competition that every member of its delegation(s) (players and officials) complies with the Participating Team Agreement to be signed between the Participating Member Association and AFC.
- c) The eligible Member Association shall complete the Participating Team Agreement in full and submit it to the AFC Secretariat not later than the entry deadline communicated to the Member Association.

3. Security and Safety

- a) The Organising Association, and the relevant government authorities are responsible for devising, planning and implementing adequate security and safety for the Competition at every relevant location (covering all Controlled Access Areas) which shall cover for all relevant persons at all times, including but not limited to the following:
 - i. All Participating Teams' players and officials
 - ii. AFC Delegation
 - iii. Media
 - iv. Commercial Partners
 - v. Fans and spectators
- b) A detailed and highly relevant security plan shall be issued in the form of a binding declaration on all parties involved and shall include but not be limited to the Stadium and its vicinity, the Training Grounds, Main Media Center (MMC) and International Broadcast Center (IBC) and also Official Hotels of the participating teams, AFC Match Officials, Media and Marketing Partners. This security plan shall be based on the principles outlined in the FIFA Safety Guidelines.
- c) No spectators and unauthorised personnel are allowed in the area between the stands and the touch-line or goal line.
- d) The Organising Association shall be subject to disciplinary measures if appropriate security arrangements are not provided. Sanctions may include fines and suspensions

4. Insurance

- a) The AFC shall provide AFC Delegations with insurance coverage from the time of their departure from home to the time of arrival.
- b) The Organising Association must conclude the necessary insurance policies with a reputable insurance company, including but not limited to third-party liability. Such insurance must involve a guaranteed sum for injury and damage to persons, objects and property, and correspond to the specific circumstances of the Associations concerned. Likewise, the policies must fully cover all risks connected with the staging of the Competition and further name AFC as a co-insured in all policies.
- c) For the Competition, the Organising Association should conclude the following insurance coverage on the basis of a general agreement:
 - i. Third-party liability insurance
 - ii. Insurance against liability for pecuniary loss
 - iii. Accident insurance
 - iv. Legal expenses insurance
 - v. Travel luggage insurance
 - vi. Spectator insurance
 - vii. Electronic equipment insurance
 - viii. Robbery insurance
 - ix. Fidelity insurance
 - x. Cup insurance
 - xi. Event cancellation insurance
 - xii. Medical Insurance for AFC's Delegation
- d) The remaining risks of the Organising Association must be covered, at their own risk, by means of additional insurance contracts. AFC must be notified of such additional insurance coverage, and may request copies of the policies concerned.
- e) The Organising Association is solely responsible for the insurance coverage of the Stadiums and must release AFC of any liability whatsoever in this respect. A release of liability must be signed and returned to AFC at least one month before the start of the Competition. If such an exemption from liability is not presented in due time, the Organising Association agrees that the necessary insurance coverage may be concluded by AFC at their expense.
- f) The Participating Teams are responsible for the insurance coverage (including hospitalisation and surgical operations) of their delegation,

including players and officials, at their own expense, for all Matches played in the Competition. Claims for damages against AFC are expressly excluded, and the Participating Teams shall hold AFC harmless against any such claims.

5. Responsibility

- a) The Organising Association shall discharge AFC and hold it harmless from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against AFC and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation and course of the Competition to the exclusion of damages caused by AFC or the members of its delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.
- b) The Organising Association shall exempt (indemnify and hold harmless) AFC from all third party claims for damages relating to Match organisation, regardless of whether individual Matches in question take place or not.

SECTION 2: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

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

- a) All Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
- b) In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail and is authoritative.
- c) Only three (3) substitutes listed on the Match Starting List may take part in the Match. A player who has been substituted out may take no further part in the Match.
- d) If there are fewer than seven (7) players on either of the teams, the Match shall be abandoned. In this case, the AFC Competitions Committee (and if required the AFC Disciplinary Committee) shall decide on the consequences.

7. Duration of Match

- a) Each Match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising two periods of forty-five (45) minutes, with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes in between from the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period.

8. Extra Time

- a) If, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, extra time is played as a result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall consist of two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes each, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.

9. Determining the Winner by Penalty Kicks

- a) If the result is still a draw after the two periods of extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game.
- b) If the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for other reasons beyond control, the results shall be decided by the drawing of lots by the Referee in the presence of the AFC Match Commissioner and the two (2) team captains.

- c) If, through the fault of a Team, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed, Art. 23 c) i - vii of these Regulations shall apply.

10. Cancellation of Matches

- a) If the Match cannot commence on time due to Force Majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedures must be followed:
 - i. The Match must first be delayed for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes, unless the Referee decides that the Match can commence earlier, before a decision to reschedule the Match is taken.
 - ii. At the discretion of the Referee, another delay of a maximum of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of delay will allow the Match to commence. Otherwise, at the end of this second thirty (30) minute period, the Referee must declare the Match to have been cancelled.
 - iii. In the case of a cancelled Match, the AFC shall decide within two (2) hours of the Referee's decision to cancel the Match whether the Match can be rescheduled, taking sporting and organisational considerations into account, or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue with the Competition. Any disciplinary sanctions resulting from the cancelled Match shall remain in force.
- b) No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in Art. 10 a).

11. Abandonment of Matches

- a) If the Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal time or during any extra time because of any Force Majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedures must be followed:
 - i. The Match is automatically suspended for the duration of thirty (30) minutes to allow conditions to improve sufficiently to restart the Match, unless the Referee decides that the Match can be resumed earlier.

- ii. At the discretion of the Referee, another suspension of a maximum of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of suspension will allow the Match to be resumed. Otherwise, at the end of this second thirty (30) minute period, the Referee must declare the Match to have been abandoned.
- iii. In the case of an abandoned Match, the AFC shall decide within two (2) hours of the Referee's decision to abandon the Match whether the Match result at the time of abandonment is valid or whether a replay shall be organised, taking sporting and organisational considerations into account.

b) No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in Art. 11 a).

