



**Cambodian  
Premier League**

# ***COMPETITION REGULATIONS***

*CAMBODIAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2026/27*

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## DEFINITIONS

Unless the contrary appears from the context in this and the following Sections,

- a) the words “**FFC Statutes**” means the statutes and accompanying standing orders and regulations promulgated by the Football Federation of Cambodia (FFC) from time to time;
- b) the words “**AFC Statutes**” means the statutes and accompanying standing orders and regulations promulgated by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) from time to time;
- c) the word “**CPL**” mean the Cambodian Premier League Co., Ltd.
- d) the word “**Club**” means any Club in membership of the CPL;
- e) the words “**Code of Conduct**” means the FFC Code of Conduct and CPL Code of Conduct as may hereafter be issued;
- f) the word “**CPL Competition**” means the professional football club competition, respectively naming the Cambodian Premier League, organized and sanctioned by CPL and staged and managed by the CPL, including Pre-season, Regular Season and Cup;
- g) the words “**FIFA Statutes**” means the statutes including the standing orders and regulations promulgated by FIFA, including the Regulations Governing the Status and Transfer of Players, as amended from time to time;
- h) the word “**Riel**” means the Cambodian currency;
- i) the word “**BOD**” means the **Board of Directors** of the CPL, and any decision made by the BOD
- j) the letters “**FFC**” mean the Football Federation of Cambodia;
- k) the letters “**FIFA**” mean the Federation Internationale De Football Association;
- l) the word “**he**” and its derivatives are used of any person, whether male or female;
- m) the word “**person**” means the any company or association or body of persons, whether incorporated or not;
- n) the word “**public**” mean any class of the public or any community;
- o) the words “**CPL Match**” mean any Match in any tournament organized by the CPL and/or sanctioned pursuant to these Rules in these Sections;
- p) the word “**Season**” means a particular calendar year;
- q) the word “**Cambodian Player**” means a Player who is a/dual citizen of Cambodian;

- r) the word “**Naturalized Player**” means a Player who obtain the “Cambodian” in sporting nationality in accordance to the FIFA Statutes.
- s) the word “**Foreign Player**” means a Player who is not a citizen of Cambodian;
- t) the words “**Friendly Match**” means any match participated in by a Club that is not part of the Regular Season or the League.
- u) the word “**Intermediary**” means a person authorized to negotiate a Standard Player Contract on behalf of a player as specified in these Regulations;
- v) the words “**Laws of the Game**” means the Official Laws of the Game as promulgated by IFAB and enforced by FIFA;
- w) the words “**Match Official**” means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, additional assistant referee, match commissioner, referee assessor or any person in charge of safety or any person appointed by CPL to assume responsibility in connection with a match;
- x) the words “**Medical Officer**” means the suitably qualified, registered medical doctor appointed by the Host Club to treat players for injury and illness;
- y) the words “**National Team**” means any national team squad selected or nominated by a FIFA Member Association, including the men’s senior, Olympics, age-groups, futsal or beach football Clubs or any other national representative Club determined by FIFA from time to time;
- z) the word “**Club Official**” means any person involved with the administration, management, organization, preparation or participation of a Club (whether paid or unpaid) including employees, contractors, consultants, officers and directors and representatives;
- aa) the word “**Team Official**” means any person involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Club’s team (whether paid or unpaid) including the coaches, managers, medical staff (including team doctor), physiotherapists, kitman, and other support staff;
- bb) the words “**Registration Window**” means:
  - a. First Registration Window
  - b. Second Registration Window and registrations for sport-related reasons;
- cc) The word **Rental Stadium** means the stadium that any club may rent to host the match.
- dd) The word FIFA RSTP means the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.

For the purpose of these Regulations, and provided the context so permits:

- (a) the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa;
- (b) references to natural persons shall include any legal person or corporation;
- (c) all defined terms, unless otherwise stated herein shall bear the same meaning as ascribed in the AFC/FFC Statutes

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Purpose and Applications

These Rule and Regulations on Technical Competition, (the “**Regulations**”) are established by the **Cambodian Premier League** (the “**CPL**”) and under the supervision of the **Football Federation of Cambodia** (“**FFC**”) in the purpose of regulating and governing the conduct, operations, and administration of the CPL, all Clubs, League and Club Officials, Match Officials, Referees, Players and other related stakeholders as cited within these Regulations.

### Scope of Application

These Regulations shall be used at all times in conjunction with all other governing documents and regulations of the CPL as issued from time to time. These Regulations shall be binding on the CPL, all Clubs in the Competition, League and Club Officials, Referees, Players, and other stakeholders and partners as cited within these Regulations and other FFC/CPL governing documents.

### Enforcement

Any breach of any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be enforced by the imposition of action and possible sanctions under the FIFA, AFC and/or FFC/CPL Disciplinary Code as may be subsequently issued.

### Definition and Interpretation

Unless otherwise indicated, words and expressions in these Regulations shall have the same meaning as in other governing documents of the FFC/CPL. Any interpretation of a provision of these Regulations shall at all times be the interpretation that best achieves the objectives of the FFC/CPL.

### Amendments

Any part of these Regulations may be amended from time to time, provided that any such amendments are formalized after appropriate consultation with the relevant committees of the CPL and approved by CPL Board of Directors.

## SECTION A: MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE

### 1. Composition of the League

- 1.1 The League shall consist of Eleven (11) Clubs which fulfill the National and/or AFC Club Licensing.
- 1.2 New Clubs that are invited to participate in the League shall be authorized by the CPL Board of Directors (hereinafter “the BOD”) through the CPL Expansion Program, if and only there is no Cambodian League 2 Competition.
- 1.3 The BOD shall at all material times and at their absolute discretion consider for the eligibility to participate in the League of the leading football Clubs in Cambodia so long as they meet the requirements of the CPL.
- 1.4 The BOD reserves before, during or after any Season, the right to determine at all material times and at their absolute discretion about the participation of any Club in the League which fails to meet the criteria and/or requirements, from time to time, of CPL.
- 1.5 A Club eligible to participate in the League under Rule 1.2 to 1.4 above shall also be required to satisfy such other criteria for continuing its membership in the League as shall from time to time be sanctioned by the BOD and/or through the Rules formulated and sanctioned by the CPL/FFC Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.6 The BOD shall appoint a CPL Competitions Committee, an Administrative and Finance Committee, a Marketing Committee, a Players Status Committee or other Committee in their respective terms and Rules thereunder, if any, such committee shall determine the format, timing and venues of, and all other rules relating to match or matches, and any play-offs thereof, or regulating Players, Coaches, or any other key personnel, their contracts of service, their registrations, transfers and/or status, and anything akin thereto, and sponsorship, and finance, administration and its management thereof, and the use of the stadium or anything relating thereto, and/or anything relevant and desirable for promoting professional football in Cambodia.
- 1.7 Such Committee or Committees appointed from time to time, shall promote, provide for, regulate, publish, where necessary, manage all or on any details or arrangements or other things necessary or desirable for or ancillary to the comfort, conduct management, convenience, or benefit of the game, the League and/or the Clubs thereunder and/or its members thereof. Save as otherwise expressly provided for/by these Rules, all such decisions and rulings of the Committees shall be deemed to be decisions of the BOD, and shall be binding upon all Clubs, and all members thereof unless they are rescinded or varied by the relevant Committee or the Appeals Committee or the BOD as per these Rules in these Sections hereinafter appearing, the BOD being deemed the supreme body and the final decision-maker.

## **2. Undertaking by Clubs**

- 2.1 Membership of the League shall constitute an agreement between CPL and each Club to be bound by and to comply with:
  - 2.1.1. These Rules (each as altered, revoked or added to from time to time);
  - 2.1.2. Club Licensing Regulations (each as altered, revoked or added to from time to time);
  - 2.1.3. Such other Rules that are applicable to the Clubs partaking in tournaments organized and/or sanctioned by CPL; and
  - 2.1.4. Such decisions of the BOD of CPL;
  - 2.1.5. The Laws of the Game as laid down from time to time by FIFA as adopted by FFC and CPL or otherwise.
  
- 2.2 Such agreement shall have effect from the date of the Club's admission to the League and terminate upon the Club ceasing to be a member thereof and/or pursuant to any resolution of CPL, through the BOD. However, such termination shall not lead to any compensation to any rights or claims which may have arisen or arise in respect of circumstances prior or after any Rules, rights and obligations thereof.
  
- 2.3 By virtue of this undertaking, Clubs shall in particular be bound to provide certain rights, facilities and services to CPL in order to enable it to fulfil its obligations under commercial contracts entered into in accordance with its Constitution, and in return for this, the CPL, through the BOD, shall make payments to Clubs of fees or "seed money" as specified in Rules relating to Finance, Marketing and/or Broadcasting and/or Sponsorship.
  
- 2.4 Club must pay the registration fee to the CPL in the amount 0 USD.
  
- 2.5 Club must pay the annual fee to the CPL in the amount 0 USD.
  
- 2.6 Participating Clubs are not permitted to change their name for the Competition after the first match in the competition has been played.

## **3. Relationship between Clubs and the League: Confidentiality**

- 3.1 In all matters and transactions relating to the League, each Club shall behave towards each other Club and CPL or its Departments or its Committees with the utmost good faith.
- 3.2 No player/coach/official, its employees of a club or agents shall by any means whatsoever unfairly criticize, disparage, belittle or discredit any other Club or CPL or its Departments or its Committees or in either case any of its employees, officials or agents or bring football into disrepute.
- 3.3 A Club shall not either during its membership of the League or at any time after its membership has been determined disclose or divulge either directly or indirectly to any person, firm or company whatsoever or otherwise make use of any confidential information as to the business or finances of CPL or its Departments or its Committees or any of its dealings, transactions or affairs or as to any other matters which may come to

its knowledge by reason of its membership without CPL's prior written consent, save as to statutory and regulatory authorities and to such employees of a team to whom such disclosure is strictly necessary for the purpose of their duties and only then to the extent so necessary.

- 3.4 Each Club shall procure that each of its officials and employees are made aware of the foregoing provisions of Rule 3.3 above, and enter into a binding obligation to comply with the same both during the period of their appointment or employment by the Club and at all times thereafter.
- 3.5 Any Club found to be in breach of Rule 3.1 to Rule 3.4 herein shall be deemed to be guilty of gross misconduct.

#### **4. Commitment to the National Team(s) or any such Representative Club(s)**

- 4.1. No matches shall be arranged on any of the days preceding any of the specified dates of each Season for international matches unless otherwise decided by the Head of Competitions Department.
- 4.2. All Clubs shall support and release selected coaches/players/officials to represent CPL/League and to participate in officially sanctioned events, activities, or competitive matches for the sole purpose of promoting and publicizing the CPL/League.
- 4.3. In support of the development and preparation of the National Team, a National Team Training Day shall be designated, and the Clubs shall support and release players called up by the National Coach. The players shall participate in the program drawn up at the sole discretion of the National Coach.

#### **5. Termination of Membership**

- 5.1. Participating clubs' termination during the season is not allowed.
- 5.2. Any Club which is in breach of the provisions of Rule 5.1 above shall indemnify CPL against all losses from any such breach.
- 5.3. CPL may from time to time, and upon such terms and conditions as it may think fit, expel or accept the retirement or relegation of any Club from the League. Any resolution to expel, retire or relegate any Club from the League shall be at the complete discretion base on sporting merit and/or disciplinary decision. (e.g. club licensing).

#### **6. Basis of Competition**

- 6.1. The League shall be spread over a minimum of nine (9) months.
- 6.2. The League shall begin with the Cambodian Super Cup and the Cambodian Premier League Champion.
- 6.3. The CPL Competitions Department shall determine dates of commencement at the end of the League.

- 6.4. The Competition shall be played on a “league” basis, with each Club facing each opponent from two to four times; two at “home”, two “away. The competition divides into two stages. Stage 1: 11 teams play 2 rounds robin; Stage 2: Top 6 and Bottom 5 with 2 rounds robin.
- 6.5. In the event of a tie/competitive point at the end of Stage 1, the CPL Competition Department shall adjust the fixture of the final week of Stage 1 to ensure the integrity and sportsmanship.
- 6.6. Three (3) points shall be awarded for a winning Club and no points to the losing Club.
- 6.7. In the event of a draw after the 90 minutes of regulation time, both the Clubs shall be awarded one (1) point each.
- 6.8. The Club (In Top 6) that accumulates the greatest number of points at the end of the Competition shall be declared the Champion.

## 7. Tiebreaker Mechanism

- 7.1. Stage 1: The ranking shall be applied by descending order as follow (2 rounds):
  - 7.1.1. Higher number of points obtained in all Matches.
  - 7.1.2. If two (2) or more Participating Clubs are equal on points, the following criteria are applied to determine the ranking (in descending order): Head-to-Head Criteria.
    - 7.1.2.1 Higher number of points obtained in the Matches played among the Participating Clubs in question;
    - 7.1.2.2 Superior goal difference from the Matches played among the Participating Clubs in question;
    - 7.1.2.3 Higher number of goals scored in the Matches played among the Participating Clubs in question;
    - 7.1.2.4 If, after having applied the Head-to-Head criteria, two (2) or more Participating Clubs still have an equal ranking, the Head-to-Head criteria shall be reapplied exclusively to the Matches between the Participating Clubs in question to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision.
    - 7.1.2.5 Superior goal difference from all Matches played.
    - 7.1.2.6 Higher number of goals scored from all Matches played.
    - 7.1.2.7 Kicks from the Penalty Mark if only two (2) Participating Clubs still have an equal ranking and have played their last Match against each other;
    - 7.1.2.8 Fair Play Points Head-to-Head (Yellow Card & Red Card) (Appendix 1);
    - 7.1.2.9 The lower score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the Matches (Appendix 1);
    - 7.1.2.10 If two (2) or more Clubs cannot be separated using the above criteria, the winner shall be decided by the drawing of lots.



