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BACKGROUND

The Asian Championships is conducted under the control of the Australian Football League Asia.

These Regulations relating to the Asian Championships have been formalised to provide official and binding rules for competing teams and players.

It is the responsibility of each competing team to ensure that all appointed officials and players are fully aware of the contents of these Regulations to enable the competition to be conducted efficiently and in a fair and good-spirited manner.

1. GENERAL

1.1. Definitions

In these Regulations unless the contrary intention appears:

- (a) **AFL** means the Australian Football League (Australian Company Number 004 155 211), a company incorporated in Australia and responsible for the promotion and development of the game of Australian Football.
- (b) **AFL Asia** means the division of the AFL responsible for the governance, promotion and development of the game of Australian Football in Asia.
- (c) **AFL Asia Advisory Board** means the AFL Asia Advisory Board appointed for the purpose of promoting and developing the game of Australian Football in Asia.
- (d) **AFL Asia Official** means any person appointed by the Competition Manager or AFL Asia, to assist in the conduct of the Competition.
- (e) **Competition Manager** means the person employed by the AFL to oversee and manage all aspects of the Competition or such other person appointed by AFL Asia.
- (f) **Coach** means a person nominated and appointed to a Team in accordance with Regulation 8.
- (g) **Complaint** means a complaint made under Regulation 28.
- (h) **Competition** means the Asian Championships conducted by AFL Asia from time to time.
- (i) **Laws of Australian Football** means the Laws of Australian Football as administered and controlled by the AFL.
- (j) **Guernsey** means the vest of a Player's uniform.
- (k) **League** means each AFL Asia-affiliated National Australian Football body which has entered or intends to enter a Team(s) to participate in the Competition.

- (l) **Liaison Officer** means the person appointed in accordance with Regulation 11.
- (m) **Organising Committee** means a committee appointed by AFL Asia to implement these Regulations, manage the Competition and otherwise advise on the organisation, conduct and management of the Competition.
- (n) **Match** means a match between two Teams during the Competition.
- (o) **Match Manager** means the match manager appointed by the Competition Manager who has responsibility for the conduct of a Match.
- (p) **Player** means a person eligible and selected to play for a Team.
- (q) **Policy Handbook** means the National Community Football Policy Handbook (available [here](#)).
- (r) **Sponsor of the Competition** means a person, corporation or entity who has entered into any contract, arrangement, agreement or understanding with AFL Asia to sponsor the Competition.
- (s) **Steward** means the person or persons appointed under Regulation 12.5.
- (t) **Team** means a team competing in the Competition.
- (u) **Team Member** includes without limitation all Players, Coaches, runners, trainers, Team Managers, officials or other persons performing any duties (paid or unpaid) for or on behalf of a Team.
- (v) **Team Manager** means the person appointed in accordance with Regulation 10.
- (w) **Umpires' Manager** means the person appointed under Regulation 15.1.

1.2. Construction and amendment of Regulations

- (a) AFL Asia will interpret all provisions contained in these Regulations and any interpretation or application by AFL Asia of any of the provisions contained in these Regulations shall be final and binding on every person bound by these Regulations.
- (b) AFL Asia may from time to time amend these Regulations or make such further or other rules and regulations as it in its absolute discretion deems fit.

1.3. Delegation

AFL Asia may from time to time appoint a person or persons to exercise any of the powers hereby conferred upon AFL Asia and in each such case a reference to AFL Asia contained in these Regulations shall be a reference to such person or persons so appointed. Unless otherwise directed by AFL Asia, the person appointed as delegate for the purpose of these Regulations shall be the Competition Manager.

1.4. Effect of Policy Handbook

The Policy Handbook will apply to the Competition unless stated otherwise. To the extent of any inconsistencies between the Policy Handbook and these Regulations, and where the application of a specific section of the Policy Handbook is clearly unworkable when applied in conjunction with these Regulations, these Regulations will take priority.

2. ENTRY INTO COMPETITION AND COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS

2.1. Application

Subject to any terms and conditions of entry determined by AFL Asia, each League (or such other national league approved by AFL Asia) may apply to enter a Team or Teams to participate in the Competition by submitting a nomination in writing by 1 August in the year of the Competition.

