

# **YOUTH PROGRAM REGULATIONS**

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## **CHAPTER 1: Definitions**

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and terms in these Regulations shall have the same meaning set for them in the Statutes and General Rules of UAE FA, and the following words and terms shall have the meaning assigned to each of them:

**Country:** United Arab Emirates

**FIFA:** The Fédération Internationale de Football Association

**AFC:** The Asian Football Confederation

**IFAB:** The International Football Association Board

**UAE FA:** UAE Football Association

**UAE PL** **UAE PL: UAE Professional League**

**Quality Control Procedures:** procedures required to be followed by the clubs to provide suitable facilities or to organize matches inside the stadium with regard to the Competition or any match organized by the UAE PL, in a manner that does not contravene with the disciplinary regulations, competition regulations, stadium regulations and sanctions assigned thereto.

**“Ball Kids”** shall mean boys and/or girls who are selected by the Host Club in accordance to the requirements of the Youth Programme Regulations and whose duties are to retrieve the footballs throughout the match, return them to play in accordance to provisions of the Youth Programme Regulations.

**“Brand Guidelines”** shall mean the guidelines governing the proper use of the competition marks and sponsor logos

**Member Club:** the club having membership in the UAE FA as per the Statutes.

**“Circulars”** shall mean directives or amendments to these Regulations that are sent to Clubs in the form of official letters before and/or during the course of the League Season

**“Commercial Affiliates”** shall mean any entities, including without limitation any Broadcast Affiliates that have acquired from the UAE PL rights in relation to the Commercial Rights



**“Competition / UAE PL Competitions”** shall mean the Super Cup, the ADNOC Pro League, ADIB Cup and the UAE PL U21.

**"Competition Regulation"** shall mean the regulations that set organizational and technical procedures pertaining to UAE PL Competitions as approved by the Association (hereinafter referred to as 'Regulation').

**“Controlled Access Areas”** shall mean the locations of the Matches and other events, such as (without limitation) Stadium and their fences and perimeters, the aerial space above the Stadium, and all other locations associated with the Competition, including the Facility Areas, media centres, hospitality and VIP areas and facilities, other areas to which admission is regulated by UAE PL’s Accreditation Regulations

**UAE Professional League (UAE PL)** is the body formed by virtue of the decision of the General Authority for Sports No.(1) of 2019, and consists of the Professional Clubs eligible to participate for the sports season 2022-2023, and is responsible for the organization, marketing and investment of the competitions thereof.

**UAE PL Board of directors Directors:** it is the body elected by the UAE PL chaired by the UAE PL Chairman (FA vice-chairman) to perform the functions entrusted to it under the UAE PL Statutes.

**The Technical Committee:** the committee constituted by virtue of the resolution of the UAE PL Board of Directors, and which undertakes the tasks stipulated for herein in this regulations in accordance with the decision of its formation, and in coordination with the Competitions Committee in the UAE FA with regards to mutual matters.

**The Executive Department of the UAE PL:** is the administrative sections in charge of the implementation of the regulations and the resolutions issued by the UAE PL Board of directors and to supervise the organization of competitions and to coordinate among the subcommittees and the professional clubs.

**Registered Players:** players registered and participating in the competition, or any other player under the UAE PL

**"ADIB Cup "** shall mean the annual competition organized by the UAE PL for the professional clubs.

**UAE President's Cup:** the official annual UAE Cup Competition organized by the UAE FA.

**"UAE PL U21"** the league competition organized by the UAE PL participated by the under-21 team of the Clubs

**“Super Cup”** shall mean the match which is organized by the UAE PL between the ADNOC Pro League Champion and UAE President’s Cup Champion according to the Super Cup Regulations.

**“Facility Areas”** shall mean the location of Official Functions, press centres / facilities, ticket offices, hospitality areas used in connection with the Competition

**“Flag Bearer(s)”** shall mean boys and/or girls who are selected by the Host Club in accordance to this regulation and whose duties are to march-in the flags decided by the UAE PL, as part of the pre-match ceremony.