- 7.2. Stage 2: The classification of Top 6 and Bottom 5 ranking (2 rounds): The scores and rankings of the 11 teams are calculated from the total result of the Stage 1 and follow Article 7: Tiebreaker Mechanism.

## 8. Relegation and Promotion

This article is only applicable if the Cambodian League 2 is held in 2026/2027.

- 8.1 The Cambodian League 2 2026/27 's titleholder shall be granted a permission of participating in the Cambodian Premier League 2027/28.

8.1.1 In the event of Cambodian League 2 2026/27 's titleholder does not receive National Club License; the runner up will be replaced. And the 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be replaced in case the runner up also does not grant the National Club License.

8.1.2 According to ranking, there will be no promotion to the Cambodian Premier League 2027/28 if the Cambodian League 2 2026/27 's titleholder, runner up and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place do not receive the National Club License.

- 8.2 The team that is ranked bottom of the Cambodian Premier League 2026/27 at the end of the season will Play-Off against the team that is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> of the Cambodian League 2 2026/27 at the end of the season.

8.2.1 The Play-Off stage shall consist of 2 matches (Home and Away).

8.2.2 The first game of the Play-Off stage will be hosted at the stadium without floodlights. If both teams have no floodlight, the second match will kick-off at 15:00.

8.2.3 In the event of both teams have floodlight, the 1<sup>st</sup> match will take place at the stadium of the Cambodian League 2 2026/27's titleholder.

8.2.4 If both legs' results are equal, the match will be decided accordingly to the following:

8.2.4.1. Extra-Time

8.2.4.2. Penalty Shoot-Out (Laws of the Games)

- 8.3 In the event of a Team that is ranked last in the Cambodian Premier League 2026/27 at the end of the season and is not granted the National Club License, the club will be relegated to the Cambodian League 2 2027/28. In contrast, the Cambodian League 2 2026/27's runner up that fulfills the National Club License will automatically be promoted to the Cambodian Premier League 2027/28 and there will be no play-off.

- 8.4 Any teams from the Cambodian Premier League 2026/27 that do not receive a National Club License will be automatically relegated to the Cambodian League 2 2027/28.

- 8.5 In case of the number of clubs participating in the Cambodian Premier League has only 10 clubs, the Relegation and Promotion system will be adjusted and notified as below:

8.5.1 The team that is ranked bottom of the Cambodian Premier League 2026/27 at the end of the season will automatically be relegated to the Cambodian League 2 2027/28.

8.5.2 The Cambodian League 2 2026/27's titleholder with National Club License shall be granted a permission of participating in the Cambodian Premier League 2027/28 automatically.

- 8.6 In case of changes of club participation number in the Cambodian Premier League 2026/27, Relegation and Promotion system will be adjusted and notified accordingly.

## **9. Participation in AFC Club Competitions**

- 9.1. The Cambodian Premier League Champion shall represent Cambodia to join AFC Club Competition refer to the Entry Regulations for AFC Club Competition.
- 9.2. All Clubs representing Cambodia in the said competitions above shall be local Clubs (base in Cambodia). In the event of non-participation or withdrawal of a Club for any reason, the Cambodia Premier League's club shall represent Cambodia in the said competitions, subject to the entry/qualification rules and regulations of the respective said competitions and Entry Regulation for AFC Club Competitions.
- 9.3. Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be dealt with the CPL Competition Department, whose decision shall be final.

## **10. Champion Trophy of the Cambodian Premier League**

- 10.1 The Champions of the Cambodian Premier League shall each receive a Championship Trophy, which is the property of the CPL.
- 10.2 The League Championship Trophy shall be presented to the winner of the League, but the trophy shall remain the property of the CPL. The Champion Club shall hold the trophy until two (2) months before the end of the following season's competitions when the Club shall return the same trophy in good order and condition to the CPL Competition Department. However, the CPL reserves the right to recall the trophy from the Club whenever it deems necessary. In the event that an invited foreign Club wins the League, a replica trophy shall be given to the said foreign Club instead.
- 10.3 The CPL shall present to the Champion Club and runner-up Clubs (second) of the League as 1 medal each for their players and Club officials in the Final Registration List. Additional souvenirs may be purchased by the Cambodian Premier League titleholder and/or runner-up Club at least 30 days in advance concerned with the approval of the CPL Competition Department.
- 10.4 Should the Trophy be lost, destroyed or damaged by fire or by any other cause whilst under the care, control or custody of the Club, the club shall refund to the CPL amount of its current insured value of the cost of thorough repair and outgoings in addition to any other penalty that the CPL may impose.
- 10.5 Any club that wins the Champion for three (3) consecutive years shall permanently retain the original Trophy. The club is granted full ownership of the original Trophy to display in its permanent museum or facilities. Indeed, it still remains as the CPL's property.

## SECTION B: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

### 11. Player Registration

- 11.1 Each Club shall register its Players in accordance with these Regulations, the FFC Transfer Regulations, and (where applicable) the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
- 11.2 Each Club shall only register Players during the registration periods established by the FFC within FIFA TMS, subject to any permitted regulatory exceptions.
- 11.3 Each Club shall register minimum eighteen (18) to maximum thirty-five (35) Players on the electronic registration system and within the time limits mandated by the CPL. The registration list shall meet the following conditions:
  - 11.3.1 all Players shall be professional or amateur (as defined in the FFC Transfer Regulations and/or the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players);
  - 11.3.2 the minimum age of a Player shall be 16 at the time of registration;
  - 11.3.3 maximum seven (7) Foreign Players may be registered;
  - 11.3.4 maximum one (1) Naturalized Player may be registered;
  - 11.3.5 at least three (3) goalkeepers shall be registered.
- 11.4 The following information must be submitted for each player:
  - 11.4.1 Name in Khmer or English as written on their ID card, passport, or residence permit;
  - 11.4.2 ID card, passport, or residence permit;
  - 11.4.3 Name as it will appear on their jersey;
  - 11.4.4 Player contract;
  - 11.4.5 FFC registration number;
  - 11.4.6 Position and number;
  - 11.4.7 Nationality;
  - 11.4.8 Date of birth; and
  - 11.4.9 Photograph wearing the official playing kit on a white background.
- 11.5 The CPL at its discretion may request any further information.
- 11.6 A Player shall wear the same number allocated in their registration for all Matches in the Competition.
  - 11.6.1 If a Player transfers to a second Club during the Competition, they may be registered with a different number than the number that they were registered with for their first Club.
  - 11.6.2 If a Player transfers away from a Club during the Competition, the number that they were registered with shall remain vacant until the following season.
- 11.7 For Each Match, a Club may:
  - 11.7.1 select maximum six (6) Foreign Players and one (1) Naturalized Player on the Match Starting List;
  - 11.7.2 field maximum five (5) Foreign Players and one (1) Naturalized Player at any one time.

## **12. Eligibility of Players**

- 12.1 Each Club shall ensure that its Players are:
  - 12.1.1 duly and properly registered with FFC and CPL in accordance with the FFC Transfer Regulations and where applicable the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players; and
  - 12.1.2 duly and properly registered with CPL on a registration list in accordance with these Regulations.
  - 12.1.3 Individuals who meet the criteria set out in Rule 12.1 are Players and eligible to participate in the Competition, subject to provisions of the FFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
  - 12.1.4 Each club shall ensure that it submits authentic documents for registration of its Players.
  
- 12.2 The CPL Competitions Department may decide not to approve the registration of a player if any of the requirements set out in this Section are not met.
  
- 12.3 The approval of the registration of a player by the CPL Competitions Department will provide the eligibility of the player after 3days (Administration Day) of submitting completed documents to CPL. Each Club is responsible for and bears the onus of fielding only eligible Players in a Match approved by the CPL Competitions Department. Failure to do so shall be considered as gross misconduct and shall lead to the consequences stipulated in rule and/or referred to the FFC Disciplinary Committee.
  
- 12.4 A Player shall be deemed ineligible, without limitation, if:
  - 12.4.1 there is a violation of Article 12;
  - 12.4.2 they participate in a Match contrary to the disciplinary decision of a competent body, or the operation of the FFC Code, or the operation of these Regulations; or
  - 12.4.3 the CPL determines that any document submitted during the registration of the Player was falsified, forged, or otherwise invalid.

## **13. Documents for Registration of Players**

- 13.1. All Players shall be registered via Online Registration System: FIFA Connect and Competition Management System (FCMS) with the supporting documents provided by the CPL Competitions Department and set out in the Manual.
  
- 13.2. All Players shall be issued with Accreditation Cards authorized by the CPL Competitions Department. Should a card be misplaced, the Club shall be required to pay Seventy US Dollars (\$70.00) for each misplaced card as a replacement production fee.
  
- 13.3. The Accreditation Cards belong to CPL/FFC at all times. The CPL/FFC reserves the right to sue and/or revoke the card at any time for any reason that it has been found (indefinitely) that the player misused it and/or violated the set terms.
  
- 13.4. A copy of the Players' contracts has to be submitted to Competitions Department for retention.

#### 14. Multiplicity of Registration

- 14.1. In the event of a Player registering for more than one Club, priority of registration shall be the deciding factor. The Club submitting the later registration shall be notified of the prior registration of the Player, and the CPL Competition Department shall investigate the circumstances under which the registrations were conducted.
- 14.2. Any player found to have willfully registered with more than one Club or a Club found to have knowingly induced a Registered Player of another Club to register shall be dealt with by the Competition Department, in such manner as he shall think fit.
- 14.3. Local Players who have been de-registered or have his contract terminated by the Club during the season, shall be allowed to move to another Club during the next registration window provided it does not contravene any of the League Rules.

#### 15. Squad Composition

- 15.1. Every Club shall have a minimum squad of eighteen (18) players as at the pre-season minimum registration deadline, and a maximum of thirty-five (35) Players as at the close of the first registration window.
- 15.2. Clubs falling short or failing to register the minimum registration requirements by the minimum registration deadlines and after the close of registration windows shall constitute a disciplinary offence.
- 15.3. Each Club shall be allowed to register a maximum of seven (7) foreign players and may select up to six (6) in the Starting List, a maximum of five (5) foreign players on the field.
- 15.4. One Naturalized Player allowed to be registered, and only this one player is allowed to play on the field. The Naturalized Player (foreign player got Cambodian citizenship) can be provided only if the foreign player has lived in Cambodia for 5 years or more, per rules of FIFA.
- 15.5. Clubs must register at least 3 (three) goalkeepers and 1 (one) goalkeeper must wear the jersey number 1. Club shall register 3 goalkeepers with 3 different jersey colors.

#### 16. Jersey Numbers for Clubs

All Clubs in the League shall adopt the jersey number from one (1) to ninety-nine (99).

#### 17. Breach of Conditions of Registration & Eligibility

- 17.1 Failure to comply with any of the condition(s) relating to the registration of a player shall render the player ineligible to play for the Club concerned.
- 17.2 A Registered player is one whose registration has been approved by the CPL Competitions Department through the Online Registration System: FIFA Connect and Competition Management System (FCMS), with the player being indicated as 'active' in the said system.

- 17.3 An Eligible player for a particular Match is one who:
- 17.3.1. Is not serving a suspension as a result of a caution/dismissal in a match
  - 17.3.2. Is not serving a suspension as a result of a FFC Disciplinary Committee verdict
  - 17.3.3. Has been fielded in a match without contravening any of the League's requirement of fielding and/or substitution of player.
- 17.4 Should a Club field an unregistered, suspended or ineligible player or field a registered player in the starting line-up (First XI) who have been named as a substitute, or without the player's name being indicated so either in the First XI or as Substitute in accordance to the Player Selection List, the match and three points shall be awarded to the opposing non-infringing Club, and the score to remain/or a three (3) - nil (0) shall be awarded to the said non-infringing Club, whichever is the greater. If a match is forfeited, the suspension is only considered to have been served if the Club to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the forfeit of the match. (as follow the FFC Disciplinary Code).



## SECTION C: REGISTRATION OF CLUB OFFICIALS

### 18. Registration of Officials

- 18.1 All Clubs shall submit to the CPL Competition Department its registration of Officials and the supporting documents by the deadline stipulated for the relevant registration Window.
- 18.2 All Clubs may register a maximum of fifteen (15) Officials.
- 18.3 Up to ten (10) officials may be registered for each Match. The following three (3) Officials must be registered on the Officials on the Substitution Bench Form and be present at all matches:
  - 18.3.1 Head Coach
  - 18.3.2 Team Manager
  - 18.3.3 Doctor or Physiotherapist
  - 18.3.4 In case, either Head Coach, Team Manager, and/or Doctor/Physiotherapist is not present at team bench during the match without prior permission, the club shall be required to pay One Thousand US Dollars (\$1,000.00) fine per match.
  - 18.3.5 In case the Team Manager has an emergency absent on match day, the club must assign official (in the official list) as Interim Team Manager.
  - 18.3.6 In case the Head Coach has an emergency absent on match day, the club must assign an assistant coach (in the official list) as Interim Head Coach for a limited of 5 matches per season.
  - 18.3.7 In case the club does not follow the article 18.3.5 and 18.3.6; therefore, the article 18.3.4 shall be applied.
- 18.4 Each Club may register any other eight (8) Officials for any positions, including without limitation:
  - 18.4.1 Assistant Coach;
  - 18.4.2 Goalkeeper Coach;
  - 18.4.3 Fitness Coach/Trainer;
  - 18.4.4 Media Officer;
  - 18.4.5 Doctor/Physiotherapist;
  - 18.4.6 Interpreter;
  - 18.4.7 Security Officer;
  - 18.4.8 Video Analyst;
  - 18.4.9 Technical Director;
  - 18.4.10 Welfare Officer
  - 18.4.11 Physical Trainer
  - 18.4.12 Equipment Manager/ Kitman.
- 18.5 Should the Club nominate not more than ten (10) Officials on Officials on the Substitution Bench Form or the CPL Competitions Department does not approve the registration of any person(s) nominated, the number of Officials permitted on the team bench shall reduce proportionately.