12. Stadiums (Stadia)

- a) Unless stipulated otherwise in these Regulations, Matches in the Competition must be played in a stadium which meets all the requirements and standards stated in the 'AFC Stadia Regulations' and in compliance with the safety & security standards, Marketing Regulations for AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2011™ and other AFC guidelines and instructions for international Matches.
- b) The Organising Association shall ensure that no Matches and/or other activities are held at the Stadium(s) nominated for the Matches at least thirty (30) days prior to the Competition, unless written permission has been obtained from AFC. Unless specified or directed by AFC otherwise, the Stadia shall be made available for use for the Competition as of seven (7) working days prior to the first Match of the Competition until one (1) day after the last Match of the Competition.
- c) If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the field of play, the Referee shall decide whether the field of play is playable or not. If the Referee declares that the Match cannot commence because of Force Majeure, or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field not fit for play, weather conditions, floodlight failures, etc., the procedure to be followed is described in Art. 10 above.
- d) All Matches of the Competition may only be played on fields of play with the following dimension:
 - i) Length: 105 meters (115 yards)
 - ii) Width: 68 meters (75 yards)

13. Team Bench and Technical Area

- a) Up to a maximum of eleven (11) Team Officials with TM2 designation on AFC Eligibility Cards and a maximum of twelve (12) players (substitutes, injured or not playing) are allowed to sit on the team bench during the Match, provided they are in possession of the appropriate eligibility and access card.
- b) All officials and players on the team bench must wear their eligibility card at all times.
- c) All persons on the bench must wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of the players and Referees on the pitch. These kits must comply with the AFC Equipment Regulations.
- d) Team 'A' shall occupy the left hand side bench as viewed from Fourth Official Bench.

14. Warming up

- a) The participating teams shall be entitled to warm up on the field of play before the Match if the weather permits.
- b) During actual play, a maximum of six (6) players from each team may warm up at the same time but without a ball (except for the goalkeeper), behind the goal closest to their substitutes' bench or in a space determined by the AFC Match Commissioner. The players may be assisted by two (2) officials from the team bench.

15. Official Training Sessions at the Stadium

- a) Depending on the weather and condition of the pitch, the Participating Member Association will be entitled to a sixty (60) minutes Official Training Session in the Stadium where they are due to play on one (1) day or two (2) days before the Participating Team's first Match in this Stadium.
- b) The field of play must be prepared to match conditions for this session. If the field of play is not in good condition, the AFC Match Commissioner may shorten or cancel the Training Session and direct the teams to inspect the field of play wearing training shoes only.

- c) AFC will decide the specific official training schedule for the Participating Member Association.

16. Official Training Sites

- a) Official Training Sites, that conform to the AFC Marketing Regulations, in good condition and situated near the Official Team Hotel shall be made available to the Participating Teams at least seven (7) days prior to the team's first Match in the Competition.
- b) The Participating Teams in the Competition shall use only those Training Sites which have been officially designated for training by AFC.
- c) These Official Training Sites are reserved for training and practice Matches and shall not be used for other Matches and events as from thirty (30) days prior and until the end of the Competition, unless written permission has been obtained from the AFC.
- d) AFC will decide the specific training schedule for the Participating Member Associations.

17. Footballs

- a) The footballs for the Competition shall be selected and supplied by AFC as follows:
 - i. Each Participating Member Association will receive fifteen (15) training balls before the Competition as well as additional fifteen (15) training balls on arrival in the host country.
 - ii. The Organising Association will be provided fourteen (14) Match balls for each Match
 - iii. Participating Member Associations are required to bring their AFC-provided training balls with them to the Competition.
- b) Whenever the footballs are delivered to the home country of the Participating Member Associations, the Participating Member Association is responsible to cover the cost of any taxes and/or fees pertaining to the clearance of these footballs.

18. Match Schedule

- a) All Matches shall be played according to the dates, stadium and kick-off times as set by the Organising Committee for AFC Asian Cup 2011 and AFC Competitions Committee.

19. Competition System

- a) The Competition shall consist of two stages:
 - i. Group Stage (League system)
 - ii. Knockout Stage consisting of the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, 3rd/4th placed Match and Final (Knockout system.)
- b) The winners and the runners-up of each Group shall qualify for the Quarter-Finals of the Competition.

20. Technical Rules for the Competition

Group Stage

- a) The teams of the sixteen (16) Member Associations taking part in the Competition shall be divided into four (4) groups of four (4) teams each.
- b) In the Matches of Group stage, the ranking in each group is determined as follows:
 - i. Greater number of points obtained in all group Matches;
 - ii. If two or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criterion, their places shall be determined as follows:
 - A) Greater number of points obtained in the group Matches between the Teams concerned;
 - B) Goal difference resulting from the group Matches between the Teams concerned;
 - C) Greater number of goals scored in the group Matches between the Teams concerned;
 - D) Goal difference in all the group Matches;
 - E) Greater number of goals scored in all the group Matches;
 - F) Kicks from the penalty mark if only two Teams are involved and they are both on the field of play;
 - G) Fewer score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the group Matches; (please see Appendix 1)
 - H) Drawing of lots
- c) In the Matches of Group Stage, three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) point for a loss.

Knockout Stage

- a) In the knockout stage, the Team having scored most goals in the Match will qualify for the next round. If both Teams score the same number of goals in the Match after ninety (90) minutes, extra time shall be played (cf. Art. 8). If the result is still a draw after the two periods of extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner (cf. Art 9).

