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DEFINITIONS

In these Stadium Regulations, capitalised terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context specifically indicates otherwise:

Control Room	A room reserved for the staff and officials with overall responsibility for all match-related safety and security matters, namely the police commander for the match, the Host Organisation Safety and Security Officer, the stadium security officer and their staff.
FIFA Quality Programme	FIFA's programme aiming to endorse products that meet strict quality requirements to improve the game and to protect the players, clubs, and associations.
Laws of the Game	Means, in respect of futsal, the Futsal Laws of the Game issued by FIFA and, in respect of beach soccer, the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game issued by FIFA.
Pitch	Means the area described in Law 1 of the Laws of the Game.
Regulations	These AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Stadium Regulations.
STA	The Stadium Technical Annex, a technical document detailing the requirements of the Stadiums and Official Training Sites selected for use in a Competition.
Stadium	Means, in respect of futsal, any "Indoor Stadium" (as such term is defined in the relevant Competition regulations) and, in respect of beach soccer, any "Arena" (as such term is defined in the relevant Competition regulations).

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

- (a) the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa;
- (b) the feminine gender shall include the masculine and vice-versa;
- (c) references to natural persons shall include any legal person or corporation;
- (d) references to the AFC shall include its successors and permitted assigns, and where the context requires, the AFC Committees;
- (e) references to the AFC Commercial Rights Partner or Commercial Affiliates shall include, where advised by the AFC, their successors and permitted assigns; and
- (f) all defined terms, unless otherwise stated herein, shall bear the same meaning as ascribed in the AFC Statutes and the AFC Competition Operations Manual, unless the context indicates otherwise.

SECTION 1 | GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Scope of Regulations

- 1.1. These Regulations shall apply to all futsal and beach soccer Competitions organised by the AFC, unless expressly stated otherwise.
- 1.2. These Regulations set out the minimum requirements to be fulfilled in order for a Stadium to host Matches in an AFC futsal or beach soccer Competition.
- 1.3. The relevant Competition regulations, AFC Competition Operations Manual, STA and/or other bidding documents may define further and/or stricter requirements than those set out in these Regulations. To the extent that the Competition regulations, AFC Competition Operations Manual, STA and/or other bidding documents are inconsistent with any aspect of these Regulations, in descending order the Competition regulations, STA and/or other bidding documents, and AFC Competition Operations Manual shall take precedence. The relevant terms of these Regulations shall be deemed amended accordingly.
- 1.4. These Regulations do not affect any legal obligations arising from any applicable national legislation.

2. Responsibilities

- 2.1. Host Organisations shall, at their own cost, be solely responsible for:
 - 2.1.1. complying with the requirements set out in these Regulations and all other relevant AFC regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars, and all applicable laws;
 - 2.1.2. ensuring that each Stadium is certified with a safety certificate from an appropriate body in compliance with the requirements set out in the AFC Safety and Security Regulations. The certificate issued by the appropriate body shall be valid for a maximum of two (2) years and shall be valid on the Match day;
 - 2.1.3. payment of all taxes, fees, duties and any other costs payable in relation to the implementation of and compliance with these Regulations, except where expressly identified otherwise in these Regulations or any other relevant AFC regulations; and
 - 2.1.4. indemnifying, defending, and holding the AFC and all of its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and all other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines, and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to, any breach of these Regulations or non-compliance with these Regulations by the Host Organisation, their affiliates and any third-parties contracted to them.

- 2.2. The AFC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to decide on the Stadiums to be used for a Competition on the basis of the assurances and confirmation provided by the Host Organisation(s) and any other information gathered by the AFC. Such decisions are final and binding and not appealable. The AFC may inspect Stadiums at any time before and during the Competition in which they are used to check whether the requirements are met.

3. Use of Stadium

- 3.1. The relevant Competition regulations or AFC instructions provide the time periods whereby a Stadium:
 - 3.1.1. shall not be used for any other matches, events and/or activities;
 - 3.1.2. shall be delivered to the AFC for its exclusive use; and
 - 3.1.3. shall be delivered to the AFC as a Clean Stadium.
- 3.2. All Stadiums shall be equipped with basic infrastructural requirements, including power supply, hot and cold water, heating and cooling systems with air-conditioning and internet connection, which shall be sufficient for use and accessible by the AFC and all related stakeholders in connection with the Match.

4. Location

- 4.1. A Stadium shall be located in a Venue which has an international airport within a radius of 200km (two hundred kilometres) and a journey time of no more than one hundred fifty (150) minutes between the Stadium and the international airport.
- 4.2. Alternatively, the Stadium must be located in a well-connected Venue which has an airport with at least four (4) connecting flights daily from the nearest international airport.

