

# **Super Cup Competition Regulations**

**Season 2023 – 2024**

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## **Preamble**

Having perused:

The ministerial Decision no. (17) for 1972 on the registration of the UAE Football Association (UAEFA);

The minutes of meeting of the general assembly on 17/9/2007, on the approval of the Statutes of the UAE Football Association (UAEFA);

The statutes of The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA);

The statutes of The Asian Football Confederation (AFC);

The statutes of The International Football Association Board (IFAB);

The statutes of the UAE Pro League,

The decree under federal law no. (1), 2019, on the General Authority of Sports with regards to the declaration of the UAE Pro League.

The decree under federal law no. (60), 2009, on the UAE joining the International Convention against Doping in Sport;

The decree under federal law no. (119), 2009, on the UAE joining the International convention against Doping in Sport;

The Executive Regulations of Law No.8 of 2014 on the Security of Sports Facilities and Events.

UAE PL And based on the approval of the UAE Pro League Board of Directors;

UAE PL We have issued the regulations of the Super Cup Competition for the sports season 2023/2024, as follows:

## **Section (1)**

### **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

**WADA:** World Anti-Doping Agency.

**NADO:** National Anti-Doping Organization

**UAE FA:** UAE Football Association

**UAE PL:** UAE Pro League

**Quality Control Procedures:** The procedures that clubs must follow during the season regarding the competitions, matches, events, and associated activities or events related to the competitions, as specified in the Competition Regulations or any of the UAE PL regulations, circulars, and decisions, for which a financial penalty is imposed for non-compliance.

**Trademark Guidelines:** guidelines governing the proper use of competition trademarks and sponsors' logos.

**Technical Meeting:** the meeting(s) held prior to the Super Cup match (when required), and attended by the appointed UAE PL match officers and team managers of the participating clubs.

**Accreditation Card:** any form of authorization issued by the UAE PL which grants its holder the right to be present in the access control areas (or parts of thereof

**Authorized person:** the person authorized to carry out certain activities within the official areas as per the accreditation card.

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

**Club:** the commercial body and/ or football companies entitled to participate in the UAE PL's competition on behalf of the member club according to a written agreement between the parties thereto.

**Participating teams:** teams participating in the competition under the authority of the Club and the UAE PL.

**Circulars:** Instructions or amendments related to these Regulations, notified to the Participating Clubs in the forms of official letters before or during the season, by the UAE PL.

**Commercial Affiliates:** anybody obtaining any right of the commercial rights from the UAE PL.

**Commercial Rights:** all utilization rights of The Competition , including but not limited to broadcasting, concession, hosting, photography, trading, promotional, sponsoring, travel, tour, new media, video registration, and/or commercial utilization using any other means according to the Statutes of the Association.

**Referees:** the match officials appointed by the Referees Committee according to these Regulations.

**The League:** ADNOC Pro League

**Medical Team:** All medical officers working for the clubs, including physicians, nurses, specialists of natural treatment, professional massagers, pharmacists, other medical practitioners and all other persons authorized by the concerned Health Authority in each emirate according to the rules and regulations governing health care and medical responsibility in UAE the relevant regulations of the UAE FA.

**Force Majeure or Sudden Incidents:** any unexpected incident that may not be avoided arising from a foreign cause that has no relation to the parties and which affects or could affect the enforcement of any articles herein, including but not limited to storms, floods, lightening, fire, explosions, earthquakes, structural damages, epidemic catastrophe, or any other natural disaster, wars, terrorist attacks or military actions, riot, chaos, strike, lockouts, industrial procedures or civil disobedience.

**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 2023-2024, and is responsible for the organization, marketing and investment of the competitions thereof.

**UAE PL Board of 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 him under the UAE PL Statutes.

**Board of Members 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.

**Participating Player:** the player registered with a Participating Club in the association and participating in the competition as well as any other player under the authority of the UAE PL.

**Technical Committee:** the committee responsible for supervising the Competitions according to the regulation of the UAE PL and Statute of Association in coordination with the UAE FA competitions committee in connection to mutual matters.

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

**Match/Matches:** The Super Cup match including deferred or repeated match.

**Facilities:** the official areas and press centers/facilities, tickets kiosks and hosting areas used in relation to the competition matches held by the UAE PL.



**Competition:** the Super Cup match and the activities held on the field (in addition to matches) such as celebrations, media conferences, or other relative official activities.

**General Coordinator:** the match officer appointed by the host club according to these Regulations.

**Host club/ Host Stadium:** the club or stadium nominated by the UAE PL to host the Competition Match.

**Match Schedule:** the official fixture list as defined by the UAE PL.

**Broadcast Affiliates:** any entity(ies) including without limitation the Host Broadcaster, that have acquired from the UAE PL any rights in relation to the Broadcast Rights.

**Host Broadcaster:** the party assigned by the UAE PL to provide a specific scope of services in relation to the production of basic audio-visual broadcasting materials (or any other materials) related to any Match or any official event.

**Broadcasting Rights:** the right to broadcast the competition matches and entering the stadium for purposes of TV live broadcasting and/or radio broadcast and/or voice recording and/or audio-visual media recording in addition to obtaining licenses for live broadcast and/or recording and/or any of these matters in any form whatsoever or all forms of TV broadcast and/or radio or any other media existing nowadays or might exist in the future including all forms of land, wired and satellite TV broadcast, the internet, TV broadband (fixed and/or wireless), internet, interactive televisions, broadcasting by phone and any other electronic applications or other means and tools.

**ADNOC Pro League:** the professional league organized by the UAE PL participated by the first team of Clubs.

**UAE Pro League Logo:** the official logo for the UAE Pro League and/or other official logos that are only used by the UAE PL or authorized by the UAE PL except as agreed upon between the concerned parties.

**Match Officials:** the referees appointed by the UAE FA and/or the UAE PL in accordance with these Regulations.

**Laws of the Game:** the codified rules which are authorized and published by the International Football Association Board

**Official Match Countdown:** the list containing UAE PL approved activities and events starting three hours before the match and ending at least one hour after the match, this list includes the activities as well as the time these activities should take place.

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

**Ground Roles:** the Roles imposed by the UAE PI in Appendix (9) of its Stadia Regulations.

**ADIB Cup Competition:** an annual competition organized by the UAE PL among its professional clubs.

**UAE President's Cup:** the annual knock-out competition organized by the UAE FA.

**Super Cup:** a one match event organized by the UAE PL, usually at the beginning of the League Season, between the champion of the ADNOC Pro League and the champion of the UAE President's Cup; or in case champion of both the ADNOC Pro League and the UAE President's Cup are the same, then the match will be played between champion of the ADNOC Pro League and the runner-up of the ADNOC Pro League.

**Disciplinary Committee:** a semi-judicial committee of the association.

**Appeal Committee:** a semi-judicial committee of the association specialized in reviewing the appealed decisions issued by the disciplinary committee or chamber of disputes settlement.

**Cassation Committee:** a semi-judicial committee of the UAE FA specialized in the settlement of the decisions of the Appeal Committee and the committees of arbitration in their appellate capacity

**Referee Committee:** the committee formed by the association responsible for all matters related to referees including the appointment of referees and appraisers for all competition matches.

**Appeal Regulations:** the regulations issued by the association on organizing the process of appealing decisions by the members and clubs.

**Stadium Regulations:** the regulations specifying the requirements to be fulfilled in the stadiums of clubs participating in competitions organized by the UAE PL.

**Disciplinary Regulations:** the regulations specifying the violations under the association rules and regulations, and the regulations of the UAE PL, which do not fall

under the jurisdiction of any other bodies of the UAE FA or any other jurisdictions as stipulated for in the Disciplinary Regulations.

**Arbitration Panel Regulations:** the regulations issued by the UAE FA to regulate the appeal process in the settlement of the decisions of the Appeal Committee and the Arbitration Committees in their appellate capacity by the members and the clubs.

**UAE FA Regulations of Players' Transfer and Status:** the binding rules regulating the status of players and their eligibility to participate in the organized football competitions, and their transfer from and to the clubs of the UAE FA.

**FIFA Regulations for Players' Status and Transfers:** the international binding rules regulating the players' conditions and qualification for participating in the organized football competitions as well as their transfers between clubs from different leagues and associations.

**Equipment Regulations:** the regulations governing the equipment and clothes used by players and teams officers in the Competitions Matches organized by the UAE PL.

**Safety and Security Manual:** the Manual, which sets out the organizational procedures aiming at ensuring safety and security at the stadiums where UAE PL Competitions are held.

**Operations Manual:** A booklet containing all the materials related to matchday operations in accordance with the Competition Regulations. In the event of any conflict with the Competition Regulations, the Competition Regulations shall prevail.

**Youth Program Regulations:** the Regulations delineating the roles and responsibilities of Ball Boys, Flag Bearers, and Players Escorts in all competitions organized by the UAE PL.

**Accreditation Regulations:** the Regulations that govern the enforcement of the Accreditation System in the Restricted Areas of the stadiums and their facilities.