2.2. Number of Teams

AFL Asia may in its absolute discretion determine the number of Teams which will compete in the Competition.

2.3. Bound to Regulations and Other Rules

- (a) By participating in the Competition, each League, Team and Team Member is deemed to be bound by and shall comply with:
 - (i) these Regulations;
 - (ii) the Laws of Australian Football; and
 - (iii) any resolutions, determinations, rules or regulations made by AFL Asia.
- (b) Each Team must provide to AFL Asia no later than 1 August in the year of the Competition, their "Asian Championships Certification of Team Eligibility" listing players, coaches and officials (**Squad List**), as prescribed by AFL Asia, signed by the Team Manager and President (or their nominee).
- (c) Any contravention of these Regulations and Other Rules will be subject to the investigation and penalties outlined in Regulation 29.

3. DATE OF COMPETITION

AFL Asia will determine the dates of the Competition.

4. VENUES

All Matches will be played at venues determined by AFL Asia.

5. FORMAT OF COMPETITION

5.1. Divisions

- (a) There will be three male divisions and two female divisions in the Competition.

- (b) The competition structure of each division in the Competition will be determined by the Organising Committee and notified to Leagues prior to the Competition.

5.2. Match Program

The fixture for each division in the Competition will be determined by the Organising Committee and notified to Leagues prior to the Competition.

6. MATCH CONDITIONS

6.1. Length of Halves

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Competition Manager in accordance with Regulation 6.1(b), each half of each Match will be of:
 - (i) 10 minutes duration for the women's Competition (with no time on); and
 - (ii) 10 minutes duration for the men's Competition (with no time on).
- (b) The Competition Manager or Match Manager may alter the duration of each quarter.

6.2. Intervals

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Competition Manager in accordance with Regulation 6.2(b), the duration of intervals from the siren to conclude one half to the siren notifying the commencement of the next half, will be:
 - (i) Half-time: 2 minutes;
- (b) The Competition Manager may alter the duration of intervals between each quarter.
- (c) Timekeepers shall sound the siren at one (1) minute (1 blast) prior to the due commencement time of each half.

6.3. Commencement Times

- (a) The commencement time of Matches will be determined by AFL Asia, taking into consideration local weather and the availability of venues.
- (b) Each Team will:
 - (i) enter the playing arena at least one (1) minute prior to the scheduled commencement time of a Match;
 - (ii) be ready to play at the scheduled commencement time of a Match; and
 - (iii) be ready to play at the commencement time of each half.

6.4. Timekeepers

- (a) Timekeepers for all Matches will be appointed by the Competition Manager.

- (b) All timekeepers will follow the instructions of the Competition Manager.
- (c) No remuneration shall be paid to timekeepers.

6.5. Breach of Timing Requirements

Where a Team contravenes or fails to comply with Regulation 6.3(b), the Competition Manager or Match Manager will award the opposition with one (1) goal for every one (1) minute or part thereof that the Team is not ready to play at the prescribed time.

Where a Team fails to enter the playing arena for the scheduled first-half of a Match, the Match will be awarded to the opposition and a score of 36-0 will apply.

6.6. Points for Matches

For all Matches played (apart from Finals):

- (a) four (4) points will be awarded to a winning Team;
- (b) two (2) points will be awarded to each Team for a draw;
- (c) zero (0) points will be awarded to a losing Team;
- (d) a percentage will be calculated for each Team based on the proportion of points scored for and against during each Match.

6.7. Drawn Matches

- (a) In a non-finals Match, the draw will stand and points for the Match will be allocated in accordance with Regulation 6.6.
- (b) In the event of a drawn Match during the finals Matches, Teams will take a two (2) minute break following the final siren, before entering extra time, where two additional halves of three (3) minutes each will be played (with a one (1) minute break for half time) (**Extra Time**).
- (c) If the scores are tied at the end of Extra Time, Teams will take a two (2) minute break following the final siren of Extra Time before entering an additional period where the Team that scores first will be declared the winner (**Additional Period**). The umpire shall conduct a coin toss to determine the playing ends prior to the commencement of the Additional Period.