SECTION 3: ENTRIES FOR COMPETITION

21. Entries

- a) Sixteen (16) Member Associations may participate in this Competition by virtue of:
 - i. Being a host;
 - ii. Their ranking from the previous Asian Cup;
 - iii. Winner of AFC Challenge Cup 2008 & 2010;
 - iv. Qualifying through a preliminary competition;
 - v. Being invited
- b) The eligible Member Association shall complete an official entry form in full and submit it to the AFC Secretariat not later than the entry deadline communicated to the Member Association.
- c) All decisions by the AFC Competitions Committee regarding entries are final and not subject to appeal.

22. Duties and Obligations

On entering the Competition, the Member Associations shall automatically undertake:

- a) To observe any agreements entered into with AFC as well as Regulations, policies, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by AFC and the applicable national and supra-national laws;
- b) To comply with the Laws of the Game laid down by the IFAB and published by FIFA;
- c) To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition shall be settled by AFC in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of relevant AFC Committee(s);
- d) To field their strongest team throughout the Competition;
- e) To observe the principles of Fair Play;
- f) To be responsible for the behavior of their players, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Competition, either at home or from their arrival in the host country until their departure;

- g) To accept all the arrangements made by the Organising Association in agreement with the AFC;
- h) To attend and participate in all official activities and events such as Team Manager's Meeting, press conferences, other media and marketing activities, etc. organised by AFC in accordance with guidelines and/or instructions in circulars issued by AFC regarding, in particular, Media access to Teams.
- i) To provide AFC prior to the Competition with individual player and coach/manager statistics and photographs, historical information on its national team, stadium and a photograph thereof, and further data as requested by AFC for Media and promotional purposes when requested.
- j) The Participating Member Associations must link the official URL for the Competition in the Member Association's official website upon the entry for the Competition.
- k) To accept the use and/or sub-license by AFC of any of the records, names and images of the Member Association (including its mark), players and officials, including any still and moving representation thereof, which must appear or be generated in connection with the Participating of the Member Association and its Players and Officials in the Competition.

23. Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play and replacement

- a) Member Associations shall play all of their teams' Matches in the Competition.
- b) Member Associations that withdraw prior to, or are excluded from playing in the Competition, may be replaced by another Member Association. AFC Committees concerned shall make the relevant decision, including a change in the Competition system (Art. 20) and the Technical Rules for the Competition (Art. 21 and Art. 22) if necessary.
- c) If a Member Association withdraws after entering or does not report for a Match at any Stage of the Competition, except in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AFC Competitions Committee, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of the Match, the Participating Member Association shall:
 - i. Be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition;
 - ii. Have all its Matches cancelled and considered null and void (all points, goals scored and goals against will not be counted)

and taken into consideration when deciding the ranking in the Group);

- iii. Be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by the other Participating Member Association, the AFC and AFC's Commercial and TV partner(s). The amount of compensation will be determined by the AFC Executive Committee;
 - iv. Be disqualified from taking part in the next Asian Cup (and its qualifying competitions, if any) from which it withdrew.
 - v. Be disqualified from taking part in the FIFA Confederation Cup 2013, if qualification has been attained;
 - vi. AFC Executive Committee may extend the suspension depending on the gravity of the situation and/or damages.
 - vii. Be referred to the AFC Disciplinary Committee for additional sanctions and fines depending on the gravity of the situation, then to AFC Executive Committee for final decision.
 - viii. Return to the AFC any financial stipends that had been paid to them by AFC throughout the Competition or forfeit the right to the same.
- d) The AFC Competitions Committee shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of Force Majeure.

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

24. Size of Delegation Attending Matches

- a) Each Participating Member Association is entitled to an Official Delegation of a maximum of twenty-three (23) players and eleven (11) officials who must be registered by the Member Association as per Article 26 - 35. The Team's Official Delegation will be provided with full board, accommodation and transportation benefits as well as full access to the official Competition areas including the field of play and other Controlled Accessed Areas.
- b) At their own cost, each Participating Member Association can nominate, up to an additional nine (9) officials who will receive access to Team Hotel, Training Sites and the Official Areas, except the field of play and team bench.

25. Eligibility of Players

- a) A player is eligible to play in the Competition provided he fulfils all the following conditions:
 - i. He is duly registered with the AFC by the Member Association according to the provisions of these Regulations;
 - ii. He is a bona fide citizen of the country he represents, provided he fulfills the provision of Art. 27.
- b) A player is deemed ineligible if:
 - i. There is a violation of Art. 25 a);
 - ii. He is fielded despite being served a suspension;
 - iii. AFC finds that document(s) submitted during registration is/are false.

26. Stages of Registration of Players

- a) There are three (3) stages of player's registration:
 - i. Preliminary Registration to determine a squad of a minimum of eighteen (18) players and up to a maximum of fifty (50) players.
 - ii. Final Registration to specify a minimum of eighteen (18) players and up to a maximum of twenty-three (23) players from the squad declared in the Preliminary Registration for the Competition.

- iii. Start List to identify the starting eleven (11) and up to twelve (12) substitute players for each Match during the Competition.

27. Documentations for Registration of Players

- a) For the registration of players for the Competition, players must be registered using the 'AFC Official Registration Form for Players'.
- b) Documentations for the registration of players are, but not limited to, the following (unless already previously submitted to AFC and available in AFCAS):
 - i. Official Registration form for Players;
 - ii. Color Copy of valid passport containing full name, passport number, date of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality (group passport will not be accepted);
 - iii. Color Copy of national ID (when applicable);
 - iv. Passport-size colored photo (taken within 3 months prior to the submission of the registration)
- c) In cases of registration of naturalised players, the Member Associations concerned must present proof of naturalisation by providing supporting documents issued by the competent authorities of their countries as proof of the Player's nationality in accordance with Art. 15 to 18 of the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes. The supporting documents are, but not limited, to those listed in Appendix 2.
- d) AFC reserves the right to request for additional documents than those stipulated in clauses b) and c) above.