**"Force Majeure"** shall be any event, or threatened event, affecting or which may affect the performance of any provision of this Agreement, arising from or attributed to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, food, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, epidemic or other natural disaster, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion

**"Host Club"** shall mean the club who owns and is responsible for the venue / stadia in which the Competition is held

**"League"** shall mean the ADNOC Pro League

**"League Season"** shall mean the period from the first football match organized under the auspices of the UAE PL (either in the Super Cup, The ADIB Cup or ADNOC Pro League) until the last football match organized by the UAE PL (either in the Super Cup, ADIB Cup Competition or ADNOC Pro League or the UAE PL U21)

**"Match(es)"** shall mean each and every football match in their entirety of the ADNOC Pro League, the ADIB Cup, the Super Cup or the UAE PL U21 , including any deferred Matches and replays

**"Match Officials"** shall mean the match officials appointed by the Football Association and/or the UAE PL as defined in the Competition Regulations.

**"Match Schedule"** shall mean the official fixture list of ADNOC Pro League Matches as determined by the UAE PL

**"Member(s) and/or Member Club(s)"** shall mean the clubs who are members of the UAE FA in accordance to the Articles of Association

**"Official Match Countdown"** shall mean the list containing UAE PL approved activities and events from 3 hours before the match until at least one (1) hour after the final whistle. The list shall contain the list of activities including the specific time these activities should take place

**"Participating Club(s)"** shall mean those teams participating in the Competition, under the authority of the Member Club and the UAE PL during the Competition

**"Participating Players"** shall mean those players registered and participating in the Competition and any other players under the authority of the UAE PL during the Competition

**"Player Escort(s)"** shall mean boys and/or girls who are selected by the Host Club (unless otherwise indicated) in accordance to the Youth Programme Regulations and whose duties are to march-in with the participating players as part of the pre-match ceremony.

**"UAE PL Media Officer"** shall mean the officer appointed by the UAE PL for matches in the UAE PL Competitions who is responsible to manage and organize all media activities.



**“UAE PL Logo”** shall mean the official logo of the UAE PL, and/or such other official logo, which shall be the only marks used by UAE PL, save where otherwise mutually agreed by the parties

**“UAE PL Official Website”** shall mean [www.proleague.ae](http://www.proleague.ae)

**“UAE Professional League / UAE Pro League”** shall mean the League formed by virtue of Decisions No.1 of the General Sports Authority of 2019, and consists of the professional clubs which are eligible to participate in the Pro League Season 2019-2021, and is responsible for promoting, organizing and investing its competitions.

**“Prohibited Items List”** shall mean the list of items which spectators are prohibited from taking into stadia used for any Competition Match, which shall be periodically communicated to Member Clubs

**“Referees’ Committee”** shall mean the committee assembled by the Football Association responsible for all matters pertaining to referees, including the appointment of referees and assessors to League Matches

**“Regulations”** all regulations and/or policies controlled and published by the and/or the UAE FA in connection with the Competition, including but not limited to the UAE FA Statutes, Disciplinary Code, the Competition Regulations, UAE PL Stadia Regulations, UAE PL Equipment Regulations, UAE PL Youth Programme Regulations, UAE PL Accreditation policy, UAE PL Media Regulations, UAE PL Marketing Regulations, Safety and Security Manual, and the circulars issued by the UAE PL

**“Stadia Regulations”** shall mean the regulations that set the requirements which shall be met by the stadium of the clubs participating in the competitions held by the UAE PL

**“Technical Committee”** shall mean the Committee responsible for the organization and management of the competitions in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Association in coordination with the Competitions Committee in mutual matters

