



**FOOTBALL**  
**DELHI**

# **FOOTBALL DELHI SENIOR DIVISION LEAGUE**

**COMPETITION REGULATIONS  
2021-22**

# 1 - Introduction

## 1.1 Definitions:

1. **Accreditation or Accredited:** The giving of authority to a person or a group of persons, involving certification, which allows the accredited person(s) to undertake specified activities within the Controlled Access Areas.
2. **Advertising Rights:** The right to promote to the exclusion of all others save as qualified in this Agreement, brand &/or corporate names &/or products &/or services at &/or in relation to the Competitions by whatever means available, whether existing now or to be developed in the future, whether at the Venue or within the Controlled Access Areas, by in-stadium/out stadium perimeter signage & other advertising, concessions, displays, sampling, premiums, equipment usage or other methods & through printed matter such as programmes, posters, letterheads, press releases, newsletters & tickets, including, for the avoidance of doubt, subject always to the Football Delhi Senior Division League guidelines, the right to display such advertising on the clothing or footwear worn, or on any equipment used, carried or transported by officials, medical & security staff, ball boys &/or photographers. The display of the name &/or logo of the bona fide supplier of clothing on the strip of referees/linesmen & other officials are also included. For the avoidance of doubt, advertising on the strip of Participating Players is excluded, other than where it is in accordance with Football Delhi Senior Division League rules & regulations.
3. **All India Football Federation:** The official governing body of football in India. (AIFF)
4. **Asian Football Confederation:** The official governing body of football in Asia. (AFC)
5. **Broadcast Rights:** The right to broadcast the Competition & the right of access to the Venue to the exclusion of all others, for the purposes of producing a live television &/or radio signal &/or recordings of the matches.
6. **CRS & CMS:** The Central Registration System (CRS) & Competition Management System (CMS) are online mandatory portals maintained by AIFF by which players & officials are registered to play in the Tournament.
7. **Competition or Tournament:** The Football Delhi Senior Division League in respect of which these regulations are being published
8. **Competition Data:** Any & all information related to the Competition, including Fixture Lists, Image Rights, information &/or statistics about the Participating Teams &/or Participating Players, information &/or statistics about their participation &/or performance in the Competitions, match analysis, referee decisions, & any other information in relation to the Competition.
9. **Competition Marks:** Shall mean any & all current & future competition Trademark's &/or logos, copyrights &/or designs whether or not registered or applied for & whether registered in part or in whole including any & or present & future names, designations, symbols, logos or identifying music or sounds of Football Delhi Senior Division League or the Competition, the official logo, the Competition Trophy & other artistic & autographic representations in one, two or three dimensional proportions used by or in association with the Competition.

10. **Constitution:** The Regulations Governing the Statutes & Standing Orders of the General Body promulgated by the General Body.
11. **Delhi Soccer Association:** The official governing body of football in Delhi.
12. **Equipment:** Any & all items worn by a player or used by a player while playing officially for the Team including apparel, undergarments, shoes etc.
13. **FD Executive Committee:** The executive committee of the Delhi Soccer Association.
14. **FD Competitions Committee:** Committee to suggest FD Executive Committee &/or the FD Disciplinary Committee about decisions on the overall organisational matters.
15. **Federation Internationale de Football Association:** The official governing body of football in the world. (FIFA)
16. **Film Rights:** The right to exploit visual images of the Competition, including images of the Participating Teams &/or Participating Players, whether produced for the purpose of the Broadcast Rights or separately, by means of cinematograph film throughout the Territory by any means of transmission &/or exhibition &/or reproduction now existing or hereinafter developed.
17. **Football Delhi:** The official brand name of Delhi Soccer Association. (FD)
18. **Football Delhi Secretariat:** The administrative office of Football Delhi.
19. **Force Majeure:** Any event affecting the performance or any provision of this Agreement arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control as shall be determined by FD, & shall include abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, pandemic, epidemic, structural damage, or other natural disaster, failure or shortage of power supplies, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, or civil commotion.
20. **Head Coach:** In relation to the Participating Team, Team Official responsible for coaching &/or managing such Participating Team.
21. **Image Rights:** The right to use still &/or moving images &/or representations of images of Participating Teams & Participating Players & Officials of the Competition, in accordance with the Commercial Regulations.
22. **International Football Association Board:** Is the body that determines the Laws of the Game of Association Football. (IFAB)
23. **Manager/Team Manager:** Manager of a Team responsible for administrative duty sent by a Participating Club.
24. **Match(es):** Each Football Match(es) in its entirety (including extra time & penalty kicks) of the competition.
25. **Match Officials:** Referees, Assistant Referees, Match Commissioner & any other person appointed by Football Delhi to officiate at a match.
26. **Match Schedule:** The published schedule containing details of the Competition. (teams, date, venues & kick-off time).
27. **Members:** A Permanent Member, Associate Member &/or Provisional Member of Football Delhi. ("Clubs" &/or "Member Entities" &/or "Member Clubs")
28. **New Media Rights:** The right to develop, prepare, adapt, reformat, publish & sell, distribute, transmit, exhibit or otherwise transfer, & license others to do so, the Broadcast rights, Film Rights, Video Rights, Image Rights & any Competition Data relating to the Competitions, for exploitation in any manner

(whether sequentially or non-sequentially or in combination with any third party works or derivative works, if any) by any means, method or device including the Internet, broadband, wireless, Interactive Communication Systems, Interactive Television, intranet, extranet, digital magnetic & or optical information storage & retrieval systems, GSM or other mobile phone technology & any other device or medium for electronic reproduction, publication, distribution or transmission, whether now known or hereafter known or developed. For the avoidance of doubt, the New Media Rights will include the right:

- a. To develop an Internet web site in relation to the Competition;
- b. To develop e-commerce opportunities;
- c. To publish the Competition Data, in print media (including, without limitation, magazines, books & other printed materials); &
- d. To develop a computer game in relation to the Competition

29. **Organising Committee:** League Sub Committee (LSC) constituted by the Executive Committee.

30. **Participant:** Each Participating Team, Player, Team Official &/or Match Official or any other person who from time to time is bound by these rules.

31. **Participating Team:** Means any Club that is duly registered & eligible to participate in the Competition in accordance to the eligibility criteria.

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

33. **Regulations:** The present Tournament Regulations for the Football Delhi Senior Division League which can be amended by Football Delhi from time to time.

34. **Sponsorship Rights:** An association with the Competition &/or Football Delhi by any combination of Commercial Rights, including title sponsor of the Competition or any of them such as Football Delhi Senior Division League partner / presented by Company &/or such other designation as mutually agreed by the parties.

35. **Team Official:** Officials who accompany a Team.

36. **Team:** Team sent by any participating Club to participate in the Tournament.

37. **Tournament Disciplinary Committee:** 4-Member Committee appointed by Football Delhi to handle any protests, breach in the Regulations & all disciplinary matters.

38. **Tournament:** The Football Delhi Senior Division League in respect of which these regulations are being published.

39. **Venue Manager:** The person appointed by the Organising Committee who is responsible for overseeing the operational organization of the matches & compliance with the applicable Regulations at the venue.

40. **Venue Partner:** Anyone providing its ground/venue for hosting the Football Delhi Senior Division League matches.

41. **Women's Committee:** The Women's Committee of the Delhi Soccer Association.

## 1.2 Interpretation:

A. Unless the context otherwise requires:

- words importing singular shall include the plural & vice versa; &

- words importing any particular gender shall include all other genders
- reference to persons shall include any legal person or corporation
- references to the Competition shall where the context permits include its successors & permitted assigns &, in relation to the availability of the Commercial Rights, its respective members, national bodies & hosting committees.