7. TEAM COMPOSITION

7.1. Squad

- (a) Each Team may select a maximum of twenty-eight (28) Players. There will be no additional emergencies to replace injured players.
- (b) Each Team must play a Match with up to sixteen (16) per side and up to eight (8) on the bench. For the avoidance of doubt, there will be no ability to play with extra Players on the bench.
- (c) A Player must play at least two (2) Matches for a Team during the group stage in order to be eligible to play any Finals Matches.

- (d) Each Team must play a Match with two (2) Asian Nationals in their Squad. A Player is deemed an Asian National if:
 - (i) the Player is a citizen of the country of the League at the time of the Competition;
 - (ii) the Player was predominantly (i.e. more than 50% of the time) a resident in the country of the League between 10 and 16 years of age.
- (e) Where a Team contravenes or fails to comply with Regulation 7.1(b) and 7.1(c), the Team Captain of the Opposing Team can request a head count from the field umpire. Each Team must then line up in the centre of the ground. If a Team has contravened or failed to comply with Regulation 7.1(b), the Team will be deducted one (1) goal from their score. If there is found to be no contravention or failure to comply with Regulation 7.1(b), the Team will be awarded a free kick.
- (f) Each Team must provide to AFL Asia no later than 1 August in the year of the Competition, their "Asian Championships Certification of Team Eligibility" listing players, coaches and officials (**Squad List**), as prescribed by AFL Asia, signed by the Team Manager and President (or their nominee), and provide:
 - (i) the playing number allocated to each Player within the squad of 24 Players;
 - (ii) the date of birth of each Player;
 - (iii) the local club of each Player;
 - (iv) the names of the Team Coach and Team Manager;
 - (v) the names of the Team Captain and Vice-Captain;
 - (vi) certification that all selected Players meet the eligibility requirements as outlined under Regulation 7.2(a) and confirmation that each Player agrees to comply with these Regulations;
- (g) The AFL may, on a case by case basis, waive the eligibility requirements contained in Regulation 7.1 if it is satisfied that allowing the team to participate would be in the best interests of the Competition. Submissions in this regard must be made by a Team lodging their Squad List before 1 August in the year of the Competition unless otherwise approved by the Competition Manager.

7.2. Eligibility

- (a) A Player is eligible for selection for a Team if:
 - (i) the Player is turning a minimum of 17 years of age in the year of the Competition. Any players under 18 years of age will be excluded from attending official Competition events and supervision of those Players is the sole responsibility of the relevant Team;

- (ii) subject to Regulation 7.2(b), the Player is a resident in the country of the League at the time of the Competition;
 - (iii) subject to Regulation 7.2(b), the Player is a citizen of the country of the League at the time of the Competition;
 - (iv) subject to Regulation 7.2(b), the Player has represented the League at previous editions of the Competition (Asian Championships);
 - (v) the Player is not under suspension in that Player's local competition during the period of the Competition; and
 - (vi) the Player is included in the Squad List provided under Regulation 7.1.
- (b) The AFL may, on a case by case basis, waive the eligibility requirements contained in Regulation 7.2(a) if it is satisfied that a Player is a bona fide resident in or citizen of the country of the League and their participation would be in the best interests of the Competition. Submissions in this regard must be made by a Team lodging their Squad List before 1 August in the year of the Competition.
- (c) A Player not listed in the Squad List will be ineligible to participate in the Competition.

8. COACH

8.1. Appointment

A League will appoint a person to be the Coach of each Team competing in the Competition.

8.2. Eligibility

A person will only be eligible for appointment as a Coach of a Team if that person:

- (a) has been nominated by a League or other body competing in the Competition;
- (b) the nomination is lodged with AFL Asia no later than 1 August in the year of the Competition on the "Coach Registration" form prescribed by the AFL; and
- (c) has completed and holds a current AFL Foundation accreditation.