SECTION 2 | AREAS RELATING TO THE PITCH

5. Pitch

5.1. The Pitch shall be provided in accordance with the terms and requirements of the Laws of the Game.

5.2. All Matches shall be played on:

Futsal

5.2.1. a flat and smooth surface, comprising non-abrasive surfaces, preferably made of wood or artificial material. Dangerous surfaces for Participating Players, Participating Officials and Match Officials are not permitted. It is recommended that the futsal floor be produced and installed by a company officially licenced under the FIFA Quality Programme for Futsal Surfaces.

Beach Soccer

5.2.2. a surface composed of sand, which is level and free of pebbles, shells and any other objects which could injure the Participating Players, Participating Officials and Match Officials. The sand must be fine and at least 40cm (forty centimetres) deep. It must be sifted until suitable for play and must not be rough or contain pebbles or any other dangerous elements. However, it must not be so fine as to cause dust that sticks to the skin.

5.3. The minimum distance between the boundary lines of the Pitch (touchlines and goal lines) and the edge of the spectator seating area (e.g. barriers separating the spectators) shall be:

Futsal

5.3.1. 7.5m (seven point five metres) from the touchlines and 5m (five metres) from the goal lines.

Beach Soccer

5.3.2. 4m (four metres) from the touchlines and goal lines.

5.4. The minimum distance between the boundary lines of the Pitch (touchlines and goal lines) and the advertising boards shall be 2m (two metres).

5.5. The minimum height of ceilings of any indoor Pitch shall be 4m (four metres).

6. Warm-up Area

6.1. A warm-up area for substitutes shall be made available in accordance with the AFC Competition Operations Manual.

7. Goalposts, Crossbars and Spare Goals

7.1. Goalposts and crossbars shall be provided in accordance with the terms and requirements of the Laws of the Game, in particular:

Futsal

- 7.1.1. distance between the inside of the posts shall be 3m (three metres);
- 7.1.2. distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground shall be 2m (two metres);
- 7.1.3. goalposts and crossbars shall be of a different colour to the pitch and have the same width and depth as the goal lines, which shall be 8cm (eight centimetres);
- 7.1.4. goalposts and crossbars must be made of an adequate material. They must be square (with rounded edges to guarantee the safety of Participating Players) or round in shape;
- 7.1.5. goalposts and crossbars shall not pose any danger to Participating Players; and
- 7.1.6. goalposts must have a stabilising system that prevents them from overturning. They must not be fixed to the ground, but must have an adequate weight at the back so as to allow the goalposts to move reasonably without endangering the safety of the participants.

Beach Soccer

- 7.1.7. distance between the inside of the posts shall be 5.5m (five point five metres);
 - 7.1.8. distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground shall be 2.2m (two point two metres);
 - 7.1.9. goalposts and crossbars shall be of only one (1) colour (preferably fluorescent yellow) and have the same diameter of 10cm (ten centimetres);
 - 7.1.10. goalposts and crossbars must be made of wood, metal or other approved material. They must be round or elliptical in shape;
 - 7.1.11. goalposts and crossbars shall not pose any danger to Participating Players; and
 - 7.1.12. goalposts must have a ledge at the bottom that is anchored beneath the sand. Two horizontal bars measuring 1.5m (one point five metres) attached to the back of each post shall be joined by a bar or chain at the back covered with plastic, with hooks and knots at each end, and placed on the surface of the sand. This bar (or chain) shall also be anchored in the sand.
- 7.2. Spare goals (consisting of goalposts and crossbars), which can be easily installed shall be made available within the Stadium.

8. Floodlights

Futsal

- 8.1. Stadiums shall be equipped with floodlights integrated with an illumination system that is capable of maintaining the minimum illuminance levels in accordance with the relevant STA and/or other bidding document.

- 8.2. Such illumination system must have a main and backup power supply, which shall be independent of each other to ensure Matches can proceed in the event of a power failure.
- 8.3. The AFC may request the Host Organisation to submit a lighting certificate. The AFC may appoint an independent Stadium lighting consultant to check the Stadium illumination system. Host Organisations shall cooperate fully with such inspections.
 - 8.3.1. The lighting certificate shall be issued for a maximum of one (1) year and be valid on the date of a Match.