**“Youth Programme Participants”** shall mean the Ball Kids and/or Flag Bearers and/or Player Escorts



## **CHAPTER 2: General**

### **1. Scope of Application**

1. These regulations and procedures apply to all matches in the UAE PL Competitions.

### **2. Selection and Recruitment**

1. It is the Host Club's responsibility to provide Ball Kids and Flag Bearers for matches in the ADNOC Pro League, the ADIB Cup and the UAE PL U21. In some of these matches, the UAE PL may require the Host Club to provide additional participants who will accompany the players onto the pitch in the pre-match ceremony, hereinafter known as Player Escorts. Alternatively, Player Escorts may be chosen by an Official Partner of the UAE PL. The UAE PL will inform the Host Club at least one (1) week in advance should Player Escorts be required.
2. Unless otherwise specified by the UAE PL, it is strongly recommended that the Youth Programme Participants are sourced from the Host Club's youth academy.
3. The following requirement must be followed for the selection of Flag Bearers:
  1. There must be at least 4 flag bearers to carry the FIFA flag
  2. Ages 12 – 16
  3. Height: preferably, all kids should be at a similar height.
  4. To be coordinated by one (1) adult. In case the youths are the same ones used as Ball Kids, then similarly, any of the two (2) adults responsible for the Ball Kids is sufficient.
4. The following requirement must be followed for the selection of Player Escorts:
  1. Either two (2) children per match (just for team captains) OR twenty-two (22) children per match (11 per team);
  2. Ages 5-12
  3. Not taller than 130cm
  4. To be coordinated by one (1) adult if two (2) Player Escorts are used; or two (2) adults if twenty-two (22) Player Escorts are used.
5. The following requirement must be followed for the selection of Ball Kids:
  1. Twelve (12) youths per match (this number includes a reserve member);
  2. Ages 10 – 16
  3. To be coordinated by one (1) adult.

### **3. Accreditation**

1. The Youth Programme Participants do not require accreditation badges. However, they must be dressed in their uniforms. The coordinators that accompany Youth Programme Participants do need to have a valid accreditation badge.





#### 4. Youth Programme Room

1. As per Article 17 of the UAE PL Stadia Regulations, a room must be allocated in pre-determined locations where the quickest or shortest access to/from the pitch, drop-off points and seating blocks is possible. The room must be equipped with:
  1. Tables, chairs and sofa set for at least fifteen (15) persons;
  2. Refreshments (drinks and food); and
2. In case twenty-two (22) Player Escorts are used, the Host Club is obliged to find another room with all the accesses and facilities as Article 4.1 above.

#### 5. Training and rehearsals

1. The UAE PL will conduct training sessions on at least two (2) separate days prior to the start of the season in each venue in order to meet the respective on-site staff, field any questions, check access routes and facilities and train.
2. All Youth Programme Participants including the Club General Coordinator and the coordinators must attend these training sessions.
3. Further, each Club is responsible to provide additional training to all Youth Programme Participants according to the regulations set forth here.

#### 6. Official Match Countdown

1. For first time participants of the Youth Programme:

2 hours 45 mins to kick off	Arrival at stadium
2 hours 30 mins to kick off	Rehearsals begin, led by Club General Coordinator and observed by UAE PL Match Commissioner
2 hours to kick off	End of rehearsal. Youth Programme Participants return to Youth Programme room to change into uniforms
50 mins to kick off	Ball Kids to be in position around the field for warm-up of the teams
20 mins to kick off	End of warm-up. Ball Kids to return to Youth Programme room.  Ball Kids who will assist as Flag Bearers in pre-match ceremony to be in position in the players' tunnel, with remaining Ball Kids waiting with the bag of balls in the tunnel.
5 mins to kick off	Start of pre-match ceremony, Flag Bearers to march onto pitch.
3 mins to kick off	After player's handshake, Flag Bearers to exit the pitch and assemble with remaining Ball Kids
2 mins to kick off	Ball Kids collect balls and assemble around the pitch for the match





Kick off	All Flag Bearers and Player Escorts go to seats, led by the coordinators
Half time	Ball Kids to regroup in dressing room for drinks and snacks
End of match	Ball Kids to regroup in dressing room prior to departure

2. For those who have participated previous in the Youth Programme:

1 hour to kick off	Arrival at stadium
50 mins to kick off	Ball Kids to be in position around the field for warm-up of the teams
20 mins to kick off	End of warm-up. Ball Kids to return to Youth Programme room.  Ball Kids who will assist as Flag Bearers in pre-match ceremony to be in position in the players' tunnel, with remaining Ball Kids waiting with the bag of balls in the tunnel.
5 mins to kick off	Start of pre-match ceremony, Flag Bearers to march onto pitch.
3 mins to kick off	After player's handshake, Flag Bearers to exit the pitch and assemble with remaining Ball Kids
2 mins to kick off	Ball Kids collect balls and assemble around the pitch for the match
Kick off	All Flag Bearers and Player Escorts go to seats, led by the coordinators
Half time	Ball Kids to regroup in dressing room for drinks and snacks
End of match	Ball Kids to regroup in dressing room prior to departure