### **1.3 Organisers:**

- A. Football Delhi is conducting the Football Delhi Senior Division League
- B. All rights associated with the Competition which have not been granted by these Regulations &/or specific agreements to any particular Team or Participant shall remain with the Football Delhi.
- C. These Competition Regulations & any other Guideline, Circulars or Codes related to the Competition are binding for all Clubs, their Players, Officials, Support Staff & Supporters & others involved in the preparation, organisation or hosting of the Competition.
- D. The Organising Committee has the right to add, discard &/or amend any Rule or Regulation at any given point of time without giving any prior notice in the best interest of the Competition.

### **1.4 Participants:**

- A. As per the obligations of the Member Entities as prescribed in the FD Constitution, all eligible affiliated Member Entities shall take part in the Competitions organised by FD.
- B. Each Member Club is allowed to enter/field only one team.
- C. Each Participating Team is obligated to ensure faithful compliances of, amongst others, Football Delhi Senior Division League Regulations & other Football Delhi Senior Division League guidelines & circulars & any other agreements reached between Participating Club(s) as well as all directives, circulars, guidelines, & instructions issued by Football Delhi & any other relevant regulations of the Football Delhi, AIFF, AFC, & FIFA.
- D. The Participating Club agrees to & undertakes participate in the entire Competition till its elimination/conclusion from the Competition & will not miss any match it is required to play in the Competition by FD.
- E. In case more than one team claiming to represent any Club & insist upon participating in the Competition, FD shall be at liberty to scratch the team(s) at their discretion & proceed with the conduct of the Competition with the remaining teams in the list of fixtures.

### **1.5 Responsibility**

- A. The Clubs shall discharge Football Delhi & hold it harmless from all responsibility & relinquish any claim against Football Delhi & the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation & course of the Competition to the exclusion of damages caused by Football Delhi or the members of its delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.
- B. The Clubs shall exempt (indemnify & hold harmless) Football Delhi from all third party claims for damages relating to match organisation, regardless of whether individual matches in question take place or not.

### **1.6 General Conduct:**

Each person subject to these Regulations shall:

- A. Not at any time act in any manner that does or which might be anticipated to bring such person, The Organising Committee, its agencies/representatives, the Tournament, any Participating Team, any Player, Football Delhi Partners, any Football Delhi sub-committee, or any committee member &/or the Game into disrepute or adversely affect its/their reputation.
- B. Strictly comply with these Regulations.
- C. Co-operate with Football Delhi, All India Football Federation & its representatives to help run the Tournament to the highest possible standards & with the most utmost integrity.
- D. In the event that the Organising Committee enquires into any suspected or alleged breach of these Regulations, or if the Participating Team/Team Official/ Player becomes aware of any suspicious or unusual activities or information that may have an impact on the integrity of a Match or the Tournament, the Participating Team/Team Official/Player shall report such matter within 24 hours of having become aware of such information/activity & co-operate with such investigation procedures & forthwith provide accurate & complete information of such activity to the Organising Committee.
- E. Wear their Accreditation Card at all times & produce when asked to do so.

### **1.7 Green Policy**

- A. Football Delhi would like to promote environmentally friendly policies.
- B. All persons shall avoid the use of single use plastics at all Football Delhi Senior Division League venues.

### **1.8 Personal Belongings & Valuables**

- A. All persons are responsible for their own belongings.
- B. FD, the Organising Committee, any FD employee/ member/ volunteer/ intern/ partner/ sponsor/ committee/ sub-committee/ assignee shall not be held responsible for any lost or misplaced belongings.

### **1.9 Water & Refreshments**

- A. Teams & players should carry water & refreshments.
- B. Organizers will provide water at the venue as well.

## 2 - Technical Regulations

### 2.1 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 ("IFAB") as published by FIFA from time to time.
- B. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail & is authoritative.
- C. At any stage of a Match, if a Participating Club is only able to field fewer than seven (7) players, the Match shall be declared abandoned & the Participating Club who is able to field seven or more than seven (7) Participating Players shall be declared the winner by the score 3-0, or the score at the time of abandonment, whichever is higher.
- D. A maximum of 20 players are allowed to be listed for a match.
- E. Not more than 5 (Five) players are allowed to be substituted during a match, from all the remaining substitute players, who must be declared in the Team List by the Team before the commencement of the match as per relevant provisions of these Regulations.
- F. The substitutions shall be made in accordance with the Laws of the Game, i.e., (5) substitutions have to be made in three opportunities. Substitution at half time is not considered as an opportunity.
- G. Any player substituted cannot take part further in the game.
- H. Players should adhere to the match official at all times on & off the field of play (FOP).

### 2.2 Duration of the Matches & the Format

- A. Each match in the league shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes in between from the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period.
- B. In accordance with the Laws of the Game, the Match Commissioner will decide in consultation with the concerned teams about the water break prior to match.
- C. Both teams shall walk to the field as per the laid down protocols of Football Delhi, from their dressing rooms.
- D. Once the Kick off time is decided, it can only be changed by the Organising Committee / Football Delhi if there are conditions caused by circumstances beyond the control of the local organisers, which warrant change in the kick-off time. The new kick off time shall be immediately informed to the Manager/Captain of both the teams.

### 2.3 Stoppage & Abandonment of Matches

- A. If the match is stopped by the Referee before the end of the normal time or during the injury time because of any force majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit to play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedure 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) minutes period, the Referee must declare the match to have been abandoned.

- B. Within two (2) hours of the Referees decision to abandon the match, the Match Commissioner in consultation with FD shall decide on the following:
  - I. to order only the part of the match, which has not been completed to be replayed, provided this can be done on the next day of the abandoned match.
  - II. if the match result at the time of abandonment is valid, taking sporting & organizational considerations into account provided the remaining time of the match cannot be replayed the next day.
  - III. Decide the winner by draw of lots only in case the score was equal at the time of Referees decision to abandon the match.
- C. No appeal may be lodged against the decision stated in 2.3(A) & 2.3(B) above.
- D. In case of an abandoned match as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the following shall apply:
  - I. The match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, & with the same score line
  - II. the match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch & substitutes as when the match was abandoned
  - III. no additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
  - IV. the teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
  - V. players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
  - VI. any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned, remain valid for the remainder of the match;
  - VII. the kick-off time, date & location shall be decided by the Organising Committee.

#### **2.4 Match Not Commencing**

- A. If the match cannot commence on time due to any force majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit to play, weather conditions, floodlight failure, etc. the following procedure 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 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) minutes period, the Referee must declare the match to have been cancelled.
  - III. In the case of a cancelled match, the Match Commissioner shall decide within two (2) hours of the Referees decision to cancel the match whether the match can be rescheduled, taking sporting & organizational considerations into account, or whether any other action & decision is needed to continue with the competition.
- B. Any disciplinary sanctions resulting from the cancelled match shall remain in force.
- C. No appeal may be lodged against decision stated in Point 2.4 above.

#### **2.5 Venues**

- A. The Venues for the matches in the Tournament shall be decided at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.



- B. High standards of behaviour & discipline is expected from each Participating Team. Any damage that is caused to the venue or the venue or the facilities provided, attributable to any act of negligence of a player or Team Official shall be recovered from the Player/Team Official's Team.
- C. Due to unlikely schedule of back to back matches at each venue & also otherwise, all Participating Teams are expected to strictly adhere to the pre-match activities, timings & kick-off times for the start & re-start of play after interval.