8.3. Deemed Acceptance of Regulations

In completing and lodging the "Coach Registration" form and by participating in the Competition, a Coach is deemed to have agreed to:

- (a) observe the requirements of these Regulations, including the Code of Conduct, and any directions of the Competition Manager;
- (b) attend any meeting called by the Competition Manager; and
- (c) act and address Players and umpires in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

9. OFFICIAL RUNNER, TRAINERS AND WATER CARRIERS

- (a) Each Team may appoint one (1) person to be its official runner who must wear the uniform determined by AFL Asia.
- (b) The official runner will be the sole conveyor of a Coach's instructions and must adhere to the directions of field umpires.
- (c) Each Team may appoint up to four (4) water carriers who must wear attire approved by AFL Asia.
- (d) Each Team is encouraged to have in their touring party and in attendance at all Matches a Sports Trainer accredited to Sports Medicine Australia Level 2, or equivalent.

10. TEAM MANAGER

- (a) Each Team must appoint a person to be the Team Manager.
- (b) Each Team shall notify the Competition Manager in writing of its Team Manager no later than one month prior to the first scheduled playing day of the Competition.

11. LIAISON OFFICER

The Competition Manager shall appoint a Liaison Officer to provide advice to Teams, as required, regarding ground transport and general logistics of the Competition. The Liaison Officer will also assist the Competition Manager in coordinating Match and venue arrangements.

12. LAWS OF THE GAME

12.1. Laws to Apply

Unless otherwise provided in these Regulations, Matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of Australian Football.

12.2. Interchange Players

Each Team competing at the Competition will be allowed to use eight (8) interchange Players in each Match.

12.3. Order-Off

The Order Off law contained in the Laws of Australian Football shall apply as follows:

- (a) **Red Card**
A Player ordered from the field for the remainder of the Match under Law 23.2 of the Laws of Australian Football shall be shown a **Red Card**.
- (b) **Yellow Card**
A Player shall be shown a **Yellow Card** and ordered from the field for a five (5) minute period of Match playing time for committing all other reportable offences prescribed in the Laws of Australian Football other than the reportable offences listed in Law 23.2. The Interchange Steward shall be responsible for administering the 5-minute period. The Player need not be reported to be ordered from the field.

- (c) Players ordered off the field may not be replaced.

12.4. Gloves

Players may wear gloves approved by AFL Asia.

12.5. Stewards

AFL Asia may appoint a Steward or Stewards who shall have the same powers for reporting Teams and Team Members as that conferred on umpires, which for the avoidance of doubt may be made on the basis of video evidence.

13. SQUAD LIST

- (a) Each Team must provide to AFL Asia no later than 1 August in the year of the Competition, their “Asian Championships Certification of Team Eligibility” listing players, coaches and officials (**Squad List**), as prescribed by AFL Asia, signed by the Team Manager and President (or their nominee). See 7.1 (e).
- (b) Manual changes to the Squad List may be made by consulting the Competition Manager up until one week prior to the Competition.

14. PLAYERS UNIFORMS

14.1. Guernseys and Shorts

Each League shall:

- (a) by no later than 1 August in the year of the Competition provide to AFL Asia the design and colour of their Team(s) guernsey, shorts and socks;
- (b) make any modifications or adjustments to the guernsey as may be required by AFL Asia;
- (c) ensure that:
 - (i) its Team(s) only wears the guernsey, shorts and socks as approved by AFL Asia unless otherwise approved by the Competition Manager;
 - (ii) the guernsey clearly displays the number allocated to each Player of the Team; and
 - (iii) the number displayed on each guernsey is of the type, size and at the position determined and directed by AFL Asia.

AFL Asia may direct that AFL Asia official logos are to be affixed to all Team uniforms.

14.2. Alternate Guernseys

In the event of wet weather or a clash of uniform colours, the Competition Manager may, at their absolute discretion, request that the two relevant Teams toss a coin for the choice of which Team will wear alternate guernseys in a Match.

14.3. Tracksuits and Travel Apparel

AFL Asia may direct that AFL Asia official logos are to be affixed to all Team uniforms, tracksuits and travel apparel.

14.4. Bicycle shorts

Players who wear bicycle or lycra shorts extending on their legs below the line of the uniform shorts must wear such shorts which are skin colour or a colour matching their shorts and they must not extend below the knee.