28. Principles for Registration of Players

- a) A Participating Member Association can register no less than eighteen (18) players and no more than fifty (50) players for the Competition in the Preliminary Registration in accordance with Art. 30.
- b) If a team fails to register a minimum of eighteen (18) players, the team will be considered to have withdrawn in accordance with Art. 23 c).
- c) Throughout the Competition, each player shall wear the same number allocated to him from 1 to 23 submitted to AFC during the Final Registration in accordance with Art. 30 below. Jersey No 1 shall be reserved for the Goalkeeper.
- d) Teams must register a minimum of three (3) goalkeepers in their AFC

Preliminary and Final Registration for the Players.

- e) Each column in the AFC Official Registration Form for the Players must be completed with correct information.
- f) Players with missing documentations will not be eligible for registration. All eligible players will be issued with official eligibility cards authorised by the AFC Competitions Committee. Should the card have been misplaced, the teams shall be required to pay a USD 1,000 (One thousand US Dollars only) production fee for every card lost, to replace it.
- g) Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the Match. Victory and the resultant three (3) points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score of the Match. The guilty Member Association, its officials and team officials shall also be subject to further fines and sanctions as determined by the AFC Disciplinary Committee.
- h) It is the responsibility of the Member Association to ensure that all original forms and supporting documents in accordance with Art. 27 are sent in good time and reach AFC Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia before the deadline announced by AFC. Proof of submission is not proof of receipt.
- i) Should the AFC Secretariat not receive the original copy of the AFC Official Registration Form with all required document by the deadline announced by AFC, the Member Association shall be automatically disqualified from the Competition and be considered to have withdrawn in accordance with Art 23 c).
- j) In the event there is a dispute pertaining to the status of a player, the case will be referred to FIFA.

29. Preliminary Registration of Players

- a) Each Member Association entering the Competition shall submit to AFC Secretariat, via fax and courier, the AFC Official Registration Form for the Players and the supporting documents in accordance with Art. 27 by December 7, 2010.
- b) Once the AFC Official Registration Form has been received by AFC and after the deadline under no circumstances will the Member Associations be allowed to submit additional names or replacement of players for registrations, even if their quota of fifty (50) players has not been fulfilled.

30. Final Registration of Players

- a) Participating Member Associations are required to submit a final registration of a minimum of eighteen (18) players and a maximum of twenty-three (23) players numbered from 1 to 23 from the squad list of fifty (50) players in the Preliminary Registration by ten (10) days before the First Match in the Competition.
- b) Once the final registration of a minimum of eighteen (18) players and a maximum of twenty-three (23) players have been submitted and received by AFC, Participating Member Associations can still replace any of these players on any grounds, up until six (6) hours before their first Match of the Competition.
- c) However, the replacement player (i.e. 'new player') must be nominated from the list of up to fifty (50) players already registered in accordance to the Preliminary Registration of Players. New players registered as replacements can only be allocated vacant shirt numbers, or numbers made vacant by the non-registration of players bearing these numbers.
- d) Participating Member Association must hand over the official eligibility card of the player to be replaced to the AFC Venue Manager. The AFC Venue Manager will then, in exchange, hand over the official eligibility card of the replacement player.
- e) Only when the replacement player has received his official eligibility card will he be considered to be registered for the Competition and eligible to participate in the Competition.

31. Player Selection List

- a) For each Match in the Competition, each Member Association will receive a 'Player Selection List' on which the numbers and full names (last name, first name) of up to twenty-three (23) players in the squad is listed prior to their arrival at the stadium.
- b) The Member Association must indicate on the 'Player Selection List' the eleven (11) players who will start the Match and the other twelve (12) players who are designated as either substitutes, suspended or not playing. The team Captain must be identified on the 'Player Selection List'.

- c) Both teams must hand their 'Player Selection List' to the AFC Match Commissioner at least ninety (90) minutes before the kick-off of their Match.
- d) If the 'Player Selection List' is not completed and returned on time, the matter will be submitted to the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

32. Match Starting List

- a) Upon receipt of the 'Player Selection List', the AFC Match Commissioner will produce, through AFCAS, the 'Match Starting List'.
- b) The 'Match Starting List' must be signed by the Head Coaches and Team Managers of both Teams and returned to the AFC Match Commissioner whose signature will make the 'Match Starting List' an official document.
- c) The AFC Match Commissioner will ask to see the official eligibility cards and uniforms of the players whose names are listed on the 'Match Starting List'. Each player participating in the Match must be in possession of their eligibility card issued by the AFC Secretariat. Only those players who are in possession of an official eligibility card are entitled to play in the Matches.
- d) After the 'Match Starting List' has been completed and signed by both Teams and returned to the AFC Match Commissioner, and if the Match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions apply:
 - i. If any of the eleven (11) players listed on the Match Starting List selected to start the Match are not able to start the Match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the Match Starting List. During the Match, three (3) players may still be replaced.

33. Registration of Officials

- a) Each Member Association entering the Competition shall submit to AFC Secretariat, via fax and courier, the AFC Official Registration Form for Officials and the supporting documents in accordance with Art. 34~35 by December 7, 2010.

34. Documentations for Registration of Officials

- a) For the registration of Officials for the Competition, Officials must be registered using the 'AFC Official Registration Form for Officials'.

- b) Documentations for the registration of Officials are, but not limited to, as following (unless already previously submitted to AFC and available in AFCAS);
 - i. Official Registration form for Officials
 - ii. Passport-size colored photo (taken within 3 months prior to the submission of the registration)
 - iii. Color copy of valid passport containing full name, passport number, date of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality (group passport will not be accepted)
 - iv. Color copy of National ID (when applicable, unless the official is a foreigner from a non AFC Member Association)
 - v. Certificate / Qualifications based on his/her function:
 - i) Team Manager: full time employment contract with the Member Association or certificate issued by the Member Association
 - ii) Head Coach and Assistant Coach: Individual's coaching certificate or coaching license
 - iii) Team Media Officer: full time employment contract with the Member Association, Diploma in the field of communications and/or previous experiences in the field of communications or certificate issued by Member Association
 - iv) Doctor and Physiotherapist: Medical Qualification
 - v) Any other TM2 Officials: Relevant qualifications, certification or employment contract with the Member Association
- c) AFC has the right to ask further documentations for the clarification of the eligibility of the officials other than documentations listed in the Art 34 b) above.