## **2.6 Field of Play**

- A. Matches may be played on natural surface.
- B. Dimensions of the playing field shall be in accordance with the laws of the game laid down by the International Football Association Board ("IFAB") & published by FIFA.

## **2.7 Team benches & Technical Area**

- A. Up to a maximum of four (4) Team Officials & a maximum of nine (9) substitutes are allowed to sit on the bench during the Match.
- B. All the officials & players must wear their accreditation card at all times.
- C. All person on the bench must wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of the Players & Referees on the pitch. In case of a clash, bibs should be worn on top of the jerseys.
- D. Team "A" shall occupy the left side technical area as viewed from the 4th Official's bench.
- E. A suspended player/official shall not be allowed in the substitution bench area or in any other place inside the field/perimeter fence, & the dressing room or the adjoining area of the dressing rooms.

## **2.8 Footballs**

- A. The official footballs to be used in Competitions shall be as supplied by the Football Delhi before the commencement of the Matches. The official football will be 'Cosco Platina' for the match.

## **2.9 Match Schedule**

- A. All matches shall be played according to the dates, venue & kick off times as set by the Organising Committee / Football Delhi secretariat.
- B. The dates as notified shall be final & binding on all concerned, unless altered by the Organising Committee/Football Delhi Secretariat.

## **2.10 Competition Format**

- A. The tournament shall be played on a League basis in the following format:
  - a. First Round (Preliminary Round)
  - b. Final Round (Premier League)
  - c. Relegation Round
- B. **First Round (Preliminary Round)**
  - a. Depending upon the entries received, teams shall be divided into two (2) groups possibly with equal number of teams in each group.
  - b. First Round (Preliminary Round) will be played on a single leg league basis in a round robin format.
  - c. The top five (5) teams from each group at the end of the First Round (Preliminary Round) shall qualify for the Final Round (Premier League) & bottom two (2) teams from each group of First Round (Preliminary Round) will play in the Relegation Round
- C. **Final Round (Premier League)**
  - a. The top five (5) teams from each group shall qualify for the Final Round (Premier League).

- b. The Final Round (Premier League) will be played on a single leg league basis in a round robin format where the winner will be decided on the basis of highest points earned during the Final Round.
- c. The team that is placed at the first position after all matches are conducted shall be declared the winner of the Football Delhi Senior Division League.
- d. The team that is placed at the second position after all matches are conducted shall be declared the runner up of the Football Delhi Senior Division League.
- e. Teams placed third & fourth position after all matches are conducted shall be declared third & fourth position teams of the Football Delhi Senior Division League.

#### **D. Relegation Round**

- a. The bottom (2) teams from each group of the First Round (Preliminary Round) shall take part in the Relegation Round.
- b. Relegation Round will be played on a single leg league basis in a round robin format.
- c. Teams that are placed in the bottom i.e. third & fourth position after all matches are conducted in the Relegation Round will be relegated to 'A' Division League.
- d. Teams that are not participating or withdrawing before or during Football Delhi Senior Division League 2021/2022 will be relegated automatically to 'A' Division League. The matter will be forwarded to FD Disciplinary Committee for further necessary actions.

#### **2.11 Points In League Matches & System To Break A Tie**

- A. In all the league stage of the competition, three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw & no points for a defeat. The classification will be determined based on the following order:
  - a) Highest number of points obtained.
  - b) If points are equal, then by the result of the matches between the two teams shall be taken into account, i.e. the winning team will be placed higher.
  - c) If the score is the same, the team having a higher goal difference will be placed higher.
  - d) If the goal difference is same, the team with the higher number of goals scored will be placed higher followed by least number of goals conceded will be placed higher.
  - e) If the winner still cannot be decided, then the classification will be decided by draw of lots.
- B. Note: If three teams are tied for the first or second place after the league matches & these teams have beaten or lost to each other (for example: teams a, b, & c are tied in points, team 'a' has beaten team 'b' & lost to team 'c'; team 'b' has lost to team 'a' & beaten team 'c'; & team 'c' has beaten team 'a' & lost to team 'b' then Rule 2.11A(b) above will not be applicable & the classification will be decided by following the system in Rule 2.11A (c), (d), or (e) above.
- C. A team which gives walkover without sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the Football Delhi or fields an ineligible player shall forfeit the match & the opponent Team shall be declared winner & awarded with 3 points in addition to award of three goal difference, depending on the score of the match.
- D. Any club found guilty of fielding an ineligible player, as determined by the competent body of FD, shall forfeit the match. Victory & the resultant three (3) points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score of the match. The guilty team, its officials & players will have their medals & title stripped & if qualification has been made to the next tier of the Delhi football league structure, the qualification will be annulled. The guilty club, its officials & team officials shall also be subject to further fines & sanctions as determined by the FD Disciplinary Committee.

## 3 – ENTRIES FOR COMPETITION

### 3.1 Admission Criteria

- A. All decisions by FD regarding entries are final & not subject to appeal.

### 3.2 Duties & Obligation

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

- A. To have accepted all FD Regulations, including Football Delhi Senior Division League Regulations, Standard Operating Protocol guidelines for Football Delhi Senior Division League, FD Circulars, Codes, Policies, Guidelines & others by whatever name called or described as well as FD, AIFF & FIFA Laws & to comply with, observe & perform all obligations, duties & responsibilities & abide by all decisions that may be issued, passed or imposed.
- B. To observe & perform undertakings & assurances provided under the executed Agreement without any default, deviation or non-performance.;
- C. To comply with the Laws of the Game issued by the FIFA;
- D. To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary & refereeing matters connected with the Competition that shall be settled by FD in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of relevant FD Committee(s);
- E. To field their strongest team throughout the competition & observe the principles of Fair Play;
- F. To be solely responsible for fielding eligible players & officials for the Matches of the Competition;
- G. To be responsible for the behaviour of their respective players, officials, members, fans, supporters & any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Competition;
- H. To accept all the arrangements made by the Organising Committee in agreement with Football Delhi secretariat;
- I. To attend & participate in all official activities & events such as Match Coordination Meeting, or other media activities, etc. organized by FD in accordance with guidelines &/or instructions in circulars issued by Football Delhi secretariat regarding, in particular, media access to Clubs.
- J. It is the responsibility of the clubs concerned to field eligible players only. Match officials or FD shall not be responsible for eligibility of the players.
- K. To accept the use, records & broadcast of the images of teams, players & officials that may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the teams in the Football Delhi Senior Division League;
- L. FD's right to use &/or sub-license, names & images of teams, its players & officials shall be exclusive in respect of, or in connection with, the filming, recording, broadcasting & any other forms of transmission, broadcast in connection with this Competition.
- M. Club will be held responsible for any damage caused by their respective players, officials, members, fans, supporters & any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Competition;

### 3.3 Withdrawal, Refusal to Play & Sanctions

- A. All participating clubs undertake to play all of their matches until eliminated from the Competition.
- B. FD Competitions Committee may at its discretion obtain relevant decision, including a change in the Competition system & Technical rules for the Competition, if necessary before the commencement of the league
- C. If a Team withdraws after entering the Competition, does not report for the match at any stage of the competition, except in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the Match Commissioner & Football Delhi, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the field of play/venue before the end of the match despite

the Referee &/or the Match Referee's decision to continue to play, or the match cannot be continued due to the behaviour of a team or behaviour for which a Club is liable or be held responsible, such Team shall:

- I. Be considered withdrawn from the Competition amounting to refusal;
  - II. Have all its matches (whether already completed or to be played) cancelled & considered null & void (all points, goals scored, & goals against shall not be counted & taken into consideration when deciding the ranking of the group).
  - III. Be required to pay compensation for any & all damages or losses suffered by the other teams, the Host Venue, Football Delhi, Football Delhi Commercial & Broadcasting partners etc. The amount of compensation to be paid by the guilty Team will be decided by the Football Delhi;
  - IV. Notwithstanding any penal action otherwise provided in any other Code or Regulation of FD, be may be disqualified from taking part in the continued edition of the Competition. Football Delhi may however extend the suspension for next two (2) editions of the Competition(s) depending on the gravity of the situation &/or the quantum of the damage;
  - V. Be referred to the FD Disciplinary Committee for additional & further sanctions & fines depending on the gravity of the situation;
  - VI. Return to FD any financial stipends that have been extended/paid to the Club throughout the year or forfeit the right to the same.
  - VII. Teams not participating or withdrawing from the tournament will be relegated automatically to FD A Division League.
- D. While imposition of penal actions, as above shall come into effect forthwith, any aggrieved Club may notwithstanding anything contained in the Disciplinary Code contrary thereto, prefer appeal before the Executive Committee of FD in the manner & mode provided hereafter. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final & binding. Save & except reference to FD Arbitral Tribunal in accordance with the set down Rules.