15. UMPIRES

15.1. Field Umpires

- (a) The Umpires' Manager appointed by AFL Asia from time to time must, in consultation with the Competition Manager, appoint a panel of field umpires to officiate at the Competition from domestic bodies and a pool of AFL Asia-nominated internationally based field umpires. Field umpires must have AFL Foundation accreditation.
- (b) Unless otherwise determined by AFL Asia or Competition Manager, two (2) field umpires shall officiate at each Match.

15.2. Boundary and Goal Umpires

- (a) The Umpires' Manager must, in consultation with the Competition Manager, appoint a panel of boundary and goal umpires to officiate at the Competition. Boundary and goal umpires must be accredited to AFL Foundation accreditation.
- (b) A Team may, at their own expense, invite voluntary boundary and goal umpires who have AFL Foundation accreditation to join the umpires panel with AFL Asia's approval.

15.3. Match Appointment

- (a) For the avoidance of doubt, the appointment of field, boundary and goal umpires to officiate at each Match shall be determined by the Umpires' Manager.
- (b) The Umpires' Manager may call on the assistance of domestic leagues to assist in co-ordinating the appointments and general arrangements for umpires

16. SUPPLY AND SELECTION OF FOOTBALLS

AFL Asia shall supply the footballs to be used in the Competition. The Competition Manager and Umpires' Manager shall have the discretion to determine the suitability of footballs for each Match. The men's competition will use size 5 balls and women's competition will use size 4.

17. SPONSORSHIP

17.1. AFL Asia to Obtain

AFL Asia and host League will endeavour to obtain a Sponsor or Sponsors of the Competition.

17.2. No Conflict

Subject to Regulation 17.3, a League shall not enter into any contract, arrangement, agreement or understanding with any person, corporation or entity for the supply, endorsement, approval or sponsorship of goods or services of the type provided by or associated with the Sponsor or Sponsors of the Competition or AFL Asia.

17.3. Consent of AFL Asia

The League may enter into a sponsorship agreement or arrangement in conflict with any existing AFL Asia Protected Sponsor notified to Leagues provided that it complies with the following:

- (a) the League must first provide to AFL Asia in writing the full details of the proposed sponsorship, including the name of the proposed sponsor and the money, goods and/or services to be provided by the proposed sponsor (**Sponsorship Proposal**);
- (b) AFL Asia will notify the relevant AFL Asia Protected Sponsor of the Sponsorship Proposal. Such notification will constitute an offer by the League to the relevant AFL Asia Sponsor to enter into a sponsorship agreement or arrangement on the terms and conditions set out in the Sponsorship Proposal (**Offer**);
- (c) if the relevant AFL Asia Protected Sponsor accepts the Offer in writing within 14 days of receiving the Offer, the League shall be bound in respect of the Sponsorship Proposal;
- (d) if the relevant AFL Asia Protected Sponsor does not accept the Offer or does not provide a response to the Offer within 14 days of receiving the Offer, the League may enter into the agreement or arrangement contained in the Sponsorship Proposal;
- (e) if the League proposes to vary the terms contained in the Sponsorship Proposal or extend the term of any agreement or arrangement, the League shall resubmit the proposed sponsorship arrangement to AFL Asia in accordance with the procedure contained in paragraphs (a) to (d) above and the same procedure shall apply.

18. ADMISSION INTO VENUES

AFL Asia, in consultation with the host League, will determine entry arrangements to venues.

19. ALLOCATION OF PLAYERS' CHANGING ROOMS

The Competition Manager (or their nominee) shall determine the allocation of change room facilities for each Team at a venue for a Match, where possible.

20. OFFICIAL PROGRAM

An official program may be published and circulated by AFL Asia.

21. OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

21.1. AFL Asia to organise

AFL Asia may organise any official function(s) of the Competition.

21.2. Compulsory Attendance

An official party or parties of each League (as determined by AFL Asia) must attend any official function(s) of the Competition.

21.3. Other Functions

Other functions and post-match entertainment may be arranged by individual Teams. AFL Asia will not be responsible for the costs or arrangements for such functions.

22. CEREMONIES

22.1. AFL Asia to arrange

AFL Asia will determine the time and format of ceremonies – if any – including, any Opening and Closing event.

22.2. Uniform

Each competing Team must attend such Ceremony and wear its designated uniform and shall provide the Team's official flag as required.