35. Principles for Registration of Officials

- a) The Member Associations can nominate maximum twenty (20) officials in the registration.
- b) The Member Associations shall nominate eleven (11) officials who will be entitled for access onto the Field of Play and Team Bench with 'TM2' designation on the eligibility cards. The following three (3) officials must be registered:
 - i. Team Manager
 - ii. Head Coach
 - iii. Media Officer

The Member Associations may register any of the following eight (8) officials or any other positions provided the officials submit their qualifications, certification or contracts with the Member Associations:

- i. Assistant Coach
 - ii. Interpreter
 - iii. Physiotherapist
 - iv. Doctor
 - v. Goalkeeper Coach
 - vi. Equipment Manager
 - vii. Security Officer
 - viii. Trainer
 - ix. Masseur
 - x. Fitness Coach
 - xi. Technical Staff
- c) Additionally, the teams can nominate nine (9) officials, with 'TM3' Designation on eligibility card, who will receive access to the team's hotel, training ground, official area (except the field of play and team bench). Should the Participating Teams have a Head of Delegation, he must be registered as one of these nine (9) officials. Failure to do so will result in the Head of Delegation not receiving access to the team dressing room.
- d) Office bearers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Members of the Board) of the Member Associations are not eligible to be registered as TM2 officials.
- e) Team Manger and Team Media Officer who coordinate all team and Media related matters with AFC shall work in full time exclusive capacity from Team's Official Arrival Date at the Venue and one (1) day after the team's last Match in the Competition and shall participate in the Team Manager's Meeting, Press-conference and other official function for the Match in the Competition.
- f) The Member Association is entitled to register 'Video Analyst', as one of officials according to Art. 35 c), who will record the Matches in the Competition while this recording shall be strictly used only for technical purpose.
- g) Notwithstanding Art. 35 b) above, if the team does not appoint any of the designated persons or if AFC do not approve of the persons nominated, the number of officials on the bench for the team will reduce proportionately.

- h) Each column in the AFC Official Registration Form for the Officials shall be filled up with correct information.
- i) Officials with missing documentations will not be eligible for registration. All eligible Officials will be issued with official eligibility cards authorised by the AFC Competitions Committee. Should the card have been misplaced, the Member Association shall be required to pay a USD 1,000 (One thousand US Dollars only) production fee for every card lost, to replace it.
- j) It is responsibility of the Member Associations to ensure that all original forms and supporting documents in accordance with Art. 34-35 are sent in good time and reach AFC Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia before the deadline according to Art. 33 a) above. Proof of submission is not proof of receipt.
- k) Should the AFC Secretariat not receive the original copy of the AFC Official Registration Form with all required document in accordance with Art. 34, the team shall be automatically disqualified from the Competition and be considered to have withdrawn in accordance with Art 23 c).
- l) Member Association may replace any of its officials until seven (7) days before each Match of the Participating Member Associations in the Competition provided all necessary documents have been submitted as per Art. 34 - 35. Further, the Eligibility Card of the replaced official must be returned to the AFC before the Eligibility Card of the new official can be produced. The new official is not considered part of the Team's Official Delegation until he receives his Eligibility card.

SECTION 5: LOGISTICS & OFFICE EQUIPMENT

36. Visa Application

- a) Participating Member Association must apply for visas to the host country of the Competition not later than one (1) month before the first Match of the Competition and to pay all visa application costs for itself.
- b) If a Participating Member Association fails to secure a visa in time for their arrival as a result of non-compliance of Art. 36 a), the Participating Member Association will be considered to have withdrawn in accordance to Art. 23 c).

37. Taxes

- a) The Organising Association must cover all taxes and/or fees related to any importation and/or exportation of equipment, merchandise and/or goods to be used for the Competition.
- b) The Organising Association is required to cover the cost of any advertising taxes and/or fees or similar taxes at the Stadia and/or within the Venue.

38. Arrival & Departure, Travel Arrangements

- a) Each Member Association taking part in the Competition shall arrive in the team hotel reserved for it in the host country by the official arrival date to be determined by AFC and leave the day after completion of its Match.
- b) All teams shall pay for their own airfares (international and domestic airfares) from the Member Associations home venue to the venue of the Match and vice-versa. AFC will provide an international travel subsidy of USD 40,000 (Forty thousand US Dollars only) except for the host country.
- c) Participating Member Associations are required to purchase the published-fare air tickets (full fare air tickets) for their delegation to and from the Host Country to allow for potential change of departure dates.
- d) Tickets must be endorsable and date changes must be allowed with or without any penalties. AFC will not be responsible for any penalties incurred for date changes.
- e) Any costs relating to non-compliance to Art. 44 a), b), c) or d) above shall be borne by the Participating Member Association concerned.

- f) Participating Member Association shall undertake not to play in any commercially driven Matches when traveling to and from the venue of the Competition.