**Match Commissioner:** the match officer appointed by the UAE PL in accordance with these Regulations and other relative UAE PL regulations.

**Access Control Officer:** the person appointed by the UAE PL to control the enforcement of the UAE PL accreditation system and the security arrangements related to the Competition Matches according to these Regulations.

**Media Officer:** the person appointed by the UAE PL to control the enforcement of the UAE PL Media Regulations as well as the TV Production and Broadcast of the UAE PL.

**Doping Control Officer:** the representative of NADO in accordance to these Regulations.

**Referees Assessor:** the match officer appointed by the referees committee in accordance to these Regulations.

**Access Control Areas:** 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 regulation by the UAE PL Accreditation Regulations.

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

**Health Authority:** the Ministry of Health or any other governmental federal or local authority working in the health sector inside UAE.

**Media:** all personnel working in the printed media, direct editors, photographers, TV staffs, representatives of parties owning the broadcasting rights and those entitled to obtain a media authorization card as specified by the UAE PL.

**Starting List:** the list prepared by the participating Club and is approved by the Match Commissioner or any person tasked to do so by the UAE PL, consisting of a maximum of (11) players who will start the match in addition to a maximum of (9) substitute players.

## **Section (2) - General Provisions**

### **2. Introduction**

- 2.1 These regulations govern the rights, obligations and responsibilities of clubs participating in the competition.
- 2.2 All participating clubs should prepare, organize and host the competition matches according to the association statute, the UAE PL Statutes as well as regulations, directions and circulars issued by the UAE PL.
- 2.3 The clubs must not work against the public interest in developing and improving the level of UAE football and/or association and/or UAE PL.
- 2.4 Any rights associated with the Competition, that are not granted to the Clubs by these Regulations and/or specific agreements belong to the UAE PL.

### **3. The Board of Members Board of the UAE Pro League**

- 3.1 The Board of Members Board of Directors of the UAE Pro League is the direct authority responsible for executing the provisions contained in the Regulations and has the right to interpret the provisions at its own discretion as well as has the right to issue decisions on those matters not covered through the conditions and terms of the Regulations.

### **4. Technical Committee and the Executive Department**

- 4.1 The Technical Committee: is the committee formed by virtue of the decision issued by the Board of Directors of the UAE PL to:
  - 4.2 Supervision of the organization and management of competitions,
  - 4.3 Develop the principles of Match agenda.
  - 4.4 Approve the current season's Agenda.
  - 4.5 Approve competition's fixtures.
  - 4.6 Deal with appeals arising from the Quality Control Procedures;
  - 4.7 Approve proposed competitions' Regulations,
  - 4.8 Approve development project plans.
  - 4.9 Approve annual rewards selection mechanism.

- 4.10 In the event of the dissolution of the Technical Committee and/or in case it was not constituted, the Board of Directors shall assume the responsibilities thereof.
- 4.11 The Executive Department: is in charge of controlling competitions and operations under governing regulations as follows:
- 4.12 Manage the competitions it organizes.
- 4.13 Develop principles of Match agenda.
- 4.14 Set match fixtures and the seasons Agenda.
- 4.15 Amend match agenda in accordance with competitions' regulations.
- 4.16 Develop competitions regulations.
- 4.17 Appoint and prepare match officials, and control proposals for external participations.
- 4.18 Study proposals to develop the competitions and prepare a final draft to be presented to the Technical Committee.
- 4.19 Put selection mechanisms for awards' nominees and prepare a final list of nominees.
- 4.20 Organize technical workshops for relative competitions.
- 4.21 Any other responsibilities stipulated for in other relative regulations, or as assigned to it by the UAE PL Board of Directors or the Technical Committee.

## **5. Participation in Other Competitions**

- 5.1 Clubs are not authorized to represent UAE PL or the Competition without prior written approval from the Board of Members Board of Directors of the UAE PL.
- 5.2 Participation in foreign competitions for the Clubs shall be decided by the UAE FA Board of Members upon the recommendation of the Board of Members Board of Directors of the UAE PL without conflict with the Regulations of the AFC, FIFA or the association organizing the competition. This decision shall determine which clubs shall participate in the next edition of the relevant continental or regional competitions.
- 5.3 In accordance with the Board of Directors of the UAE PL and the Statute of the UAE PL and the statute of the UAE FA, The UAE PL may organize any new competition

and/or change the titles of the championships, which should be notified to the Clubs with reasonable notice.

## **Section (3) - Participating Clubs**

### **6. Eligibility / Admission Criteria**

- 6.1 The champion of last season's ADNOC Pro League and the Champion of last season's UAE President's Cup are eligible to participate in the Super Cup.
- 6.2 If the champion of the last season's ADNOC Pro League and the Champion of last season's UAE President's Cup is the same club, then the champion and second placed team in last season's ADNOC Pro League shall be eligible to participate in the Super Cup.
- 6.3 The final decision on whether to complete or cancel the Competition lays with UAE PL Board of Directors, and the UAE PL assumes no responsibility for any financial loss resulting from such cancellation.
- 6.4 All the Clubs shall abide by the business sponsorship contracts related to the matches and signed by the UAE PL and/ or the Executive Department .

### **7. Obligations of Participating Clubs**

Upon participating in the competition, the clubs must undertake to:

- 7.1 To observe any agreements entered into with the UAE PL as well as Regulations, policies, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by the Board of Directors and/or the Football Association and the applicable national laws;
- 7.2 To comply with the Laws of the Game issued by the IFAB;
- 7.3 To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition shall be settled by the UAE PL and/or the UAE FA in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of relevant UAE PL and/or UAE FA Committee(s);
- 7.4 To recognize the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne.
- 7.5 Maintain a high level of enthusiasm and commitment throughout the season in the competition, and actively involve key players from the first team. To observe the principles of Fair Play.
- 7.6 To comply with and adhere strictly to the Official Match Countdown.



- 7.7 To be responsible for the behavior of their players, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout all Competition Matches.
- 7.8 To accept all the arrangements made by the Host Club and the participating teams in agreement with the UAE PL.
- 7.9 To attend and participate in all official activities and events related to the UAE PL and/ or its competitions such as, but not limited to Technical Meeting, Workshops, Broadcast Meeting, match organizational meeting, press conferences, other media activities, etc. organized by the UAE PL in accordance with guidelines and/or instructions in circulars issued by the UAE PL.
- 7.10 To ensure that unauthorized persons are not allowed to enter the pitch area, its surrounding areas and the dressing rooms.
- 7.11 To ensure that players and officials do not engage in any activities that will bring the game into disrepute and/or damage the integrity of the game, or the reputation of the UAE football.
- 7.12 Players/ clubs are committed to participate in all activities and events of the competition as requested by the UAE PL. In case the club/ player refuses to participate, this violation will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and a fine of 30,000 AED is imposed.
- 7.13 To cooperate with UAE PL at any time – and in particular at the end of matches – in the collection of items from the game and players' personal items that could be used by UAE PL to create a memorabilia collection to illustrate the heritage of the competition, or for any commercial use.
- 7.14 The club may use its name and/or logo provided all the following requirements are satisfied:
  - 7.15 The name is mentioned in the statutes of the club;
  - 7.16 The name is registered with the chamber of commerce or equivalent body;
  - 7.17 It is registered at the UAE FA and used all other national competitions;
  - 7.18 The name and logo do not refer to the name of a commercial partner.If so requested, the club must provide UAE PL with the necessary documents and evidence.

7.19 To have professional contracts with the number of players set forth in the Club Licensing Regulations.

7.17 All professional contracts signed with players in any of the club's registration lists shall be submitted to the Licensing Administration of the UAE PL within 10 business days of closing the transfer windows during the season, or within 10 business days of the concluding such contracts in case the registration was concluded outside the transfer windows.

## **8. Player Registration and Participation in the Competition**

8.1 Registration and transfer of players of the clubs participating in the competition shall be in accordance with the regulations of players' movements and the annual circular No. (1) Of the committee concerned with conditions and movements of players for the League Season 2023/2024.

8.2 For this Competition, each club is entitled to participate with the following players:

8.2.1. All players registered in the club lists in the UAE FA provided that such players have completed 16 years old in the participation date.

8.2.2. Players registered in the match list under the categories: Foreign players, Born in the UAE and UAE Resident, shall not exceed (8) players,

8.2.3. Players fielded in the match under the categories: Foreign players, Born in the UAE ,UAE Resident, shall not exceed (6) players,

8.2.4. Goalkeeper registered in the team lists shall be Emirati or son of Emirati Mother or UAE Passport holder throughout the entire match time. In case the goalkeeper was sent off during the match, he cannot be replaced by any foreign player or UAE Residence or player Born in the UAE, registered in the match list.

8.3 Match Officials will check players' details through the FANET. In case the system was down and officials were unable to check players' details, the club shall provide such details manually, and is help responsible for the accuracy of such details.