18.6 All Officials shall be issued with official eligibility cards authorized by the CPL Competitions Department. Should a card be misplaced, the Club shall be required to pay One Hundred US Dollars (\$100.00) for each misplaced card as a replacement production fee.

**19. Documents for Registration of Officials**

19.1 Officials shall be registered via Online Registration System: FIFA Connect and FIFA Competition Management System (FCMS).

19.2 All Officials shall provide evidence of their qualifications based on their function via Online Registration System: FIFA Connect and FIFA Competition Management System (FCM)

**20. Minimum Qualifications for Head Coaches and other Technical Positions**

20.1 All Clubs shall ensure that the following coaching and technical positions adhere to the following minimum requirements stipulated below:

Position	Minimum Qualification Required
Head Coach	AFC 'A' Coaching Diploma or equivalent
Assistant Coach	AFC 'B' Coaching Diploma or equivalent
Goalkeeper Coach	AFC Level 3 Goalkeeper Coaching Certificate
Fitness Coach	AFC Level 2 Fitness Coaching Certificate
Physiotherapist	Certified and/or licensed by Ministry of Health of Cambodia and/or registered with physiotherapy council/association in Cambodia, and Registered at FFC
Sports Trainer	Certified and/or licensed by MOEYS and/or registered with physiotherapy council/association in Cambodia, and Registered at FFC

20.2 All Clubs shall seek the prior approval of CPL GM/CPL Competition Department in writing before employing a Coach.

20.3 The Head Coach shall be present for all the matches where he is in-charge, unless approval has been sought and given by the CPL Competitions Department, for the Head Coach to do otherwise.

20.4 In the event that a Club terminates the Head Coach's services or he resigns during the Season, the Club is bound to find a replacement with the required qualifications within one (1) month. In case of club dismissed to find replacement, Head Coach who is meeting the required coaching qualification (AFC'A' Coaching Diploma or equivalent) within one (1) month will be fined One Thousand US Dollar (1,000 USD) for each match.

20.5 A copy of the League coaches' contracts has to be submitted to the CPL Competition Department for retention.

## SECTION D: LEAGUE FIXTURES & MATCH PROCEDURES

### 21. Fixtures Scheduling Policy

- 21.1 All League Matches for the league (in the Season) shall be arranged prior to the commencement of and during the Season. The copyright in all lists or arrangements of such fixtures in any League in any Season or of any match sanctioned by the CPL Competitions Department shall be vested in CPL.
- 21.2 The CPL Competition Department reserves the right to update the schedule of any league match. The decision of the CPL is final and cannot be objected.
- 21.3 CPL Competition Department shall be responsible for drawing out the match fixtures for dissemination to all the Clubs before the commencement of the Competition.
- 21.4 The CPL Competition Department and the FFC Referees Department shall appoint the Match Commissioners and Referees for the Cambodian Premier League.
- 21.5 The League shall adopt and be guided by the policy of a minimum of two (2) official days (72 hours) between the official matches (CPL and International Club Competitions).
- 21.6 With the exception of extenuating circumstances, requests for rescheduling and postponement of matches shall not be approved unless otherwise decided by the CPL Competition Department.
- 21.7 Any club found guilty of causing delay to the kick-off of the first half by more than one minute shall be fined a sum of Three Hundred and Fifty US Dollars (\$350). In case, causing a kick-off to be delayed by more than five (5) minutes from the time advertised shall be fined the sum of at least Seven Hundred US Dollars (\$700) for a first offence and for a second or subsequent offence occurring within the same season of the first offence shall be deemed guilty of misconduct. Any Club causing a kick-off to be delayed by more than fifteen (15) minutes from the time advertised shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and fines at least One Thousand US Dollar (\$1,000).
- 21.8 Should any delayed kick-off necessitate the Visiting Club incurring expenses, the Visiting Club shall be entitled to claim reasonable costs against the gross gate takings. Any dispute arising from the claim so made shall be referred to the CPL Competition Department whose decision shall be final. Any such claim must be made within fourteen (14) days of the match in question and payment, or referral to the CPL Competition Department, shall be made within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the claim to the CPL financial department, which then the CPL will distribute to the related stakeholders.

### 22. Kick-off Timings

- 22.1 Save as provided in Rules 22.2, 22.3, 22.4 and 22.5 below, the time of kick-off is 15:45 or 18:00 for all matches.
- 22.2 Any variation to these timings can be made only with the approval of the CPL Competition Department.
- 22.3 For matches on Public Holidays, the CPL Competitions Department shall fix the time of kick-off if required.

- 22.4 For matches televised (whether live or otherwise), the CPL Competition Department shall determine the time of kick-off and, if necessary, in consultation with the participating Clubs.
- 22.5 Both Teams shall enter the field of play together as per the Official Match Countdown at least minimum four (4) minutes prior to the kick-off time, along with the Match Officials, the Referee determining the same.

### **23. Official Training**

- 23.1. The team may do the official training two days or one day before the match at the stadium that host the match.
- 23.2. The host team need to organize the away team’s official training schedule in accordance with the competition schedule and decision making by the FFC Match Commissioner.
- 23.3. The host team need to provide the official training ground with the floodlight the same as the match day (for stadium that have floodlight).
- 23.4. In the event of an agreement between two teams request to change their official training schedule, the team must notify the Match Commissioner and the Cambodian Premier League at least 12 hours prior to their official training schedule.
- 23.5. In the event of the official training cannot be hosted at the stadium due to the Force Majeure, the hosting team shall find another suitable facility and training field with the same/similar as the match day.
- 23.6. The Cambodian Premier League and the Match Commissioner must be notified at least 12 hours prior to the start of the team’s scheduled official training if the team plans to cancel it.
- 23.7. In the event of an undesirable pitch, the Match Commissioner has the authority to shorten the allotted time or cancel the team’s official training schedule. Instead, the Match Commissioner may opt for the team to have field of play familiarization session for 15 minutes by wearing training shoes only.
- 23.8. If both teams choose to train at the same time of matches played in a home and away game, the away team will be given the priority to choose.

### **24. Half-time Interval**

- 24.1. In all League Matches, the half-time interval shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes, from whistle to whistle.
- 24.2. Any Club found guilty of causing delay to the kick-off of the second half by more than one (1) minute shall be fined a sum of Three Hundred Fifty US Dollars (\$350).

- 24.3. Any club found guilty of causing delay to the kick-off of the second half by more than five (5) minutes shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and shall be fined at least Seven Hundred US Dollar (\$700). If the club is found guilty for a second or subsequent offence occurring within the same season of the first offence shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

## 25. Official Clock & Time

- 25.1. For avoidance of doubt, Clubs and Match Officials shall refer to the official world clock as measured from Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and determined by the CPL Competition Department, for all matters relating to the Official Match Countdown and its activities, including but not limited to match kick-off times, pre-match ceremonies and pre-match inspections.
- 25.2. Stadium (timer) clocks in the stadium showing the amount of time played shall run during the match, provided they are stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e., after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation is also applied in the event of extra time being played i.e., after 15 minutes of each half.
- 25.3. CPL shall allow 5 club's officials (submit the documents to CPL to register) into only the team bench within fifteen (15) minutes before kick-off time until finish the group photo of team. The club official who are allowed:
- Club's Owner
  - Club's President
  - Club's Vice-President
  - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
  - General Secretary/General Manager
- \*Entering other official area shall be fined at least One Thousand US Dollar (\$1,000) and deemed guilty of misconduct.
- 25.4. In case of not following Rules 25.3, the club shall be fined:
- From 1-5 minutes late: Five Hundred US Dollars (\$ 500.00)
  - From 6-10 minutes late: Seven Hundred and Fifty US Dollars (\$ 750.00)
  - More than 10 minutes late: One Thousand US Dollars (\$ 1,000.00) and shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

## 26. Duration of Matches

All League Matches shall be of ninety (90) minutes' duration (forty-five (45) minutes for each half) "in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game" but any Match which for any cause whatever falls short of ninety (90) minutes' duration may be ordered to count as a completed fixture or to be replayed in full as the CPL Competition Department may in its absolute discretion determine.

## 27. After the Matches

- 27.1 Non-player and Team official who wish to enter the field of play after finishing the official match, must provide the detail information to Match Commissioner before the match finishes at least 20 minutes and must follow the guideline of the Match Commissioner.

- 27.2 Five (5) Club's Officials/Delegates shall allow to visit the team in the dressing room after the match by submitting the name list with position to the Match Commissioner at least 20 minutes before the match finishes, and must follow the guideline of the Match Commissioner.

## **28. Laws of the Game**

All League Matches shall be played in compliance with these Rules and in compliance with the Laws of the Game as approved by FIFA as laid down from time to time unless otherwise expressed.

## **29. Minimum Number of Players during a Match**

A Match shall not start or continue if either team consist of fewer than seven (7) players.

## **30. Teams for League Matches**

Each Club shall play its full-strength team in all League Matches. Any Club failing to play its full- strength team in any League Match shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

## **31. Size of Team Delegation at Matches**

- 31.1 Each Club shall register in Starting list an Official Team Delegation in Starting List comprising of maximum Twenty-One (21) players and a maximum of ten (10) team officials for a match.
- 31.2 The Official Team Delegation shall be granted full access to all official areas, including the Field of Play and other necessary Controlled Accessed Areas, as determined by the CPL Competition Department.
- 31.3 The Club Media Officer and Team Manager shall be responsible for coordinating all Club and media-related matters with the CPL.
- 31.4 All Clubs shall ensure that no unauthorized persons are permitted entry into the team dressing room, Field of Play, or any Controlled Access Area requiring an Accreditation Card.
- 31.5 Failure to comply with Rule 28.4 shall deem the errant Club liable for further disciplinary action.

## **32. Naming of Players for Match**

- 32.1 All Clubs shall provide one (1) duly completed 'Player Starting List' to the Match Commissioner no less than ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off. The club shall indicate on the Starting List the eleven (11) players who shall start the match and the other ten (10) named substitutes. The Team Captain and Goalkeeper shall also be identified on the starting list.
- 32.2 Without breaching any of the Rules, all Clubs can name a maximum of six (6) foreign players in the Starting List and (5) foreign players on the field.

- 32.3 Once the Player Starting List is submitted to the Match Commissioner and becomes an official document, and if the match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions shall apply:
- 32.4 If any of the eleven (11) players listed on the Player Starting List selected to start the match are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the named substitutes. Such replacements shall reduce the quota of substitute players accordingly. The player being replaced cannot be renamed as a substitute. During the match, five (5) substitutions (3 Times) may still be made by the team.
- 32.5 If any of the substitutes named on the Player Starting List is not able to be fielded for any reason, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute players shall be reduced accordingly.
- 32.6 Any Club failing to carry out these provisions shall be fined a minimum sum of Three Hundred Fifty US Dollars (\$350.00) for the first offence, and for any subsequent offence the club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

### 33. Substitution of Players

- 33.1 In all Matches, each Club shall be permitted a maximum of five (5) named substitutions.
- 33.2 If the goalkeeper is sent off during play, the designated substitute may subsequently replace another player of the same Team and play as a goalkeeper.
- 33.3 There shall be no substitution of any player who is ordered off the field of play.
- 33.4 All Clubs wishing to make a substitution shall inform the Fourth Official of the Players involved in the Substitution using a duly completed 'Substitution Card' and accompanied by the Players' AD Pass.
- 33.5 Should a Club be found to infringe any of the rules above in relation to Substitution of Players, the match and three (3) points shall be awarded to the opposing non-infringing team, and the score to remain or a three (3)-nil (0) win to be awarded to the said non-infringing team, whichever is the greater. If a match is forfeited, suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the forfeit of the match.
- 33.6 In the event of concussion happened during the match the match shall follow Law of the Game.

### 34. Player Identification

- 34.1 The players' jerseys must be clearly numbered and name (in English language) on the back in accordance with the Player Starting List submitted to the Match Commissioner before any League Match.
- 34.2 Prior to the start of the Season, each Club shall notify the CPL Competitions Department of the shirt numbers allocated to each player in their teams. Each Player must be allocated a different shirt number (1-99), number one (1) shall be a goal keeper.



- 34.3 A player's shirt number must remain with him for the duration of the Season unless:
- 34.3.1. He ceases to play for a Club in which case his shirt number shall become available for allocation to new members of the Club and/or the Youth Team Squad; or
  - 34.3.2. CPL Competition Department may permit the re-use of shirt numbers allocated to another player in the team, if it is satisfied that there are good reasons to do so.
- 34.4 Pursuant to the above sub-Rule 34.3, any Club which fields a player in a match wearing a jersey not carrying the number allocated to him shall be fined a sum of Five Hundred Dollar (USD 500) for its first offence, and for a second or subsequent offence occurring within the same Season of the first offence, the Club shall be subjected to further disciplinary action.
- 34.5 Before the match commences, the Team Manager or his assistant acting as the Team Manager of each team shall indicate the captain of the team in the Player Starting List to the Match Commissioner. The captain shall wear the League-issued armband as per the CPL Jersey Printing guidelines to indicate his status.
- 34.6 The Match Commissioner shall, ninety (90) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time, and at the dressing room of the respective Clubs, verify the League Accreditation Passes of the players named in the Player Starting List to ensure that it is in order, and that the player is eligible to play.
- 34.7 Notwithstanding the fines herein this sub-Section, the CPL Competition Department may take such other action as it deems desirable against the Club, its Official, or the Player for any infringement of these provisions or refer the matter to the FFC Disciplinary Committee.

### **35. Clubs to Register Colors**

- 35.1 Two (2) months before the start of the League Tournaments, the CPL Competitions Department shall obtain from the Clubs, in writing, details of their first choice (home) and second choice (away) colors (jerseys, shorts and socks). The colors registered by each team shall be worn during the current Season and no changes either in the colors or the combination of colors shall be permitted during the course of the Season except in the circumstances set out in Rule 36 below, and the prior consent of the CPL Competitions Department is obtained.
- 35.2 The choice of playing kit colors must be registered with the CPL Competition Department. Each Club shall submit a sample kit of its registered colors to the CPL Competition Department at least one month before the commencement of the League Competitions.
- 35.3 The CPL shall retain the discretion to approve or reject any kit that is submitted by club.
- 35.4 No kit item worn by a field player (shirt, shorts and socks) may contain more than four (4) colors. Furthermore, one color (1) must be clearly predominant on the shirt, shorts and socks. In the case of striped shirts, vertical or otherwise, one (1) of the colors must be predominant on the other kit items.
- 35.5 The predominant color must be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the kit item in question.