## 7. Uniforms

1. Unless otherwise indicated by the UAE PL, the Host Club must provide the Ball Kids, Flag Bearers and Player Escorts with the following uniform:
  1. One (1) short sleeve t-shirt
  2. One (1) shorts
  3. One (1) socks
  4. One (1) cap



5. One (1) track-suit (suitable for use during winter-season)
6. One (1) rain coat (in case of rain)
2. All the Ball Kids, Flag Bearers and Player Escorts must always be dressed in the same way for all home matches so players, referees and match officials can identify them.
3. The colours of the uniform must not clash with the two teams on the field of play and/or the referees. Host Club must prepared different coloured bibs to prepare for contingencies.
4. Sponsor advertising on uniforms (shirt, shorts and socks) worn by Ball Kids, Flag Bearers and Player Escorts is prohibited, except in cases where the kits are provided by the UAE PL. For further details, please refer to UAE PL Equipment Regulations.

## 8. Safety and Security

1. The Host Club must ensure that all locations where the Youth Programme participants will be staying in the stadium are secured and protected zones, with restricted access. All necessary steps must be taken by the Club to ensure the safety of the Youth Programme Participants at all times. The youths and children of the Youth Programme must be supervised by their coordinators at all times.
2. The Host Club shall ensure that Youth Program coordinators complete form No. (10) of the UAE PL Club Licensing Regulations with regards to Child Protection before the beginning of the season.

## 9. Emergencies

1. IN case anything unexpected happens, the Youth Programm participants should immediately regroup and/or contact their coordinator.
2. If a participant suddenly feels sick during the match or needs urgent assistance, he is allowed to leave his position and meet either the Host Club representative or his coordinator. This is only for emergency cases, as otherwise, the Youth Programme Participants are expected to stay in his position until the end of the match. They cannot leave their position to go to the toilets, for example, and therefore, must be sure to plan a toilet visit before going to the pitch.
3. If a participant finds himself separated from the group, he is to immediately go back to the Youth Programme room and ask staff members to contact the Club General Coordinator or his coordinator.

## 10. Restrictions

1. All Youth Programme Participants and/or their coordinators are not allowed to:
  1. Take any photos while on the pitch;
  2. Take mobile phones onto the pitch (except for coordinators);
  3. Access the team dressing rooms;
  4. Seek autographs or jerseys from the players.
2. Additionally, all Youth Programme Participants are expected to respect these rules:

1. Always stay with the group and do not leave without the consent of the coordinator;
2. While in public areas, do not interact with the fans, cheer for your team or talk to them;
3. Do not run, fight, or play violent games with other Youth Programme Participants;
4. Do not touch any equipment in the stadium (LED cables, TV equipment, etc.)

DO	DON'T
Obey instructions of the UAE PL, Club and referee at all times	Take photo with players or ask for autographs
Attend all rehearsals and pay attention	Take mobile phones onto the pitch
Be punctual for all activities in the Official Match Countdown	Access team dressing rooms and any other areas not meant for Youth Programme Participants
Wear uniform correctly and neatly	Enter the field of play unless specified
Hold the flag at waist level in a proper manner in accordance with the approved mechanism so flag is straight and tight	Leave the designated positions on the pitch while match is still taking place
Contact the Club General Coordinator or Club in case of emergency before or during the match	Wander alone in the stadium
	Interact with fans, public or the team/ Juggle or play with the ball/ Play any violent games/ Touch the advertising board or any other equipment in the stadium





## **CHAPTER 3: Player Escorts**

### **11. Mission**

1. The Player Escorts are to escort the players from the tunnel into the pitch and leave the pitch prior to the handshake ceremony.

