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## Definitions

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

### Management

FIFA	Fédération Internationale De Football Association
AFC	Asian Football Confederation
UFA	Uzbekistan Football Association
UzFRC	Uzbekistan football referees Center
UzPFL	Uzbekistan Professional Football League
RA	Regional associations of UFA

### Participant

Professional Football Club	Football club that has obtained an AFC license
A semi-professional club	Football club that failed to obtain an AFC license
Participant of the competition	Football club that is participating in the competition
Farm-team	A reserve team organized under the Professional Football Club
FA	Football academy
SFS	School of Football Skills
FSFCAT	Football school for children and teenagers
SSFCAT	Sports school for children and teenagers

### Competition

Competition	The competition organized by UzPFL
Super League	High-class competition with the participation of professional football clubs of Uzbekistan
Pro League	First-class competition with the participation of professional and semi-professional football clubs of Uzbekistan
U21 Championship	Competition between players under the age of 22 of Super League clubs
U19 Championship	A competition between players under the age of 20 from Super League and Pro League clubs
Official match	An official match held within the competition

### Official

League Commissioner	The match officer appointed by the UzPFL, whose primary role is to ensure that each Match is conducted in accordance with the Competition Regulations
Referee assessor	The person that is appointed by UzFRC and evaluates referees during the match
Referee	The person appointed by UzFRC to control and manage the match according to the Laws of the game and other regulatory documents
VAR	Video Assistant Referee
Stadium official	The person responsible for the stadium where the match will be held
Club official	Any person who is responsible for the club and is registered in UzPFL
Match officials	Referees, Referee assessor and Match Commissioner

Responsible for security	Internal Affairs and National Guard staff, as well as the club's security officer, stadium stewards
Local coordinator Legionnaire	employee of RA A foreign athlete invited to work for the football club of Uzbekistan
A foreign specialist	Foreign citizen invited to work for the football club of Uzbekistan

## Others

Registration	The process of registration of the employment contract for the football player or official person belonging to the football club to participate in the competition
Transfer window	The period during which a player can move from one club to another in order to participate in the upcoming or current competition
Transfer	The move of a football player from one club to another, which ended with the permission to participate in the competition
Transfer contract	An agreement between a football club or a football club and a sports school, which determines the procedure, period and conditions of the player's transfer (including, in the presence of an expense reimbursement agreement, the payment of expenses incurred for the training, preparation, and improvement of the skills of the players) bilateral agreement to be concluded
Lease agreement	A tripartite agreement concluded between two clubs and a player, which defines the procedure, term and conditions (including payments) of the transfer
ITC	International transfer certificate
Sports Season	Period that includes preparation for an official competition and the actual competition time within the calendar year. The competition period begins on the day of the first official meeting between its participants and ends on the day of the last official meeting.

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## Section 1

### General Provisions

- 1.1. These Regulations regulate the procedure of organizing Super League and Pro League competitions (hereinafter – the Competition).
- 1.2. UzPFL (hereinafter – League) organizes and coordinates the competition based on agreement signed with Uzbekistan Football Association (hereinafter – UFA), providing the rights to hold competitions to the League. Referees and Referee assessors are involved in a football match within the competition (hereinafter – official match or match) on a basis of agreement signed with UzFRC.
- 1.3. At the end of season, League shall submit a financial report on expenses to the Executive Committee of the organization.
- 1.4. These regulations are published in two – Uzbek and English languages. In case there is any divergence in the wording of the two teITC, the Uzbek text is authoritative.