### **3.4 Team Colours**

- A. Teams must declare their jersey colours during registration & use these colours for all matches.
- B. Goalkeepers shall wear colours contrasting with those of the two teams & the referees.

## 4 – TEAM'S OFFICIAL DELEGATION: OFFICIALS & PLAYERS

### 4.1 Stages of Registration of Players

- A. There are three stages of registration:
  - a) Preliminary Registration
  - b) Final Registration
  - c) Player Selection List

### 4.2 Eligibility of Players

- A. A Player is eligible to play in the Competition provided he fulfils all the following conditions:
  - a. He is duly registered with the Member Club he represents according to the FD Regulations on the Status & Transfer of Players & the AIFF Regulations on the Status & Transfer of Players, where relevant;
  - b. He is duly registered with Football Delhi Senior Division League by the Participating Team according to the provisions of these regulations.
- B. A player is deemed ineligible if
  - a. There is a violation of Article 4.2 (A)
  - b. He is fielded despite being suspended according to Article 8.3
  - c. The Organising Committee / Football Delhi finds out that any of the documents submitted during registration are false.
- C. Any player found guilty of playing unauthorizedly will be suspended & have her medals & titles stripped apart from being subjected to further fines & sanctions as may be determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

### 4.3 Documents for Registration of Players

- A. For the registration of players in the Competition, players must be registered using the AIFF Competition Management System (CMS).
- B. Documents for the registration of players are, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. Colour-copy of valid Passport &/or Aadhar Card, containing Full Name, Passport/Aadhar number, Date of Birth.
  - b. Passport-Size coloured photo (taken within 4 months prior to the submission of registration)
  - c. Copy of Consent Form/Valid Contract
  - d. FIFA International Transfer Certificate (ITC) & Indian Visa of Foreign Player(s)
  - e. Individual Player Medical Fitness Form
  - f. Other required documents with guidelines mentioned in the Standard Operating Protocol for Football Delhi Senior Division League document.

### 4.4 Principles of Registration of Players

- A. A team can register no less than twenty (20) players & no more than thirty (35) players for the Competition with sequential shirt numbers from 1 – 99 while the shirt number one (1) shall be reserved for Goalkeeper. However, teams qualifying for the Final Round (Premier League) cannot add new players but have an option to replace five (5) players from their existing squad.
- B. Each Club may register a maximum of thirty (35) players for participation in the Football Delhi Senior Division League.
- C. The deadline to register players in the AIFF CMS is 11:59 PM 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

- D. The deadline to register players in the AIFF CMS for approved exceptions is forty-eight (48) hours before the first match of the team.
- E. Throughout the Competition & for each match to which he is registered, each player shall wear the same number allocated to him by the club in AIFF CMS during the registration process.
- F. A Club can register a maximum of three (3) foreign players after due completion of international registration formalities,
- G. Once the registration formalities in AIFF CMS is complete, no replacement will be allowed under any circumstance for any player.
- H. A player can only be contracted, registered &/or playing for only one club at any point of time. The player cannot sign or play with any other club regardless of where the club is based. It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that its player is not contracted or registered to any other club.
- I. The Football Delhi Secretariat shall carry out a check of the documents listed in Art. 4.3(B) above immediately after the closure of the registration. Players with missing documentations will not be eligible for registration. All eligible players will be issued with official eligibility cards authorized by the Football Delhi secretariat. Should the card get misplaced, the Club shall be required to pay an INR 500 (Five hundred rupees only) production fee for every card lost, to replace it.
- J. It is responsibility of the Club to ensure that all supporting documents are submitted in proper time in AIFF CMS before the deadline.
- K. In the event there is a dispute pertaining to the qualification or status of a player, the subject case will be referred to Players Status Committee of AIFF/FD for final decision.

#### **4.5 Match Starting List**

- A. Only registered players & officials of Clubs are eligible to be listed in the Match Starting List for any match of the Competition.
- B. Clubs must indicate on the Player Selection List ("PSL") in AIFF CMS, the Starting eleven (11) players & nine (9) substitutes. The Club Captain, Goalkeepers, & Substitutes must be tick marked accordingly in Player Selection List in AIFF CMS.
- C. Three (3) Foreign Players can be registered on the matchday team list of twenty (20) players out of which only two (2) foreign players can be on the field at any given point of time. During a match, the quota will get reduced if foreign player(s) is/are sent off. Eg. If one (1) foreign player is sent off, then only one foreign player can be on the field for the rest of the match. Accordingly, if two (2) foreign players are sent off, then no foreign player can be on the field for the rest of the match.
- D. Clubs must also indicate on the Official Selection List ("OSL") in AIFF CMS as to which all registered Team Officials will sit on the team bench.
- E. The PSL & OSL must be submitted 1 hrs before the kick-off time through AIFF CMS. Once submitted, clubs will only be allowed to make changes within the submitted list of PSL & OSL, till 30 minutes before kick-off, through AIFF CMS.
- F. If the PSL & OSL is not completed & submitted on time, the matter will be submitted to the Football Delhi for disciplinary sanctions.
- G. Match Commissioner will prepare the Match Starting List after receiving the PSL & OSL, 20 minutes before the match.
- H. The Match Commissioner must be provided with the official eligibility cards of the players whose names are listed on the Match Starting List thirty (30) minutes before kick-off. Only those players who are in possession of official identity cards shall be entitled to play in the matches.
- I. After the Match Starting List has been prepared by the Match Commissioner, & if the match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions shall apply:

- a. If any of the eleven (11) players listed on the Match Starting List (e.g. Jr. No-X) selected to start the match are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the Match Starting List, provided however the player (Jr. No-X) so replaced cannot be named as a substitute player to fulfil the quota of substitute player & such replacement will reduce the quota of substitute players & during the course of the match.
  - b. If any of the substitutes listed on the Match Starting List are not able to be fielded for any reason, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute players will be reduced accordingly.
- J. Clubs will have to ensure that the daily vitals check for all player & officials are done before submitting the PSL & OSL in AIFF CMS. Without the daily vital check on Matchday. Also, if any player or official have any symptom &/or has body temperature higher than 99.5 F &/or SpO2 level is below 95, then that player or official will not be allowed to enter the venue for that match.

#### 4.6 Appointment of Officials

- A. Each participating club must appoint a team manager who coordinates with FD Match Commissioner regarding all match related matters. He must represent the Club in all official activities with regards to the match including compulsory attendance at Match Coordination meeting.