### **12. Role of Coordinators**

1. Depending on the number of Player Escorts, one (1) or two (2) coordinators will be required.
2. These coordinators are responsible to ensure that the Player Escorts:
  1. Do not wander around and get lost on and/or off the pitch;
  2. Are in their respective positions according to the Official Match Countdown;
  3. Are appropriately matched up with players according to height.
3. These coordinators are also responsible for accompanying Player Escorts into the tunnel for proper line up alongside the players. At this time, coordinators must ensure that Player Escorts are appropriately matched up with players according to height. Should any child appear too tall in comparison to the player he has been lined up with, coordinators must immediately switch this child with another better suited player. This height check is to be treated as top priority and must be performed as soon as the children and players are together in the tunnel to allow enough time for switching in the event that any is necessary.
4. The coordinators' goal is to ensure that no child obscures the visibility of any player during the line-up ceremony captured on camera. Player Escorts must remain standing in front of players during the ceremony.

### **13. Positions of Player Escorts and Coordinators**

1. As indicated in the Official Match Countdown, Player Escorts must be in the tunnel at least twenty (20) minutes before the match kick-off. Once the players are in the tunnel, the coordinator will assign one Player Escort to each player or to each team captain only.
2. Player Escort must be on the outer side of the player and the player will hold the hands of the Player Escort (see Picture 3).
3. Player Escorts will then walk hand-in-hand with players onto the pitch behind the Club General Coordinator and the referees. They then take their position standing in front of the players and leave just prior to the handshake ceremony. Please see Diagrams 1.1 to 1.4 for entrance and exit paths.
4. Coordinators are allowed to stand alongside the pitch – usually behind the team benches so that they are out of the line of sight – to retrieve Player Escorts from their positions as soon as the UAE PL anthem is finished and to avoid the children getting lost on the pitch.

### **14. Seating area during the match**

1. Once the Player Escorts complete their tasks and leave the field of play, they will be escorted by the coordinators to their reserved seats where they can watch the

match if they wish. The Host Club must identify and reserve seats in a safe and secure area for the Player Escorts and the coordinators.





## **CHAPTER 4: Flag Bearers**

### **15. Mission**

1. The Flag Bearers are responsible to carry the approved flags before the match, to the locations approved by the UAE PL in accordance with Article (17) below. These can be the same youths as those acting as Ball Kids.

### **16. Role of Coordinators**

1. One (1) adult is responsible to coordinate the movement and duties of the Flag Bearers. These coordinators are responsible to ensure that:
  1. The Flag Bearers do not wander around and get lost on and/or off the pitch;
  2. The Flag Bearers are ready and waiting UAE PL in the players tunnel no later than twenty (20) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time;
  3. The flags are returned to the Club General Coordinator when the ceremony is completed.

### **17. Positions of Flag Bearers and Coordinators**

1. As indicated in the Official Match Countdown, Flag Bearers must be in the players tunnel at least twenty (20) minutes before the match kick-off as stipulated for in the official countdown for the match.
2. The Flag Bearers must hold the UAE PL approved flags at waist level, with the hand that is closest to the flag
3. At approximately five (5) minutes before kick-off, and when the teams and referees are ready, the UAE PL Match Commissioner will signal for the start of the UAE PL anthem (the time for referees and teams to be on standby).
4. Approximately 15 seconds after the start of the anthem, the UAE PL Match Commissioner will signal the Flag Bearers to commence their march onto the pitch in all competitions according to the approved mechanism:
  - i. Entering the field of play with the FIFA flag through the players in tunnel towards the centerline until reaching the designated location at the center circle line. After having arrived to the designated location, the flag bearers shall turn towards the main stand (see Figure xxx).
5. To provide good flag visibility on the pitch, the flag is to be held at 45 degree angle to the field (see Picture 6.1) and ...
  1. The two children closest to the VIP kneel on one knees (see Pictures 6.2 and 6.3);
  2. The back two children stand straight, and extend the hand holding the flag to shoulder level.
6. After the handshake between the first player from the home team with the first player from the away team, the Flag Bearers shall exit the pitch around the outside of the team bench closest to them (see Diagram ). In case of using one flag only, flag bearers exit from outside the team bench of the away team (See Figure x). The flags UAE PL must be carried out in the same way that it was

carried into the pitch (i.e. at waist level, straight and without any creases). The flags are to be folded only once the Flag Bearers pass the team bench.