9. Clocks, Display Boards and Giant Screens

- 9.1. Stadiums shall have a clock which shows the playing time during the Match.
- 9.2. Stadiums shall have a scoreboard which shows the score of the Match at all times.
- 9.3. Stadiums must have a giant screen integrated with a display system that provides optimal viewing for all spectators which shall be placed in an area which provides no risk to the spectators or disturbance to play.
- 9.4. The aspect ratio of 16:9 for the video area of the screen is recommended, which may be extended if scoring and substitution details are also to be inserted around the main video content.
- 9.5. The giant screen is part of the public address system (cf. Article 40) and shall be used to deliver messages or public announcements in the case of an emergency.

10. Team Benches and Timekeeper's Table

- 10.1. Stadiums shall be equipped with two benches at Pitch level for both teams, each with seating room for:
 - Futsal
 - 10.1.1. at least fifteen (15) persons, or in accordance with the Team Official Delegation number stipulated in the relevant Competition regulations.
 - Beach Soccer
 - 10.1.2. at least eight (8) persons, or in accordance with the Team Official Delegation number stipulated in the relevant Competition regulations, with enough space for fridges and/or coolers for beverages.
- 10.2. Stadiums shall be equipped with tables at Pitch level for the Timekeeper and other relevant officials with seating room and table(s) for at least three (3) persons. Necessary equipment to conduct the Match (e.g. timing devices) as instructed by the AFC, shall also be provided by the Host Organisation.

10.3. These benches shall be positioned at least:

Futsal

10.3.1. 1.5m (one point five metres) from the touchline.

Beach Soccer

10.3.2. 1m (one metre) from the touchline.

11. Flagpoles

11.1. Stadiums shall be equipped with flagpoles within the precinct of the Stadium. The Stadium shall be equipped with facilities to hang flags as instructed by the AFC.

SECTION 3 | FACILITIES FOR THE TEAM OFFICIAL DELEGATION AND AFC DELEGATION

12. Team Dressing Rooms

- 12.1. Stadiums shall have a minimum of four (4) team dressing rooms.
- 12.2. Each team dressing room shall be equipped with a minimum of:
 - 12.2.1. four (4) showers and four (4) individual seated toilets;
 - 12.2.2. seating for at least twenty-five (25) persons with clothes-hanging facilities or lockers;
 - 12.2.3. one (1) massage table;
 - 12.2.4. one (1) tactical board with marker pens and a board eraser; and
 - 12.2.5. one (1) refrigerator.
- 12.3. Each team dressing room shall be adequately air-conditioned or heated, depending on the weather conditions.
- 12.4. Stadiums shall guarantee a direct, private and protected area which can be accessed by team buses, cars and ambulances, from which the Team Official Delegation can enter or leave the Stadium safely, away from the public, the Media and any unauthorised persons.
- 12.5. Access routes designated solely for teams may be shared by the Match Officials.

13. Referee Dressing Room

- 13.1. Stadiums shall have a minimum of one (1) referee dressing room which shall be equipped with a minimum of:
 - 13.1.1. two (2) showers and one (1) individual seated toilet;
 - 13.1.2. seating for at least five (5) persons;
 - 13.1.3. one (1) table; and
 - 13.1.4. one (1) refrigerator.
- 13.2. Each referee dressing room shall be adequately air-conditioned or heated, depending on the weather conditions.
- 13.3. Stadiums shall guarantee direct, private and protected access from the referee drop-off area to the referee dressing room and from the referee dressing room to the Pitch.

- 13.4. Stadiums shall have designated pathways specifically for Match Officials' movements around the Stadium to ensure that their safety upon arrival and until their departure is always protected.

14. Office Space and Meeting Rooms

- 14.1. Stadiums shall be equipped with a minimum of:
- 14.1.1. one (1) room designated as the AFC Secretariat, with seating room for at least ten (10) persons (i.e. two [2] tables that can accommodate ten [10] chairs);
 - 14.1.2. one (1) room for the AFC Commercial Rights Partner (as applicable), close to the AFC Secretariat, with seating room for at least six (6) persons (i.e. one [1] table that can accommodate six [6] chairs) and equipped with wired and wireless broadband internet connection for a minimum of ten (10) users in accordance with the technical requirements set out in Article 14.2.1;
 - 14.1.3. one (1) room for the ball kids and flag bearers with nearby toilet facilities which accommodates at least twenty (20) persons.
- 14.2. The AFC Secretariat shall be equipped with a minimum of:
- 14.2.1. wired and wireless broadband internet connection which shall be dedicated with a minimum symmetrical bandwidth of 10Mbps (ten megabits per second), dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP), and all ports open so virtual private networks can be used;
 - 14.2.1.1. the wireless access point provided to the AFC shall support a minimum of fifty (50) users.
 - 14.2.2. one (1) desktop or laptop computer that is connected to the internet and to a printer. The operating language of the computer and for its software shall be in English;
 - 14.2.3. one (1) printer as well as all relevant consumables (including without limitation paper, toner and cartridges); and
 - 14.2.4. one (1) enterprise-grade photocopy machine with sorting functions as well as all relevant consumables (including without limitation paper, toner and cartridges) or one (1) enterprise-grade multi-function printer (MFP-colour).
 - 14.2.5. The AFC may alter the specifications and requirements mentioned in Article 14.2.
- 14.3. The AFC Secretariat shall have easy access and be located near to the team dressing rooms and to the Pitch.