## Section 2

### The Purpose of Competition

#### 2.1. The Goals of Competition:

- Organizing Uzbekistan national championship at a professional level and thereby contributing to the development of football of country;
- Developing skills of professional footballer players;
- Increasing number of candidates for Uzbekistan National Teams and expanding the selection opportunities for coaches;
- Organizing a competitive championship for the entertainment of football fans;
- Promoting Uzbekistan football and thus expressing goals such as getting Uzbek players to be noticed by foreign clubs;

#### 2.2. The Objectives of Competition:

- Organizing national championship matches based on the Regulations of FIFA and AFC, taking the official matches of Uzbekistan National Team and Olympic team at the international level into consideration;
- Making calendar plans to support the participation of Uzbek football clubs in international competitions and taking international competitions held by FIFA and AFC, widely celebrated holidays in Uzbekistan and other force majeure circumstances into account;
- Managing to reduce the gap between Super League and Pro League, while controlling the participants of these two competitions meeting the licensing requirements developed by the AFC for professional football clubs;
- Organizing a system that identifies football clubs to nominate for participation in official competitions held by AFC.

## Section 3

### The Competition Management

3.1 Organizing and managing the Competition will be accomplished by League.

3.2. League shall organize other competitions and arrange them regarding the following regulations:

- Uzbekistan Cup, Super Cup and promotion competitions Regulations;
- First League Regulations.

3.3. The competition shall be held according to this Regulation, and additions, special regulations and annexes approved and added to Regulations by FIFA, AFC, UFA.

#### Section 4

##### Competition venue

4.1. The competition shall be held in stadiums that authorized by the League according to Stadium Regulations that is developed under Licensing Regulations.

4.2. If the participant of competition doesn't own a stadium and has to make contract with stadium that belongs to another organization to hold a home match, then the contract must be drawn tripartite with the participation of League.

4.3. In case of force majeure, if stadium has to be changed, the host club will be allowed to play the official match in one of the stadiums that have tripartite contract with the League.

4.4. One day prior to official match, the host club will submit deed of readiness of the stadium to the Match commissioner. The Match commissioner has the right not to hold the match without this document.

#### Section 5

##### Super League and U-21 Championship Format.

5.1. Super League and U-21 championship will be held in two round system with total 26 match weeks. In this, each club will participate in 13 home and 13 away matches.

5.2. The clubs that've placed in 13th and 14th in the Super League will lose the opportunity to play in the Super League next season and be relegated to the Pro League.

5.3. The club in 12th place will have to play against the third team of the Pro League in order to keep its place to play in Super League.

5.4. U-21 championship matches will be held after 1 day of the main team match.

5.5. League has the right to demand that the match of U-21 team whose stadium don't meet League requirements to be held in the main stadium.

5.6. The draw for Super League will be made in Berger system. League has the right to allocate football clubs to individual baskets or pairs before the draw based on stadiums, cities and other valid reasons.

5.7. The match that is mentioned in paragraph 5 of this section will be hosted by 3rd place team in the Pro League.

## Section 6

### U-19 championship format.

- 6.1. The U19 teams of Super League and Pro League will participate in U19 championship together.
- 6.2. Each club will play against each other once in the U19 championship during the sports season.
- 6.3. The U19 championship will be drawn in the Berger system and the home-away matches of the teams will be determined in this way.

## Section 7

### Pro League format.

- 7.1. Pro League will be held in two round system with total 22 match weeks. In this, each club will participate in 10 home and 10 away matches.
- 7.2. According to the results of 22nd match week, the clubs that took 1st and 2nd places will be given direct promotion to Super League.
- 7.3. According to 5.3 paragraph of this regulation, the teams that took 3rd-5th places in Pro League will play in play-off matches in order to have the right to play against the team that took 12th place in Super League.
- 7.4. Based on 3rd paragraph of this section, according to the end of 22 match weeks, the two stage play-off matches will be held centrally in the capital, Tashkent. In the initial stage of play-off, the teams that took 4th and 5th places will play against each other. The winner of this match will play in second stage play-off match against the team that took 3rd place in Pro League. According to the 5.3 – paragraph of this regulations, the winner will have a right to host a match against 12th team in Super League.
- 7.5. If winner can't be determined in full time in the play-off match that mentioned in the 4th paragraph of this section, there will be penalty shootout without an extra time.
- 7.6. The team that took higher place according to the end of 22 match weeks in Pro League will be nominal host in the play-off matches that mentioned in 4th paragraph of this chapter.
- 7.7. The team that took 11th place in Pro League will lose an opportunity to spend next season in Pro League and be relegated to First League.
- 7.8. The draw for Pro League will be made in Berger system. League has the right to allocate football clubs to individual baskets or pairs before the draw based on stadiums, cities and other valid reasons.