7. The coordinators are to stand inside the player's tunnel to help retrieve the UAE PL flags once they exit from the pitch.

## **18. Seating area during the match**

1. Once the Flag Bearers complete their tasks and leave the field of play, they will be escorted by the coordinators to their reserved seats where they can watch the match if they wish. The Host Club must identify and reserve seats in a safe and secure area for the Flag Bearers and the coordinators.







## **CHAPTER 5: Ball Kids**

### **19. Mission**

1. The twelve (12) Ball Kids are in place to support all players and officials by enabling them to quickly get the ball back in play. These efforts are critical to ensuring that the game can continue in as fluid a manner as possible.
2. The Ball Kids must pay close attention at all times in order to be able to provide a ball to the appropriate payer immediately after the ball has left the field. The Ball Kids must be very attentive to the match action so that they know where and to whom the ball should be provided. They also have to ensure that there is only one ball on the field of play at any given time. Very good communication – both visual and verbal – between all the Ball Kids is therefore very important.

### **20. Match Footballs**

1. For each match, the Club must provide ten (10) footballs. For the ADNOC Pro League/ ADIB Cup, these ten (10) balls must be new for each of the match. The ten (10) balls will be allocated as follows:
  1. One (1) for the referee to start play;
  2. One (1) for the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Official (to be kept at his table)
  3. Eight (8) for the Ball Kids

### **21. Role of Coordinators**

1. One adult is responsible to coordinate the movement and duties of the Ball Kids. These coordinators are responsible to ensure that:
  1. The footballs are pumped according to the regulation and to deliver these footballs to the referees dressing room no later than one hundred (120) minutes prior to kick-off of each match;
  2. The Ball Kids do not wander around and get lost on and/or off the pitch;
  3. The Ball Kids and the footballs are ready in the player's tunnel no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time;
  4. The Ball Kids, with their footballs, gather in the player's tunnel and into the Youth Programme Room during half time;
  5. The Ball Kids perform their tasks according to the procedures and regulations set forth;
  6. The footballs are returned to the Club General Coordinator when the match is finished.

### **22. Positions of Ball Kids and Coordinators**

1. As indicated in the Official Match Countdown, Ball Kids must be in the tunnel at least twenty (20) minutes from the match kick-off. Where the Ball Kid is to have a football, he must have this football with him at this point of time.
2. Once the Flag Bearers have exited the pitch, the Ball Kids will jog to their respective positions, in two (2) rows of six (6) (see Diagram 2.1).



3. The position of Ball Kids around the pitch is as per Diagram 2.2.
4. The Ball Kids indicated with green dots will each hold a football in their hands during the match. The Ball Kids indicated in red will not hold a football during the match. Rather, their role is to assist to retrieve the footballs that are out of play. The blue dots in the diagram indicate the positions of the Ball Kid coordinator during the match.
5. Through-out the match, the Ball Kid may either stand or sit on a chair. Whether to stand or to sit, this decision have to apply to all the Ball Kids. If the Host Club decides to provide chairs for Ball Kid to sit, then all the Ball Kids should sit. On the other hand, if no chairs are provided, then all Ball Kids have to stand. Sitting on the track / floor area and/or squatting are not permitted.
6. At half time, all Ball Kids will regroup in the Youth Programme Room where they will receive drinks and snacks. It is very important that they are properly supervised and not playing with footballs on or around the pitch during this time.
7. At the end of the match, the Ball Kids coordinator must ensure that the Ball Kids regroup to hand over the footballs and then proceed to the Youth Programme Room in order to change and get ready for departure. They should not loiter on the field of play around the flash interviews, nor should they enter the player dressing rooms.