- 35.6 The colors of the official kit must be noticeably different from and contrasting to the colors of the reserve kit/s.
- 35.7 The colors worn by the goalkeepers must distinguish him from the other players, the Referee and Assistant Referees.
- 35.8 For the current Season, the jersey shall carry the name of the player in English language. The names are limited to eleven (11) letters including spacing (depending on the cut of the jersey). Only actual names, nicknames or abbreviations of actual names officially registered with and approved by the CPL Competition Department are permissible. Symbols and numbers in the names are not allowed.

### 36. Clash of Colors

- 36.1 Clubs are required to wear their first-choice colors at their “Home” match and the second choice at their “Away” match.
- 36.2 Each Club shall wear its official colors as registered and pre-decided by the CPL Competition Department unless prior approval has been obtained from the CPL Competition Department. If, in the opinion of the CPL Competition Department, the referee or match commissioner, the two (2) teams’ colors might cause confusion or prove unsuitable, the visiting Club shall have to change and wear its first choice or a combination of both.
- 36.3 When there is a further clash of colors, the Home Club shall wear their second-choice colors or a combination of both 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice colors as determined by the CPL Competition Department.
- 36.4 Both teams have to follow the match day jersey (finalize on CPL Jersey Meeting). Match officials are the final decision making on both teams’ jersey colors for the match day if concerned. In case of any additional Jersey or any changes from clubs, the club must submit letter to the CPL.
- 36.5 Both Teams must have one (1) extra goalkeeper shirt without jersey number and must bring all set of jerseys to the stadium on Match Day.
  - 36.5.1 In case of any issue occurs during match due to not having extra goalkeeper shirt as article 36.5, the club will be fined 250 US Dollars per match.

### 37. Printing and Advertising on Jerseys

The jerseys of all players in the League shall follow the instructions stipulated in the CPL Equipment Guidelines, issued by the CPL Marketing Department and endorsed by the CPL Competition Department.

### 38. Ball Crew

- 38.1 The Home Club shall provide and ensure a minimum of ten (10) ball crew members for the Cambodian Premier League matches. They shall be properly attired in the official bibs issued by the League.

38.2 The colors of clothing worn by ball crew shall not clash with the colors of either of the competing Clubs and match referees and they must be properly attired the bib provided by the CPL.

**39. Stretcher Bearers**

The Home Club shall provide and ensure that there are at least two stretchers, with eight (8) adult stretcher-bearers for all Cambodian Premier League matches. They shall be properly attired in the bibs issued by the League.

**40. The Team Bench and Technical Area**

40.1 Each Home Club shall provide separate areas adjacent to the pitch (hereinafter "the technical area") for the sole use of team officials, team medical staff and substitutes; such designated areas shall be clearly marked "Home" for home team on the left-hand side of fourth official bench facing to the field and "Away" for away team on the right-hand side of fourth official bench facing to the field, have direct access to the pitch, be located equidistant from the half-way line, preferably be undercover, and capable of seating at least Twenty-one(21) people from each Club.

40.2 Technical areas may vary between stadium, for example in size or location.

40.3 The technical area extends one (1) meter on either side of the designated seated area and shall extend forward up to a distance of one (1) meter from the touchline.

40.4 The Fourth Official before the commencement of the match shall identify and verify the accreditations of the occupants of the technical area. Accreditations shall be worn by all registered Team Officials at all times. Any Team Official in the technical area found guilty of not wearing an accreditation pass will be fined a sum of One Hundred US Dollars (\$100).

40.5 All person at the technical area must wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of players and referees on the field of play.

40.6 A player and/or official who has been sent off the field/technical area shall not be allowed to remain in the vicinity of the field or technical area.

40.7 The access and management of suspended or expelled players and/or officials shall be managed as depicted below:

Venue	Player		Official	
	Expulsion	Suspension	Expulsion	Suspension
Field of Play	Ordered to leave the field of play and its surroundings	Banned from the field of play and its surrounding	Ordered to leave the field of play and its surroundings	Banned from the field of play and its surroundings

<b>Team Bench</b>	Ordered to leave the team bench	Banned from the team bench	Ordered to leave the team bench	Banned from the team bench
<b>Technical area</b>	Cannot sit in the technical area	Banned from the technical area	Cannot sit in the technical area	Banned from the technical area
<b>Video Analysis Area (For teams)</b>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
<b>Team Dressing Room</b>	Shall stay in either the dressing room or doping control room accompanied by a chaperon until the names of the players selected for the doping test are communicated	Banned from the dressing room at any time before and during the Match in question (can join after the final whistle)	Banned from entering the team dressing rooms at half time if sent off during the first half of the match	Banned from the team dressing rooms at any time before and during the match in question (can join after final whistle)
<b>Stands</b>	Allowed to sit in the stands, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded, if he is not picked for doping control and is no longer wearing his football equipment	Allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate vicinity (e.g. Team Technical Seats) of the Field of Play, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded	Allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate vicinity of the Field of Play, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded	Allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate vicinity of the Field of Play, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded
<b>Team Bus</b>	Allowed to take the team bus	Allowed to take the team bus but not allowed to talk to the Media upon arrival or departure	Allowed to take the team bus	Allowed to take the team bus but not allowed to talk to the Media upon arrival or departure
<b>Prize Presentation Ceremony</b>	Allowed to take part in the prize presentation ceremony	Allowed to take part in the prize presentation ceremony	Allowed to take part in the prize presentation ceremony	Allowed to take part in the prize presentation ceremony
<b>Mixed Zone</b>	Not allowed in the mixed zone	Banned from mixed zone	Not allowed in the mixed zone	Banned from mixed zone

<b>Press Conferences</b>	Not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference	Banned from all Match-related press conferences	Not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference	Banned from all Match-related press conference
<b>Official Training</b>	N/A	Allowed to attend and participate in official training	N/A	Allowed to attend and participate in official training
<b>Media Activities</b>	Not allowed to undertake any media activities in the stadium	Not allowed to undertake any media activities in the stadium	Not allowed to undertake any media activities in the stadium	Not allowed to undertake any media activities in the stadium on the Match Day
<b>Doping Control Room</b>	Eligible for doping control and shall stay accompanied by a chaperon until the names of the players selected for the doping tests are communicated	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Contact and Communication</b>	Not allowed in the VIP tribune	Can sit in an area designated by the CPL / Host Organization	Shall not communicate with or conduct anyone involved in the Match by any means whatsoever	Shall not be permitted to communicate with or contact any person involved in the Match by any means whatsoever for the duration of a match

- 40.8 A player and/or official on suspension is not allowed to be in the vicinity of the field or technical area.
- 40.9 Only one person at a time is authorized to convey tactical instructions from the technical area.
- 40.10 The Head Coach, team officials and other occupants of the technical area must remain within the confines of the technical area except in special circumstances, for example, a Medical Practitioner and/or a physiotherapist and/or a Sports Trainer entering the field of play with the Referee's permission to assess an injured player.
- 40.11 The Head Coach and other occupants of the technical area shall behave in a responsible manner at all times. Any Team Official in the technical area found guilty of not behaving in a responsible manner shall be fined a sum of at least Two Hundred US Dollars (\$200.00).

- 40.12 Only a maximum of ten (10) registered team officials and Ten (10) substitute Players and minimum of four (4) registered team officials and four (4) substitute Players are allowed to be on the substitutes' bench. Team Officials and Players who are expelled or suspended from the game shall not be allowed to be in the technical area. In case, not meet minimum requirement (minimum of four (4) registered team officials and four (4) substitute Players) will be fined Three Hundred and Fifty US Dollars (\$350.00).

#### **41. Warm-up Protocols**

- 41.1 Only players indicated in the Official Player Starting List and registered for play (maximum 21) shall be allowed to take part in the Pre-Match warm up.
- 41.2 During actual play, a maximum of six (6) named substitutes from each Club may warm up at the same time 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. These Participating players may be accompanied by a maximum of two (2) Participating Officials.
- 41.3 If there is no space to warm-up behind the goal, a maximum of three (3) players from each club may warm up simultaneously without a ball (except Goalkeeper) behind the Assistant Referee 1. These players may be assisted by one (1) team official.
- 41.4 Participant teams must follow the Official Match Day Countdown. In case of participants team does not follow, the team will be fined Two Hundred and Fifty US Dollars (\$250.00).

#### **42. Official League Footballs**

- 42.1 The footballs for the League shall be selected and supplied by the CPL.
- 42.2 Each Club shall receive 14 balls for training and 11 balls for League Matches and another 5 for spare when reaching stage 2 (Top 6, Bottom 5).
- 42.3 Clubs are only permitted to use the footballs provided by the CPL for training and warming- up purposes.
- 42.4 CPL will provide one hundred and twenty (120) competition's badges to all participants clubs and must follow the equipment regulation.
- 42.5 CPL will provide one hundred and twenty (120) golden competition's badges to the champions of previous season and must follow the equipment regulation.
- 42.6 CPL will provide debut patches to the players who join CPL competition for the first game playing (only) their debut match at the above the manufacture logo and must follow the equipment regulation.

#### **43. Post-Match Handshake**

Players from both the teams are required to assemble at the center circle with the Match Officials for a post-match handshake. Any player who fails to do so shall be issued with a mandatory fine of One Hundred Fifty US Dollars (\$150.00).



## **44. Stadium**

- 44.1 The Participating Clubs shall ensure that their home Matches are played in Stadiums which meet the requirements defined in the CPL Stadium Regulations and all other applicable CPL Regulations. The CPL may carry out inspections at any time before and during the Competition to check whether the requirements are met.
- 44.1.1 Each participating club shall, by no later than the deadline set by the CPL, nominate the stadium to be utilized for all its home Matches when entering the Competition. The Stadium nominated shall be the normal home stadium of the Participating Club for matches in its league. In case the normal home stadium of the Participating Club does not meet the requirements set out in Article 43.1, the Participating Club may find another Stadium to rent and provide a valid stadium contract to CPL.
- 44.2 Unless an exception is granted by the CPL at its sole discretion, each Participating Club must pay all its home Matches in the one and only stadium approved by the CPL throughout the Competition. Any request for an exception shall be submitted to the CPL at least thirty (30) days prior to the relevant match.
- 44.3 The CPL may reject the nominations of any Stadium and take any decisions under this Article 43.3 at its sole discretion. If the CPL deems, for whatever reason, that a Stadium is unable to stage any Match(es), the relevant Participating Club shall propose an alternative Stadium. Should the Participating Club not propose an acceptable alternative Stadium by the deadline set by the CPL, the CPL may select an appropriate stadium to stage the match(es).
- 44.3.1 In all cases, the Participating Club concerned shall remain responsible as the Host Club for all arrangements for the staging of its home Match(es), including but not limited to all costs as set out in these Regulations.
- 44.3.2 Should the Participating Club refuse to participate in the Match(es) at the Stadium selected by the CPL, it shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition.
- 44.4 For any Match played at a Rental Stadium, the Host Club must organize and stage the Match in accordance with these Regulations, the Manual and any instructions from the CPL, in cooperation with the Host Association and the local authorities.
- 44.5 Any request by the Participating Team to change the venue and/or kick-off time of a match after the publication of the Match Schedule by the CPL shall require the written agreement of both Host Organization and the other Participating Team at least 14 (fourteen-day) days prior to the Match-day, as well as CPL's written approval. For avoidance of doubt, this Article 44.5 shall not apply to venue change that wish to play at the other participant team venue that already hosted for the first leg.
- 44.6 Host clubs shall ensure that no football matches and/or any other events or held at any Stadium during the period starting at least two (2) days prior to each Match (other than activities are in relation to the final Match of the Competition, where such period shall be determined by the CPL) until one (1) day after the Match, unless prior written permission has been obtained from the CPL. The Stadium shall be delivered to the CPL for its exclusive use during this period.

- 44.6.1 A Host Club that fails to comply with Article 44.6 shall be fined at least USD 5,000.
- 44.6.2 The FFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanction as its discretion.

**45. Field of Play**

- 45.1 The host team needs to ensure that the stadium meets all the criteria for hosting the match.
- 45.2 Each Club shall register its ground with the CPL Competitions Department, and no club shall move to another ground, without the consent of the CPL Competitions Department.
- 45.3 The dimensions of the field of play for all Matches shall be as follows:

	Minimum	Maximum
Length	100m	110m
Width	64m	75m

- 45.4 All Clubs must register their pitch dimensions with the CPL Competition Department, prior to the start of each Season. Clubs are not allowed to alter its pitch dimensions during a Season unless with the prior written consent of the CPL Competition Department; the Department may at any time require a Club to submit a report from a qualified independent source, at its cost, certifying the pitch dimensions or the condition of the Stadium, including the ground.
- 45.5 Each Club shall take all reasonable steps to maintain its pitch and grounds in good order. The CPL Competition Department may require a Club to take such steps as it shall specify if it is not satisfied that an adequate standard of pitch or ground or offices or the safety and security of the Club is/are being (or has been) maintained.
- 45.6 A Club shall have a regular use of a ground where charge for admission may be made and a gate collection be taken in all Matches.
- 45.7 The playing area and the technical area must be demarcated, and spectator viewing must be further demarcated.
- 45.8 There must be separate dressing rooms for each Clubs and the Match Officials.
- 45.9 There must be toilets/bathrooms provided in dressing rooms used by players and Match Officials, and not for spectator use; dressing rooms must have adequate facilities.
- 45.10 Floodlights installed at the stadium ought to meet the requirements of CPL Competition Department and/or the relevant authorities.