#### 4.7 Registration of Officials

- A. Each Club may register maximum of **six (6) officials** by registering them on AIFF CMS & **Only four (4) officials** will be allowed to sit on the team bench during a match. Among these four officials, compulsorily, one should either be a Doctor (with MBBS degree) or be a Physiotherapist (or sports trainer, physical trainer or any official with a similar function) with a degree certificate in Physiotherapy. All officials have to be the same officials as approved in the Club Licensing Application of the club to play in this competition. If a new official is being registered, then the same licensing procedure needs to be followed before registering the official.
- B. Documentations for the registration of Officials, but not limited to, as following;
- a. Head Coach (required qualification) – Minimum AIFF “D” Certificate or equivalent (under AFC RECC process)
  - b. Assistant Coach (required qualification) – Minimum AIFF “D” Certificate or equivalent (under AFC RECC process)
  - c. All team officials, including but not limited to, coach, physio, doctor, team manager etc., need to be registered on the AIFF Coach’s Registration system (coaching.the-aiff.com) with their respective credentials.
  - d. Only the officials (coach, physio, team manager etc.) who are approved in AIFF’s Coach’s Registration system will be allowed to be registered on AIFF CMS for the Competition.
  - e. Other required documents to comply with the guidelines mentioned in Standard Operating Protocol for Football Delhi Senior Division League document
- C. Football Delhi Secretariat has a right to ask further documentations for the clarification of the eligibility of the officials other than documentations listed above.

#### 4.8 Responsibilities of Participating Clubs

- A. The Clubs participating in Football Delhi Senior Division League are responsible:
- a. For the behaviour of their officials, players, support Staff & during the entire duration of the Competition, starting from the registration till the end of the Competition.
  - b. To provide adequate injury, sickness, accident & life insurance for all the members of their delegation (Officials & Players).

- c. To abide by the Football Delhi Senior Division League regulations & Standard Operating Protocol for Football Delhi Senior Division League document
- d. To ascertain & certify that all their registered players are medically fit to take part in every match of the competition.
- e. To send compulsorily the Manager of the team to attend the Match Coordination meeting.
- f. Not to display any advertisement in their equipment without prior written permission of Football Delhi secretariat.
- g. To respect all the agreements entered between Football Delhi/Football Delhi Senior Division League with the sponsors, broadcasters, TV Networks, Marketing agents & others.
- h. To complete the necessary Visa process to get the required Visa for the contracted foreign nationals of their team, as stipulated by the Ministry of Home Affairs & the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India.



## 5 – MEDIA

### 5.1 General

- A. The Organising Committee/Football Delhi Secretariat shall ensure that all media requirements are met.

### 5.2 Interviews

- A. If requested by the Football Delhi secretariat &/or the Organising Committee &/or any partner, both clubs should have their Head Coach & one player available for the day before each match &/or the match day for an interview of up to ten (10) minutes, to be recorded by the main TV rights-holding broadcaster/partner &/or Football Delhi Senior Division League official media partners, for the purpose of news-exchange distribution to all Competition Right holders & the various social media handles.
- B. Players & officials of participating clubs are not permitted to give interviews during the match on the field of play or in its immediate vicinity. However, a designated area can be identified by FD between the substitute's benches & dressing rooms in which (flash) interviews for the host television broadcaster/partner, including the visiting TV rights-holding broadcaster/partner or media partners &/or any assigned personnel, can take place at the end of the match.
- C. For the (flash) interviews, the Head Coach & at least one (1) key player from both participating clubs must be available for at least the host television broadcaster/partner, including the visiting TV rights-holding broadcaster/partner or media partners &/or any assigned personnel.
- D. Any player found guilty of playing unauthorizedly will be suspended & have her medals & titles stripped apart from being subjected to further fines & sanctions as may be determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

### 5.3 Social Media

- A. Teams should promote the Football Delhi Senior Division League on their respective social media handles.
- B. Teams should tag "Football Delhi" handles &/or mention "Football Delhi Senior Division League" on their respective handles.
- C. All teams re-posting photos &/or videos of or related to the Football Delhi Senior Division League that have originally been taken by &/or posted by Football Delhi must credit Football Delhi by tagging &/or mentioning "Football Delhi" in the same.

### 5.4 Promotional Photographs & Footage

- A. Each Club Shall:
  - i. Make available it's players & team officials (Coaches, Team Manager, Physiotherapist etc) on a pre-decided date with Football Delhi before, during, &/or after the League where the players & team officials may be photographed &/or filmed by Football Delhi or its appointees.
  - ii. Ensure that players & team officials are available for a continuous period of no less than 60 minutes on each pre-decided date.
- B. For the purposes of the photography & filming referred to in Point 5.4 A:
  - i. Each player shall wear each of the stripes registered by the Club pursuant to Point 6.1
  - ii. The team officials shall wear official club attire (such as the Club's official training kit, blazer, suit, tracksuit etc.)
- C. Each Club shall make available it's stadium, training ground, or any such match day facilities, the

details of which shall be agreed between Club & Football Delhi in advance, with the benefits of main electric power, for the purposes of filming & photography mentioned in Point 5.4(A).

## 6 – EQUIPMENT/ KIT

### 6.1 Jersey Colours, Numbers, Players Equipment

- A. It is compulsory for the Numbers on the attire to range from one (1) to ninety-nine (99) with number 1 reserved for goalkeeper.
- B. Players shall wear the same numbers declared in the AIFF CMS, throughout the competition.
- C. Teams must declare their first & second colours along with the entry form in AIFF CMS & use these colours for all matches.
- D. Teams are obliged to bring along their first & second colours player kits to the match venue.
- E. Any team found guilty of allowing players to play in jerseys with numbers other than those registered, shall be subject to disciplinary action, including fines.
- F. Number on jerseys, in contrasting colours shall be twenty-five (25) cm high at the back & ten (10) cm high in front. The number on the shorts (below right) shall be ten (10) cm high in contrasting colours. The numbers on the jerseys & shorts shall be clearly visible. Goalkeepers shall wear colours contrasting with those of the two teams & the referee.
- G. The logo of the broadcasting partners on the sleeves (left) shall be ten (10) cm high.
- H. In the event of clash of colours, lots shall be taken to decide which team shall wear their alternate set of jerseys. In this matter the Referees decision shall be final.
- I. If in the opinion of the Match Commissioner or the Referees, the colours of two opposing teams might lead to confusion, or prove unsuitable for broadcasting, they shall be changed.
- J. If a Team fails to bring their alternate colour kit, they shall wear bibs on top of their jerseys. The bibs shall be provided by the Organising Committee.
- K. Numbers shall be of one single colour. A border or shadow outline to ensure better legibility may surround them. They shall be free of advertising, design features or other elements.
- L. All equipment used by the players shall be in conformity with the Equipment specified in the Laws of the Game. (Law 4)
- M. The referee shall have the final authority to decide whether a Football conforms to the specifications of Law 2 of the Laws of the Game.
- N. Players should wear the Logos of the Competition sponsor & co-sponsor on their jerseys as directed by FD.

### 6.2 Responsibility

- A. Football Delhi declines all responsibility & authority in the event of conflicts arising from Football Delhi Senior Division League Regulations & contract between a club & its sponsor(s) on account of the advertising provisions of the Football Delhi Senior Division League.
- B. The clubs agree to hold the League/Football Delhi harmless from any & all damages which may arise from decisions regarding kits.