## **9. Team Officials' Registration**

- 9.1 The UAE PL shall keep and maintain a register of Team Officials and management employed or engaged by any Club, including:
  - 9.1.1. The management staff;
  - 9.1.2. The technical staff and
  - 9.1.3. The team medical staff.
- 9.2 At a minimum, the following officials must be registered in the list of each Participating Club, of which, those registered in the match will be chosen:
  - 9.2.1. Team manager or Team Administrator
  - 9.2.2. Head coach
  - 9.2.3. Assistant coach
  - 9.2.4. Goalkeeper coach
  - 9.2.5. Fitness coach
  - 9.2.6. Doctor
  - 9.2.7. Physiotherapist
  - 9.2.8. Any other individuals who are either technical coaching staff, or medical staff or translator.
- 9.3 Member Clubs must abide by the registration procedure and communicated to them prior to the commencement of the League Season for issuing Accreditation Cards in accordance with Accreditation Regulations.
- 9.4 Head coach of each Participating Club must have at least 'Pro' Coaching certificate approved by the AFC. In case the Head coach does not have 'Pro coaching certificate approved by the AFC, the head coach and the Participating Club are obliged to obtain the AFC recognition of competence. In order for a Head coach to be approved for the Competition, when the coach is approved and registered by the UAE FA, he will be given a temporary card until his status is modified. Head Coach who has a minimum experience of five (5) years with the First Team is eligible to apply for the Certificate of Competence. This certificate will be valid for life. However, it is only valid within the territory to which that the Member Association belongs. Therefore, in case this

Head Coach moved to a new Member Association, he should apply for a new Certificate of Competence.

- 9.5 For the avoidance of doubt, the Head coach will not be eligible for accreditation if documents in Article 9.4 are not submitted to the UAE PL. Subsequently, he will not be allowed to sit on the team bench and/or be in the team dressing room.
- 9.6 At least one of the assistant coach of the Participating Club must have at least the AFC 'A' Coaching certificate. In case the assistant coach does not have a coaching certificate issued by the AFC, the assistant coach and the Participating Club are obliged to obtain the AFC recognition of competence. In order for an assistant coach to be registered in the Competition, When the coach is approved and registered by the UAE FA, he will be given a temporary card until his status is modified.
- 9.7 For the avoidance of doubt, the assistant coach will not be eligible for accreditation if documents in Article 9.6 are not submitted to the UAE PL. Subsequently, he will not be allowed to sit on the team bench and/or be in the team dressing room.
- 9.8 Participating Clubs must register at least one (1) goalkeeping coach who must have at least the AFC 'Level 3' Goalkeeping certificate. In case the goalkeeping coach does not have a coaching certificate issued by the AFC, the goalkeeping coach and the Participating Club are obliged to obtain the AFC recognition of competence in order for a goalkeeping coach to be registered. When the coach is approved and registered by the UAE FA, he will be given a temporary card until his status is modified.
- 9.9 For the avoidance of doubt, the goalkeeping coach will not be eligible for accreditation if documents in Article 9.8 are not submitted to the UAE PL. Subsequently, he will not be allowed to sit on the team bench and/or be in the team dressing room.
- 9.10 Participating Clubs must register at least one (1) fitness coach who must have at least the AFC 'Level 2' Coaching certificate. In case the fitness coach does not have a coaching certificate issued by the AFC, the fitness coach and the Participating Club are obliged to obtain the AFC recognition of competence in order for an fitness coach to be approved in the Competition. When the coach is approved and registered by the UAE FA, he will be given a temporary card until his status is modified.

- 9.11 For the avoidance of doubt, the fitness coach will not be eligible for accreditation if documents in Article 9.10 are not submitted to the UAE PL. Subsequently, he will not be allowed to sit on the team bench and/or be in the team dressing room.
- 9.12 Any changes to any of the staff listed in Article 9.2 must be officially communicated to the UAE PL after successful registration according to the UAE FA regulations, by submitting an application through the Online Accreditation System before the scheduled match for the team in the competition. No accreditation cards will be issued outside official UAE PL working hours. Accreditation cards will be given to clubs after the UAE PL reviews the documents submitted by the club and ensuring that the submitted documents meet all the requirements as per the Licensing Regulations.
- 9.13 All participating clubs shall abide by the UAE FA registration procedure with regards to team officials, whereby all club medical staff must have a valid license (from the relevant Emirate) in order to practice as a Medical Health practitioner. Furthermore, in accordance with the laws and regulations governing health care and medical responsibility in their relevant Emirate, no member of a clubs' medical staff shall not be entitled to perform his or her functions before they are licensed by the relevant Health Authority.

#### **10. Teams Arrival & Player Selection List**

- 10.1 Teams (players and team officials) must arrive at the stadium no later than ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time. . Teams which fail to comply with this arrival deadline shall be penalized for failing to comply with the official match countdown in accordance with the Quality Control Procedure (QCP).
- 10.2 Match list consists of a maximum of (20) players
- 10.3 The team manager of each participating Club is responsible for approving the duly completed 'Player Selection List' on the FA Net no later than ninety (90) minutes prior to kick off. The list shall indicate the following:
- 10.3.1. The (11) Players starting the match,
  - 10.3.2. The (9) replacement players,
  - 10.3.3. Team Captain,

10.3.4. Team Goalkeeper (starting and substitute)

10.3.5. A list of maximum ten team officials who shall be seated on the team bench, and

10.3.6. If the list was electronically approved, there is no need to have it signed by the team manager.

## **11. Starting List**

11.1 The participating club shall enter and approve the starting list in the period between 24 hours to 90 minutes prior to the match, provided that the starting list is verified by both the Match Commissioner and the Fourth Referee during a check of player jerseys prior to kick-off.

11.2 If the club wishes to make any changes to the starting list in the period between 90 minutes prior to kick-off until kick-off time, the Match Commissioner is the only person authorized to perform such change.

11.3 The finalized Starting List shall be distributed to participating teams, the media and broadcasters and LED personnel. In the event the List is changed in cases other than those permitted in Article 11.4 below, the club will be penalized in accordance QCP.

11.4 After the player list is completed, and if the match has not yet kicked-off, no replacement is allowed except in the following cases:

11.4.1. If any of the eleven (11) players indicated on the starting list is not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity (physical injury), they may only be replaced by any of the nine substitutes listed on the initial player selection list. The substitute(s) in question may then only be replaced by a registered player(s) not listed on the initial player selection list, so that the quota of substitutes is not reduced. This injured player cannot take any part in the match and must not sit on the substitute bench;

11.4.2. If any of the nine (9) substitutes listed on the player selection list is not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by a registered player not listed on the initial player selection list;

11.4.3. The Club concerned must, upon request, provide the UAE PL with the necessary medical certificates and reports.

11.4.4. In any case, registering a person who is not actually present in the stadium is not permitted. Violation of this article will lead to a penalty on the club in accordance QCP.

11.5 A player must have played in a match in order to be considered as having participated in that match

## **12. Officials Authorized to sit on the Team Bench**

12.1 Ten individuals of the team officials may sit on the team bench.

12.2 The team officials registered for the match herein must wear their valid accreditation cards in the official areas in the stadium.

12.3 The list of officers approved in the FA Net must include the following:

12.3.1. Team manager/ Team Supervisor / Team Administrator (Only one of them)

12.3.2. Head Coach

12.3.3. Doctor

12.3.4. Physiotherapist

12.3.5. Assistant Coach/ physical fitness coach/ Goalkeeper Coach

12.4 For the avoidance of doubt, for positions listed in Articles 12.3.3 to 12.3.5, only those who have submitted their qualifications as indicated in Articles 9.4 to 9.13, and approved by the UAE PL are eligible to be seated on the team bench. Further, for every match in the Competition, it is compulsory for officials listed in Articles 12.3.1 to 12.3.5 to be on the bench, unless due to decision of the UAE FA Disciplinary Committee.

## Section (4) - Technical Regulations

### **13. Laws of the Game**

- 13.1 The Super Cup match shall be held according to the Laws of the Game as laid down by the IFAB.
- 13.2 Each team shall consist of eleven (11) starting players including the goalkeeper and no more than nine (9) substitute players.
- 13.3 If the number of the players on any team becomes less than seven (7) before or during the Match then the Match will be dealt with in accordance with Article 23 of these regulations.
- 13.4 Based on the Laws of the Game regarding the allowed number of player substitutions during matches, each club is entitled to make up to five substitutions from the registered reserve players listed in the main squad participating in the match, with a maximum of three opportunities during the match. Substitutions made during the halftime break are not counted within these opportunities. In cases where both teams make a substitution at the same time during the match, this counts as one of the three available opportunities for each team.

### **14. Competition Format**

- 14.1 The Competition Match shall be played on a one-match basis held in a neutral ground to be determined by the Technical Committee unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors. The champion of the ADNOC Pro League for in the previous season will be team "A" and will be considered as the host club in terms of team color, team bench and fan seating and priority to choose main training session time and the pre-match press conference time, while the other team will be considered as team "B".

### **15. Tie breaking procedure**

- 15.1 If at the end of normal time, scores are tied, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game approved by the International Football Association Board (IFAB). No extra time will be played. Each team will have five (5) penalty kicks from the penalty point.



If after five (5) penalty kicks there is no winner, sudden death penalty kicks are played until a team wins.