- 14.4. All rooms shall be adequately air-conditioned or heated depending on the weather conditions.
- 14.5. All rooms shall be in an area protected from the public and Media.
- 14.6. The AFC reserves the right to amend the requirements of the AFC Secretariat at its discretion.

15. Storage Facilities

- 15.1. Stadiums shall have a minimum of one (1) storage room with an area of 10m² (ten square metres) that can be secured with close access to the Pitch.
- 15.2. All storage rooms shall be in an area protected from the public and Media.

16. AFC Delegation Seating Area

- 16.1. Stadiums shall have a covered seating area with a minimum of three (3) seats, dedicated for the AFC Match Commissioner, AFC Referee Assessor and a member of the AFC technical study group (TSG) in an area protected from the public, VVIP/ VIP and Media.
 - 16.1.1. This dedicated seating area shall be equipped with television monitor(s) to receive the live feed of the Match as instructed by the AFC.
- 16.2. The AFC Delegation seating area shall be located centrally, as close to the halfway line as possible, and with easy access to the Pitch, the team dressing rooms and referee dressing room.
- 16.3. The AFC Delegation seating area shall be equipped with:
 - 16.3.1. tables and chairs;
 - 16.3.2. power sockets; and
 - 16.3.3. wireless broadband internet connection.
- 16.4. The AFC may amend these requirements in the event it appoints additional officials and/or individuals.

17. Parking Area for Team Official Delegation and AFC Delegation

- 17.1. Stadiums shall be equipped with parking spaces for a minimum of:
 - 17.1.1. two (2) buses for the teams; and
 - 17.1.2. ten (10) cars for the teams and AFC Delegation.
- 17.2. Designated parking spaces shall be provided free of charge for the use of the AFC, the AFC Commercial Rights Partner and Commercial Affiliates.

- 17.3. The parking spaces shall be safe and secure and allow easy access to the relevant operational areas.
- 17.4. To gain access to these parking spaces, the AFC will normally provide a car parking pass design to be displayed clearly on the windscreen. Should a Host Organisation prefer to utilise an existing parking pass system, it shall be clear of any third-party branding and an example of the parking pass shall be sent to the AFC for approval one (1) month prior to the relevant Match.

SECTION 4 | FACILITIES FOR THE BROADCAST PARTNERS AND MEDIA

18. Media Centre

- 18.1. Stadiums shall have a media centre which is located on the same side as the media tribune, press conference room, and mixed zone. The capacity of the media centre shall be specified by the AFC. It shall be adequately air-conditioned or heated, depending on the weather conditions, and equipped with the following unless otherwise instructed by the AFC:
 - 18.1.1. tables, chairs, power sockets and internet connection;
 - 18.1.2. enterprise-grade office multi-function printer (MFP-colour) with all relevant consumables;
 - 18.1.3. pigeonholes and a secured storage room for Media representatives; and
 - 18.1.4. information services, catering and transport office, if required by the AFC.
- 18.2. A separate office or dedicated area within the media centre may be required for professional photography servicing.
- 18.3. There shall be a secure and exclusive access route for the Media from the media centre to the press conference room, media tribune and mixed zone.

19. Media Tribune

- 19.1. Stadiums shall have a media tribune which is preferably located in a central position and on the same side as the media centre, press conference room and mixed zone. The capacity of the media tribune shall be specified by the AFC. It shall be equipped with the following unless otherwise instructed by the AFC:
 - 19.1.1. seats with and without desks. Seats with desks shall be equipped with power supply, wired and wireless internet connection. The desks shall be big enough to accommodate a laptop computer and notepad.
- 19.2. There shall be a secure and exclusive access route for the Media from the media tribune to the media centre, press conference room and mixed zone.