## 7 – MEDICAL

### 7.1 Medical Facilities & Treatment

- A. Participating Clubs must pay for any & all costs of hospitalization, surgical operation & specialized investigative procedures for all members of its own delegation.
- B. All participating teams should provide ample insurance cover to their players & officials, including injury, accident & health during the Tournament & teams travel. In the event of any injury to a player or a team official during a match, the responsibility of the Organising Committee/Football Delhi will be to take the injured player/official to the nearest hospital as soon as possible & the entire cost of his medication/doctors fee has to be borne by the club whose player or official is injured.
- C. The Organising Committee will provide an emergency medical room or an ambulance, located in close proximity to player's dressing room/field of play.
- D. The Organising Committee/Football Delhi does not bear any responsibility for any injury sustained during the Competition.
- E. The Clubs agree to hold the Organising Committee/Football Delhi/ Competition free & harmless from any responsibility &/or damages &/or hospitalisation & medical costs due to any injury sustained by any Team official or Player.

## **8 – DISCIPLINARY LAWS & PROCEDURES**

### **8.1 Disciplinary Measures**

- A. Participating teams, players & officials are bound by the AIFF Disciplinary Code. Infringement of any of these regulations or any other regulations of FD shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee of FD.
- B. Save as have been expressly provided in these Regulations, while all penal actions, measures &/or breaches or violations shall be dealt with in accordance with the Football Delhi Senior Division League Regulations, Guidelines, & Circulars issued from time to time, AIFF Disciplinary Code & other FD Regulations may also be invoked, if necessary.
- C. The FD Disciplinary Committee, based on breach, violation or contravention or compliant, may either on its own or on the basis of any complaint initiate investigations & take penal measures of any breach, violation or non-performance or otherwise in accordance with FD Statutes, AIFF Disciplinary Code, Regulation, Guidelines, Decision or the relevant FD Circular(s) or otherwise as per law.

### **8.2 Decisions of the Match Officials**

- A. While on field decisions of the Referee shall be final & authoritative, the Report of the Match Referee &/or Match Officials regarding any act, incident or issue outside the field of play shall be considered to be final & authoritative & binding, unless substantive incontrovertible proof of any inaccuracy is established by authentic documentations beyond any reasonable doubt.

### **8.3 Players or Team Officials Cautioned or Dismissed from the Field of Play**

- A. A player/team official 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. Cautions will not carry forward from the First Round (Preliminary Round) to the Final Round (Premier League). However, a player can still be suspended for the first match of the Final Round (Premier League) as per Rule 8.3(A) above.
- C. A player &/or official who received a red card during the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which he received the red card. In addition, based on the severity of the offence FD Disciplinary Committee may extend the suspension & impose further additional sanction. If the player &/or official received the red card in his Club's last match in the Competition or the First Round, the suspension for the red card the suspension will be carried forward.
- D. A suspended player & official shall not be allowed on the substitution bench, technical area & the Dressing Room area.
- E. Each Club shall bear the responsibility of monitoring the cautions &/or suspensions received by their players & officials & to ensure that all players & officials registered &/or fielded during the competition are eligible to play. Referees and Match Commissioner shall not be responsible if a team fields any ineligible player.

### **8.4 Conduct of Players &/or Officials**

- A. Any player or official reported for any indiscipline or unbecoming or unsporting conduct, violence, or overt act of any nature or conduct amounting to misconduct anywhere including but not limited to the field of play, the changing rooms, at the training sites or otherwise reported by the Referee or the Match Commissioner or any Club or any responsible person shall be dealt with by the FD Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the applicable Regulations, Code, Guidelines as may be deemed necessary.

## **8.5 Protest**

- A. Subject to the following provisions, protests are objections of any kind to occurrences that have a direct effect on matches organized in the Competition (state & marking of the pitch, accessory, match equipment, eligibility of players, venue installations, footballs, etc.) & any matters related to breach of these Regulations.
- B. Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall first be submitted in writing to the Organising Committee within one (1) hours of the match by the club concerned & followed up immediately with a full written report. The Club shall confirm the protest by registered letter accompanied by a fee of INR 2500/- (two thousand five hundred rupees only), to be sent to the FD Secretariat or by email to competitions@footballdelhi.com no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the match in question. This confirmation should be sent along with valid proof in support of the protest. If the protest is confirmed by email, then the proof of transfer of amount & valid proof shall be attached.
- C. No protests shall lie against the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final.
- D. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the FD Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine & the protest fee of INR 2500 (two thousand five hundred rupees only) will be forfeited.
- E. On conclusion of the Competition, no protest shall be entertained.
- F. Pursuant to the regulations of FD, Clubs are forbidden from taking disputes to a Civil Court, but may submit them to the appropriate body of FD.

## **8.6 Dispute Resolution**

- A. Save as expressly provided in these Regulations of any decision being final & binding, if an appeal may be preferred before the Executive Committee against any decision concerning serious implications or ramifications. Such appeal must be filed within 3 working days from the date of the decision with non-refundable payment of INR 5,000/-. Prior to arriving at the decision, which shall be final & binding, the Executive Committee shall ensure compliance of Natural justice by providing reasonable opportunity of hearing to all the concerned parties.
- B. Clubs, officials or players are forbidden from taking any dispute to a Civil Court but may only submit them to appropriate FD Committees in accordance with the applicable procedure provided in these Regulations.
- C. Any serious disputing issue involving Football Delhi Senior Division League, other than for which Penal actions have been expressly provided, Clubs, Member Associations, players, officials & licensed agents in connection with the Competition may be settled the same by negotiation at first instance.
- D. If after due process of any negotiation no solution could be reached, the issue shall be exclusively resolved through the modality of Arbitration in accordance with FD Statutes OR under the auspices of the Arbitration Tribunal set forth in AIFF Disciplinary Code, namely "Football Chamber of the Court of Arbitration for Sport" (CAS) with headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, wherein the Code of Sports-related Arbitration of the CAS & all the relevant CAS Regulations shall apply. The language of arbitration shall always be English.

## 9 – ADMINISTRATION

### 9.1 Referees & Other Match Officials

- A. Payment terms for Match Officials will be communicated separately to the Head of Referees & FD Referees Committee. Payment will be made to the officials directly under arrangements of FD.
  - a) After completion of each match, the Referee, Fourth Official & Match Commissioner shall fill the official report form & claim form in AIFF CMS
  - b) In the event of any act of gross indiscipline by the players, officials or organisers, the Match Commissioner shall fill up the Confidential report in AIFF CMS soon after the conclusion of the match.
  - c) The Match Commissioner shall be solely responsible for all decisions in respect of the match organisation.
  - d) The official referee report for each completed match should be verified immediately after the match by each Team coach or official. Match reports that are not verified stand as submitted & may not be contested or appealed.

### 9.2 Trophy

- A. The winner of the Football Delhi Senior Division League may be awarded a Trophy.

### 9.3 Prize Presentation Ceremony

- A. If Prizes are being awarded, a prize presentation ceremony, managed & controlled by Football Delhi secretariat & the Organising Committee & coordinated with its partners including the league's Marketing Partner, will be held immediately after the last match of the Competition to award the Trophy.

### 9.4 Special Provisions

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

### 9.5 Special Instructions

- A. FD shall, in conjunction with the respective venues, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in organisation of the Competition Matches.
- B. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

### 9.6 Intellectual Property Right

- A. FD is the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights of the Competition, including any current or future rights of Football Delhi Senior Division League's name, logos, brands, medals & trophies. Any use of the aforementioned rights requires the prior written consent of FD, & must always conform to the league's instructions & guidelines on correct usage.