## **16. Match Duration**

16.1 Each Competition Match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two (2) periods of 45 minutes, with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes in between from the whistle ending the first half to the whistle starting the second half.

16.2 The cooling break is implemented in the match according to the weather conditions and whenever necessary, based on a decision issued by the Executive Department , according to the following procedures:

16.2.1. In the first half of the match: At approximately the 30th minute and when the ball is out of play, the referee will signal for the start of the cooling break. Players will gather at the front of their team bench, but while still within the field of play, to cool themselves with sponge soaked with icy water, ice and cool drinking water. This break will last approximately two (2) minutes and will end when the referee signals through his whistle. Players are not allowed to leave the field of play.

16.2.2. In the second half of the match: At approximately the 75th minute and when the ball is out of play, the referee will signal for the start of the cooling break. Players will gather at the front of their team bench, but while still within the field of play, to cool themselves with sponge soaked with icy water, ice and cool drinking water. This break will last approximately two (2) minutes and will end when the referee signals through his whistle. Players are not allowed to leave the field of play.

## **17. Kick-Off Time**

17.1 The Technical Committee shall approve kick-off times for all Competition Matches based on the recommendations of the Technical Department.

17.2 Each Club participating in a Competition Match shall adhere to the kick-off time.

17.3 Any Club which delays the kick-off of a Competition Match either at the start of the match or the re-start after the fifteen (15) minute half-time interval (as per Law 7

of the Laws of the Game) shall be fined in accordance with the Quality Control Procedure.

## **18. Match Schedule**

- 18.1 The Executive Department shall schedule the Competition Match. The Competition match must be played as per the schedule decided. The date or venue of the Competition Match can be changed as may be required by public interest and/ or as determined by the UAE PL.

## **19. Rest Days due to Participation in Other Competitions**

- 19.1 If a Member Club plays a match within a Gulf, Arab or AFC Competition then the club shall be given a minimum of two (2) days rest and its next Competition match shall be played on the third day.
- 19.2 Article 19.1 is applied to periods of time preceding and following participation of the team in the external championships (Gulf, Arab and AFC Competitions).

## **20. Suspension of Matches**

- 20.1 If any Competition Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal time because of any force majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field of play not fit to play, weather conditions, etc., the following procedures must be followed:
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 In the event that the Referee decides to restart the match in accordance with Article 20.1.1 above, the participating clubs have the right to request for an additional five (5) minutes preparation and warm-up time; and
- 20.4 In the event that the Referee cannot restart the match after the thirty (30) minute delay the match is abandoned in accordance with Article 21.

## **21. Abandoning/ Postponing the Match due to Force Majeure or a State of Emergency**

- 21.1 The Executive Department has the right to abandon or postpone a match due to force majeure or any emergency incidents from 24 hours and until 3 at least hours prior to the kick off time.
- 21.2 The referee and match commissioner has the right to abandon or postpone the match in the period of 3 hours prior to the kick off time until kick off time. The referee shall wait for a maximum of 30 minutes from the kick-off time before taking a final decision to abandon the match.
- 21.3 In agreement with the Match Referee, the Match Commissioner may delay the match for one hour, in case the decision was taken before no less than one hour prior to the match kick-off time.
- 21.4 In case the emergency happened again after the match kick-off, the referee may wait for an additional 30 minutes based on the evaluation of the emergency, before taking a final decision to abandon the match.
- 21.5 In case of an abandoned or postponed match due to force majeure, the whole match will be replayed next day unless otherwise decided by the Executive Department. The match will be replayed regardless of the result and remaining time. All yellow and red cards given during the match shall be cancelled. Nonetheless, any offence committed which is due in front of the Disciplinary Committee and/or any additional reports from the referee and/or match commissioner arising from this match shall be maintained and implemented. Further, any player who was not fielded in this match due to suspension, is considered not to have served his suspension (i.e. as if the match had not been played at all).
- 21.6 In case the match was not played on the next day, the Executive Department of the UAE PL will determine the date and place of the replayed match.
- 21.7 The decisions set forth under the articles hereinabove may not be objected or appealed before any judiciary or arbitrary bodies.

## **22. Matches Suspended and/or abandoned due to Power Failure and/or Floodlight Failure**

- 22.1 Where a Competition Match is suspended or abandoned by the Referee due to a power disconnection affecting the floodlights the procedures stipulated in Articles 20 and 21 above shall apply.

## **23. Abandoned Matches due to Player Expulsion**

- 23.1 If the number of players of any of the Participating Teams becomes less than (7) players during any of the competition matches, the referee must end the match and procedures in accordance to the UAE FA Disciplinary Regulations.

## **24. Withdrawal & Penalty for Failing to Play**

- 24.1 Clubs shall play in the Competition Match in all of its entirety.
- 24.2 If a Club withdraws from the Competition for any reason other than Force Majeure before the beginning of the season, the Board of Directors shall take the necessary steps to replace the withdrawn club.
- 24.3 Any Club that withdraws from the Competition for any reason other than Force Majeure shall be subject to the following actions:
- 24.3.1. More than 45 days before the beginning of the Competition, the Club shall be fined a sum of AED1000,000
- 24.3.2. Less than 45 days but more than 10 days before the beginning of the Competition, the Club shall be fined a sum of AED2,000,000;
- 24.3.3. less than 10 days before the competition, the club shall be find a sum of AED 5,000,000.
- 24.3.4. In addition to the fines mentioned above, the Club shall bear the losses incurred by the bear the losses resulting from the forfeiture of the income expected from the commercial contracts, TV transmission contracts and all other expenses resulting from participating in the competition matches before withdrawal.

24.4 The Board of Directors may take decisions in cases where Participating Club withdraws from the competition due to force majeure and exceptional circumstances or any other cases.

## **25. Replacing the Withdrawing Club**

25.1 If any club withdraws from the competition pursuant to article 24, the Board of Directors shall decide on an alternative club to participate in the Competition provided that such club fulfills all requirements of Participating Clubs.

## **26. Playing Field**

26.1 Host Club is responsible for ensuring that their field of play is maintained in good condition in order to help facilitate the playing of Competition Matches to the highest quality to enhance the technical standard of play. If the field of play is not in the best condition, the Board of Directors reserves the right to change the venue for the match.

26.2 The Host Club shall ensure that no activities are held on the field of play from seventy-two (72) hours prior to the kick-off of the match. Only activities that are specifically approved by the Board of Directors may be conducted on the field of play.

26.3 The Host Club shall ensure that the field of play markings must be in accordance with Law 1 of the Laws of the Game (including all its appendices). It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that field of play is marked according to the Laws of the Game

26.4 Upon arrival at the stadium, the Match Commissioner and the Referees shall inspect the stadium and field of play on match day and ensure that all arrangements are in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game and all of UAE PL's relevant regulations. If the conditions of the Field of Play (including goal dimensions and the pitch) do not comply with the Laws of the Game and/or all of UAE PL's relevant regulations, the Match Commissioner and/or the Referees shall immediately issue relevant instructions to the Host Club to rectify the situation.

## **27. Team Bench & Technical Area**

- 27.1 Dedicated team benches shall be provided directly adjacent to the pitch for each team for the sole use of Team Officials, medical staff and substitute players.
- 27.2 Each technical area shall be located equidistant from the halfway line. The location of technical areas will be determined during the field visits to the stadium that the UAE PL representatives perform before the season.
- 27.3 Team benches must contain a minimum of twenty (20) full size seats, which are affixed to the bench and have backrests. Moveable chairs are not allowed. Benches must be covered to protect against bad weather and spectator misbehavior.
- 27.4 A maximum of ten (10) team officials and nine (9) substitutes are allowed to sit on the team bench, provided they are in possession of the appropriate accreditation card.
- 27.5 During matches, players on the team bench are not allowed access to any TV footage of the match and/or electronic communication tools including but not limited to telephone, tablets, walkie talkie, etc,. The match commissioner have the right to confiscate any of these electronic equipment in case of violation of this article.
- 27.6 Match officials on the team bench are not allowed to access any TV footage of the match and/ or use the electronic communication tools for the same purpose. However, and for purposes related to the safety and security of players and/or tactical or coaching purposes only, match officials are allowed to use mobile phones, tablets and walkie-talkies. The match commissioner have the right to confiscate any of this electronic equipment in case of any misuse. In addition, the Match Referee has the right to take further actions.
- 27.7 If the number of people seated on the team bench at any time exceeds the allowed limit as per Article No. (27-4) mentioned above, the responsible club will be fined in accordance with quality control procedures.
- 27.8 If at any stage during the Competition Match one or more people related to one of the participating Clubs who are not registered on the team officials list refuse to leave the field of play (pitch area, team benches, technical area or any other place

around the field of play) after instructions from the Referee, the result of the match shall be considered as 3-0 in favour of the other team unless the actual match result was higher than that. Moreover, the Referee shall abandon the Match and the responsible Club shall be fined in accordance with the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

- 27.9 As soon as they arrive to the stadium, all team officials shall wear the club official kit or the official kit. In case of non-adherence, the club shall be penalized in accordance with QCP.
- 27.10 All team officials and players seated on the bench must wear club official kits that are contrasting with the colours of the players and Referees on the pitch, except for the Head Coach and the administrative team. In case of non-adherence, a penalty will be imposed in accordance with QCP . In addition, team officials and players seated on the bench must wear bibs when instructed by the Referees.
- 27.11 Team benches on the left side (when facing the pitch) are designated for the Home Team (Team A) while the team benches on the right side (when facing the pitch) are designated for the Away Team (Team B).