39. Accommodation, Local Hospitalities, Meals and Refreshments

- a) Only official hotels approved by AFC shall be used for Accommodation.
- b) The Participating Member Associations will be provided with the following in five star hotel for the Official Delegation from official arrival date to be determined by AFC to one day after the Member Association's last Match in the Competition:
 - i) Accommodations for the Team's Official Delegation as per Art. 24, not exceeding thirty-four (34) persons [Eleven (11) double rooms, twelve (12) single rooms].
 - ii) Two (2) empty rooms shall be set aside for each Participating Member Association at the team's hotel for the purposes of medical treatment and storage respectively.
 - iii) One (1) briefing room for the whole duration of the Competition shall be set aside for each Participating Member Association at the team's hotel equipped with whiteboard, DVD player and TV.
 - iv) Suitable meals three times a day in international buffet style of sufficient quantity and an additional light meal on Match days in a dedicated dining area for each Participating Member Association's Official Delegation as per Art. 24 not exceeding thirty-four (34) persons.
 - v) A minimum of three (3) liters of water per person per day for each Participating Member Association's Official Delegation as per Art. 24, not exceeding thirty-four (34) persons, ice and refreshments for the teams at the hotel.
 - vi) A minimum of three (3) liters of water per person per day for each Participating Team's Official Delegation as per Art. 24, not exceeding thirty-four (34) persons, ice and refreshments for the teams per training session and per Match.
 - vii) Laundry but no dry cleaning or pressing for playing and training outfits (6 pieces per day per person) for each

Participating Member Association's Official Delegation as per Art. 24, not exceeding thirty-four (34) persons.

viii) Liaison Officers proficient in English and the language of the Participating Team.

- c) The Participating Member Associations shall pay for incidental expenses incurred by its delegation members during the course of their stay in the host country and for any costs incurred by additional members of the delegation and extending their stay other than those mentioned in these Regulations.
- d) The Organising Association shall assist AFC's Commercial Affiliates to secure Accommodation, on the same terms and conditions as are available to AFC, on reasonably sufficient quantity of hotel Accommodation in first class hotels in the Venue, transportation services from the hotel Accommodation and the centre of Venue and, if applicable, air transportation to the Venue.

40. Local Land Transportation

- a) The Participating Member Associations will be provided with the following for the Official Delegation from the official arrival date to be determined by AFC to one day after the Member Association's last Match in the Competitions.
 - i. One (1) bus with forty-five (45) seats and one (1) sedan car for training, Matches, transfers to and from the airport of the Venue and Official Functions.
 - ii. One (1) luggage truck must be provided during airport transfers and on Match days.
- b) The Organising Association must provide, at its own cost, the local transportation as agreed in Organising Association Agreement (OAA) to the AFC Delegation for the Competition, from the moment they arrive at the Competition Venue until one (1) day after the Competition for the purposes of training, Matches, airport transfers and official functions.

41. Audio/Video Recording of Matches

- a) The Participating Member Associations will be provided with Digital Video Disc (DVD) of each Match of the Competition by AFC.

SECTION 6: EQUIPMENT/KIT

42. AFC Equipment Regulations

- a) The participating Member Associations must comply with the AFC Equipment Regulations governing the AFC Competitions.
- b) The AFC Equipment Regulations are in force from the time the Member Association's Official Delegation arrive at a Controlled Access Areas until the time the Team's Official Delegation depart from such areas.

43. Sleeve Patches

- a) Each Participating Member Association shall, for each Competition Match in which it participates, allow space on the sleeves of the players uniform available (or such other part of the player uniform as AFC may determine) to affix to the relevant Match identifier in a form, manner and position to be determined by AFC as below.
 - i) AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2011™ sleeve patch on the right
 - ii) AFC Fair Play Logo sleeve patch on the left

44. Kit Approval Procedure

- a) The Equipment Regulations require the Participating Member Associations to submit to AFC, for AFC's approval, one sample of all kit which the AFC Equipment Regulations cover. At the same time, the Participating Member Associations shall submit also to AFC, for AFC's approval, one sample of all other apparel to be worn by their Team's Official Delegation within the Controlled Access Areas during the Competition Period.
- b) The Participating Member Associations shall submit to the AFC Secretariat the above-mentioned equipment by September 30, 2010. If any equipment submitted infringes any of the AFC Equipment Regulations and/or event Regulations, AFC will require the Participating Member Associations to take corrective action and resubmit to AFC the corrected equipment. In addition, Participating Member Associations may be required to present samples at the Team workshop.
- c) All items to be used by a Participating Member Associations within the Controlled Access Areas during the Competition period shall be subjected to AFC's approval in accordance with the procedure set forth by AFC.

- d) The AFC Match Commissioner, the AFC Venue Manager, and/or the AFC Marketing Manager has/have the right and duty to check kit items at the Match venue and are entitled to send such items to the AFC Headquarters for further control after the Match.

45. Responsibility

- a) AFC takes final decisions regarding the approval of kits and other items mentioned in the AFC Equipment Regulations. AFC declines all responsibility and authority in the event of conflicts arising from contract between a Member Association and its sponsor(s) on account of the advertising provisions of the AFC Equipment Regulations. The teams agree to hold AFC harmless from any and all damages which may arise from decisions regarding kits.

SECTION 7: TICKETING

46. Policy

- a) The entire Ticketing system regulating ticket design, printing, pricing strategy, procedures, and implementation plan is AFC's responsibility and will be drawn up in conjunction with the Organising Association.
- b) The Organising Association shall ensure that printed tickets include, where available, seat numbering and/or serial numbering. All tickets shall incorporate only those Logos and Marks of the Competition and the official Commercial Affiliates and Broadcast Affiliates as requested and/or agreed by AFC as parts of the ticket design.

47. Terms and Conditions

- a) AFC will, in collaboration with the Organising Association, issues special Ticketing terms and conditions which will apply to all ticket holders, including but not limited to National Associations, and which must be communicated to all relevant parties.

48. Complimentary Tickets

- a) AFC will provide each Participating Member Association with the following allocation per Match it features in;
 - i. One (1) VVIP tickets
 - ii. Five (5) VIP Tickets
 - iii. Twenty (20) Category 1
- b) AFC will provide each Participating Member Association with two (2) 1st Category tickets per Match other teams feature in;

49. Purchasable Tickets

- a) Each Participating Member Association has the right to purchase up to 15% of net saleable capacity of each stadium for the Match it features in, in segregated and safe area determined by AFC and Organising Association.

