



**FOOTBALL**  
**DELHI**

**FOOTBALL DELHI**

**THIRD-PARTY LEAGUE  
AFFILIATION GUIDELINES**

## DEFINITIONS

1. All India Football Federation: The official governing body of football in India (AIFF)
2. Asian Football Confederation: The official governing body of football in Asia. (AFC)
3. Constitution: The regulations governing the statutes and standing orders of the General Body as promulgated by the General Body. (Statutes)
4. Delhi Soccer Association: The official governing body of football in Delhi.
5. Equipment: Any and all items worn by a player or used by a player while participating in Organised Football including apparel, undergarments, shoes etc.
6. FD Executive Committee: The governing body of Football Delhi
7. FDConnect: The FDConnect is a mandatory online portal maintained by FD by which players and officials are registered.
8. Fédération Internationale de Football Association: The official global governing body of football. (FIFA)
9. Football Delhi Secretariat: The Administrative office of Football Delhi
10. Football Delhi: The official brand name of Delhi Soccer Association (FD)
11. License: The application and subsequent approval for the conduct of such Third-Party Leagues.
12. Match Schedule: The published schedule containing details of the Competition. (teams, date, venues & kick-off time).
13. Match(es): Each football match(es) in its entirety (including extra time and penalty kicks)
14. Organisers: The owners of such Third-Party League being organised.
15. Regulations: The present Third-Party League Affiliation Regulations which can be amended by Football Delhi from time to time.
16. Third-Party League: Any such Tournament and/or Competition and/or League being conducted in organised football by any party besides Football Delhi.
17. Tournament: Any such league, competition and/or tournament being in respect of organised football. (Competition and/or League)

## **ABOUT**

Football Delhi, the governing body of football in the Delhi, has brought about these regulations in its effort to reach every stakeholder of football in Delhi NCR to develop the game of football and professionalise the whole system.

These regulations come into effect from 07 February 2021, and all details will be available online on Football Delhi's website. To keep everything transparent and profound, the team of FD has devised clear objectives and criteria to grant licenses to organisers and make them a valuable part of the football structure in Delhi.

A licensing system will be employed to meet the professional standards and set-up with a bottom-up approach. The organisers will be eligible to fill the forms online to apply for the license and shall be able to submit documents in soft copy unless otherwise asked.

### **Interpretation**

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- words importing singular shall include the plural and vice versa; and
- words importing any particular gender shall include all other genders
- reference to persons shall include any legal person or corporation

### **Responsibility**

- A. The Organisers shall discharge Football Delhi and hold it harmless from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against Football Delhi and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation and course of the Application Process or such Tournament to the exclusion of damages caused by Football Delhi or the members of its delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.
- B. The Organisers shall exempt (indemnify and 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.

### **General Conduct**

Each person and/or Entity subject to these Regulations shall:

- A. Not at any time act in any manner that does or which might be anticipated to bring Football Delhi, its appointees, its agencies/representatives, any Football Delhi Partner, any Football Delhi sub-committee, or any committee member and/or the Game into disrepute or adversely affect its/their reputation.
- B. Strictly comply with these Regulations and all FD/AIFF/AFC/FIFA Regulations
- C. Co-operate with Football Delhi, All India Football Federation and its representatives.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. One of the main focuses of Football Delhi's Vision is to include everyone involved with football to be part of football development structure in the National Capital Region (NCT). Third-Party League organisers play an essential role in the development of football in general and players in particular. Therefore, the Third-Party League Affiliation process introduced by FD is a step forward to strengthen and improve Delhi's football structure by making such Leagues an integral part of the football structure in NCT.
2. FD through this Third-Party League Affiliation process provides a license to entities/individuals to organise a league in the territory of the Association. Through an objective criterion, FD would be granting appropriate licenses based on the information and documents obtained or received by the FD Secretariat.
3. Entities/Individuals can apply for the Third-Party League Affiliation on the FD website [www.footballdelhi.com](http://www.footballdelhi.com).
4. Fees for applying for the Third-Party League Affiliation are specified in Annexure 'A' which can be paid in cash/DD, at the FD Secretariat or via online payment gateway.
5. Third-Party League Affiliation Application Window will remain open throughout the season.
6. The License will be valid for the duration of one tournament only unless a multi-year application has been submitted and approved.
7. Entities/Individuals must submit original and authentic data within the specified time-frame, failure of which can lead to a penalty and/or cancellation of Application.
8. All players participating in the league must register on the Football Delhi online registration system. The application process will not be completed without the list of players as submitted by the Entity/Individual.
9. Although some extra time may be given to the entities/individuals to fulfil the mandatory criteria if they fail to do so during the application, the right of time allocation will be reserved with Football Delhi.
10. Each Entity/Individual are required to fulfil all the requirements, including submission of valid legal documents as proof to the FD Secretariat, for assessment.
11. Football Delhi reserves the right to modify, remove or/and add any of the rules mentioned here as/when necessary.
12. Football Delhi may appoint an observer during the conduct of the Leagues. Such an observer must have unfettered access to the matches.
13. Referees payment will be as per regulations of Football Delhi and will be notified to the organiser at the time of approval of the application and the same must be complied with.
14. Providing false information or misrepresentation of facts shall lead to cancellation of application and league affiliation. Further disciplinary measures may be imposed.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Fill and submit the Application Form on the Football Delhi Website along with the annexures.
2. Submit supporting documents within 10 days of application submission on the website.
3. Football Delhi representative shall reach out to the contact person for verification of application and confirm details.
4. Football Delhi representative may ask for further information and/or documents and give a timeline to submit them.
5. Application is reviewed and decision is informed to the applicant.
6. If Approved, then Applicant is provided a Letter of Affiliation along with Affiliation Logo and branding guidelines.
7. If Referred Back, then Applicant must make the requested changes or provide the information.
8. If Rejected, then the Applicant has 7 days to file an appeal with the General Secretary on proper ground with supporting proof. The appeal shall be taken into consideration and final decision informed.
9. Decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal or review.