## Section 8

### Determining the competition winner

- 8.1. The place of participant in competition will be identified according to its total points.



8.2. 3 points will be given for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 point for a loss in each match.

8.3. If the points of 2 and more participants remain equal, their place will be determined according to the following sequence:

- the result of matches held between the clubs equal in points;
- the points that've gained in the matches between the clubs equal in points;
- the highest goal difference in the matches between the clubs equal in points;
- the difference in scored and missed goals in all matches;
- the numbers of scored goals in all matches;
- the numbers of scored goals in competitor's field in all matches;
- the numbers of wins in all matches;
- the reflection of numbers of defeats in all matches;
- the numbers of away wins in all matches;
- the reflection of numbers of defeats in home games of all matches;

8.4. If all indicators in paragraph 3 of this section remain equal, attention will be paid to the result of the participant's U21 team (U19 team for Pro League). Yet, if the situation dictates the determination of the places that give the right to play in AFC Champions League or the champion, then there will be a "golden match" in neutral field.

8.5. The team got technical defeat in mutual match or matches will get a lower place, with the exception of paragraph 3 and 4.

8.6. The information that reflects continuation of competition and its result will be distributed by League press service.

## Section 9

### Trophies, Medals, and the Awards Giving Ceremony.

9.1. The club that wins 1st place in Super League will be given special trophy named for the Champion of Uzbekistan and 50 golden medals.

9.2. If the champion of Super League is determined prior to the deadline, special trophy and medals will be presented in the next home or away match of the club.

9.3. The clubs that got 2nd and 3rd places will be given 50 silver and bronze medals each.

9.4. The teams that take 1st, 2nd, 3rd will be given 35 golden, silver and bronze medals each in U21 championship.

9.5. The teams that take 1st, 2nd, 3rd will be given 35 golden, silver and bronze medals each in U19 championship.

9.6. The club that wins 1st place in Pro League will be given Pro League trophy and 35 medals.

9.7. Awarding attributes will be made by League.

## Section 10

## Participation in the Competition.

10.1. The issue of team's joining or leaving the competition will be determined according to the result of the previous season of the competitions.

10.2. Regardless of the position of the football club in competition, if it can't fulfill licensing requirements, the relevant UFA committee has the right to demand to get the club expelled from the competition based on the licensing decisions. In such case, the next football club of the lower league which has fulfilled the licensing requirement will take the place of the participant.

10.3. If a football club, that has won the right to play in higher league according to the previous season result, renounces this right or if there is any obstacle (restriction) to participate in this league based on the regulations, regulatory documents, its place will be filled by the club that has taken the next place according to the end of the season. And this club is required to meet the licensing requirements.

10.4. If a Super League club can't obtain the AFC license for new season, this club is allowed to register only new players aged 2001 and younger in the first summer transfer window and register only local players in the first winter transfer window.

10.5. Only a football club that has obtained an AFC license will be granted the status of professional football club by the UFA.

10.6. A football club is required to fulfill the obligations of Licensing Regulations by 22 May of this year. In this:

- requirements for sport, infrastructure, personal and legal criteria till 28 February of this year;
- requirements for financial criteria must be fulfilled by 15 April of this year.

10.7. Based on the decision of Licensing Regulations and UFA Executive Committee, U21, U19, U16, U14, U12, U10, futsal, U18 futsal, women, U16 women teams must be organized within the football club. Based on the valid regulatory documents, what teams must be under the football club is determined separately by the UFA.

10.8. The U21 team of Super League club is required to participate in Uzbekistan U21 championship, the U19 team of Super League and Pro League is required to participate in Uzbekistan U19 championship.

10.9. The football club has the right to appeal to postpone the date of match if its three or more players are involved in Uzbekistan National and Olympic team, additionally, Uzbekistan U20 Team for final stage matches of continental and international competitions.