20. Press Conference Room

- 20.1. Stadiums shall have one (1) press conference room. The capacity of the press conference room shall be specified by the AFC. It shall be adequately air-conditioned or heated, depending on the weather conditions, and equipped with the following unless otherwise instructed by the AFC:
 - 20.1.1. desks and chairs arranged in classroom style;

- 20.1.2. a podium at the front, together with tables and chairs, large enough to accommodate at least six (6) persons and a backdrop;
 - 20.1.3. a stable camera platform at the rear;
 - 20.1.4. a multi-output audio split box at the camera platform to distribute public address (PA) audio to ENG cameramen;
 - 20.1.5. a sound system (which includes microphones, an audio mixer, loudspeakers and, in the case of simultaneous interpretation, booths and headsets); and
 - 20.1.6. sufficient lighting at the podium for broadcast coverage.
- 20.2. There shall be a secure and exclusive access route for the Media from the press conference room to the media centre, media tribune and mixed zone.

21. Mixed Zones

- 21.1. Stadiums shall allocate a well-lit area to be used as the mixed zone which shall be located in an area along the pathway to/from the team dressing rooms and the team drop-off area.
- 21.2. The mixed zone shall be secured and accessible only to the Team Official Delegation, Host Broadcaster, Broadcast Partners and Media.
- 21.3. The dimensions of the mixed zone shall be specified by the AFC and divided into two (2) areas:
 - 21.3.1. broadcast (Host Broadcaster and Broadcast Partners); and
 - 21.3.2. press (print journalists, radio reporters and non-rights holders).
- 21.4. A single mixed zone shall be used for both Participating Teams rather than separate mixed zones for home and away teams and shall be sufficiently lit to facilitate broadcast coverage.
- 21.5. There shall be a secure and exclusive access route for the Media from the mixed zone to the media centre, media tribune, and press conference room.

22. Photographers' Working Area

- 22.1. Host Organisations shall provide seating for photographers at pitch-side positions which are equipped with chairs, wired and wireless internet connections.
- 22.2. In principle, photographers shall work behind the advertising boards behind the goals. If space and safety considerations permit, the AFC may grant special dispensation for photographers to work behind the advertising boards along the touchline opposite the team benches.

23. Internet Connectivity

- 23.1. Host Organisations shall provide sufficient internet coverage for the number of Media representatives present, in accordance with the minimum levels as follows:
 - 23.1.1. minimum 10Mbps (ten megabits per second) can be shared between the Media working area and Media seating;
 - 23.1.2. photographers need greater bandwidth than representatives of the written press because of higher upload usage at Matches, the upload-download ratio shall also be symmetrical; and
 - 23.1.3. any wireless networks shall be password-protected.
- 23.2. All internet connections shall be provided free of charge.

24. Broadcast Compound

- 24.1. Host Organisations shall provide sufficient space located within the Stadium perimeter for setting up of the broadcast compound (including sufficient space for an outside broadcasting [OB] van area and satellite uplink facilities) with easy access for large vehicles. The dimensions of the broadcast compound shall be specified by the AFC.
- 24.2. The broadcast compound shall be secured by a perimeter fence, well-lit and manned by security personnel at all times.
- 24.3. The Host Organisation shall designate a clear cable route between the broadcast compound and all broadcast operational areas inside and outside the Stadium.
- 24.4. All cable routes inside and outside the Stadium must be equipped with cable trays, hooks, bridges and trenches where necessary.
- 24.5. The Host Organisation shall install telecommunication cabling between the broadcast compound and Stadium main distribution frame (MDF) room to facilitate the activation of additional dedicated telecommunication services in the broadcast compound.
- 24.6. The broadcast compound shall have a specified number of office cabins of various sizes as instructed by the AFC.

25. Broadcast Power

- 25.1. Stadiums shall be equipped with a local grid power source which shall be accessible to the Host Broadcaster and Broadcast Partners. The Host Broadcaster and Broadcast Partners will be responsible for the installation of additional temporary power solutions for their activities and/or operations and its related costs, if and when required.

26. Camera Positions

- 26.1. Host Organisations shall provide space for camera footprints, as well as the installation of camera platforms, as instructed by the AFC. If necessary, this may require the removal of seats, even if this reduces Ticket sales. All camera positions and activities are subject to the written approval of the AFC.
- 26.2. All camera positions shall have an unobstructed view of the entire Pitch and its immediate vicinity with seats blocked where necessary.
- 26.3. All camera platforms must be stable, secure and surrounded by guard rails for safety purposes.
- 26.4. In an effort to enhance the broadcast production, the Host Broadcaster may require additional camera positions and/or modify the camera position(s). Subject to the availability of space and safety and security considerations, such camera positions may be approved by the AFC on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the Host Organisation.