- 45.11 The Host Team needs to water the pitch according to the competition technical (6 hours before kick-off, 3 hours before kick-off, 1 hour before kick-off, 20 minutes before kick-off and at half-time break).
- 45.12 The basic of pitch watering depends on the actual weather or/and make decision by the match official with the ground manager.

#### **46. Consumption of Liquids during Match**

- 46.1 Players are entitled to take refreshments during stoppage in the match but only on the touchline. If drinking water is in front of the technical area, the player must maintain his position on the touchline, while the substitute and participating officials must be outside the field.
- 46.2 Water bottles are allowed at least one (1) meter outside the Touchline and the Goal line.
- 46.3 The water bottles are not allowed in the goalkeeper's area. The water bottles must be kept outside the goal area does not touch the goal post or net.
- 46.4 The throwing of water bottles, water bags, ice cubes or any other water containers onto the field is not permitted. The water bottles must not be placed on the Touchline, which can be disturb the work of the assistant referee running on the Touchline.
- 46.5 If medical staff enter the field, they must treat only the injured player and not give advice or distribute water bottles.

#### **47. Crowd Control**

- 47.1 All Clubs must ensure that the stadium they occupy is safe and to this extent the Home Club shall be responsible for all security and safety arrangements in respect of each League Match, and shall ensure the safety of Match Officials and opponents, and the public.
- 47.2 The Home Club shall ensure that spectators do not misbehave or throw any missiles or water bottles onto the field or encroach into the field of play or the technical area before, during or just after a match.
- 47.3 The spectators are not allowed usage of prohibited items stipulated in the ticketing terms and conditions including but not limited to whistles, laser pointers, pyrotechnics and incendiary devices during the match.

#### **48. Non-fulfilment of Fixture Obligations**

- 48.1 Any Club that failed to fulfil its fixture obligation without just cause in respect of any League Match on the appointed date or dates shall be deemed guilty of gross misconduct.

- 48.2 A Club that fails to fulfil its fixture obligations shall be liable to pay a fine and compensation for any expenses necessarily incurred by the opposing team, CPL and other affected parties as a direct result of the failure. The amount of compensation shall be at the discretion of the CPL Competition Department after weighing the merits of each case. The CPL Competition Department reserves the right to take whatever action they deem fit against the infringing team, including but not limited to imposing a fine on the team, and/or referring the matter to the disciplinary of the FFC.

#### 49. Dispute/Dislocation of Fixtures/Abandoned Matches

- 49.1 Any dispute between two or more Clubs as to the arrangement of League Matches because of the date, time, and location shall be referred to and decided by the Head of the Competitions, as soon as possible but not later than ten 10 days before the Match start as to notify CPL.
- 49.2 If, for whatever reason, League Matches cannot be played on the appointed date, this shall be immediately reported to the CPL Competition Department by the Clubs concerned, and it shall be the CPL Competition Department's responsibility in each instance to notify immediately the appointed Referee, the Assistant Referees, the Fourth Official, and the Match Commissioner, and such other relevant personnel, of such postponement.
- 49.3 During MD-1 and MD, if a match is interrupted or cannot be completed due to Force Majeure (such as a waterlogged pitch or power failure), the following protocol shall be applied:
- 49.3.1. Referee Team is responsible for assessing the actual condition and notifying the Match Commissioner.
  - 49.3.2. Match Commissioner reports to the CPL Competition Department after discussing the matter with the referee. The CPL Competition Department has the authority to declare a Force Majeure occurrence.
- 49.4 In the event of any League Match that has been postponed or abandoned before the completion of the regulation time of ninety (90) minutes, the result shall be decided by the Competitions Department as to whether there should be a replay or any form of disciplinary action to be taken against the errant Club.
- 49.5 If a match is abandoned due to conditions beyond control (inclement weather, power failure) the match, as far as possible, shall be replayed the following day or any day determined by the CPL Competition Department.
- 49.6 The CPL Competitions Department shall as far as possibly arrange for a date agreeable to both the teams if the match is not played the following day. When this is not possible then the Competitions Department shall decide on the date and venue, and whose decision shall be final. A team unable to play on the date and venue decided by the Competitions Department shall be considered to have failed to fulfil an engagement or play its fixtures and liable to disciplinary action. The decision shall be final and binding.

- 49.7 An abandoned/postponed match shall not be considered as the match where a suspended player has served the suspension; the suspended player shall serve the suspension in the immediate match following the abandoned/postponed match. If an abandoned match is to be replayed, any caution issued during that match shall be annulled but a red card received by a player in an abandoned match shall count and the appropriate sanction shall follow. The replay of the abandoned match shall not be considered as the match where the errant player has served the suspension. If the match is not to be replayed, the cautions received by the team responsible for causing the match to be abandoned are upheld; if both teams are responsible, then all of the cautions are upheld.
- 49.8 The score of the abandoned match shall be considered null and void, and the replay shall start as a new match playing the ninety (90) minutes of regulation time with the score of 0-0.
- 49.9 If a match is abandoned, suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment of the match.

## **50. Club Ceasing to Operate**

- 50.1 If any Club in the League ceases to operate during the Season, its playing record with all related clubs in the League shall be expunged, and the number of places from the respective League Tournaments, shall be reduced accordingly unless otherwise determined by the CPL Board Members and FFC Disciplinary Committee. The remaining fixtures if any shall continue without the Club that has ceased to operate.
- No subsidy given to the club which withdraws during the season.
  - Penalty from joining CPL competition for 1 year and eliminate to lower
- 50.2 If any Club ceases to operate after the completion of the Season's fixture program, the CPL Board Members shall determine the position of the Club without prejudice to any and all rights it has.

## **51. Club Protest**

- 51.1 Any Club intending to lodge a protest against their opponents for any violation of the League procedure in or about the Match shall first do so in written CPL Protest Form signed by the General/Club Manager or Club General Secretary or a responsible Official of the Club to the Match Commissioner within two (2) hours from the end of the Match. Then, the club has a period of thirty-six (36) hours to file an official letter after a written form with a charge of One Hundred and Twenty-Five US Dollars (\$125.00) to the disciplinary committee of FFC.
- 51.2 The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with plays are final. Facts connected with play shall include whether a goal is scored or not and the results of the match. Protest shall only be accepted when a Referee shows a yellow/red card to the wrong player (mistaken identity).

## 52. Disparaging Remarks on Refereeing/Charging at Referees/Conduct of Club Officials and Players

- 52.1 No Club Official, Coach, Player or a member of the Team shall make any disparaging remarks about the refereeing of a match; any such remark made by a Club Official, Coach or a member of the Team may render such person liable to disciplinary action.
- 52.2 Players/Officials are prohibited from charging at the referee before, during or after the game, for whatever reasons. Any such action shall render the player/official and club concerned, liable to a fine at the discretion of Head of the Competitions and/or referred to the FFC Disciplinary Committee.
- 52.3 Any Club Official or player who fails to conduct oneself in a proper and responsible manner before, during or after the game, including but not limited to misconduct on the field of play, in the technical area, dressing rooms and stadium premises, shall be liable to disciplinary action.



## SECTION E: REGULATIONS ON STATUS AND TRANSFERS OF PLAYERS

### 53. Status of Players

- 53.1 All players playing in the League shall be under contract, either as:
- 53.1.1. Amateur
  - 53.1.2. Professional
- 53.2 The transfer of Players shall be governed by the FFC and the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfers.
- 53.3 A Player may participate in Matches for maximum two (2) Clubs in the Competition.
- 53.3.1 A Player may participate in Matches for maximum one (1) Club between the first Match of the Competition and the end of the second registration period.
  - 53.3.2 A Player may participate in Matches for maximum one (1) Club between the end of the second registration period and the final Match of the Competition.
- 53.4 A Player must demonstrate proof nationality (i.e. their passport) to be registered under a particular sporting nationality. There are three (3) recognized sporting nationalities:
- 53.4.1 Cambodian;
  - 53.4.2 'Foreign'; and
  - 53.4.3 Naturalized.
- 53.5 A Player that holds multiple legal nationalities (including Cambodian nationality) shall be registered with the same single sporting nationality for the whole Season.
- 53.5.1 For avoidance of doubt, a Player that acquires Cambodian nationality during the Season is not permitted in any circumstances to change their sporting nationality.
  - 53.5.2 As an exception to Article 53.5, a Player that is registered as a 'non-Cambodian' for a Club during the first registration period may, if they transfer to a new Club during the second registration period, be registered as 'non-Cambodian' or Naturalized (subject to the slot limitation for that category).
- 53.6 A Player that was not eligible to hold Cambodian nationality from birth and has legally acquired Cambodian nationality is considered a naturalized Cambodian.
- 53.6.1 If after acquiring Cambodian nationality they hold multiple legal nationalities, that Player may be registered as 'foreign' or naturalized.
  - 53.6.2 If after acquiring Cambodian nationality they have revoked all other legal nationalities which they held, that Player may be registered as naturalized.
  - 53.6.3 That Player is not permitted in any circumstances to be registered as Cambodian.

#### **54. Amateur Players (Cambodian Nationality)**

- 54.1 An amateur player is one who does not play football professionally and are paid expenses such as travelling allowances, etc.
- 54.2 An amateur player, regardless of age, who wishes to move to another club at the end of his contract is free to do so without his new club having to pay any form of compensation, provided that he retains his amateur status at his new club.
- 54.3 An amateur player under the age of 23 (born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003), who is out of contract and wishes to move to another Club and change his status to a professional, is free to do so, but his previous club(s) can seek compensation from his new club based upon a justifiable claim for training compensation by following the regulation of FIFA Clearing House.
- 54.4 An amateur player who is above the age of 23 (born on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002), who is out of contract and wishes to move to another Club and change his status to a professional, is free to do so without his new club having to pay any form of compensation to his previous club(s).

#### **55. Professional Player (Cambodian Nationality)**

- 55.1 Professional player is an individual who earns his living solely from football; he shall be contracted to a Club on a full-time basis for a minimum six (6) months in a playing season. If a full-time professional player wishes to move to another Club at the end of his contract, he is free to do so provided that he has fulfilled all his contractual obligations.

#### **56. Professional Player (Foreign)**

- 56.1 A foreign player from abroad having completed his contract is free to leave provided that the terms and conditions stipulated in his ITC have been adhered to (e.g., on his transfer, loan, retention of contract, etc.) following the regulation of FIFA RSTP.
- 56.2 If the services of a contracted foreign player are sought by a foreign club, the Club may negotiate a transfer fee as they are the holders of that Player.

#### **57. Execution of Contracts**

- 57.1 All players on attaining the age of majority (17 years of age) can execute professional contracts.
- 57.2 Players who have reached the age of seventeen (17) at the time of the execution of the contract can execute professional contracts in their personal capacity in that it is for their benefit. A written consent must be obtained from the player's parent or guardian if he is below eighteen (18) years of age at the time of execution of the contract.

- 57.3 All other contracts, amateur in nature, involving minors (between the ages of 16 and 18) must be signed by either of the player's parents or guardian (where applicable), and witnessed by the player contracted, and where any such player is in school or in a tertiary institution, that school or tertiary institution shall be so notified of the contract by the Club.

## 58. Conditions of Contract

- 58.1 No player under the age of seventeen (17) years can sign a professional contract, and such a player for all purposes shall be treated as having amateur status only.
- 58.2 Players under the age of seventeen (17) may not sign a professional contract for a term longer than three years. Any clause referring to a longer period shall not be recognized.
- 58.3 All contracts of service between Clubs and players shall be on the official template approved by CPL. The contracts must be signed on behalf of the Club by an authorized Club Official. Clubs shall be free at any time to re-negotiate or amend contracts of service where it relates to Schedule 1 with its Players on such terms in writing as shall be mutually acceptable; but the main body of the contract in its official form shall not be amended without leave of the CPL Competitions Department.
- 58.4 All Clubs shall submit copies of all contracts of service including any addendums thereof to the CPL Competitions Department, and such contracts including any addendums shall be subject to the approval of the CPL Competition Department.
- 58.5 It shall be a condition of all payments to players that all stipulated sums in the contract of service shall be strictly adhered to by all Clubs and players, and any player who has not received his dues under his written contract shall notify in writing the CPL General Manager and/or CPL Competition Department, as soon as possible.
- 58.6 The CPL General Manager and/or CPL Competition Department, shall be at liberty to call for any and all records of payments by Clubs whether in the form of salaries or match bonus or whatever; any Club failing to provide such records shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.
- 58.7 Any censures/reprimands and/or fines, suspensions and/or notices of determination or sanctions or whatsoever penalties of any contract of service of a player by a club must be recorded and forthwith reported to the CPL Competition Department, and such notification must be accompanied by a copy of any notice served and/or reasons for any such action adjudicated and determined on the player.
- 58.8 Such action shall be subject to the player's or the official's right of appeal to the Head of Competitions Department, who shall decide by himself or refer it to an FFC Disciplinary Committee at the absolute discretion of the CPL Competition Department may refer such appeal at his absolute discretion to the Players Status Committee within fourteen (14) days of receipt by the player or official of such written notification of such action (with the full reasons from the Club) from the Club, and any decision of the CPL Competition Department or the FFC Disciplinary Committee, where applicable, shall

be made within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such notice of appeal of the player or official or such extended period requested for from the CPL Competition Department, and approved as such but no later than 30 days of receipt of such notice of appeal as they shall so determine.

58.9 The player or official shall have the right to a personal hearing before the CPL Competition Department or the FFC Disciplinary Committee, and shall have the right to representation by any member of his Club that adjudicated and determined against him. An Advocate and Solicitor may represent the Player or the Club only if he/she is a member of that Club

58.9.1 The CPL Competition Department or the FFC Disciplinary Committee, may summon or call any witness or witnesses or any document or documents from the Club and/or the player or official to adjudicate and determine any issue.