10.10. In the case of AFC changes the match schedule for continental competitions, League has the right to reschedule the date of match in domestic competition based on the interests of football club participating in this competition.

10.11. To the team that didn't come to the match for no valid reason or for another reason will be recorded a technical defeat with 0:3 score, a technical win of 3:0 score will be recorded to the rival team.

10.12. The football team that has received 2 technical defeats according to the 11th paragraph of this section will be excluded from the competition participants by the decision of the League Executive Committee.

10.13. If a football team refuses to continue the match and the score is greater than 0:3 at that time, the technical defeat will be recorded with the exact score for the team that've refused to continue the match.

At the end of the match, if there is a need to record a technical defeat and this team has lost the match with greater score than 0:3, then the technical defeat will be recorded with the existing score.

10.14. If a football club that's expelled from the competition has played less than 50% of the matches, its results will be cancelled. Warnings and exclusions will remain in force.

If a club that's expelled from the competition has played more than 50% matches, the technical defeat (0:3) will be recorded for the club, and a technical win (3:0) will be recorded for the competitor for the next matches. Warnings and exclusions will remain in force.

If competition format is changed due to force-majeure, the percentage of matches is determined based on this change.

10.15. If a football club is expelled from competition according to the Regulations, but keeps operating, the club may be given the opportunity by the decision of the League Executive Committee to start the next season in one division lower, with the duty of fulfilling its obligations to the League.

10.16. If a football club stops functioning, it will be excluded from the League. Any other club is not allowed to use name, attributes, signs, symbols and history of that club. If this club starts functioning, it is required to start its activity in Second League that is held by RA.

10.17. If a football club changes its name or organizational legal form based on legislation of Uzbekistan, the new club is considered the legal successor the previous club and responsible for violations in calculations of monthly wages and other payments of players, coaches, other employees of the club. It is also responsible for paying debts to UFA, League and tax authorities of Uzbekistan.

10.18. Super League club is required to use a tool that allows to monitor functional condition of player remotely and submit a report on this to UFA.

10.19. UFA has the right to test physical fitness of players that are registered under a football club twice a year.

10.20. The League has the right to make a decision to hold the match in another stadium that lighting system meets the requirements, if the stadium of Super League team can't meet the requirements certified in the Regulations on Stadiums.

10.21. A football team and a farm team under it must participate in different competitions regardless the result that recorded.

## Section 11

### Documents for Registration of Players and Officials

11.1. A football club is required to approve estimated amount of annual expenses for new season with sponsoring organization of this club and UFA before participating in competition.

11.2. A football club is allowed to register a player on the condition of estimated amount of approved expenses and a deed of the stadium that club holds its own home matches are submitted to the League.

11.3. A football club is required to submit deed of stadium that holds its home matches and reserve stadiums to the League at least three weeks before the start of the season.

11.4. The right to formalize all required documents of football club to the League is given to authorized people (Sporting director, technical director or licensing manager) by club management.

11.5. A football club must register its official and player online through MyLeague platform. The following documents are to be submitted for registration:

For a club official:

- passport or ID card;
- An employment contract made with a football club;
- Approval that gives right to work in Uzbekistan (for a foreign specialist);
- Diploma or certificate in specialty;
- Photo;

For a coach:

- passport or ID card;
- An employment contract made with a football club;
- Approval that gives right to work in Uzbekistan (for a foreign specialist);
- Required coaching license;
- Photo;

For a player:

- passport or ID card;
- Birth certificate (for the player that's signing the first employment contract)
- An employment contract made with a football club;
- Approval that gives right to work in Uzbekistan (for a foreign player) and ITC;
- A passport of football player;
- One of the documents that confirms termination of the employment relationship with the former club, transfer contract or loan contract: agreement on the termination of employment contract, document that confirms there is no mutual objection to the termination of the relationship between club and player.
- The contract of training compensation or the document of training compensation waiver (for a player under 23)
- The document that confirms the player has passed the required medical examination.

- Photo

In this, any document uploaded to the platform must match the original.