## **APPLICATION**

1. The Application must be submitted on the Football Delhi website along with supporting documents at least 61-90 days before the start of the league.
2. The Details that are required to be submitted during the application process will be:
  - a) Name of the Applicant
  - b) Contact Number of the Applicant
  - c) Email ID of the Applicant
  - d) Name of the Entity
  - e) Type of Entity (Company/NGO/Trust etc.)
  - f) Name of Principal Office Bearers as per Type of Entity (Directors/President/Secretary/Trustees)
  - g) Proposed Name of the League/Competition/Tournament
  - h) Age Category/Categories and Type of the League
  - i) Tentative Start Date and End Date of League
  - j) League Format
3. Supporting Documents Required (Must be submitted within 10 days of filing the application):
  - a) Regulations of the League. The regulations should contain the following details:
    - i. i. Name of League
    - ii. ii. Age Groups
    - iii. iii. Technical Regulations (Format, Match Duration, Field Size etc.)
    - iv. iv. Medical
    - v. v. Duration of the League
    - vi. vi. Venues
    - vii. vii. Fee Structure
    - viii. viii. Obligation of Organiser towards Participants and Participating Teams
    - ix. ix. Obligation of Participants and Participating Teams
  - b) ID Proof of Principal Office Bearers
  - c) Undertaking recognising the jurisdiction of Football Delhi (Annex 'B')
  - d) Details of Sponsors and Partners (if any)
4. Conditional:
  - a) As per venue of the league, Football Delhi may ask for additional supporting documents.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF FOOTBALL DELHI**

Those organisers that meet the Application Criteria and are granted a License shall be eligible for the following from Football Delhi:

1. Appointment of official referees and a Match Commissioner & Referee Assessor (depending on size and format) for the tournament.
2. Logo of Affiliation to the organiser for sponsorship, branding and promotion purposes.
3. Discount on Coach Education programmes conducted by Football Delhi to the employees of the Organiser and the Team Managers and Coaches of registered teams in the tournament that are registered on FDConnect.
4. Deputation of scouts for scouting talent for Delhi State Teams from the Tournament
5. Possibility of Football Delhi officials and members as dignitaries for the league.
6. Possible support in live streaming matches on FD TV or on the online streaming partner of Football Delhi.
7. Announcement of the League on Football Delhi social media profiles.
8. Declaration of Affiliation.
9. Extension of Football Delhi partner benefits to the organiser.
10. Smart Cards to the players registering on the FDConnect System.
11. Invite to workshops and seminars organised by Football Delhi.

## 'ANNEXURE A'

### FEE STRUCTURE

<b>Tournament Category</b>	<b>Application Fee in INR</b>
<b>School or College Students</b>	5,000
<b>Open Age Group (Senior)</b>	10,000
<b>Women's and Grassroots Events</b>	No Fee

Notes:

- I. The application should be filed 61-90 days before the kickoff of the League
- II. Accredited Academies with a Star Rating as per Academy Accreditation Policy get a 5% discount on the total Application Fee.
- III. If the Organizer applies for a multi-year application, then a further discount may be provided on the total fees.
- IV. The following surcharges will be applicable as per the application filing date:
  - a. 5% if the application is filed 31-60 days prior to league kick-off.
  - b. 10% if the application is filed 15-30 days prior to league kick-off.
  - c. 15% application is if filed 14 days prior to league kick-off.
- V. All payments may be subject to taxes.

**'ANNEXURE B'**

<ON LETTERHEAD>

To,

The General Secretary  
Delhi Soccer Association

Subject: Recognition of the Delhi Soccer Association's jurisdiction

Dear Sir,

We, <Company/Academy Registered Name>, are organising a football league, <LEAGUE NAME>, and hereby apply for Third-Party League Affiliation from Football Delhi for the said league as per Third Party League Affiliation Guidelines & Regulations and agree to abide by the regulations.

We recognise Delhi Soccer Association as the governing body for football in Delhi and hereby undertake to abide by the Statutes, Disciplinary Code, Ethics Code and any other Rules and Regulations of the Association.

We also recognise the jurisdiction of the bodies and committees of the Delhi Soccer Association and confirm to submit to them and abide by their decisions.

All participating teams including players, coaches and team officials of the league shall also abide by the Regulations of Delhi Soccer Association and submit to committees when required.

With Regards,

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature with Company Seal)

Name:

Designation:

Date:

## **OTHER ITEMS**

1. The FD reserves the right to alter, amend, remove from and/or add to these rules as and when necessary.
2. FD shall in no way be responsible for any loss, injury or death that may take place prior / during/after the Competition.
3. In the event of any dispute regarding the interpretation of these regulations, the decision of the FD shall be final and binding.
4. Legal matters shall be submitted to the Arbitration Tribunal of the Association and not be taken to the Courts of Delhi and India for legal recourse.
5. Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the FD, whose decisions are final.