## 10 – FD, LEAGUE SUB COMMITTEE & OTHER SUB COMMITTEES

### 10.1 General

- A. FD shall be responsible to hold & organize the Football Delhi Senior Division League & deal with &/or arrive in all decision making process & issues mentioned hereunder or otherwise so provided in these Regulations, unless otherwise expressly excluded.
- B. FD shall draw the fixtures (League Schedule); decide the televised & non-televised venues in consultation with the Broadcasting Sponsors/Partners
- C. FD shall settle all forms required by any Regulations in the technical conduct of this Competition & to set out where applicable, duties & powers thereof.
- D. Except as expressly provided, FD shall give decisions on matters arising out of any disputes & to impose sanctions on Clubs, officials & players or the match Commissioner or match officials should any of them fail to comply with these regulations or the Rules & Regulations of FD or of any decisions or directives given by FD.
- E. Save as expressly provided in these Regulations, FD shall convene meetings with Club representatives to sort out any issues between Clubs, &/or between Clubs & players or any other disputes concerning the organisation of the Competition.
- F. FD shall provide due & necessary clarifications or explanations in the event of any doubt regarding the interpretation of these Regulations or any other related matters & its decision shall be final & binding.
- G. FD shall constitute various sub committees, which may be required, for the smooth conduct of the Tournament.
- H. FD shall coordinate the work of various Committees or agencies involved in the organisation of the Football Delhi Senior Division League.
- I. FD shall be at liberty to add, alter, modify or change any part of these Regulations whenever necessary.

### 10.2 Organising Committee

- A. FD has formed an Organizing Committee, League Sub Committee (“LSC”) for smooth operations of the Match-related activities.
- B. The LSC shall provide adequate facilities to the Match Commissioner, Referees & any other Officials appointed by FD to discharge their duties.
- C. The LSC must provide the marketing agents & the sponsors all facilities to display their advertising boards within the stadium premises & facility areas.
- D. The LSC shall ensure that all agreements entered by FD regarding broadcast, TV coverage, sponsorships, copy rights, intellectual property rights & other rights by FD are fully protected & there be no infringements thereof.
- E. The LSC shall inform the team manager, as soon as the team arrives of the exact kick-off time.
- F. The organising committee shall be responsible for organising the tournament in accordance with the FD Statutes & these regulations.

### 10.3 Disciplinary Committee

- A. Save as have been expressly provided in these Regulations, the FD Disciplinary Committee shall deal with all disciplinary matters related to the Competition.
- B. Meetings of the Committee will be chaired by the Chairman of the Committee & in his absence the remaining three members shall elect one member among themselves to Chair the meeting.
- C. The Committee shall take its decisions by simple majority of votes of members present. No member may abstain from voting. If an equal number of votes are recorded, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.



- D. In its decisions the Disciplinary Committee shall rely upon, amongst others, the AIFF Disciplinary Code & Football Delhi Senior Division League Regulations.
- E. The decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be based, inter alia, on the written reports of the referee, the match commissioner & the Referees Assessor. The Committee may also, if deemed necessary, refer to & rely upon any other evidence, like television & video recordings, reports & others by whatever name called. The Committee shall before arriving at any decision, provide reasonable opportunities of hearing by way of seeking written submissions &/or personal hearing. It shall decide on the procedure to be adopted.
- F. Appeal may be lodged with the Appeals Committee of FD/any Committee duly constituted by FD, against any decision of the Disciplinary Committee which is not stipulated as final under the Regulations.
- G. The Appeal Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents & other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary Committee's file. However, the Appeal Committee may, if necessary, also resort to any further evidence (including television & video recording etc.), which it considers relevant.
- H. The appeal shall be lodged within 24 hours following the decision & must be accompanied by a fee of INR 20,000/- (Twenty Thousand) only.
- I. The Member of the Disciplinary Committee shall not take part in any deliberation, if the cases being dealt with concern themselves or players, clubs, officials or any members of the Entities to which they belong.

#### **10.4 Facilities Sub-Committee**

- A. FD may appoint Facilities Sub Committee for Football Delhi Senior Division League.
- B. To inspect & approve if found suitable, the grounds & other facilities at the venues recommended by the LSC.
- C. To recommend improvement in the infrastructure & other facilities.

#### **10.5 Referees & FD Secretariat**

- A. The FD Referees Committee will finalise the panel of Referees for the Football Delhi Senior Division League in conjunction with the Head of Referees & the FD Secretariat. They will appoint the referees, Referees Assessor for the Football Delhi Senior Division League matches.
- B. The FD Referees Committee will finalise the panel of Match Commissioner for the Football Delhi Senior Division League in conjunction with the Head of Referees & the FD Secretariat. They will appoint the Match Commissioner for the Football Delhi Senior Division League matches.

## 11 – CODE OF CONDUCT

By agreeing to take part in FD Senior Division League 2020-21, all players & team officials agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct.

This code is not exhaustive but indicative only.

- A. Be punctual on all occasion including but not limited to field of play, Press Meets, meetings, match day countdown etc.
- B. Respect the decision of FD.
- C. The dressing rooms shall be given at the request of the Team in return for an undertaking. It shall be the duty of the team to ensure cleanliness in the dressing room. Any damages to the dressing room shall be borne by the team itself.
- D. Respect the Laws of the Game, the Referee, Match Commissioner & their decisions.
- E. Display & promote high standards of exemplary behaviour.
- F. Promote Fair Play.
- G. Always respect match official's decisions.
- H. Never engage or participate in public criticism of the match officials.
- I. Never indulge in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- J. Never engage in any brawl, bullying, intimidation, & physical or verbal assault, abusing language or harassment.
- K. Speak to team mates, officials of own team & opponent team with respect.
- L. Win or lose with dignity.
- M. No player/official of a team shall make any adverse comment anytime against opponent team or FD or any of its Officials.
- N. No player/official of a team shall make any adverse comment anytime against match officials.
- O. No player/official of a team shall make any adverse comment anytime against organizer.
- P. No player/official of a team shall make any adverse comment anytime against Football Delhi Senior Division League.
- Q. Any player or official who insults someone in any way by using offensive gestures or language or who violates the principles of fair play or whose behaviour is found to be unsporting in any other way or uses violence or threat to pressure any Match Official into taking certain action or to hinder him from acting as per free will, shall be sanctioned with severe punishment in accordance with the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

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

<b>Occasion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Non-attendance of prescribed meeting by player &/or official	First occasion - Warning. Subsequent action will lead to disciplinary action.
Team reporting late for equipment checking before the match. Team reporting late to restart after interval.	First occasion – Warning. Second occasion – Penalty of Rs. 500/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty

	amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Player/s &/or official/s indulge in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour before, during or after the match	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 500/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Engage in public criticism of the match officials	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 500/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Not showing respect to opponent team, players & match officials at the end of the game.	First occasion – Warning. Second occasion – Penalty of Rs. 500/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Making any adverse comment in media, press conferences etc. anytime against opponent team players & officials, Referees & other match officials.	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 500/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment of match officials by team official/s &/or player/s	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 1000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Unruly behaviour like bursting of cracker, stone pelting, water bottle throwing, & using laser beam pointed towards pitch, burning of smoke candles etc. by supporters of a team	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 1000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Entering the pitch during or after the game by any occupant of technical area to protest any decision of the referee.	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 1000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Three or more players surround the referee to protest any decision at half time and/or after the match.	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 1000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Pitch invasion by supporter of a team	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 2000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Non adherence to Equipment Regulation	First occasion – Warning. Second occasion – Penalty of Rs. 500/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
Display of undergarment slogan before, during or after the match	First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 500/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.
An action which brings disrepute to the game	As may be decided by disciplinary committee
While teams marching in before start of the match, falling out from the marching in ceremony to perform personal ritual/s, before final line up position.	Each player: First occasion – Warning. Second occasion – Penalty of Rs. 500/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.