11.6. A football club is allowed to obtain a license only for a representative that is registered online.

11.7. The authorized representative of club is presented licenses under his personal responsibility, confirmed by his signature after the registration of the license documents giving the right to participate in the competition (the required documents are fully submitted and the club representatives are entered into the electronic database).

11.8. If the license received by the authorized representative of the football club according to 7th paragraph of this chapter is lost or there is a need to re-print the license due to some other reason, and this occurs through the fault of the club, then the football club shall receive the license in return for a fine.

11.9. Based on Licensing Regulations, a football club must register its management under UzPFL registration. In this:

- general director (manager)
- sporting director
- technical director
- security officer
- media officer
- head coach
- assistant coach
- fitness coach
- goalkeeping coach
- analyst
- administrator
- doctor
- masseur (physiotherapist)
- legal consultant
- head of youth development (academy or football school director)
- coaches of U19, U16, U14, U12, U10 teams
- head coach of women's team
- head coach of futsal team
- head coach of futsal U18 team

The list of officials who must be registered under the League are regulated based on Licensing Regulations and the competition that football club participates in.

## Section 12

### Registration of Players

12.1. Registration of players to the competition starts in December 22 of 2022. Registration to the Super League club will finish in February 15 of 2023. The summer transfer window runs from July 5, 2023 to July 2023 of this year.

12.2. A football club has the right to make employment contract with a football player and change it in any time of the year. This employment contract or any changes made to it are required to be registered with the League within 1 month from the date of signing.

12.3. The League must be informed in written form within 3 days if a football club terminates employment contract with its member and license of terminated person must be returned to the League.

12.4. A football club is allowed to register no more than 10 players (excluding Pro League) in winter transfer window and no more than 5 players (including Pro League) in summer transfer window.

The football club that've joined Super League this season is allowed to register up to 15 players in winter transfer window.

12.5. The football player that is loaned by a football club is registered as a new player according to paragraph 4 of this chapter (the player who played for this club on loan or was loaned to another football club at the end of the previous season is exception).

12.6. If a football club signs a contract with local player aged 2001 or younger (2000 for a goalkeeper), this player will be registered beyond the limit stated in 4th paragraph of this chapter.

12.7. A football club is allowed to register a trainee from its own academy/school or SFS, FSFCAT, SSFCAT (aged 2004 or younger) that is attached to this club to the Super League and Pro League only within transfer window.

12.8. A football club is allowed to register a trainee from its own/affiliated academy/school or SFS, FSFCAT, SSFCAT to U19 championship at any time of the year.

12.9. A football club is allowed to register a trainee form academy/school or SFS, FSFCAT, SSFCAT that belongs to other club to the U19 championship till September 15 of 2023.

12.10. A football player is given a license in the condition of player submits a certificate of medical examination. In this, report of examination results must be carried out according to the procedure established by the League, and the analysis of each examination of the player must be presented with a separate conclusion.

### Section 13

Special requirements for registration of legionnaire and foreign experts.

13.1. A football club is required to take into consideration the following while signing with a legionnaire or foreign expert:

- a football club must have obtained AFC license for 2023/2024 season (a club that has a valid employment contract with a legionnaire and winter transfer window of 2023 are the exception)
- a football club is required to agree on draft contract with the UFA before signing a contract with a legionnaire or a foreign specialist, only then sign it

- in order for a football club to register an employment contract with a legionnaire and foreign expert in the League, UFA's legal department must have sealed and signed all pages of contract
- a license to participate in the competitions is presented to registered legionnaire or foreign expert after the appropriate government authority officially submits to the League a certificate granting a foreign citizen the right to work in Uzbekistan.

13.2. A legionnaire that is getting registered is divided into 4 category by the League: higher category, first category, second category and third category.

Higher category:

- The player that has participated in final stage of Euros or World Cup.
- The player that has participated in at least 10 matches of the ongoing season or last completed season of the Top seven countries in the UEFA coefficient table.