## **28. Official Training Sessions**

- 28.1 For the Competition Match, the two participating clubs are obliged to have an official training session for one hour), one (1) day prior to the match on the match stadium decided by the Technical Committee. In the event that a club did not adhere to the official training session before match day, a fine of fifty thousand Dirhams (50,000) AED will be imposed on that club in accordance with Quality Control Procedures.
- 28.2 If the any of the teams requested that official training is to be closed, only the first fifteen (15) minutes of the official training must be kept open to the media while allowing the Media team of the club to be present at all times.
- 28.3 The official training was open, the Media can attend the training from the allocated areas for each category according to the Media Regulations.
- 28.4 The exact timing of the official training session will be decided by the Executive Department.

- 28.5 If the field of play is not in good condition and/or if weather does not permit, the Executive Department shall have the right to shorten and/or cancel the official training.

## **29. Warming Up**

- 29.1 Teams shall be entitled to warm up on the field of play before the match if the weather permits (as determined by the Match Commissioner). The warm up shall start from 50 minutes before kick-off of the match and shall end at the latest 20 minutes before the match starts.
- 29.2 Teams are not allowed to warm up earlier and/or later than the above-mentioned times. Teams which fail to comply with the official pre-match warm up timings in Article 29.1 above, shall be penalized for failing to comply with the official match countdown in accordance with the Quality Control Procedure (QCP). The teams may decide not to warm up if they wish.
- 29.3 During the match, all substitutes from each team may warm up at the same time assisted by one (1) official, but without a ball (except for the goalkeeper), behind the goal closest to their substitutes' bench or in a space determined by the Match Commissioner prior to kick-off. In the event that there is limited space behind the goal, the Match Commissioner may determine a space next to the team's team bench. In this case, only a maximum of three (3) players from each team will be allowed to warm-up at the same time (without a ball). The three (3) players may be assisted by one (1) official.

## **30. Match & Training Balls**

- 30.1 The Executive Department of the UAE PL shall provide ten (10) footballs for this Competition Match.
- 30.2 The pressure of the footballs shall be set between 0.8 bar to 1.0 bar. The footballs shall be placed in the referee's room at least 120 minutes before the start of the match. The referees shall ensure that this procedure is completed.



30.3 Participating Clubs shall only use footballs approved by the Board of Directors of the UAE PL in all official functions, including but not limited to training sessions, press conferences, photo shoots, etc.

### **31. Stadium**

31.1 Host Club shall handover their stadia to the Executive Department from at least seventy two (72) hours before the Competition Match Day until one day after the Competition Match, unless the Executive Department specifies a longer period to the receipt and handover of the stadium.

31.2 Each club must make its stadium and fields available to the Executive Department of the UAE PL when requested at no extra costs other than those related to the match operations, provided that the application is sent by the Executive Department of the UAE PL at least seven days before the day when the UAE PL requires the stadium. The notice period may be reduced may the need arise, at the sole discretion of the Executive Department of the UAE PL.

31.3 In case the club does not own its Home Stadium, the club shall guarantee the application of the provisions of article 31.5 hereinabove, in the contractual relation between the club and the owner of the stadium. The UAE PL bears no extra costs other than those related to the match operations.

31.4 In the event of any violation of articles 31.2 and 31.3, a fine of 500,000 AED will be imposed on the club, as well as indemnification for any damages and losses that may occur as decided by the Board of Directors of the UAE PL

31.5 The Host Club shall adhere to the requirements for stadia listed in the Stadia Regulations.

### **32. Players' Equipment**

32.1 Participating Clubs must comply with the Equipment Regulations approved by the Board of Directors of the UAE PL, which govern the apparel and equipment worn by players and officials in Competition. The UAE PL Equipment Regulations are in force from the time the Participating Club's Official Delegation arrive at a Stadium until the time the Participating Club's Official Delegation depart from the stadium.

- 32.2 Each club shall submit a sample of both their primary and secondary kit colours (shirt, shorts and socks) for both outfield players and goalkeepers to the Board of Directors of the UAE PL, at a date determined by the Executive Department of the UAE PL, provided that one of the team kit is of bright colors and other is of dark colors. All items to be used by a Participating Club within the Stadium during the Competition Matches shall be subjected to the approval of the Executive Department of the UAE PL in accordance to the procedures set by the Equipment Regulations and any other instructions related thereto.
- 32.3 The Match Officials and/or the Match Commissioner and / or the in the Executive Department of the UAE PL Marketing personnel has / have the right and duty to check kit items at the match venue and are entitled to send such items to the UAE PL Headquarters for further control after the match.
- 32.4 Decisions regarding the approval of kits and other items mentioned in the UAE PL Equipment Regulations. UAE PL declines all responsibility and authority in the event of conflicts arising from contract between a Participating Club and its sponsor(s) on account of the advertising provisions of the UAE PL Equipment Regulations. The Participating Club agrees to hold UAE PL harmless from any and all damages which may arise from decisions regarding kits.
- 32.5 Any players participating in Competition Matches must have their name and shirt number appearing on the back of their playing shirt, ensuring the following:
- 32.5.1. The number must be legible to the match officials and spectators in the stadium from a considerable distance, as well as to the TV audience;
- 32.5.2. The colour of these names and numbers must be noticeably different from that of the players' kit and must either be a contrast colour or appear on a signed – coloured patch. It must contrast (light on dark or vice versa) with the colour of the shirt;
- 32.5.3. After their first official participation, players must maintain the same shirt number and name for all UAE PL Competitions throughout the entire season. Numbers allocated to a player registered in any other UAE PL Competitions, who have participated in any of the UAE PL competitions,

cannot be used again for any other player at the same season, even if he was removed from the team list for any reason.. Numbers are from 1 to 99 with number 1 reserved for the goalkeeper.

32.6 The Executive Department of the UAE PL shall determine the kit colours (outfield players and goalkeepers) for each Competition match which shall be communicated to all clubs no later than five (5) days before the match. The selection of colours will be based on each team's colours approved by the Executive Department of the UAE PL, with preference given as follows in the event of clash of colours:

32.6.1. Outfield players of team "A";

32.6.2. Outfield players of team "B";

32.6.3. Goalkeeper of team "A";

32.6.4. Goalkeeper of away team "B".

The away team (team B) may be asked to play using combined kit from its first registered colours, and its second or third registered colours.

32.7 in the event that all previously mentioned options are exhausted and the visiting team (Team B) fails to bring an alternative kit different from the host team's (Team A) uniform as specified by the Executive Department a 15-minute wait from the scheduled match start time will be observed. If the visiting team (Team B) is still unable to provide the appropriate attire, the referee is required to cancel the match and declare the visiting team (Team B) as having forfeited with a score of 3-0.

32.8 Member Clubs shall bring both their primary and secondary kits (players and goalkeepers) to each Competition match and ensure that neither of the uniform is similar to the other. If the selection of kit is restricted due to the team not bringing both of its kits, the respective club will be fined AED10,000 in accordance to the Quality Control Procedure (QCP).

### **33. Conduct of Team Officials & Players**

33.1 All players and team officials participating in the Competition shall strictly abide by the principles of sportsmanship and Fair Play in all matches and other UAE PL activities.

- 33.2 Instances of player or team official misconduct are dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee and are punished in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.
- 33.3 Smoking is strictly prohibited on the field of play, media/broadcast areas and all official areas within the stadium (dressing rooms, players' tunnel and coaches' rooms in the official zone, etc). Violations of this Article shall be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.

#### **34. Filming of Matches**

- 34.1 After securing a written approval from the UAE PL, teams are permitted to record their matches with one or more technical cameras (video) provided that the number and location of these cameras is pre-determined in each stadium which shall be identified by the Media Officer of the UAE PL. The footage of these cameras is for the sole purpose of technical issues only, and are not permitted to be used for media, promotional or marketing purposes. Videographers shall be approved by the UAE PL and shall hold special ID cards made for this purpose.

## **Section (5) - Host clubs**

### **35. Stadium Requirements**

- 35.1 In the event the UAE PL decided to use a specific stadium for the Competition Match, the Host Club shall undertake to do its utmost to provide all the necessary facilities required by the UAE PL for the Competition Match. This includes complete stadium and its surrounding areas (such as parking area, etc.) handover from at least 72 hours prior to match day, unless otherwise decided by the UAE PL. Non-compliance with these requirements will result in Host Club being fined in accordance with the Quality Control Procedure (QCP).
- 35.2 Once a facility has been determined by the Executive Department of the UAE PL (i.e. media centre, press conference room, UAE PL officials office, medical room, doping control room, etc.), Host Clubs are not allowed to change this facility to another location unless otherwise approved in writing by the Executive Department of the UAE PL. Request to change an approved facility to another location must be made at least one (1) week prior to the match.