<p>Allowing unauthorised occupant in the technical area</p>	<p>First occasion – Penalty of Rs. 1000/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.</p>
<p>Failure to submit team list to MC/RA on time as per official countdown</p>	<p>First occasion – Warning. Second occasion – Penalty of Rs. 500/-. Subsequent occasion – the penalty amount is doubled than previous one, each time it is repeated.</p>
<p>Teams (including players &amp; officials) who fail to respect or follow COVID-19 protocols, guidelines issued by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi, the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports, Sports Authority of India, the All India Football Federation &amp;/or any directive or request of FD Staff, Interns or Volunteers, Match Officials, League Organising Committee.</p>	<p>First occasion – Warning.</p> <p>Second occasion – Matter will be referred to the appropriate body of Football Delhi &amp; such body may impose penalties, fine or sanctions as it deems necessary.</p>

## 12 – MATTERS RELATED TO MATCH FIXING/CORRUPTION

Matters related to Match Fixing & Corruption will be dealt as specified in the AIFF Disciplinary Code.

To protect the game of football from Match fixing/corruption following guidelines are being issued with purpose to safeguard the integrity of the game: -

- A. Each club to nominate a Nodal officer for integrity & he shall report to FD General Secretary about any matter concerning infringement of integrity of that match/event. The details of all the Nodal officers so appointed/nominated may be sent to General Secretary with their E-mail, phone numbers etc.
- B. The players, coaches, team officials shall report to their Nodal officer/ General Secretary of FD about any matter concerning match manipulation/infringement or attempt to influence the match to preserve the integrity of the game.
- C. The e-mail of General Secretary is admin@footballdelhi.com
- D. The employees of FD may visit the training site of each team/club to educate the players, coaches & match officials regarding Integrity of game & risks involved in match manipulation. Necessary arrangement for the same is to be made by concerned club/team manager in consultation with FD.
- E. The Integrity Declaration form (ID Form) is to be signed by all the players, coaches, referees & match officials before the starting of Competition. Team managers to obtain the signature of players, match officials on the Integrity Declaration forms (ID Form) & send a copy of the same to FD.
- F. In case of strong suspicion of match manipulation with cogent evidence against any player, coach, referee, match official or club etc, an enquiry maybe conducted & he can be removed/substituted/suspended on the direction of FD & will not be allowed to further participate till the conclusion of enquiry. All players, coaches, referees, match officials, clubs are required to cooperate with such an enquiry in the interest of preserving the integrity of the game.
- G. No mobile or any such communication device will be allowed in Dressing Room area, Field of Play area & Technical Area until the match is over.
- H. All the Team Managers to take charge of all the communication devices viz: mobile, laptop, I-pad etc available with the players, coaches, & team officials, at the time of de-boarding from bus while entering the venue. These devices are to be kept in safe custody of the respective Team Managers.
- I. No mobile phones will be also allowed with Referees & Assistant Referee & same is to be deposited with the Match Commissioner.
- J. Spectator of any description is not permitted to have access around the field of play (i.e. from the touch lines till the fencing or boundary of the spectator gallery, colloquially known as inside fencing). This area shall be kept free for movement of match officials, team officials on the bench, medical staff, ball boys, other operational staff etc. To make this point clear, VVIPs & VIPs shall be seated in their designated places in the stands & not inside the field of play. They may however, be escorted for ceremony like introduction to players etc. & return to their designated seats in the stands immediately after the ceremony is over.
- K. LSC may arrange CCTV recording at the entrance of dressing room to monitor the persons who are visiting there & recording to be preserved.
- L. Media interaction outside the official program by players, coaches & officials are forbidden. The Referees, Referee Assessor & Match Commissioners are forbidden to give any interview, press statement etc. to media. Players, coaches, referees not to divulge any internal matter of the team to their families, friends or any one as the same could be misused to disrepute

## 13 – OTHER ARTICLES

### 13.1 Miscellaneous

- A. FD reserves the right to alter, amend, remove from &/or add to these rules as & when necessary.
- B. Clubs participating in the Football Delhi Senior Division League undertake to fully observe & comply with the regulations & the decisions of FD, & all other committees formed by FD for the purpose of conducting this competition.
- C. Clubs infringing, any of the above rules may be debarred from playing any competition for one year or more as FD may decide.
- D. All Matters under dispute between Clubs & the Football Delhi Senior Division League are to be referred to FD for adjudication.
- E. No Club either by itself, its officials, players or agents shall by any means whatsoever unfairly criticize, disparage, belittle or discredit any other club or the league or in either case any of its committee & sub-committee members, match officials, employees or agents.
- F. The teams should insure their players & officials.
- G. FD shall in no way be responsible for any loss, injury or death that may take place during the team's journey, stay & participation in the Competition.
- H. In the event of any dispute regarding interpretation of these regulations the decision of FD shall be final & binding.

### 13.2 Commercial & Marketing Rights

- A. All commercial, broadcasting & other rights of the tournament belong to FD or its duly authorized nominee.
- B. All the Commercial, Wireless, Broadcast, Interactive Advertisement, & Marketing Rights related to the Competition including the title, gate, decoration of stage for prize distribution, are the property of FD.
- C. All the perimeter boards, advertising areas at the ground, first & second tier Levels are also the property of FD or its marketing agent. If any member club wants to put any advertisement boards, prior permission of FD will have to be obtained for displaying the same. These boards should not be in conflict with any of FD sponsors.
- D. The television, Internet rights, & other media rights belong solely to FD.
- E. All the revenue from exploration of television & commercial rights for the Competition matches belong solely to FD.

## 14 – MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Matters not provided for in these Regulations & cases of force majeure shall be decided by FD, whose decisions are final.

# COVID PROTOCOLS

## PERSONAL HEALTH & HYGIENE

The best way to avoid illness is to avoid being exposed. All Football Delhi Senior Division League stakeholders must adhere to the below personal health & hygiene measures which are aimed at limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Football Delhi Senior Division League.

- All League & Club personnel to record daily body temperature twice a day at a scheduled time upon rising. A temperature above 99 C should be reported to the Team Coach.
- Social distancing protocols must be followed maintaining a minimum distance of 2 meters from other individuals. Avoid handshakes, hugs, or any other form of greeting that involves physical contact
- Wearing of face mask (triple layered/surgical/N95) covering nose & mouth at all times is mandatory. Player & Match Officials inside the field of play shall be exempted this rule. Further, the Head Coach of the Teams shall be exempted.
- Avoid touching mouth, nose, & eyes as much as possible
- Cover your mouth & nose with a bent elbow or tissue while coughing or sneezing
- Frequently wash hands with soap & water or disinfectant for at least twenty (20) seconds before & after eating food, after using toilet & after contact with objects in public places (eg. doorknobs, etc.)
- No sharing of personal items (like water bottles, towels, etc.)
- Clubs to designate a resource who will be responsible for management & sanitization of match/training equipment before & after a training session/Match
- Clubs to provide disposable tissues, face masks, alcohol based wipes, thermometer, hand sanitizer to all its personnel.
- Clubs are advised to get their players & team officials vaccinated for COVID-19.
- No spectators shall be allowed for the duration of the Football Delhi Senior Division League. Clubs must ensure that supporters are not called for matches & must ensure that family, friends or any other related persons of team players & staff do not attend the matches.
- Do self-check regularly to ensure you are well.
- Consult your doctor immediately if you feel unwell.
- Changing in arrival & departure processes to minimise contact with other workers or officials.
- Movement control within the stadium before, during & after the match.
- Minimum team movements & interaction with match officials.

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