58.10 If any player or official shall be guilty of misconduct or breach of the disciplinary rules of the Club (other than as provided for above), the Club may determine the Agreement or suspend the Player or Official for a defined period not exceeding fourteen (14) days and/or impose a fine not exceeding two weeks' wages or censure the Player or Official, and the Club shall notify the Player or Official in writing of the full reason(s) for the action taken.

58.11 All contracts of service, in particular Schedule 1 thereof, between Clubs and players or officials must be treated as private and confidential.

58.12 When a player's Contract is terminated by mutual consent, the Club may retain the player's registration until he signs for another Club and may be entitled, without further payment to the player, to a compensation fee for training and/or development in respect of any subsequent transfer of his registration. The Player shall be informed in writing of the Club's intention to retain his registration.

58.13 Any dispute or impasse between the Club holding the player's registration and any other Club negotiating to obtain such registration as to the amount of compensation payable shall, as soon as practicable, and within these Rules/Sections, be determined by the Regulation of FIFA RSTP.

58.14 All termination of contracts between Club and Player shall be of mutual consent and not unilaterally by either party.

## **59. Termination of Contract/Cancellation of Registration**

59.1 Any contracted player of Cambodian nationality whose registration is cancelled or who is released or terminated by his Club on the grounds of permanent disability or for any other reason or cause howsoever arising, shall not be registered for any the Club, without the prior written consent of the Club which last held his registration.

- 59.2 The registration of a contracted player, local or foreign, released or terminated by his Club shall be cancelled subject to the CPL Competition Department being satisfied the same. The Club must notify the CPL Competition Department, immediately in writing, accompanied by supporting or relevant documents related to the termination when the registration of such player is cancelled by the Club for any reason whatsoever. Any Club found to have infringed this Rule shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct.

## 60. Window for Transfer

- 60.1 Pursuant to the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players, players are normally contracted for one playing season. However, in the Cambodian context, players are contracted for a minimum of six (6) months. Hence, in order to maintain club stability and flexibility of employment for players, this contract can be further shortened by mutual consent between the club and the player. Moreover, any update about contract shall be notified to the CPL Competition Department.
- 60.2 In so far as it applies to the currency of the FFC/CPL and notwithstanding anything herein these Rules in these Sections, there shall be two (2) windows for transfer.
- 60.3 No changing of players shall be made after the closure of the first registration window.
- 60.4 Clubs in the League can transfer in of their players (nine (9) players for all nationalities) during the second registration window on any dates decided by the CPL Competitions Department. The minimum length of a contract shall be from its effective date until the end of the season. Without breaching any of the Rules in these Sections, a player is eligible to play when he is approved by CPL.
- 60.5 These windows for transfer shall apply where such a player is permitted to be registered with his previous Club or a new Club of his choice, provided that the Club not exhausted their full quota of Players.

## 61. Transfer While Under Contract

- 61.1 During the currency of a contract of a player, the transfer of his registration from one Club to another shall be done through the Online Registration System: FIFA Connect and FIFA Competition Management System (FCMS).
- 61.2 Such contracted player does not become a registered player of the Club seeking his transfer until the Club has received from the CPL Competition Department, his League Accreditation Pass, confirming registration and eligibility to play.

## 62. Conditions of Transfer

- 62.1 The terms and conditions of all transfers of registration must be forthwith reported to the CPL Competition Department. The copy of the agreement shall give the full details of the transfer fees and signed by both Clubs shall be submitted to the CPL Competition



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Department at the same time as the online registration and the DTC/ITC in respect of all players signed for a fee whether local or from abroad. Transfers shall not be registered until the CPL Competition Department is satisfied all formalities and/or arrangements have been complied with.

- 62.2 All transfer fees (inclusive of any sign-on fees whatsoever), if any, shall be treated as private and confidential. The General Manager of CPL, the CPL Competition Department, and Finance Department shall have the right to know, and obtain the information from the Club on demand.
- 62.3 The approval and registration of any local or foreign player in these Rules, is at the absolute discretion of the CPL Competition Department, as the case may be, and in any event, there shall be no transfer of any player in the current season or beyond as determined by these Rules.

### **63. Temporary Transfers: Loans**

- 63.1 Under the provisions of these Rules, the loan of a player by one Club to another constitutes as a temporary transfer. A transfer certificate via the Online Registration System: FIFA TMS, and FIFA Connect shall therefore be issued:
  - 63.1.1 whenever a player leaves a Club to join another Club to which he has been released on loan;
  - 63.1.2 whenever, on expiry of the period of loan, a player re-joins the Club which released him on loan.
- 63.2 The conditions governing the loan of a professional player (duration of the loan, obligations to which the loan is subject to) shall be regulated by concluding a separate written contract between both Clubs concerned and duly submitted to the CPL Competition Department.
- 63.3 During the competition in the League 1, the FFC and CPL shall not approve more than three (3) temporary transfers of player to any Club at any one time. (Subject to provisions of the FIFA RSTP).
- 63.4 During the competition in the League 2 (if existing), the CPL shall not approve more than four (4) temporary transfers of player to any Club at any one time.
- 63.5 Temporary transfers which subsequently become permanent shall count against a Club's quota.

### **64. Inducements**

- 64.1 Clubs or their officials shall not approach any player/Coach to make inquiries for the purpose of inducing that player/coach to join his Club or make or offer to make any payment whatsoever in cash or in-kind or by any other form to players/coaches or their families or any other person as an inducement to sign other than those provided in these Rules or by the respective Committees of CPL. The player/coach shall not induce or attempt to induce any other player/coach in the League to leave that Club for any reason whatsoever.

- 64.2 Any Club, official or player/coach or member of the Club found to have infringed this Rule shall be deemed guilty of misconduct, and shall be referred to the CPL Competitions Department for any decisions on the infringements or misconducts, and for any penalties may refer the matter to the FFC Disciplinary Committee.

## **65. Inducements and Approaches**

- 65.1 Subject to the provisions of Rule 63 above, Clubs, officials or players/coaches shall not directly or indirectly attempt to induce a registered player/coach of another Club to leave for any purpose whatsoever the Club which he is registered. Any infringements of this Rule shall be deemed to be misconduct and shall be dealt with the CPL Competitions Department for absolute discretion. FFC Disciplinary Committee who shall (but not limited to) be entitled to take such action and/or impose such penalties against the official or player/coach or the Club as they may in the circumstances think fit. Any penalty imposed on a Club may include the refusal to register for the Club, guilty of the infringement, any player/coach who they consider has been so induced.
- 65.2 Public statements by Club officials of their interest in registered players/coaches of other Clubs shall be regarded as inducements within the meaning of this Rule.
- 65.3 All transfers (including any temporary transfer) of registrations shall be arranged directly between the Clubs concerned (and the player/coach. No Club shall employ a player who is on the list of registered players/coaches of another Club or who has failed to comply with a decision of the CPL Competition Department adjudicated on an appeal made under these Rules. The FFC Disciplinary Committee may impose any penalty, at his absolute discretion, including a refusal to register the player/coach.
- 65.4 Subject to the provisions of any rule on compensation, a registered player/coach shall not directly or indirectly communicate with or approach another Club or any official or player/coach of another Club with the object of negotiating or arranging the transfer of himself or another player/coach to such other Club during the currency of contract. Any infringement of this rule shall render the player/coach concerned and any official or other player/coach who enters into communication or negotiation with him liable to such penalties by way of fine, suspension, expulsion or otherwise as the FFC Disciplinary Committee may deem fit in the circumstances.

## **66. Players Transferred from One Club to Another**

- 66.1 A Club wishing to engage the services of a Player who is at present under contract with another Club shall, before commencing any negotiations with that player, be obliged to inform his Club in writing of its interest, giving at least fourteen (14) days' notice from the date of the letter. A Club can only commence negotiations six (6) months before the expiry of the said player's contract, or any time after the player's current Club has ceased to be involved in the League, whichever is the later.
- 66.2 Any violation of the foregoing obligation shall be referred to CPL should any complaints be lodged by the Club.
- 66.3 In the case of a player whose employment contract has expired or has been terminated, neither he nor any prospective new Club is required to notify his former Club of any negotiations he is personally conducting.

- 66.4 However, once the player has signed a contract with a new Club, the new Club is obliged forthwith to contact the Club to which compensation is possibly due under the terms of Rule 64 below.
- 66.5 If an amateur player under the age of 23 (born on or after 1st January 2004) concludes a contract with a new Club which he joins in a professional capacity, his former Club(s) shall be entitled to compensation for his training by negotiation by follow the regulation of FIFA RSTP.
- 66.6 If an amateur player, regardless of age, is transferred to another Club and has the same amateur status there, his former Club shall have no claim to training compensation.
- 66.7 If an amateur player above the age of 23 (born on or before 31st December 2003) concludes a contract with a new Club which he joins in a professional capacity, his former club shall have no claim to compensation for his training.
- 66.8 If the player’s former Club considers it is entitled to compensation for training and development of the player, it shall file its claim within twelve (12) months from the day the player turned professional, otherwise its request shall be rejected.
- 66.9 When a player is transferred to a new club, the following provisions regarding the payment of training compensation shall apply:

Current Status & Age of Player	Status of Player (at new Club)	Compensation (Yes/No)
Amateur (regardless of age)	Amateur	No
Amateur (above 23)	Professional	No
Amateur (under 23)	Professional	Yes
Professional (regardless of age)	Amateur	No
Professional (above 23)	Professional	No
Professional (under 23)	Professional	No

- 66.10 The amount of compensation shall be agreed upon in writing between the two Clubs and shall follow 60.2. of this regulation involved on the compensation stipulated in Rule 64 below.
- 66.11 A Club may make a valid agreement with any one of its players that it waives its right to compensation for training due to it under the terms of these Rules if the player concerned is transferred to another Club. Such a waiver must be in written form to be valid.
- 66.12 Any agreement concluded between the Clubs regarding the amount of compensation provided by these Rules shall be brought to the attention of the CPL Competition Department.

- 66.13 In all matters concerning training compensation, FIFA's latest Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players shall be the guiding principle.

## **67. The Status of Players**

- 67.1 If two Clubs have not reached an agreement on the amount of compensation in respect of the training and/or development of a Player, the dispute shall be submitted to the CPL/FFC.
- 67.2 The CPL/FFC shall also determine any disagreement on the terms of the contract.
- 67.3 The CPL/FFC shall comprise a minimum of three (3) persons appointed by the CPL, and any two (2) forming a quorum at any meeting of the CPL/FFC. The Secretary of the CPL/FFC shall be the CPL Competition Department, or his/her delegated representative. The members of the CPL/FFC shall not belong to any of the Clubs.
- 67.4 The CPL/FFC shall have exclusive powers to hear all disputes, including disagreements regarding compensation, including that for training and/or development, and shall have also power to call for witnesses and/or demand documents, and shall further include powers to hear and determine:
- 67.4.1 A dispute concerning an amateur or professional status or his status and eligibility as a player;
- 67.4.2 A dispute concerning the interpretation of clauses in contracts between Clubs and/or players;
- 67.4.3 A dispute concerning the transfer and/or release of players to CPL for the national or representative teams by the Clubs employing them;
- 67.4.4 A dispute about other matters governed by these Rules in this Section.
- 67.5 Any disagreement between two Clubs regarding the amount of compensation for the training of a player shall not affect his sporting or professional activity and the player shall therefore be free to play for the new Club with which he has signed a contract unless otherwise determined by the CPL/FFC, which shall convene and hear the dispute within 30 days of being notified by the CPL Competition Department.
- 67.6 A player may however be subject to a suspension arising from a dispute other than that described in Rule 68.6 above.
- 67.7 The CPL/FFC may appoint an ad hoc Transfer Committee to determine the amount of training compensation.

## **68. Re-Acquisition of Amateur Status**

- 68.1 A player who has been registered as a professional with CPL or any national association overseas may not be classified as amateur until a period of one (1) month has elapsed.
- 68.2 The interim period shall start as from the day the player competed in his last match with the Club which he was registered as a professional.



- 68.3 A Club which a professional player has left shall not be entitled to compensation from the new Club with which the player has regained amateur status. This provision is subject to the eventuality provided for under Rule 68.4 below.
- 68.4 If, within thirty (30) months of the day on which he regained amateur status, a player reverts to professional status, the Club with which he was registered before regaining amateur status may be, subject to Rule 66 of this Section, entitled to compensation for training.
- 68.5 If, in such a case, the player has since changed clubs again, the Club with which the player was, for a while, registered as an amateur shall not be entitled to compensation.
- 68.6 If there is any doubt as to whether a player who has regained amateur status actually plays as an amateur in his new Club, the Club with which he was last registered as professional may ask the CPL/FFC to investigate the matter and, if necessary, take appropriate action.

## **69. Termination of Activity**

- 69.1 A professional player who stops playing competitive football shall remain registered as a player with the Club with which he was last employed for a period of twelve (12) months.
- 69.2 The period shall begin as from the end of the Season in which the player stops playing football.
- 69.3 The Club of a professional player who stops playing football upon expiry of his contract shall not be entitled to claim compensation of any kind from him.
- 69.4 Nothing under this Rule shall prevent an individual moving to another Club in a purely non- playing capacity.
- 69.5 If, within the period mentioned in Rule 69.1, a professional Player who has stopped playing football wishes to start playing again within the same status, he shall remain registered with the Club with which he was last employed.
- 69.6 If the period mentioned in Rule 69.1 has elapsed, the Club with which the Player was last registered shall no longer be entitled to any compensation.

## **70. Special Provisions**

- 70.1 The validity of a transfer contract between Clubs or of an employment contract between a player and a Club shall be made subject to the positive results of a medical examination or to the acquisition of a work permit.
- 70.2 Consequently, the prospective new Club of the player shall be required to make any necessary investigations or to take any appropriate action before concluding or executing the contract, otherwise it shall be liable to pay the full amount of compensation for training agreed upon (and/or the amount of the salary due).