The first category:

- The player born in 2003 or younger that has played at least 2 matches in the official competitions of his country's national teams in the last two seasons

The second category:

- The player born in 1992 or later that has played at least one official match for the national team that is in the top 20 place in the FIFA ranking.
- the player that has played at least 2 matches in official competitions for his own country in the last 2 years

Third category:

- Any legionnaire

13.3. A football club that uses service of a legionnaire or foreign expert shall pay a fee in order to register them in the League for the new season (legionnaire from first category is exception). If a legionnaire joins another club in the summer transfer window, his new club will not make payment for a player. In this case,

- For a high category legionnaire, the payment equals the half of approved amount
- For second category legionnaire the payment is made in the approved amount
- For third category legionnaire, the payment is made in the amount of twice of the approved amount
- A Pro League club will pay the same amount for any legionnaire (except for the first category legionnaire) - half of the approved amount.

If a football club has a valid contract with a legionnaire or extends the contract with a player that have played in the previous season, in this case the second paragraph of Clause 6 of this chapter shall be taken into account and for the legionnaire based on the amount of the previous season, payment is made.

13.4. A football club is allowed to register up to 6 legionnaires. In this, one (or all) of them must be a citizen of country that is member of AFC (5+1).

13.5. A football club that has farm team in its system has a right to register a legionnaire for this team as well. In this case, the restriction mentioned in the 6th paragraph of this chapter is common for farm team and football club.

13.6. A football club is allowed to register a player using the following benefits:

- if a legionnaire has spent the 4 consecutive seasons in Uzbekistan clubs and 2023 season is his 5th consecutive season, the payment for this legionnaire shall not be made
- if a legionnaire is registered for the consecutive 2nd season in the same club, the payment for this player shall be reduced to 50%
- a football club is allowed to register a football player in addition to the amount of the limit mentioned in 4th paragraph of this chapter if he belongs to the 1st category.

13.7. The League has a right not to register a legionnaire:

- if a club that wants to register a legionnaire does not have AFC license (valid from summer transfer window of 2023 and winter transfer window of 2024)
- the payment for registration a legionnaire wasn't made
- the employment contract made with legionnaire wasn't approved by UFA
- If UFA or FIFA made restrictions on the club due to debts related to legionnaire
- if a registered player does not get confirmation by relevant government authority that gives foreign citizen the right to work in Uzbekistan.

13.8. The amount of payment for registration of the legionnaire or foreign expert shall be confirmed by Executive Committee of the League.

#### Section 14

##### Players Participation in the Competition.

14.1. The League shall register the employment contract of the player made with the club in any time of the year. Yet, registration of the player for the Competition is carried out only in the transfer window. (U19 championship is an exception).

14.2. The player whose employment contract is registered in the League is prohibited from participating in another club (with the exception of case that there is a loan contract) or the competition that is organized by an organization other than the League. If such case is detected, a fine sanction will be applied to his club.

14.3. A Super League club is required to register 35-40 players (maximum 20 players that are born in 2000 or older are allowed) in UzPFL. A football club is allowed to register a player that is born in 2004 or younger beyond the limit above. In this case, the total number of players in the Super League should not exceed 60.

14.4. Players aged 2001 or younger and goalkeepers aged 2000 and younger are allowed to play in the U21 championship.

14.5. A football club is allowed to put only 2 players down that are born in 2000 or younger (a goalkeeper born in 2000 is exception) in the U21 championship match start



list. And, a football club has a right to include 2 players registered in the U19 championship on the basis of an agreement.

14.6. A football club is required to register at least 20 players aged 2004 (2003 for goalkeepers) or younger for the team that participates in U19 championship.

14.7. Only academy/football school, FSFCAT, SFS, SSFCAT trainees are allowed to register in the U19 championship with an agreement contract. With any other player, there must be an employment contract.

14.8. A Pro League club is required to register 35-45 players (maximum 25 players aged 2003 and older are allowed) in the League. A football club is allowed to register a player aged 2004 or younger beyond the limit above. In this case, the total members of Pro League club is required not to exceed 60.