23. MEETINGS

Competing Teams are required to ensure the attendance of Players, Coaches, Team Managers and other designated personnel at meetings convened by the Competition Manager.

24. CODE OF CONDUCT

Each Team and Team Member must:

- (a) comply with the code of conduct provisions set out in Section 9 of the Policy Handbook;
- (b) participate in the spirit of true sportsmanship; and
- (c) not engage in conduct which is unbecoming or prejudicial to the interests of the AFL, AFL Asia or the Competition.

25. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

25.1. Types of Awards

The following trophies shall be awarded:

- Men's Division 1 – Winner;

- Women's Division 1 – Winner;
- Men's Division 2 – Winner;
- Women's Division 2 – Winner
- Men's Division 3 – Winner.

The following medals shall be awarded for all Men's and Women's Competitions:

- Best and Fairest Player – Grand Final;
- Leading Goal Kicker;
- Winner's medals for each player in the Grand Finals.

26. ALL-ASIA TEAM

26.1. Appointment

Each Team will appoint one person to a panel to be known as the All-Asia Team Selection Panel (**Selection Panel**).

26.2. Selection

Following the conclusion of the Competition, the Selection Panel will select 24 (24) Players to be included in the All-Asia Team for both the men's and women's Competitions.

The finishing position of each Team will determine the number of Players from each Team that will be selected in the All-Asia Team.

In making such selection, the Selection Panel shall have regard to the performances of those Players who competed in the Competitions. Each Player selected shall receive an "All-Asia Team" Guernsey.

27. COMPETITION MANAGER

27.1. Administration of Competition

The Competition Manager shall be responsible for administering the Competition.

27.2. Duties

Without limitation, the Competition Manager shall:

- (a) investigate and determine any protests, disputes or complaints made in relation to the interpretation or application of these Regulations or the general conduct of the Competition;
- (b) perform any other function or duty as prescribed in these Regulations;
- (c) perform any function or duty as directed from time to time by the AFL or AFL Asia;
- (d) interpret any provision contained in these Regulations; and
- (e) interpret and provide any rulings with respect to the Laws of Australian Football.

27.3. Power to Report

Where the Competition Manager is of the opinion that a Team or Team Member has:

- (a) committed a reportable offence under the Laws of Australian Football; or
- (b) engaged in conduct in breach of these Regulations or which is otherwise unbecoming or prejudicial to the interest of the AFL, AFL Asia or the Competition, the Competition Manager may choose to investigate the matter in accordance with Regulation 29.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Competition Manager's power to report a Team or Team Member includes the ability to make a report on the basis of video evidence.

28. COMPLAINTS

28.1. Person May Make Complaint

A person who is directly affected by an act or omission which may contravene these Regulations may lodge a Complaint with the Competition Manager.

28.2. Notice of Complaint

A Complaint under Regulation 28.1 must be made by lodging with the Competition Manager, a duly completed Notice of Complaint in the form prescribed by AFL Asia, accompanied, if requested, by a payment to the Competition Manager of Fifty Dollars (AUD \$50.00), which amount shall be refunded if the Complaint is upheld.

28.3. Time for Making Complaint

- (a) A Complaint shall be lodged within the following times:
 - (i) where the Complaint relates to an incident during a Match, no later than two (2) hours after the completion of the Match; or
 - (ii) where the Complaint arises at any other time, as soon as possible after the person lodging the Complaint becomes aware of the facts forming the basis of the Complaint provided the complaint is made before the completion of the Competition.
- (b) Notwithstanding Regulation 28.3(a), the Competition Manager may investigate a Complaint made outside the prescribed times if, in their opinion, it would be unjust if the Complaint was not investigated.

28.4. Competition Manager to Investigate

Upon receiving a Notice of Complaint, the Competition Manager shall investigate and determine the matter in accordance with Regulation 29.

29. INVESTIGATIONS

29.1. Power to Investigate

The Competition Manager may investigate and determine any matter which they consider relevant to whether or not a person has contravened these Regulations.