### **36. Match Organisation**

- 36.1 For the Competition Match, the UAE PL shall determine a neutral venue which shall be considered the "Host Club". The Host Club shall, where requested by the UAE PL, to:
- 36.1.1. Ensure the appointment of a Host Club General Coordinator who is registered and approved by the Executive Department to assist in ensuring that all requirements of the UAE PL are met and secured;
  - 36.1.2. Ensure all facilities listed in the Stadium Regulations are provided for and properly equipped well in advance of the Competition Match;
  - 36.1.3. Ensure proper parking and access to the stadium for all match stakeholders including but not limited to Participating Teams, match officials (those described in Chapter 6 of these regulations), Commercial Affiliates, Media and fans;

- 36.1.4. Ensure there is an ample amount of ice, water and refreshments (at a minimum, Host Club should supply, as refreshments, fruits and sandwiches) in the team dressing rooms, the Referees dressing room, the doping control room, the UAE PL office and the media centre;
  - 36.1.5. Ensure, for each half's cooling break, there are twenty (20) new clean sponges or towels soaked in icy water (to be provided in cooling box), 10kg ice, twenty-two (22) bottles (500ml) for each team;
  - 36.1.6. Ensure, for each half's cooling break, there are ten (10) new clean sponges or towels soaked in icy water (to be provided in cooling box), 5kg ice, fourteen (14) bottles (500ml) for the referees team;
  - 36.1.7. Ensure the necessary match day personnel are present at the stadium well in advance of spectator entry to perform their relevant duties (i.e. at least four hours before the start of the match);
  - 36.1.8. Ensure a Ball Kid Coordinator and twelve (12) ball kids are available from two and a half hours before the match until ten (10) minutes after the match. Please refer to the UAE PL Youth Programme regulations for more details;
  - 36.1.9. Ensure that enough and sufficient volunteers and staff members are available in order for the Host Club to fulfill its obligations as indicated in these Regulations and other UAE PL Regulations; and
  - 36.1.10. Ensure that the match is conducted according to the Regulations, and Circulars.
  - 36.1.11. For a smoother coordination and safety and security reasons, players of the Home team or the Away team shall arrive and depart in the team bus.
- 36.2 The Host Club shall exempt (indemnify and hold harmless) the UAE PL from all third party claims for damages relating to match organization, regardless of whether individual matches in question take place or not.

### **37. Public Address Systems, Announcers and Announcements**

- 37.1 The stadium's public address system must be capable of being heard clearly both inside and outside the stadium, above the crowd noise, even in the case of a sudden upsurge in spectator and noise levels. The public address system must have outputs for the TV broadcast purposes, and if the club doesn't provide such requirement, a fine will be imposed in accordance with the QCP
- 37.2 If requested by the UAE PL, a trained announcer who is capable of addressing spectators in Arabic and English must be made available. The Board of Directors of the UAE PL will provide Host Clubs with an announcer's script which must be used for each Competition Match.
- 37.3 Announcements over the public address system must be of a strictly neutral character. The public address system must not be used for the dissemination of political messages, to support the home team or for any form of discrimination against the visiting team.
- 37.4 Music may be played until twenty (20) minutes before kick-off and during half time in accordance with UAE PL's Official Match Countdown, but volume levels must be managed appropriately during player warm up times and specified intervals for on-field Broadcast interviews.
- 37.5 No music may be played during the Match, with the exception of after the goals, whereby the music may be played for a maximum of ten (10) seconds and must cease immediately prior to the recommencement of play. In all cases, any music must be approved by the UAE PL.

### **38. Giant Screen**

- 38.1 Unless otherwise indicated by the Technical Committee, the use of the giant screen will be to display match result and time, as well as the logos of both clubs and the competition logo. Extra time shall not be displayed on the Giant Screen.
- 38.2 The UAE PL may approve screening of a live broadcast feed of the match on a giant screen inside the stadium (if applicable), however all replays are strictly prohibited without exception.

### **39. Safety & Security**

- 39.1 The Host Club, where requested by the UAE PL, shall undertake to coordinate with the concerned local authorities and the Access Control Officer to prepare, plan and implement the appropriate security measures inside and around the stadium in the Competition Match. Those include all appointed persons including: players and officials of both teams, match officials (as specified under Chapter 6), media representatives, commercial partners, sponsors (Participating Committee and Clubs) and the public.
- 39.2 Upon request and coordination with the UAE PL, the Host Club shall ensure that their safety and security plans address the following:
- 39.2.1. The Host club/ stadium should appoint a licensed Security Officer (Facility Security Officer) responsible for a prescribed list of duties as per the Executive Regulation of the Federal Law NO.8 of 2014 on the Security of Sports Facilities and Events, and the Safety and Security Manual of the UAE PL; including but not limited to organizing meetings with local police and private security companies to discuss procedures and issues related to match organization;
  - 39.2.2. The UAE PL Accreditation System and safety management plan must be in place to control fans, media, sponsors, teams, officials, etc.;
  - 39.2.3. The access to/ or movement on the field of play must be restricted;
  - 39.2.4. Assembly points must be designated for emergency evacuation situations;
  - 39.2.5. Signage must be in place;
  - 39.2.6. Evacuation doors must be operational;
  - 39.2.7. An Operations Centre must be designated as the primary point for security management;
  - 39.2.8. Traffic flows must be properly determined for all stakeholder groups;
  - 39.2.9. The Match Officials are protected from the time of their arrival at the stadium until the time they depart the stadium after the match;
  - 39.2.10. Spectator access to the field of play must be prevented at all times;
  - 39.2.11. Parades and entertainment must be in compliance with national laws;



39.2.12.Spectator medical services must be available; and

39.2.13.An operation plan for lost children.

- 39.3 Spectators are strictly forbidden from entering stadiums with items listed on the Prohibited Items List according to Appendix (b) of the Safety and Security Manual.
- 39.4 Fans of the two teams are allowed to use percussion instruments and loudspeakers into the stadium according to the mechanism approved by the Executive Department as circulated and/or updated before or during the sports season. The loudspeaker and/or the instruments may not be attached to any electronic devices and the sounds produced must not be amplified (no more than 45 Watt) . These loudspeaker and percussion instruments may only be used in the stands for second category ticket holders only. In case of any violation, a fine will be imposed on the club in accordance with the Quality Control Procedures. Further, the Executive Department of the UAE PL has the right to refuse the use of loudspeaker at a certain stadium if the hosting club provide an independent report or document that proves that the use of loudspeaker(s) will affect the safety and security organization of the stadium, or may affect the comfort of patients in the nearby hospitals and medical centers . Notwithstanding the above, UAE PL or the police or the private security personnel have the right to unilaterally prohibit the use of any of the loudspeaker if the sounds or noises made are affecting referees' performance or safety and security organization.
- 39.5 Fans who shall adhere to the spirit of fair play. Participating Clubs, its players, officials and fans are further prohibited to make any offense or use any racist or sexual words, logos, acts or language.
- 39.6 Each club is responsible for the behavior of their fans and/ or spectators.
- 39.7 Breaches (and corresponding sanctions) in spectator conduct are listed in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.
- 39.8 If the facilities and buildings of the Host Club are destroyed by the spectators of the Visiting Club, the affected Club shall, within a maximum of 24 hours of the match kick-off time, communicate such damages to the Executive Department of the UAE PL through a security report supported by photos of such damages. The Executive Department of the UAE PL may appoint any party to inspect the

damages and losses and then claim the necessary compensation from the visiting club. In addition, the Executive Department may, in coordination with the Disciplinary Committee prepare a report to take further actions.

#### **40. Ambulances & Medical Facilities**

40.1 For each Competition Match the Host Club, at UAE PL's cost, is responsible for providing the following medial facilities and personnel which must be in place at the stadium as indicated below:

40.1.1. Two ambulances or more as decided by the Executive Department, supplied with all necessary advanced medical equipment and devices in addition to one first-aid specialist and one driver for each ambulance, provided that the first-aid specialist is licensed and approved by the Ministry of Health or by a concerned governmental health body. There must be one ambulance or more, available two hours before the match start until its end (and the audience and match organizers leaving the stadium) whereas the other ambulance shall be at the stadium at least one hour before the match start till its end (and the players leaving the stadium).

40.1.2. Mobile medical units must be provided to cover fans medical needs before, during and after the match, as decided by the Executive Department.

40.1.3. Paths and parking of the ambulance cars must be void of any hindrances throughout the entire match time.

40.1.4. A medical emergency room dedicated for players and officials must be provided near the dressing room and/or field of play and must be fully equipped with all emergency medical fittings pursuant to the UAE PL Stadia Regulations.

40.1.5. An air-conditioned, well-lighted and ventilated room for doping control shall be provided with all its requirements as per the UAE PL Stadia Regulations. This room must also be connected to the internet.