- 70.3 Under the provisions of these Rules, the loan of a player by one Club to another constitutes a temporary transfer. A transfer certificate shall therefore be issued:
- 70.3.1 Whenever a player leaves a Club to join another Club to which he has been released on loan;
  - 70.3.2 Whenever, on expiry of the period of loan, a player re-joins the Club which released him on loan.
- 70.4 The conditions governing the loan of a professional player (duration of the loan, obligations to which the loan is subject to) shall be regulated by concluding a separate written contract, in reference to the player's current with the parent club following the Article 10 of FIFA RSTP.
- 70.5 If the services of a contracted Foreign Player are sought by a foreign Club, the local Club can negotiate a transfer fee as it is the holder of the Player's ITC.

## **71. Breaking of Contract**

Any player who wishes to break his contract shall not be allowed to do so unless any other club wishing to sign the player, the player so agreeing in writing of this intention, shall pay a transfer fee to the Club holding his contract. The transfer fee shall be negotiated between the two Clubs concerned. If these Clubs are unable to decide upon the amount, then it may be referred to the FFC.

## **72. Release of Player to National Team or Representative Teams for FFC/CPL**

- 72.1 During the players complying with a call-up from FFC/CPL at any time there are no relevant CPL matches, Clubs must release their player. CPL adjust the fixture schedule with the National Team which not cross with any appropriate CPL matches, clubs obliged to release the player of its representative Teams.
- 72.2 Any Club which has concluded a contract with a Player who is eligible to play for FFC/CPL of which the Club is a member shall be obliged to release him to FFC/CPL in which he is a National Team Player in the event that he is selected for one of its representative Teams, irrespective of his age.
- 72.3 The same provision applies to a Club of FFC/CPL for any of its Players who are Nationals of FFC/CPL, if and when they are summoned to play in a representative match.
- 72.4 This provision is binding for the following matches:
- 72.4.1 A total of five (5) international matches per calendar year. If during the course of the same calendar year and after five (5) matches have been played, FFC/CPL still has to play matches in the FIFA World Cup Preliminary Competition, then the compulsory release of the Player shall be extended to include such matches.

- 72.4.2 Additionally, any Match in the final competition of any FIFA Competition or the final Competition of Confederation Championships for senior National Teams ("A" teams) or the final Competition of other Competitions organized by the Confederations, provided these Competitions lead to qualification for a FIFA Competition;
- 72.4.3 Additionally, any other Tournament/Match in respect of which FIFA Executive Committee or FFC/CPL has taken a decision.
  
- 72.5 If the representative team of FFC/CPL is qualified ex officio for a final competition, the compulsory release, as prescribed in Rule 72.3 above, shall comprise eight (8) international matches per calendar year.
  
- 72.6 The period of release shall allow for training time. The extent of this time shall be laid down as follows:
  - 72.6.1 for a friendly international Match: minimum 48 hours;
  - 72.6.2 for a qualifying match for an international Competition: 4 days (including the day of the match). The period of release shall be prolonged to 5 days if the match in question is held on a different continent from that on which the club is domiciled.
  - 72.6.3 for the final competition of an international Competition: 14 days before the first match of the tournament. Any friendly matches played during this preparatory period do not count among the five international matches.
  
- 72.7 In any event, a Player is obliged to arrive at the match venue at least 48 hours before Kickoff.
  
- 72.8 The Clubs and FFC/CPL concerned may, if desired, agree to extend the period of release. Where such an agreement has been made at the time of transfer of the Player, a copy of it shall be attached to the international transfer certificate.
  
- 72.9 Any Player who has complied with the summons of FFC/CPL pursuant to this Rule shall resume duty with his Clubs no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the Match to which he was summoned. This period may be prolonged to forty-eight (48) hours if the Match took place on a different continent from that of the Club with which the Player is registered. The club shall be notified in writing of the player's expected outward and return journey ten (10) days before the match. The FFC/CPL shall ensure that the player returns to his club on time after the match.
  
- 72.10 If a player does not resume duty with his club by the deadlines stipulated in this Rule, the period of release for FFC/CPL shall be shortened for the subsequent summons as follows:
  - 72.10.1 for a friendly match: 24 hours;
  - 72.10.2 for a qualifying match: to 3 days; and
  - 72.10.3 for the final competition of an international competition: 10 days.

- 72.11 A Player shall not be permitted to remain with his National Team in the interval between two (2) matches for which he has been summoned if the interval is ten (10) days or more.
- 72.12 Any Club which releases a Player pursuant to Rule 70.3 above may not be entitled to financial compensation except as determined by the CPL/FFC.
- 72.13 FFC/CPL summoning the Player shall bear the costs for the travel or where relevant hotel expenses or any other direct expenses actually incurred by the Player as a result of this summons.
- 72.14 The Club with which the summoned Player is registered shall be responsible for his insurance cover against sickness and accident during the entire period of his release including insurance for injury sustained in the international Match (or matches) or Competitions/Tournaments for which he is released.
- 72.15 Any Player registered with a Club is obliged to respond affirmatively when called upon by FFC/CPL to play for the National Team or for one of its representative teams.
- 72.16 A Player who is unable to comply with a written summons from FFC/CPL owing to injury or illness shall, if CPL so requires, agree to undergo a medical examination by a Medical Practitioner of CPL's choice.
- 72.17 A Player who has been summoned by FFC for its National Team or for one of its representative teams shall, under no circumstance, be entitled to play for the Club with which he is registered during the period of which he has been released or should have been released, pursuant to Rule 70.5 above. This restriction on playing for the club shall, moreover, be prolonged by five (5) days (starting from the day of the match) in the event that the Player, for whatsoever reason, did not wish to or was unable to comply with the summons.
- 72.18 If a Club refuses to release a Player or neglects to do so despite the Rules above, any or both or any number of the following sanctions shall be applied:
- 72.18.1 a fine;
  - 72.18.2 a caution, censure or suspension of the Club involved.

### **73. Final Provisions**

- 73.1 Any matter not provided for under these Rules in this Section shall be settled by the CPL/FFC and shall not be subject to appeal.
- 73.2 The CPL/FFC reserves all rights to alter, revoke, add or vary these Rules from time to time at their absolute discretion

## **SECTION F: MEDICAL AND DOPING**

### **74. Pre-Competition Medical Screening**

- 74.1 Each Club shall ensure that each Player undergoes a pre-competition medical screening prior to their mandatory fitness test and registration.
- 74.2 Any player who has not undergone his medical screening and not certified cleared to play shall not be eligible for selection to play in the competition. The player, however, can be provisionally registered for the competition.
- 74.3 Dope and other tonics are banned and not allowed to be used in any circumstances.
- 74.4 AFC Anti-Doping Regulations will apply in this clause including the penalties.

### **75. Facilities and Personnel**

- 75.1 The hosting team of a match in the League shall be responsible in providing medical response team which consists of one (1) match doctor.
- 75.2 Two (2) ambulances shall be provided by the hosting team in a League match and one of which stationed ninety (90) minutes before the commencement of each Match and another one stationed sixty (60) minutes at the designated area near the Medical Room and the Field of Play.
- 75.3 Each ambulance must be equipped with advance life support equipment such as defibrillator, oxygen/mask, I/V drip sets and emergency medicaments and trained emergency medical personnel.
- 75.4 Communication channels with the ambulance(s) for emergency evacuation should be in place.
- 75.5 Security stewards must be available at all times to escort the ambulance(s) for smooth and quick transportation of patients to the referral hospital.
- 75.6 The area wherein the ambulance(s) are stationed shall be free from any obstruction. Media shall not be permitted within this area.
- 75.7 Each Stadium will have one (1) fully equipped medical room for medical care of the Team and Match Officials.
- 75.8 The first medical room will be located in the tunnel close to the Field of Play and team dressing rooms for emergency treatment of seriously injured Players.
- 75.9 Emergency medical care booth shall be arranged by host club for spectators attending the match.

75.10 Medical support at the Field of Play is recommended to be equipped with a transportable medical bag consisting of:

75.10.1 Diagnostic equipment

75.10.1.1 Stethoscope, Blood Pressure Monitor with cuff size 10 cm/66 cm, pupil lamp, reflex hammer, blood sugar gauge and/or blood sugar test sticks, digital thermometer, pulse oximeter; Circulation

75.10.1.2 Infusion equipment with administration sets and solution, portable defibrillator with rhythm and patient data recording (AED);

75.10.2 Breathing

Portable airway care system, aspirator, suction catheter, portable oxygen minimum of four hundred (400) Liters, resuscitator with masks and airway, mouth to mask ventilator with oxygen inlet, larynx mask, intubation equipment, tubes;

75.10.3 Emergency Surgical Equipment

Needle holder, forceps, scalpel, scalpel blades, Scissors (sharp and tape), nail clippers, syringes (2ml, 5ml, 10ml), needles, suture cutters, local anesthetics (lidocaine with and without adrenaline (epinephrine), STERIS trips (1/8, 1/4"), alcohol swabs, Sterile dressing pads, dressing strips, tube and dressing gauze and container for contaminated needle;

75.10.4 Medicaments

Oral analgesics/antipyretics, injectable analgesics (not in the list of prohibited substances). NSAIDs/COX2-inhibitors, injectable adrenalin (epinephrine) for anaphylaxis, Antibiotics, antacids, antihistamines, anti-asthmatic inhalators (beta- 2-agonist, corticosteroid), 50% glucose solution, sedatives, hypnotics, throat lozenges, cough mixture/antitussive medications, creams/ointment (anti-fungal, antibiotic, corticosteroid, anti-inflammatory), eye and ear antibiotic drops, tetanus toxoid and anti-diarrhea tablets/liquids;

75.10.5 Equipment

Splints, triangular sling bandage, tongue depressors, cotton tip applicators, rigid sports tape, elastic bandage, adhesive tape, adhesive foam, adhesive spray and coolant spray. Vacuum mattress or long spiral board complete with head immobilizer, cervical collar, cervical upper spinal immobilization devices and disposable gloves.



## **SECTION G: SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### **76. General Principles**

- 76.1 All matters relating to safety and security shall be undertaken in compliance with the directives from the CPL Competitions Department.
- 76.2 Each Host Club shall, in conjunction with the relevant authorities and/or Stadium owners, devise, plan, and implement adequate security and safety measures for the Competition at all Controlled Access Areas within the Venue and other relevant locations to protect all relevant persons, including without limitation the CPL personnel, Team Officials, Official Licensees, Sponsors, Partners, Media and spectators, and all goods brought in by the CPL, Team Officials, CPL Commercial Rights Partner, and official Licensees.
- 76.3 Each Host Club shall issue a detailed security plan in the form of an official document, submitted to the CPL Competitions Department for approval prior to the start of the Competition.

### **77. Covered Stadia**

- 77.1 No match in the Competition shall take place at any stadium where the playing area is covered or partially covered by a fixed or moveable roof without the prior written approval of the CPL Competitions Department.
- 77.2 Any Club proposing to cover or partially cover its stadium with a fixed or moveable roof shall be required to submit outline plans and a copy of the planning application to the CPL Competitions Department, prior to such planning application being submitted to the appropriate authority(s).

### **78. Stadium Access Control**

- 78.1 On match days, only persons in possession of a valid permit shall be granted entry to the stadium. Valid permits include:
  - 78.1.1 Match tickets
  - 78.1.2 Accreditations
- 78.2 If a person cannot produce a valid permit, he shall be refused entry into the stadium.
- 78.3 It is the responsibility of all stewards and the Host Club to ensure that only those persons with authority to be inside the stadium, including members of the public, officials and staff, are permitted into the stadium.
- 78.4 Where restricted access zones have been established (for example, players' areas, the field of play, the media, hospitality, etc.), stewards or other appropriate security staff shall be in place to enforce and control access in accordance with the established accreditation and stadium zoning plan.

- 78.5 The Host Club shall ensure that spectators do not misbehave or throw any projectiles such as water bottles onto the field or encroach into the field of play or the technical area before, during or just after a match.
- 78.6 The spectators are not allowed usage of prohibited items stipulated in the Match ticketing terms and conditions including but not limited to whistles, laser pointers, pyrotechnics and incendiary devices during the match.
- 78.7 Any Club found to be in breach of Rule 78.1 to Rule 78.6 herein shall be deemed to be guilty of gross misconduct and may be referred to the FFC Disciplinary Committee.

## **SECTION H: FAIR PLAY**

### **79. General Principles**

- 79.1 In its effort to promote Fair Play and sportsmanship, the Competition shall hold a Fair Play Competition for the Season, based on an assessment of the Teams'/Clubs' conduct.
- 79.2 The objectives of the Fair Play Competition are to foster sportsmanship and Fair Play among Players, Clubs/Team Officials, Members of the Club, and spectators, in keeping with the Mission Statement of the League, thereby also increasing the entertainment value of the game.
- 79.3 The CPL Competitions Department shall release the standings upon the completion of the competition whose decision shall be final.
- 79.4 The CPL Competitions Department shall award the Club winning the Fair Play Competition a trophy and/or a cash award or such prizes at their absolute discretion.

### **80. The Final Assessment**

- 80.1 The overall assessment of Team/Club during the league, or beyond, shall be calculated by adding the marks attained at each game divided by the number of matches played. The Club that has the highest average points shall be the winner of the Fair Play Trophy.
- 80.2 In the event of a tie in the overall assessment, there shall be a tie breaker. Tie breaker 1: Team with less direct red cards shall receive the award, Tie breaker 2: team with less indirect red cards shall receive the award if both tie breakers cannot determine, then both teams shall be awarded.
- 80.3 The CPL Competitions Department draws up these Rules and the decision on any other matters pertaining to this Award is final.
- 80.4 This Award is based on the Clubs' performance in the league, aforesaid, and or other such tournaments in the seasons following, and shall not include the performance in any other competition unless determined by the CPL Competitions Department.