29.2. Basis for Investigation

Without limiting the powers and discretions conferred upon the Competition Manager in Regulation 29.1, the Competition Manager may investigate any matter:

- (a) of their own motion;
- (b) on the basis of a Complaint made by a person under Regulation 28; or
- (c) upon having a matter referred to them by an umpire or Steward.

29.3. Co-operation

For the purposes of conducting an investigation under this Regulation 29, a person must:

- (a) upon receiving a request to do so, appear before the Competition Manager;
- (b) fully co-operate and truthfully answer any questions asked by the Competition Manager;
- (c) provide any document in their possession or control requested by the Competition Manager; and
- (d) not make any false or misleading statement or make a statement calculated to or which is likely to mislead.

29.4. Failure to Co-operate

A person who, in the opinion of the Competition Manager, fails to fully observe and comply with Regulation 29.3, will be:

- (a) deemed to have been involved in conduct which is prejudicial to the interests of the AFL, AFL Asia and the conduct of the Competition; and
- (b) dealt with by the Competition Manager as they in their absolute discretion thinks fit.

29.5. Procedure and Rules for Investigation

Subject to the further matters set out in this Regulation 29, the Competition Manager may regulate any investigation commenced in such manner as they think fit.

29.6. Conduct of Investigation

An investigation by the Competition Manager will be:

- (a) inquisitorial in nature;
- (b) conducted with as little formality and technicality and with as much expedition as the proper consideration of the matter permits; and

- (c) conducted and concluded as soon as practicable.

29.7. Rules of Evidence

The Competition Manager is not bound by the rules of evidence or by practices and procedures applicable to persons exercising a judicial capacity in a court of record but may inform themselves as to any matter in any such manner as they think fit.

29.8. Natural Justice and Other Obligations

Where an investigation is commenced by the Competition Manager, the Competition Manager will:

- (a) inform the relevant person of the investigation and the alleged contravention or complaint being investigated;
- (b) provide any person whose interests will be directly and adversely affected by any decision, an opportunity to be heard;
- (c) hear and determine the matter in an unbiased manner; and
- (d) make a decision that a reasonable person could honestly arrive at.

29.9. Standard of Proof

The Competition Manager shall decide to their reasonable satisfaction whether a person has contravened these Regulations.

29.10. Onus of Proof

No person appearing before or assisting the Competition Manager shall bear an onus of establishing that a person has or has not contravened these Regulations.

29.11. Decision and Penalty

At the conclusion of an investigation, the Competition Manager may impose such penalties and make such orders and give such directions in each case as they in their absolute discretion think fit.

29.12. Hearing on Penalty

Where the Competition Manager determines that a person has contravened these Regulations and before considering any penalty, they shall provide that person an opportunity to be heard on the question of penalty.

29.13. No Reasons

The Competition Manager shall not be obliged to give reasons for any decision made under this Regulation 29.

29.14. Determination of Investigation – Final and Binding

Any determination made by the Competition Manager shall be final and binding and a person shall not be entitled to appeal any determination of the Competition Manager.

30. REPORT ON VIDEO EVIDENCE

An umpire, the Competition Manager or a Steward may report a Team Member on the basis of video evidence.

31. INSURANCE

31.1. Public Insurance

The AFL shall procure and maintain public liability insurance to an amount of no less than \$20,000,000 per occurrence.

31.2. Players, Coaches & Officials

Each Player, Coach and official shall be responsible for and pay the costs associated with any injury sustained during the Competition which are not covered by a policy of insurance procured by AFL Asia.

31.3. Travel Insurance

Each Player, Coach and official shall be responsible for and pay the costs associated with any travel during the Competition which are not covered by a policy of insurance procured by AFL Asia.

32. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

AFL Asia may appoint an Organising Committee to advise it regarding the general arrangements for the Competition and to provide logistical assistance in the conduct of the Competition as required. AFL Asia shall have absolute discretion to accept or reject advice provided by any Organising Committee.

33. ARENA CONTROL

33.1. Permitted Team Officials

Each Team may have a maximum of seven (7) officials inside the arena fence during Matches who must be listed on their Squad List.

33.2. AFL Asia Officials

The Competition Manager and such other AFL Asia Officials shall be empowered to request the removal from the arena of any official or other person not listed on the Squad List.