27. Commentary Positions

- 27.1. A Stadium shall provide a specific number of enclosed and non-enclosed commentary positions which shall be located on the same side as the main camera position and have unobstructed views of the entire Pitch.
- 27.2. Enclosed commentary positions shall be adequately air-conditioned or heated, depending on the weather conditions.
- 27.3. Non-enclosed commentary positions, which ideally are part of the media tribune, shall have sufficient space to accommodate three (3) commentators per position. The number of non-enclosed commentary positions shall be advised by the AFC.
- 27.4. Each enclosed and non-enclosed commentary position shall be equipped with power sockets, telecommunication sockets for telephone, internet and integrated service digital network (ISDN). Telecommunication sockets shall be cabled to the Stadium main distribution frame (MDF) room to facilitate activation of telecommunication services at the commentary positions.

28. Presentation Studios

- 28.1. Host Organisations shall provide enclosed space for use as presentation studios with a view of the Pitch.
- 28.2. The presentation studio shall be adequately air-conditioned or heated, depending on the weather conditions.
- 28.3. In the event a suitable facility does not exist within the Stadium, the Host Organisation shall provide an allocated space for a studio to be constructed, which may entail the removal or non-scale of seats.

- 28.3.1. Any seats lost and all safety-related approval and security measures are the responsibility of the Host Organisation.

29. Cabling

- 29.1. Host Organisations shall provide the necessary cabling infrastructure (e.g. cable routes, cable bridges, trenches) to enable the Host Broadcaster and Broadcast Partners to install all broadcaster cables safely and securely.
- 29.1.1. Access to any existing pre-cabled systems in the Stadium shall be free of charge where requested.
- 29.2. Cables shall not cause any obstruction or be a safety hazard to the Team Official Delegation or the public. Necessary measures shall be taken to ensure that cables are as unobtrusive as possible within the Stadium and the area surrounding the Pitch including through the provision of cable bridges, cable covers, cable hooks, Stadium dressing and other means.

30. Observer Seats

- 30.1. Upon request, Host Organisations shall provide observer seats for Broadcast Partners with pre-and post-Match roles in addition to the seating requirements in the media tribune. The number of observer seats required shall be specified by the AFC.

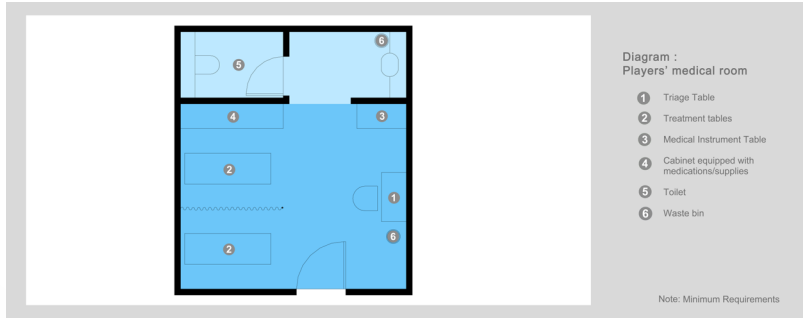
31. Parking Area for Host Broadcasters, Broadcast Partners and the Media

- 31.1. A Stadium shall contain sufficient parking areas for use by the AFC, the Host Broadcaster, Broadcast Partners and Media. Such parking spaces shall be of adequate size to accommodate the technical vehicles of the Host Broadcaster and Broadcast Partners.
- 31.2. All parking spaces for the Host Broadcaster shall be designated in preferential locations adjacent to, or as close as possible to, the Host Broadcaster working areas and shall provide direct access to such areas.
- 31.3. Where the physical configuration of any Stadium does not allow for all such parking spaces to be situated, a dedicated unilateral equipment and personnel drop-off point for Broadcast Partners shall be designated as close as possible to the Stadium entrance.

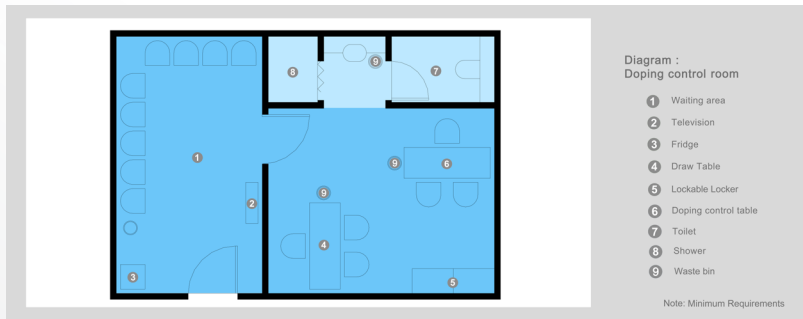
SECTION 5 | FACILITIES FOR MEDICAL AND DOPING CONTROL

32. Infrastructure requirements

- 32.1. The facilities and requirements for the medical rooms and doping control room shall be in accordance with the AFC Competition Operations Manual and the STA (if applicable).