## SECTION I: DISCIPLINARY

### 81. Disciplinary Measures

- 81.1 The following disciplinary measures may be imposed on natural and legal persons:
- a. warning;
  - b. reprimand;
  - c. fine;
  - d. return of awards;
  - e. withdrawal of a title.
- 81.2 All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the current FFC and CPL Rules and Regulations.
- 81.3 The FFC and CPL may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the Clubs in due course.
- 81.4 Only Players and Officials may serve match suspensions in the Competition. For avoidance of doubt, this requires the registration of the relevant individual within a Registration Window in accordance with the deadlines set out in these regulations.
- 81.5 All Players agree to:
- 81.5.1. respect the spirit of fair play, respect, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
  - 81.5.2. behave accordingly; and
  - 81.5.3. refrain from doping.

### 82. Administrative Procedure

- 82.1 A Complaint is an objection to any matter affecting the competition that is contrary to this regulation.
- 82.2 Unless otherwise stated below:
- 82.2.1 Complaint must be written to Match Commissioner of FFC within 2 hours after the match finished. Otherwise, the protest will be null.
  - 82.2.2 After that plaintiff must send related document with final complaint letter to CPL/FFC within 36 hours after the match finished including the deposit of One Hundred and Twenty-Five US Dollars (USD 125.00).
- 82.3 The complaint against the decision of the referee regarding the competition is not allowed.
- 82.4 The complaint for adjudication, the team must deposit One Hundred and Twenty-Five US Dollars (USD 125.00) and it must be paid when the complaint is lodged and is reimbursed only if the complaint is admitted in full.

- 82.5 The decision of the referee cannot be disputed.
- 82.6 CPL Competition Department collects all related documents and evidences and submits to FFC Disciplinary Committee and/or CPL Boards.
- 82.7 Power of the Head, Competitions, the Standing Committee and the CPL Boards of the CPL is to coordinate and provide the detail report to the Appeal committee.

### **83. Procedure and Appeals**

- 83.1 An appeal may be lodged before the Appeal Committee against any decision passed by the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, unless the disciplinary measures pronounced are:
  - a. a warning;
  - b. a reprimand;
  - c. a suspension of up to 2 (Two) matches or of up to 2 (Two) years (with the exception of doping-related decisions);
  - d. a fine of up to 500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand) Riels.
- 83.2 Only the motivated decision can be appealed against.
- 83.3 If the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee combine disciplinary measures, an appeal is admissible if at least one of the disciplinary measures imposed exceeds the above limits.  
In this case, the subsequent instance(s) will only be entitled to examine the sanctions that exceed the above limit.
- 83.4 Any party intending to lodge an appeal must inform the Appeal Committee of its intention to appeal in writing within 3 (Three) days of notification of the grounds of the decision.
- 83.5 Within 5 (Five) days of expiry of the time limit for the declaration of appeal, the appellant must file, in writing, the appeal brief. This must contain the appellant's requests, an account of the facts, evidence, a list of the proposed witnesses (with a brief summary of their expected testimony) and the appellant's conclusions. The appellant is not authorized to produce further written submissions or evidence after the deadline for filing the appeal brief.
- 83.6 Effects of the Appeal
  - 83.6.1 The appeal does not have a suspensive effect except with regard to orders to pay a sum of money.
  - 83.6.2 The chairperson, the deputy chairperson or, in his absence, the longest-serving member available, may, on receipt of a reasoned request, award a stay of execution.
- 83.7 Appeals to the CAS: Decisions taken by the FFC Appeal Committee are final, subject to appeals lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Statutes of the FFC.
- 83.8 In case that appeal is required, the dispute shall be settled by FFC Appeal Committee.

## 84. Competition Specific Sanctions / Penalties

- 84.1 A Player who is expelled for any of the sending-off offences stated under Law 12 in The Laws of The Game shall be suspended for the following one (1) match. However, under the sesame laws, in the case where he is being sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, he shall only serve a one (1) match suspension. The Player may also be referred to the FFC Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 84.2 A Team Official who has been sent off by the referee under Law 12 in The Laws of the Game shall be suspended from the touchline for the following one (1) match. The Team Official may also be referred to the FFC Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 84.3 Subject to the provisions of 84.1 above, a player who has accumulated one (1) red card in the course of the competition shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in the said competition. If the Player receives a further one (1) red card cautions in the course of the same competition, he shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in that competition and shall be fine One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or referred to the FFC Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him (follow to Rule 68.3).
- 84.4 A player who has received (2) yellow cards caution in one match will automatically be suspended one (1) following match.
- 84.5 A Player who has received three (3) yellow cards cautions in the course of the competition shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in the said competition. In case player who received the 10<sup>th</sup> yellow card, the fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be charged from the 10<sup>th</sup> yellow card onward in the said competition (follow to Rule 68.3).
- 84.6 A Team Official who has accumulated one (1) red card in the course of the competition shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in the said competition. If a Team Official receives a further one (1) red card cautions in the course of the same competition, he shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in that competition and shall be fine One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or referred to the FFC Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him (follow to Rule 68.3).
- 84.7 A Team Official who has received three (3) yellow cards caution in the course of the competition shall automatically be suspended for the following one (1) match in the said competition. In case team official who received the 10<sup>th</sup> yellow card, the fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be charged from the 10<sup>th</sup> yellow card onward in the said competition (follow to Rule 68.3).



- 84.8 The amount of fine above, the CPL will deduct from the subsidy amount of each club at the end of the season.
- 84.9 For avoidance of doubt, a Player who is expelled for any of the sending-off offences stated under Law 12 in The Laws of The Game during the Community Shield shall be suspend for the following two (2) League matches. However, under the sesame laws, in the case where he is being sent off for receiving a second caution in the same match, he shall only serve a one (1) match suspension in the League. The Player may also be referred to the FFC Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 84.10 Pursuant to Rule 84.2, for avoidance of doubt, a Team Official who is expelled for any of the sending-off offences stated under Law 12 in The Laws of The Game during the Super Cup shall be suspended for the following one (1) League matches. The Team Official may also be referred to the FFC Disciplinary Committee, who may after due inquiry impose sanctions and/or penalties over and above the mandatory sanctions and/or penalties on him.
- 84.11 When disciplinary action is taken against any player by way of a composition fine or referred to the FFC Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions, the yellow/red cards accumulated by the said player shall not be considered for further sanctions.
- 84.12 The Club and Player shall be responsible for monitoring the record on the yellow and red cards accumulated by their respective players in the respective tournaments.
- 84.13 Notwithstanding Rule 84.1 and 84.2, the Head, Competitions or any of the Standing Committees of the FFC (including the Committee) or the Arbitrator of the Board of Arbitrators or the Appeals Committee may refer to the Committee (and the Committee itself may consider) any misconduct by any Player or Team Official, and the Committee may after due inquiry, impose any further sanctions and penalties over and above the mandatory penalties. When disciplinary action is taken against any player or Team Official by way of a composition fine or referred to the FFC Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions, the yellow/red cards accumulated by the said player shall not be considered for further sanctions.
- 84.14 When a player has to appear before or sanctioned by the FFC Disciplinary Committee for any reason whatsoever, the said player may be given an option whether the player is required to attend the Disciplinary Inquiry personally or submit his plea with his mitigation if he is not challenging the charge/s against him where he need not have to appear before the Committee. The Committee, in this case, shall have the absolute power to impose sanction in the player's absentia. The team/player shall be informed of the outcome accordingly. When a player has to appear before the Committee, he must be accompanied by a Club representative where the player is registered.
- 84.15 All sanctions and/or penalties shall commence with immediate effect except in cases where the CPL and the FFC Disciplinary Committee may otherwise decide pursuant to Rule 84.16 below, and all fines including composition fines imposed shall be paid in full within seven

(7) days from the date the penalty/sentence is imposed before the said Player can participate in any match of a competition in which the offence was committed. A fine, including composition fines imposed on a Player/Team Official shall be paid in full within seven (7) days from the date the penalty/sentence is imposed. For the purpose of these Rules, all tournaments organized by the CPL shall fall under the Rules.

- 84.16 All sanctions and/or penalties under this Rule must be served out or complied with in full during the competition in which the offence or offences were committed by the Player. If the sanctions and/or penalties cannot be fully served or complied with in full, it shall be deferred only to the following season of the same competition where the said Player is registered and eligible to play.
- 84.17 Player or team official who received the red card will be automatically suspended in the next match. In case the FFC Disciplinary Committee decides to punish more, the suspension will extend to the next match of the upcoming competition's season where the current Cambodian Premier League competition has ended.
- 84.18 Any disciplinary measures imposed by the Referee on the field of play are final with exceptions being made for possible modifications arising from corrections made to the Referee's Report or if obvious proven mistakes have been made.
- 84.19 If the referee sanctions (either caution or expulsion) at least five (5) members of the same team during a match, the team is deemed to have failed to conduct itself properly (i.e., Team Misconduct) and the Club shall be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per person.

## **85. Compounding Offence**

Without prejudice to the Rules herein-before, the CPL Competition Department is empowered to compound any offence, misconduct or breach of these Rules of these Sections committed by a Player, Team Official or Club to a maximum limit of Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) and/or a suspension of up to a maximum of one (1) match and/or awarding a win by default, in which case a score of three (3)-nil (0) shall be given, unless the goal difference attained in the match is greater in favor of the non-infringing Club.

## **86. Disputes Involving League Clubs**

Any dispute, question or difference or matter affecting Clubs, Officials or Players or Members shall be referred to the CPL and FFC Disciplinary Committee who has powers to adjudicate, determine or resolve it himself or refer the same as per the provisions of these Rules.

## **87. Prohibition to Recourse to Ordinary Court**

Pursuant to Article 59 of the FIFA Statutes adopted at the Extraordinary Congress in Zurich on 26 February 2016 and which came into force immediately after adoption, clubs and members are prohibited from taking a dispute to ordinary courts of law, and are required to submit any disagreement to the jurisdiction of the CPL, FFC, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) or FIFA.

## **SECTION J: ADMINISTRATION**

### **88. Prize Money**

- 88.1 The CPL shall pay the following prize money:
  - 88.1.1 Champion: \$52,000;
  - 88.1.2 Runner-Up: \$20,000;
- 88.2 The subsidy amount provide to each CPL’s participation club is Fifteen Thousand US Dollars (15,000 USD).
- 88.3 Each club will get the Stadium Enhancement Fund (SEF) amount Five Thousand US Dollars (5,000 USD), following Stadium Enhancement Fund (SEF) criteria of CPL. If only CPL approved that the Stadium Enhancement funds will be provided.

### **89. Awards**

- 89.1 The following awards shall be presented and CPL will provide the trophies:
  - 89.1.1. Best Player
  - 89.1.2. Best Coach
  - 89.1.3. Best 11 Players
  - 89.1.4. Top Scorer
  - 89.1.5. Best Goalkeeper
  - 89.1.6. Fair Play Team
  - 89.1.7. Best Young Player
  - 89.1.8. Best Pitch
  - 89.1.9. Most Attended Stadium
  - 89.1.10. Best Hosting Team
  - 89.1.11. Most Clean Sheet
  - 89.1.12. Top Assist
  - 89.1.13. Top Cambodian Goal Scorer

89.2 The CPL reserves the right to revise/introduce further awards.

### **90. Man of the Match Awards**

All Man of the Match awards shall be decided by the FFC Match Commissioner.

### **91. Monthly Awards**

- 91.1 The monthly awards shall consist of the following;
  - 91.1.1 Player of the Month
- 91.2 This award shall be nominated and decided by the CPL Competitions Department.

### **92. Medals**

- 92.1 The CPL shall award the following medals:
  - 92.1.1 Fifty (50) medals to the Champion;
  - 92.1.2 Fifty (50) medals to the Runner-Up;
  - 92.1.3 Six (6) medals to the Best Referee team with the prize money of Two Thousand and Five Hundred US Dollar (2,500 USD).
- 92.2 Additional medals may be produced upon request and at the cost of the requesting Club.

### 93. Prize Presentation Ceremony

A prize presentation ceremony for the League Champion, managed, controlled and coordinated by the CPL shall be held immediately after the final Match of the Competition, or otherwise decided by the CPL Competitions Department, to present the trophies and medals.

### 94. Match Ceremony and Protocol

94.1 Any ceremony shall not affect any pre-Match operations. Including without limitation Teams' warm-up and the pre-Match ceremony.

94.2 The Host Club shall submit a comprehensive event plan outlining the number of workers, a flow plan, the run-down and other related information at least 72-hours before kick-off time for CPL's review and approval.

### 95. Minute's Silence

95.1 CPL shall have right to conduct Minute's Silence in the any match for individual/event that have significant related to the football community or major tragedies as below:

95.1.1 Individuals/events to the consideration and approval of the football government body (such as FIFA, AFC, FFC, CPL) based on the importance of the individual or event.

95.1.2 Individuals directly involved in football such as:

- Recently deceased players or coaches with a significant history with the FFC/CPL competition.
- Key club or federation officials (club president, board members or official with long-standing and importance roles).
- Influential figure in society who known to be "the big contribution action in football"
- Famous people of Country (Monarch, National Leader, Major head of state)

95.1.3 Tragic events such as:

- terrorist attacks, major natural disasters
- the death of a large group of fans in an incident

95.2 For avoidance of doubt, the Minute's Silence shall conduct to honor the loss of life, rather than a political matter.

### 96. Mourning Moment Protocol

96.1 The participant clubs tend to propose the mourning Moment before kick-off; the club must submit the official letter to CPL. CPL shall allow by case of accidental or traumatic death of the club's official and player.

96.1.1 CPL will not allow suicide or death related to criminal cases.

**97. Special Instructions**

The CPL shall issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the organization of matches.

**98. Decisions**

All decisions made in accordance with these Regulations, except where expressly identified otherwise, are final and binding.

**99. Amendments**

The CPL reserves the right to make amendments to any part of these Regulations for any reason whatsoever. Such amendments shall be duly communicated in due course.

**100. Force Majeure**

The CPL Competition Department is the only body capable of declaring a Force Majeure event.

**101. Matters Not Provided For**

Matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the CPL Competitions Department. Such decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal.

**102. Closing Provisions**

The CPL is entrusted with the operational management of the Competition and is therefore entitled to make decisions and adopt the detailed provisions necessary for implementing these Regulations.

General Manager



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