14.9. A football club is allowed to register its farm team in the First League with the obligation of gaining the AFC license. In this condition, a football club is required not to have any unfulfilled financial obligations to other organizations and its officials.

14.10. For a farm team, 22-25 players are required to be registered in the League.

14.11. A player of a football club or farm team that born in 2004 or younger is allowed to participate in U19 championship.

14.12. A player that is registered to the farm team is not allowed to be registered for the main and U21 team.

14.13. A football club has a right to loan no more than 2 players to another football club.

14.14. A football club is allowed to loan a total of 6 players to another club that participates in the same League in one season (players that are born in 2001 or younger are exception).

14.15. A player that has joined a football club on a loan contract has a right to play against his original team. According to FIFA regulations, the football club that owns the player is prohibited from making any conditions that avoid this rule when loaning a player to another club.

14.16. A player that is registered in the U19 championship is allowed to participate in competitions that are held by UFA and regional associations.

14.17. A football club is required to register 20-22 players to U10, U12, U14, U16 and U16 women team in the UFA till the date specified in the Regulations of the specific age competition.

## Section 15

### Obligations of Participating Club, its Officials and Players

15.1. A football club will be responsible for it's not fulfilling or not proper fulfilling the duties specified in Regulations.

15.2. The football club representative must show high quality discipline, organization, orderliness, respect to each other and the fans and follow all requirements of these Regulations.

15.3. A football club is directly responsible for behavior of its own representatives. They are prohibited from interfering the actions of the Match Commissioner, Referee assessor and Referees.

15.4. A football club shall be responsible for the behavior of its own fans (the club fans) and any person that performs a certain task on behalf of the club.

15.5. A football club and a stadium will be responsible for fixing all organizational issues regarding holding the match. They are required to take all actions to maintain discipline pre, during and post-match in the stadium and surrounding area with the cooperation of representatives that are responsible for emergency medical assistance and safety of the match.

15.6. A football club will be directly responsible based on the 16.13 and 16.14 paragraphs of this Regulations.

15.7. A football club is required to inform UFA and the League once the date and place of international competition or training session in foreign country get specified.

15.8. A football club has a right to make an official appeal to the League to change the date or time of the match not less than 20 days before the start of the match. In this case, the final decision shall be announced by the League.

15.9. A host club shall get total responsibility for the security of the match officials.

15.10. Only the person that get permission by the Match Commissioner is allowed to enter the room of match officials.

15.11. The host club is required to provide at least 8 balls provided by the League and ensure that these balls are fully used until the end of the match.

15.12. The host club is required to provide a group of volunteers (hereinafter "Ballboys") under the age of 12 and no older than 16, whose uniforms are different from players and referees on the pitch to pass the ball.

15.13. The Match Commissioner is allowed to demand from the host club a group of volunteers to help to organize the match in addition to paragraph 12th of this section.

15.14. A host club shall be responsible for making sure that the Ballboys wears outerwear that the League provided and providing a seat in order for Ballboys to watch the match sitting.

15.15. Every announcement or signal that is made over the speaker during the match must be approved by the Match Commissioner.

15.16. The Match Commissioner is allowed to demand the host club to provide with necessary equipment that are not mentioned on this Regulations to hold the match out of necessity.

15.17. The host club is required to provide the guest club with a free modern bus with at least 42 seats in order its officials to travel from train station or airport to the hotel and back in the city that competition is held, and from hotel to the stadium and back on the days of training.

15.18. The guest team is allowed to demand from the host club the stadium of the match to have one official training session. In this case, the duration of official training session should not exceed 60 minutes, except for pre-training activities.

15.19. The 18th paragraph of this section refers to the exact time of the day that match starts one day before the match.

15.20. The guest football club is required to inform the host club about its own arrival date, the numbers of delegation members, the time of trainings at least 10 days before the match.

15.21. The host club is required to provide the match officials with transportation from and to the nearest train station or airport to the hotel, on the training days from the hotel to the stadium and back.