Medical Room (example)



Doping Control Room (example)

SECTION 6 | FACILITIES FOR SPECTATORS

33. Stands

- 33.1. Each stand within a Stadium shall be capable of being divided into separate sectors or tribunes, each with its own access points, refreshment outlets and toilet facilities and other essential services, such as spectators' medical centres, security stations and areas for stewards and marshals.
 - 33.1.1. Barriers, which are in accordance with national law and approved by the local authorities, shall be used to sub-divide sectors. It shall be possible to see through the barriers.
 - 33.1.2. The barriers shall prevent spectators from moving from a sector or sub-sector to another, unless required for the Stadium evacuation process.

34. Seating

- 34.1. All spectators shall be seated. Their seats shall be individual and separated, affixed to the structure (e.g. the floor) and comfortably shaped, with backrests to provide support.
 - 34.1.1. Seats shall be unbreakable, fireproof and capable of withstanding the rigours of the prevailing climate.
 - 34.1.2. There shall be sufficient leg-room between the rows of the seats behind from the row of the seats in front to ensure that spectators' knees do not touch the seats in front and simultaneously do not obstruct the pathway.
 - 34.1.3. The pathway between the rows of seats shall ensure that there is easy access for spectators to move in and out of the rows even when they are full. To achieve reasonable leg-room, a minimum distance of 80cm (eighty centimetres) from backrest to backrest is recommended.
- 34.2. Row identification shall be clearly exhibited in the passageways or aisles in an easy-to-find location on the outside of the end seat.
- 34.3. All seats shall be numbered in a way that makes them clearly, easily and immediately identifiable.

35. Food and Beverage

- 35.1. Stadiums shall be equipped with refreshment and catering facilities for spectators.

36. VVIP and VIP Seats

- 36.1. Stadiums shall be equipped with the number of VVIP and VIP seats as instructed by the AFC.
- 36.2. The VVIP and VIP seats shall be situated in a covered stand and as close to the halfway line as possible.

- 36.3. The VVIP and VIP area shall be strictly controlled and protected from unauthorised persons or cross-over from other groups (e.g. spectators, Media).

37. Entrances and Exits

- 37.1. Entry gates and/or turnstiles shall be installed and designed in such a way as to avoid congestion and ensure the smooth flow of spectators.
- 37.2. All public passageways and stairways in the spectator area shall be painted in a bright colour, as well as all gates, subject but not limited to the spectator areas, exit doors and gates leading out of a Stadium.
- 37.3. All exit doors and gates in a Stadium, and all gates in the spectator areas in the Stadium shall be:
- 37.3.1. fitted with a locking device which may be operated simply and quickly by anyone from the inside in the case of exit doors, and gates or from either side in the case of gates leading into the Pitch; and
- 37.3.2. designed to remain unlocked while spectators are in a Stadium.
- 37.4. Approach routes to a Stadium shall be adequately signposted (e.g. by means of pictograms) to guide spectators to their sectors and all turnstiles. Entry, exit gates and doors shall be operational and similarly clearly indicated by signs which are universally understood.
- 37.4.1. Prominent, clearly visible signage that guides spectators to sanitary facilities, concessions, retail outlets, exits and other customer service shall be provided.
- 37.5. The circulation space available immediately outside the exit gates shall be sufficient to guarantee that spectators are not at risk of being crushed in the event of a stampede and/or in any other circumstances and that the spectators can leave the Stadium comfortably.

38. Emergency Lighting System

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- 38.1. Stadiums shall be equipped with an emergency lighting system approved by the competent local authorities. The emergency lighting system shall be utilised in the event of a general lighting failure in all parts of the Stadium to which the public has access, subject but not limited to all exit and evacuation routes.

39. Control Room

- 39.1. Stadiums shall have a Control Room containing a television surveillance system with screen monitors that ensures an overall view of the vicinity of the Stadium, subject but not limited to entrances and viewing areas within the Stadium. The Control Room shall be equipped with communication facilities.

40. Public Address System

- 40.1. Stadiums shall be equipped with a public address system (PA system) which ensures that pre-approved messages can be delivered to the public inside the Stadium.
- 40.2. The PA system may only be used for announcements requested by the AFC, referees or local security authorities, as well as for announcements related to the Match (e.g. goal scorers, substitutions, attendance).
 - 40.2.1. The PA system may not be used to disseminate commercial messages (apart from Commercial Affiliates promotions) without the written approval of the AFC.
- 40.3. Host Organisations shall provide an emergency alternative power supply to ensure the PA system remains operative, without interruption, in the event of a power failure for a minimum period of three (3) hours.