- b) This 15% allocation shall be comprised of a mixture of Category 1 and Category 2 tickets. The Participating Member Associations must declare the number of seats required (up to 15% of the net saleable capacity) by November 1, 2010. The Participating Member Associations is responsible for the cost of all seats declared.

SECTION 8: MEDICAL & Anti-Doping

50. Medical Facilities and Treatment

- a) Participating Member Associations must pay for any and all costs of hospitalisation, surgical operation and specialised investigative procedures for all members of its delegation.
- b) The Organising Association must provide, at its own cost, the following to the Participating Member Associations from the official arrival date to be determined by AFC until one (1) day after the Participating Member Association's last Match in the Competition and to the AFC Delegation from the moment they arrive to the Venue until one (1) day after the Competition:
 - i. Medical treatment, including hospital facilities for injuries and emergencies related to the Match, sustained/occurring during their stay in the host country. The treatment must cover basic/primary medical care as listed below:
 - Outpatient treatment
 - Minor surgeries (suturing, etc.)
 - Radiological Investigation
 - Emergency Treatment
 - ii. A full-staffed medical room located in close proximity to player's dressing room/field of play, fully equipped with emergency medical supplies which includes the following:
 - Oxygen with appropriate masks/oral airway
 - Splints (Spinal injuries)
 - Stretchers preferable hard board
 - Suction machine
 - I/V drip sets with emergency injections and medication
 - Minor surgery supplies and equipment
 - Automated External Defibrillator
 - A certified Medical Officer
 - A team of support Para-medical staff trained in emergency medical care (CPR/ATLS)
 - Two (2) ambulances with designated drivers equipped with oxygen, masks, defibrillator, I/V drip sets, emergency medicaments and trained medical staff.

iii. An air-conditioned, brightly lit and well ventilated doping control room is to be made available at all times at the stadium, equipped with facilities listed below:

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

51. Anti-Doping

- a) Doping is prohibited. AFC shall inform the Member Associations by means of a circular of the doping control procedure and list of prohibited list.
- b) The AFC Organising Committee shall be responsible for the approval of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) – accredited laboratory which will carry out the analysis of samples.
- c) The AFC Disciplinary Code, the Anti-Doping Regulations, as well as all relevant AFC directives will apply to this tournament.

SECTION 9: DISCIPLINARY LAWS AND PROCEDURES

52. Disciplinary measures and appeals

- a) Disciplinary measures and appeals are dealt with in compliance with the current AFC Statutes, AFC Disciplinary Code, AFC Code of Ethics and the relevant AFC circular(s).
- b) AFC may initiate investigations should it suspect and/or is aware of any violations of the Laws of the Game and contravention of its Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Instructions and decisions by its Member Associations, officials and players.
- c) AFC may impose the disciplinary measures for any violations of the Laws of the Game and contravention of its Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Instructions and decisions by its Member Associations, officials and players.

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

- a) A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the Match following the Match in which he received the second caution.
- b) Yellow card(s) received in the Qualifiers (including AFC Challenge Cup 2008 & 2010 Finals) of the Competition will not be carried forward to the Competition.
- c) Single (1) yellow card received in the matches of Group Stage will be carried over to the Quarter-Final match of the Competition. Single (1) yellow card received in the matches of Group stage and Quarter-Final match will not be carried forward to the Semi-Final match of the Competition.
- d) A player and/or official who were sent off during the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the Match following the Match in which he was sent off. If the player and/or official were sent off in his team's last Match in the Competition, the suspension will be carried forward as indicated in the AFC Disciplinary Code.
- e) Any player and/or official who were sent off during the Competition shall remain suspended from further play until his/her case has been decided by the AFC Disciplinary Committee.

- f) A suspended player and/or official shall not be allowed on the substitution bench and technical area.
- g) Each Member Association shall bear the responsibility of monitoring the cautions and/or suspensions received by its players and officials and to ensure that all players and officials registered and/or fielded during the Competition are eligible to play.

54. Indiscipline and Violent Conduct by players and/or officials

- a) Any player or official reported for indiscipline or violent conduct anywhere in the stadium including but not limited to the field of play, the changing rooms, at the Training Sites and in the hotels shall be dealt with by the relevant AFC Committees in accordance with these Regulations, the AFC Statutes, Disciplinary Code and Code of Ethics.

55. Protest

- a) Subject to the following provisions, protests are objections of any kind to occurrences that have a direct effect on Matches organised in the Competition (state and marking of the pitch, accessory, Match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations, footballs, etc.) and any matters related to breach of these Regulations.
- b) Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall first be submitted in writing to the AFC Match Commissioner within two (2) hours of the Match by the team concerned and followed up immediately with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing to the AFC General Secretariat accompanied by a fee of USD 500 (US dollars five hundred only). The plaintiff Member Association shall confirm the protest by registered letter, to be sent to the AFC Secretariat no later than two (2) days after the Match in question.
- c) Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a Match shall be made to the Referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the AFC Match Commissioner by the Head of the Team Delegation no later than two (2) hours after the Match.
- d) No protests may be made against the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.

- e) If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine and the protest fee of USD 500 (US dollars five hundred only) will be forfeited.
- f) Once the final Match of the Competition has ended, any protests described in this article shall be disregarded.

56. Arbitration

- a) Pursuant to AFC Statutes, Member Associations are forbidden from taking disputes to a civil court but may only submit them to the appropriate body of AFC in accordance with the applicable procedure.
- b) Furthermore, any disputes involving AFC, Member Associations, confederations, leagues, teams, players, officials and licensed agents in connection with the Competition shall be promptly settled by negotiation.
- c) If no solution can be reached, or a formal appeal is envisaged, the issue shall be exclusively resolved under the auspices of the arbitration chamber set forth in the AFC Statutes, namely the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) with headquarters in Lausanne. The Code of Sports-related Arbitration of the CAS and all the relevant CAS Regulations shall apply. The language of arbitration is English.