40.1.6. The following medical services shall be provided on the field:

40.1.6.1. A doctor trained to provide medical emergency services

40.1.6.2. Either two (2) fully charged and operational golf carts – each cart to be operated by one (1) driver and one (1) assistant; or two (2) set of stretcher bearers – each stretcher to be operated by a minimum of four (4) persons, provided that those people are fit and are wearing the same sports uniform.

40.1.6.3. In case one golf cart was available, the club shall also ensure that there are be two stretchers with two (2) set of stretcher bearers – each staff consists of 4 persons in minimum in addition to the staff of golf cart. In the event that there are two (2) injured players on the field of play at the same time, the stretcher bearers shall be used instead of the golf cart.

#### **41. Access Control (Accreditation)**

- 41.1 An accreditation card is physical proof of access entitlements to a Controlled Access Area. It is personal and non-transferable and does not grant the pass holder access to a viewing seat. Any person caught using another person's accreditation card will result in both the offender and the owner of the accreditation card losing the privileges of this card throughout the season. In addition, Quality Control Procedures apply.
- 41.2 The UAE PL Accreditation System for the Competition will be adopted and implemented match day with the full accreditation system implemented no later than 3 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off time of the match and when spectator gates are opened to the public, whichever is earlier.
- 41.3 When the accreditation system is in place (no later than 3 hours prior to the scheduled kick-off time), accreditation card must be worn at all times in a manner that is clearly visible to other persons, particularly security personnel and UAE PL Officials.
- 41.4 The accreditation system is to remain in place until teams and Match Officials have left the Controlled Access Area and at least 1 hour after the end of any Competition Match.

- 41.5 The Executive Department will be solely responsible for issuing Club and specific season accreditations as well as match day passes. All relevant personal data from each accredited party shall be retained by the UAE PL.
- 41.6 All players registered to play in the competitions organized by the UAE PL in accordance with Article 8, team officials, members of the Club and Participating Teams must apply for an accreditation to access the Controlled Access Area.
- 41.7 Application for accreditation must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Accreditation Regulations.

#### **42. Protocol**

- 42.1 Host Club shall ensure the following protocols are observed at all Competition Matches as follows:
- 42.1.1. Ensuring that the following flags are flown in a visible location at least two (2) hours prior to kickoff:
- 42.1.1.1. National flag of United Arab Emirates (dimensions 1.5×2.25m )
  - 42.1.1.2. UAEFA Flag (dimensions 1.5×2.25m)
  - 42.1.1.3. UAE PL Flag (dimensions 1.5×2.25m )

#### **43. Insurance**

- 43.1 Host Club is responsible for concluding and maintaining insurance coverage for the risks in connection with staging and organizing the Competition Match providing for appropriate guaranteed sums for damages to persons, objects and property, as well as for pure economic losses corresponding to the specific circumstances of the Club and associations concerned. Insurance coverage must include, without limitation:
- 43.1.1. Third-party liability insurance for all third parties participating in matches or attending the relevant venue);
  - 43.1.2. Spectator accident insurance; and
  - 43.1.3. Stadium insurance.
- 43.2 Host Club releases the UAE PL of any liability whatsoever in regards to the insured matters in Article 43.1.

43.3 Clubs are responsible for the insurance coverage (including hospitalization and surgical operations) of their team, including players and officials, at their own expense, for all Competition Matches. Claims for damages against the UAE PL are expressly excluded, and the participating Clubs shall hold the UAE PL harmless against any such claims.

**44. Article (44)**

44.1 Without prejudice to the insurance coverage of the UAE PL provided in article (43) above, the participating clubs should bear the insurance responsibility on its own expense with a known insurance company against the following risks:

44.1.1. Insurance against all types of risks related to participating in the UAE PL competitions.

44.1.2. Insurance against all risks related to shows and organizing the team matches which must include for example insurance against third party liability (for all parties participating in matches or present in field or stadium) by ensuring reasonable amounts in return for accidents occurring to individuals, or any loss of lives, tools and assets, in addition to commercial losses related to special circumstances of relative participating clubs.

44.2 If the participating club is not the owner of the used stadium, it must provide a proper insurance which includes insurance against third party liability and loss of assets incurred to the owner or lessee of stadium.

44.3 The participating club must ensure that the UAE PL is included in all insurance policies – as defined in this regulation and the UAE PL shall be released from all claims and liabilities incurred or related to shows and match organization. In all cases, the UAE PL may request any participating party to make a written commitment (free of charges) on liability release or protection from damage and/or warranties and/or copying relative insurance policies.

#### **45. Liability & Indemnity**

- 45.1 The UAE PL and/or the Board of Directors and/ or the Executive Department may appoint a third party to work as a broker, representative or services provider in relation to carrying out the UAE PL's obligations set forth in the Regulations.
- 45.2 The UAE PL its employees and its agents shall not be liable in case of dispute about contracts arising between the Participating Club and players, officials, employees, representatives, agents or third parties (including but not limited to guarantors, providers, manufacturers, media, agents and players) in relation to this regulation and/or any other regulations of the UAE PL and the other obligations of the concerned person under the same.
- 45.3 The Participating Clubs should indemnify, release and defend the UAE PL and its agents, guarantors and/or any third party working as a services provider and/or on behalf of the UAE PL and all its employees, managers, workers/representatives, agents and all persons related to the UAE PL for any damages, responsibilities, liabilities, losses, indemnities, penalties, lawsuits, fines, or expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of any kind or nature whatsoever arising from or in relation to the non-compliance of the Participating Club, players, officials, workers, representatives or agents to this regulation and/or any other regulation issued by the UAE PL.

## **Section (6) - Match Officials**

### **46. Referees**

46.1 The FA Referees Committee shall appoint the required number of Referees for the Competition Match. The required number shall be as follows:

1. Referee
2. First Assistant Referee
3. Second Assistant Referee
4. Fourth Official
5. VAR Referee
6. Assistant VAR Referee

46.2 In the event where additional referees are requested other than those referred to in Article (46.1) above, the Executive Department of the UAE PL shall be addressed for approval.

46.3 Participating clubs may not request to appoint or not to appoint certain Referees for the match nor shall they request to change a Referee who is already appointed.

46.4 The VAR and the communication technologies among the referees, are no more than supportive technologies to assist the match referee. Therefore, in case VAR or any of the communication technologies among the referees are not operated or has stopped working at any time due to a technical error or problems in the electrical cabling or for any reason that falls under 'the force majeure' or any accidents, the fourth referee informs team managers that the VAR technology will not be used, but the match will not be stopped or cancelled.

### **47. Match Commissioner**

47.1 For each Competition Matches, the Executive Department of the UAE PL shall appoint a Match Commissioner, whose primary role is to ensure that each Competition Match is conducted in accordance with the UAE PL Regulations.

- 47.2 The Match Commissioner acts as the UAE PL's official representative at a match and is the authority responsible for ensuring that the match is properly organized and runs smoothly.
- 47.3 The Match Commissioner shall be absolutely objective and his behaviour invariably reflects this principle. He shall constantly be alert to all incidents concerning the match itself.
- 47.4 The Match Commissioner shall be given a seat in the stadium, as designated by the Executive Department of the UAE PL, with the best overall view of the entire stadium, which has quick and easy access to the field of play, he shall have a TV set before him), which displays the same match using the Host Broadcaster signal, and including replays, but not the live feed only as broadcasted by the OB Van.

#### **48. Referees Assessor**

- 48.1 The FA Referees Committee shall appoint a Referee Assessor for each Competition Match whose primary role is to evaluate the performance of all Referees (utilizing both live and video reviews) appointed to a particular Match and report back to the Referees' Committee.
- 48.2 International referee assessors (football) are only appointed in AGSC match.
- 48.3 The Referee Assessor shall be given a seat in the stadium, as designated by the Executive Department of the UAE PL, with the best overall view of the entire stadium, which has quick and easy access to the field of play (he shall have a TV set before him which displays the same match using the Host Broadcaster signal, and including replays, but not the live feed only as broadcasted by the OB Van.

#### **49. Access Control Officer**

- 49.1 The Executive Department of the UAE PL shall appoint an Access Control Officer for the Competition match, to ensure proper implementation of the UAE PL Accreditation Cards, as well as to carry out any other duties under the UAE PL regulations and instructions.



## **50. Media Officer**

- 50.1 The Executive Management of the UAE PL shall appoint a Media Officer, to oversee the UAE PL Media Regulations, and the UAE PL TV Broadcast and Production Manual, as well as to carry out any other duties under the UAE PL regulations and instructions.

## **51. Doping Control Officer**

- 51.1 NADO (National Anti-Doping Organization), may appoint a Doping Control Officer for Competition Matches at their sole discretion.
- 51.2 The Host Club will be responsible for ensuring all the facilities and personal as listed in Article (15) of the Stadia Regulations are available in and place no later than two (2) hours prior to each Competition Match kick-off Match Commissioner shall also perform an inspection to ensure that the said facilities are present and are ready as per the requirements of the Stadia Regulations.