### 23. Further Instructions to Ball Kids

1. Giving the ball to a player
  1. When the ball in play has crossed the line and left the field, the Ball Kids who is the closest to the point where the ball left should throw his ball to the player who will restart the play.
  2. The Ball Kids should make sure that a new ball is needed before sending his ball to the field. The Ball Kids should also wait until the player is at the touchline and have eye contact with the player before giving the ball. If the ball that went out is still close enough to the field, it may happen that the player will walk to get the ball back himself.
2. Recovering the ball
  1. When the game has re-started, the Ball Kids who has given his ball to the player will run to recover the lost ball and then immediately go back to his position.
  2. If a ball leaves the field of play and rolls all the way to stop outside the lines, but inside the advertising boards, the Ball Kids who gave his ball away for the match to continue should wait until the action goes away from the abandoned ball and then go to get the missing ball when there is no action around. After having recovered the ball, the Ball Kids should return to his position. At no time can a Ball Kids enter the field of play.
  3. In case the ball lands in the stands, Ball Kids should try to get the ball back while staying as near as possible to their designated positions at all times. The Ball Kids should never go to the stands to pick up a ball, but ask the spectators to throw the ball back, without taking any risk. If the spectators do



not return the ball, the Ball Kids should go back to his position and wait for a new ball to be brought to him by the club staff.

3. Holding the ball

1. During the match, all Ball Kids have to stand behind the advertising boards, holding the ball in their hands, or with the ball on the floor next to them. It is very important that the Ball Kids does not play with the ball at any time (no juggling, no kicking). The Ball Kids should not be touching the advertising boards with the ball, or leaning on them, or climb over them, they should stay behind these boards, and behind the photographers or cameramen, if any.

4. Watching the match

1. In order to be a good Ball Kids, it is important that they follow all the action on the field, even if the action is in the distance. This will ensure that they know exactly what to do with his ball in case it is needed. This is particularly important if they are standing behind the goals (behind the goal line).

5. Goal kicks and Corner kicks: When the ball crosses the goal line (the line defining the short side of the pitch) there are two possible scenarios, depending on whether the player who touched the ball last is attacking or defending.

1. If an attacking team player touches the ball out of the field over the goal line, the ball will be kicked back into play by the goal keeper. (Goal Kick)
2. If a defending team player touches the ball out of the field over the goal line, the ball will return into play from the corner. (Corner Kick)
3. It is very important that the Ball Kids know where to send their ball in such cases, and for that they have to follow the action. In case of a doubt, they have to look at the referee, who will be showing the place where the action will resume.

6. Advertising board and LED Board

1. On three sides of the field, there are standing advertising boards or LED boards. The Ball Kids stands behind these boards, without leaning on them or touching them. It is not possible for a Ball Kids to jump over the boards to pick up a ball. They should always run around the boards and use one of the corner gaps to collect balls. Again, the Ball Kids can only do this (walk in front of the advertising boards) at a time when the action is away from this point. If there is action around, the Ball Kids has to wait until it goes away.

7. Sporting behavior & Fair play

1. Ball Kids should remain impartial at all times and should not cheer for one or the other team and must respect both teams equally and the referee at all times. Ball Kids should refrain from talking to the players, congratulate them or ask them for autographs or their jersey.
2. Ball Kids coordinator and/or any officials from the Club must not provide instructions to the Ball Kids to deliberately delay the game.
3. Fair Play is an elegant and sporting attitude by which players and spectators respect each other, play and or cheer in a friendly atmosphere. Fair Play means respecting the rules, the referee and the teams, in any situation.

4. Like the players, the Ball Kids have to show the spirit of Fair Play.





## **Chapter Six: Disciplinary Procedures**

### **24. Disciplinary Measures**

1. In the event that the Host Club is not able to fulfill any of the provisions in this regulation, the Host Club must inform the Executive Department UAE PL at least two (2) weeks in advance, with an alternative solution to be approved by the UAE PL.
2. The Match Commissioner has the responsibility to report any violation of these provisions during any Competition Match to the Executive Department of the UAE PL.
3. If a Club violates any of these provisions, UAE PL may pronounce sanctions or take measure in accordance to the Quality Control Procedures.

### **25. Matters not provided for and Force Majeure**

1. The Board of Directors of the UAE PL has the right to make decisions on matters not provided for in these Regulations, whose decisions are final and unappealable before any judicial or arbitrary bodies or entities.
2. The Board of Directors of the UAE PL has the right to make decision on cases of force majeure and states of emergency, and such decisions are final and unappealable before any judicial or arbitrary bodies or entities.

### **26. Ratification**

1. These regulations are prepared and set under the supervision of the Executive Department of the UAE PL and ratified by the UAE FA Board on 30/06/2022