SECTION 10: ADMINISTRATION

57. Awards

- a) For the Competition, the following Player Awards and Team Award will be presented:
 - i. The Abdullah Al Dabal Most Valuable Player (of the Competition) of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2011™
 - ii. The Abdullah Al Dabal Most Valuable Player (of the Match)
 - iii. Top Goal Scorer for the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2011™
 - iv. AFC Fair Play Award for the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2011™
- b) The Abdullah Al Dabal Most Valuable Player of the Competition is given to the player who has a major influence on the individual Matches, and the Competition overall.
- c) The Abdullah Al Dabal Most Valuable Player of the Match is given to the player who has a major influence on the individual match.
- d) The Top Goal Scorer award is given to a player who has scored the most number of goals in the Competition. This is calculated based on the number of goals scored by an individual player from the group stage to the final. In the event that there is a tie in the number of goals scored, the number of assists will be taken into account.
- e) The AFC Fair Play Award is awarded to the team who has collected the most Fair Play points from the group stage to the final.
- f) There are no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by the AFC Competitions Committee.

58. Trophy and Medals

- a) AFC Competition trophy is presented to the winner of the Competition for one (1) year. AFC may request for the return of the trophy at an earlier date at the Award Presentation Ceremony. AFC is responsible for engraving the trophy with the name of the winning Member Association. The trophy will remain the property of AFC. The Champion Member Association will be awarded a scaled-down replica of the trophy by AFC as its permanent possession.
- b) The Champion Member Association shall be responsible for the loss or any damage to the trophy and shall return it in perfect condition when requested to do so by AFC.

- c) The Champion Member Association may have a copy of the trophy made, provided the copy is clearly marked as a replica and does not exceed 4/5 (four fifths) of the size of the original).
- d) If for any reason, the Competition should cease to be held, the trophy shall be returned to the AFC Secretariat.
- e) AFC will also be responsible for awarding the following medals:
 - i. Thirty-four (34) gold medals to the Champion Member Association
 - ii. Thirty-four (34) silver medals to the Runner-up Member Association
 - iii. Thirty-four (34) bronze medals to the 3rd placed Member Association
 - iv. Five (5) special commemorative medals to the Referees of the Final Match
- f) Additional medals may not be produced.

59. Prize Presentation Ceremony

- a) A prize presentation ceremony will be held immediately after the Final Match of the Competition to award the Awards, Trophy and Medals as stipulated in Art. 63-64.
- b) The Member Associations and individuals that qualify to receive the Awards, Trophy and Medals shall attend the prize presentation ceremony. Teams may be represented by the Team's Official Delegation for the final Match awarding ceremony.

60. Protocol

- a) The AFC Protocol Guidelines will apply for all the Matches in the Competition.

61. Special Provisions

- a) Any disputes arising from the application of these Regulations shall be settled by the jurisdiction of AFC and, if subsequently necessary and AFC's decision is not final, by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS, Avenue de L'Elysse 28, 1006 Lausanne) in Switzerland.

- b) The AFC Competitions Committee shall, in conjunction with the Organising Association, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the country hosting Matches of the Competition. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

62. Matters not provided for

- a) Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of Force Majeure shall be decided by the AFC Competitions Committee, whose decisions are final.

63. Ratification

- a) These Regulations were ratified by the AFC Executive Committee in July 2010 and came into force immediately.

For the AFC Executive Committee

President:
Mohamed Bin Hammam

General Secretary:
Alex Soosay

Kuala Lumpur, July 2010

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

- (a) The singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
- (b) The masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice versa.
- (c) Reference to persons shall include any legal person or corporation.
- (d) References to AFC shall where the context permits include its successors and permitted assigns and, in relation to the availability of the Commercial Rights, its respective members, national bodies and hosting committees.

APPENDIX 1: Determining the Ranking in a group using Fair Play criteria

As provided for in Art. 20 b) ii. G) of this Competition Regulation, the “Fewer score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the Group Matches” will be calculated as follows:

Each team will receive points for receiving red and yellow cards as indicated below:

- i. Each yellow card (1 point)
- ii. Each red card as a consequence of two yellow cards (3 points)
- iii. Each direct red card (3 points)
- iv. Each yellow card followed by a direct red card (4 points)

The team receiving the least number of points will be ranked the highest.

APPENDIX 2: Registration of Naturalised Players: Documents to be provided to AFC

Documents to be submitted for registration of naturalised player who has NOT YET participated in a Match (either in full or in part) in an official competition of any category or any type of football.

No.	Documents	Attached (please tick)
1.	Registration form for naturalised player, including passport photo	
2.	Letter from the Member Association of the player's previous nationality stating that the player concerned has never played (either in full or in part) for any representative teams of the Member Association in an official competition of any category or any type of football.	
3.	Letter from the player himself stating he has never played for any representative teams of any Member Association (either in full or in part) in an official competition of any category or any type of football.	
4.	Clear copy of player's passport	
5.	Clear copy of player's national ID card when applicable	
6.	<p>Must provide either one of the following evidence:</p> <p>a) • Birth certificate or passport of father/mother of the player showing he/she was born on the territory of the relevant Association ... AND</p> <p>OR</p> <p> • Documents proving that the father/mother is indeed the biological father/mother of the player ...</p> <p>OR</p>	
b)	<p>• Birth certificate or passport of grandfather/grandmother showing he/she was born on the territory of the relevant Association ... AND</p> <p>OR</p> <p>• Documents proving that the grandfather/grandmother is indeed the biological grandfather/grandmother of the player</p> <p>OR</p>	
c)	<p>• Letter from the relevant ministry that the player has lived continuously on the territory of the relevant Association for at least five (5) years after the age of 18 years old.</p>	