## **52. UAE Pro League Officials**

- 52.1 The Executive Department of the UAE PL have the right to appoint additional officials, to supervise the match organization, as well as to support match officials and help ensure that the Match is held in accordance with the UAE PL Regulations.

## **Section (7) - Administrative Regulations**

### **53. Disciplinary Measures**

- 53.1 Disciplinary measures and appeals are dealt with in compliance with the current UAE FA regulations, UAE PL regulations, the UAE FA Disciplinary Code, the UAE PL Quality Control Procedures, the relevant Competition regulations and UAE PL Circular(s).
- 53.2 The Board of Directors of the UAE PL may initiate investigations should it suspect and / or is aware of any violations of the current UAE FA regulations, UAE PL regulations, the UAE FA Disciplinary Code, the UAE PL Quality Control Procedures, the relevant Competition regulations and UAE PL Circular(s) in case such violations do not fall under the jurisdiction of the UAE FA Disciplinary Committee.
- 53.3 The UAE FA Disciplinary Committee may impose the disciplinary measures for violations of the current UAE FA regulations, UAE PL regulations, the UAE FA Disciplinary Code, the relevant Competition regulations and UAE PL Circular(s).
- 53.4 The Technical Committee and/ or the Executive Department of the UAE PL may impose the fines for violations of the relevant Competition regulations, UAE PL regulations and UAE PL Circular(s), in accordance to the Quality Control Procedures.

### **54. Cautions (Yellow Cards)**

- 54.1 Penalties to players resulting from cautions (single yellow cards) shall result in:
  - 54.1.1.a fine of AED 250 for the yellow card.
- 54.2 Single yellow cards received in this Competition Match shall be cancelled upon completion of the Competition.
- 54.3 Each Club shall be obliged to execute such penalties either by suspension or payment of any fines and shall bear the responsibility of monitoring the cautions and/or suspensions received by its players and officials to ensure that all players and officials registered and/or fielded during the competition are eligible to play in accordance with the final report of the match as submitted on the FA Net after being approved by the match referee and match commissioner

- 54.4 In case a player, or any of the technical, administrative or medical team members is transferred or loaned to any of the Member Clubs within the season, he maintains his records of yellow card(s). The previous Club must inform the new Club of the yellow cards that he has collected to date and the new Club is responsible to continue the monitoring process.
- 54.5 At the end of the Competition, all cautions imposed on players in this competitions shall be dropped.

#### **55. Pulsions (Red Cards)**

- 55.1 Players who are sent off as a result of two yellow cards in a single match of the Competition shall:
- 55.1.1. Be automatically suspended in the next subsequent match in the ADNOC Pro League, Cup Competition, UAE President's Cup and/or the U21 League whichever comes first, and shall pay a fine of AED 1,500.
- 55.2 Players who are sent off for a direct red card during any Competition Match shall:
- 55.2.1. Be automatically suspended for the following next two (2) matches in the first official match in which the penalized player is eligible to participate, The exception to this rule is for any player who denies the opposing team of a clear goal scoring opportunity (particular by deliberately handling the ball), in which case the player shall then be automatically suspended for one (1) match in the first official match in which the penalized player is eligible to participate ; and
- 55.2.2. Pay a fine of AED 2,000 for each red card.
- 55.3 If one of the members of the technical or administrative team is sent off after the second yellow card, or a direct red card he shall be suspended for one match in the first official match he is eligible to participate in.
- 55.4 At the end of the Competition, all yellow cards imposed on the technical and administrative teams shall be dropped. Red cards will be transferred to the next competition.
- 55.5 In case suspension imposed on the technical, administrative, or medical team (except for the head coach or the assistant head coach) was not served, the

suspension shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee which shall impose either of the following:

55.5.1. Impose a fine of 100,000 AED, the suspension penalty is to be served in the next applicable match.

55.6 If a coach and/or assistant coach fails to serve a suspension they have received, the violation is referred to the Disciplinary Committee to impose the following penalty:

55.6.1. The team in violation will be considered to have lost the match with a score of 3-0, unless the actual match result was a larger defeat. Additionally, the suspension penalty will be carried out in the next applicable match.

55.7 Notwithstanding Article 55.2, the Disciplinary Committee may impose additional sanctions and/or fine. The Disciplinary Committee may also determine that the suspensions be served in other competitions.

55.8 If a player is sent off for a direct red card offence, this shall not affect the number of cautions previously received by him.

55.9 If the result of any match of the Competition has been cancelled or the match has been terminated or hasn't been completed for any reason whatsoever, then the sanction shall be served in the next match in the same Competition.

55.10 In case a player, case a player, or any of the technical, administrative or medical team members is transferred or loaned to any of the Member Clubs within the season, he maintains his records of yellow card(s) which he got until the last day before the transfer. The previous Club must inform the new Club of the yellow cards that he has collected to date and the new Club is responsible to continue the monitoring process.

## **56. Serving of Suspension**

56.1 Suspensions from participation in Competition Matches shall be served in the following manner:

56.1.1. Yellow cards arising out of this Competition shall not be calculated or carried forward to other competitions.

56.1.2. Notwithstanding the Disciplinary Regulations, a match will only be calculated within a player's suspension period if the match in question has actually started. Accordingly, matches abandoned before kick-off are not calculated within a player's suspension period.

56.2 If a suspended player is transferred or loaned to any of the Member Clubs, the player must serve his suspension with his new Club. The player's previous Club shall have to inform the new Club of the penalties imposed on such player in order to be fully served according to the articles herein.

56.3 Notwithstanding Article 56.1, the Disciplinary Committee may determine that suspensions are to be served in the Competition and other competitions.

56.4 Control Areas which players and technical, administrative or medical team members are not allowed to access if they've been sent off or suspended, are illustrated in Appendix of the Operation Manual.

## **57. Violence by Players and/or Officials**

57.1 Any player or official reported for indiscipline or violent conduct anywhere in the stadium, including but not limited to the field of play, the changing room and the surrounding areas of the Stadium, by the referee or the Match Commissioner shall be dealt with in accordance with the UAE FA Regulations, UAE PL Regulations or any other relative regulations.

## **58. Appeals**

58.1 Appeal procedures will be taken with this regard in accordance with the relevant regulations of the UAE FA.

## **59. Trophies and Medals**

59.1 The winner of the Competition shall be awarded the following:

59.1.1. The Competition Cup;

59.1.2. A replica of the original Cup;

59.1.3. Forty five (45) golden medals; and

59.1.4. Prize money, as per Article 61.1.

- 59.2 The runner-up of the Competition shall be awarded forty five (45) silver medals and prize money, as per Article 61.1.
- 59.3 Team players and officials are entitled to ascend the podium to receive medals, with a maximum of 36 individuals allowed, including the team coach, and a minimum requirement of 18 players and the coach. If the maximum or minimum number is not adhered to, a financial penalty of 1,000,000 UAE Dirhams will be imposed on the violating club.
- 59.4 The provisions of Article 3.59 above do not apply to the President of the Sports Club and/or the President of the Football Company.
- 59.5 The Cup shall be kept by the Champion by way of trust and should be returned to the UAE PL whenever requested by the UAE PL. The Cup Champion shall be responsible for any loss or damage of the same and has to return the Cup in its same condition or otherwise pay a compensation estimated by the Executive Committee. In all cases the Club shall have to report to the UAE PL any theft, breakage or damage occurring to the Cup as soon as it takes place.
- 59.6 The Club which wins the Cup for any given season will be presented with a memorial replica of the original shield for their permanent possession. Clubs must not permit a replica trophy to be used in any context where a third party (including, without limitation, their sponsors and other commercial partners) is granted visibility or in any other way which could lead to an association between any third party and the trophy and/or the competition.
- 59.7 The trophy shall become the permanent property of the Club that wins the Competition three (3) times consecutively or four (4) times intermittently.
- 59.8 If any Club acquires the trophy in accordance with Article 59.7 above, any non-consecutive League Championships by other Clubs shall be reset and will be not considered when calculating future possession of the trophy in accordance with the same Article.

## **Section (8) - Financial Regulations**

### **60. Fines**

- 60.1 Without prejudice to the procedures followed pursuant to article 54 & 55, all fines imposed on any club or its players or representatives should be paid and they will be automatically deducted from the money due to the Club by UAE PL at the end of the League Season.

### **61. Prize Money**

- 61.1 The UAE PL determines the prize money in accordance with the approved budget.

## **Section (9) - Final Provisions**

### **62. Special Provisions**

- 62.1 Any previous judgment set forth in a regulation or decision incompatible with this Regulation shall be deemed null and void and shall be effective as of the League Season of 2023/2024. However, in case of any conflict with the Statute of the UAE FA, the provisions set forth in the Statute of the UAE FA shall prevail.
- 62.2 approved Match Operations Protocol, the amendments thereto, and any the decisions of competent authorities in the UAE considered an integral part of this Contract and complementary to its provision

### **63. Matters Not Provided for and Force Majeure**

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

### **64. Ratification and Approval**

- 64.1 These regulations are prepared and set by the Executive Department of the UAE PL and ratified by the UAE PL Board on 23/06/2023.