41. Sanitary Facilities

- 41.1. Sufficiently clean and hygienic sanitary facilities shall be located evenly throughout all sectors of a Stadium. Seated toilets for all spectators, as well as urinals, shall be made available in each sector, and shall be equipped with sinks and amenities such as toilet paper and soap.
 - 41.1.1. Private toilet facilities consisting of a single toilet and sink shall be considered throughout the facility, for use by those requiring greater assistance, including disabled persons and young children.
- 41.2. To avoid overcrowding of spectators entering and leaving sanitary facilities, there shall be a one-way access system, or at least doors which are sufficiently wide to permit the division of the passageway into and out of channels.

42. First Aid Facilities

- 42.1. Fully equipped first aid facilities, approved by the competent local authorities, shall be made available for spectators in each sector of the spectator areas. The facilities and requirements shall be in accordance with the AFC Competition Operations Manual.
- 42.2. The first aid facilities shall be clearly identified, and access shall be clearly signposted.

43. Facilities for Spectators with Disabilities

- 43.1. Stadiums shall have dedicated access and seats for spectators with disabilities and their helpers.
- 43.2. Stadiums shall have dedicated sanitary facilities as well as refreshment and catering facilities in the vicinity for this dedicated sector.
- 43.3. The safety of the visually impaired, blind spectators and disabled people shall be provided for. In particular, easy access and exit ways, toilet facilities and support services shall be provided.

44. Parking for Spectators

- 44.1. All parking places shall be on-site, affording spectators direct entrance to the Stadium. The car parks around the Stadium shall be brightly lit and clearly signposted, with numbered or lettered sectors. Parking places shall be guarded against illegal intrusion.

45. VVIP and VIP Parking

- 45.1. There shall be sufficient parking space in the Stadium compound for the cars used by VVIP and VIPs which shall be located near the VVIP and VIP entrance which is separated from the public car parks.

SECTION 7 | FACILITIES FOR COMMERCIAL AFFILIATES

46. Promotional Areas

- 46.1. Upon request, Host Organisations shall provide the Commercial Affiliates with a designated area and certain facilities free of charge in conjunction with their exclusive event sponsorship and/or product supply rights.
- 46.2. The space provided shall be a minimum of 40m² (forty square metres) in a suitable condition to enable Commercial Affiliates to carry out their promotions with associated storage rooms and parking areas.

47. Hospitality Areas and Facilities

- 47.1. The Stadium shall be equipped with dedicated hospitality areas and facilities including, without limitation, skyboxes, corporate boxes, lounges and suites for use by the AFC during the Competition period or any Match, unless otherwise instructed by the AFC.

48. Merchandise Stands

- 48.1. Host Organisations shall ensure that the AFC and its Commercial Affiliates are provided with sufficient space and appropriate infrastructure (including access to power supply and wireless internet connection). The Host Organisation shall provide details to the AFC of any fixed merchandise stands, including without limitation the type of merchandise being sold and the layout of the merchandise stands in the Stadium.
- 48.2. Merchandise stands shall be placed in a way that will attract spectators without causing congestion in the Stadium concourses, subject to the AFC's written approval.
- 48.3. The AFC may decline the placement of merchandise stands in the Stadium.

SECTION 8 | CLOSING PROVISIONS

49. Disciplinary Measures

- 49.1. Failure to comply with any matter set out within these Regulations is an offence and may be sanctioned accordingly by the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
- 49.2. All disciplinary measures in relation to these Regulations shall be undertaken in accordance with the current AFC Statutes, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code, and any relevant AFC circular.

50. Decisions

- 50.1. All decisions made in accordance with these Regulations, except where expressly identified otherwise, are final and binding and not appealable in accordance with the AFC Statutes.

51. Amendments

- 51.1. The AFC 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.

52. Force Majeure

- 52.1. The AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee is the only body capable of declaring a Force Majeure event pursuant to these Regulations.

53. Matters Not Provided For

- 53.1. Matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee. Such decisions are final and binding and not appealable.

54. Implementing Provisions

- 54.1. The AFC General Secretariat is entrusted with the operational management of the Regulations and is therefore entitled to make decisions and adopt the detailed provisions necessary for implementing these Regulations.

55. Enforcement

- 55.1. These Regulations were ratified by the AFC Executive Committee on 16 March 2021 and came into force immediately.

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