15.22. A host club and a guest club depending on the circumstance must submit the digital version of the video recording of the match within 120 minutes to the Referee assessor and 24 hours to the League after the end of the match. In this case, the video must be recorded continuously during the entire match, conditionally with the timer turned on from the time the teams enter the field until they return to the dressing room.

15.23. A host club must provide an Internet with the speed of at least 100 Mbit/s in order to telecast the official match and provide operation of VAR system without disconnections and the separate network system that can't be used by any other sources than telecasts and VAR techniques at the request of the League. During the official match, for occurrence of any problems related to the live broadcast or broadcast due to any disconnections in internet network, the host club will be directly responsible.

15.24. In the cases of emergency and epidemiologic, the outer organization of the competition will be arranged based on addition Regulations or the official demand of the League.

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### Section 16

#### The Match Organizing Procedures.

16.1. The time interval between two official matches of any team will be provided not to be less than 48 hours.

16.2. The duration of the match is two half times with 45 minutes. The break between the half times is 15 minutes.

16.3. The Referee of the match can give a water break of no more than 1 minute to drink water once during the sections at the suggestion of one of the clubs based on the weather temperature.

16.4. Pre-match procedures includes the following countdown schedule (before the start of the match):

- 180 minutes - the arrival of the Match Commissioner to the stadium;
- 90 minutes - the arrival of Referees and Referee assessors;
- 90 minutes - the arrival of the teams;
- 90 minutes - Submission of final team sheet to the Match Commissioner;
- 50-20 minutes - Player warm up;
- 15 minutes - Inspection of players' kits and license by referees;
- 10-5 minutes - lining up of the teams on the corridor under the tribune.

Clubs must follow the countdown procedure provided by the League Commissioner.

16.5. The allowed numbers of substitutes during the competition:

- Super League/Pro League - 5 in 3 opportunities (in this case, the substitute in the half-time will not be counted as an opportunities)

- U19/U21 - 7 in total, including 5 in three opportunities during the match and 2 more at halftime.

16.6. A football club must use the professional football balls that are provided by the League during the competition. A football club is required to buy the balls for trainings independently.

16.7. Football clubs that are provided with balls for the participation in the Champions League by the AFC will also use the balls of the League in the League competition.

16.8. A football club is required to submit the licenses of players and club officials to the Match Commissioner in order to enter the names, surnames, positions and the numbers of the players in ascending order and the names, surnames and positions of the officials as indicated in the license into the electronic match protocol 90 minutes before start of the match.

16.9. A football club is required to submit a scheme that shows the exact position of the starting players on the pitch to the Match Commissioner 90 minutes before the start of the match.

16.10. A participant of the competition is allowed to put 11 starting and 9 substitute players into the match protocol.

16.11. Up to 9 club officials that have the League license are allowed to be included in the match protocol.

16.12. Among the list of the club officials that mentioned in the 11th paragraph of this section, there must be a doctor.

16.13. If a football club wins or draws the match while putting disqualified player into the match protocol, the technical defeat will be applied to this football club according to 10.11 paragraph of this section. In this case, the goals scored in this match will be deducted, but the received warnings and suspensions will remain in force.

16.14. If the football club that registered the disqualified player lost by a score of 0:3 in that match, the technical defeat will be recorded with the current score according to paragraph 10.13 of these Regulations.

16.15. A football club has a right to register a player who arrived late to the stadium 20 minutes before the start of the match. In this case, a club official is required to contact the Match Commissioner.

16.16. If there is a need to make a change to the match protocol signed by the Match Commissioner of the League and the Head Coach due to an unexpected injury of a player before the start of the match, the changes will be made in the match protocol. In this case, the injured player is allowed to watch the match on the bench and to play only from the next official match.

16.17. If the football club has to replace a player before the start of the match based on paragraph 16 of this section, the club retains the right to fully use the limit specified in paragraph 5 of this section during the match.

16.18. If the football club arrives at the stadium later than the scheduled time according to paragraph 4 of this section, the club official has the right to ask the Match Commissioner for another 15 minutes in total for the players to change their clothes and conduct training sessions.

16.19. If the match begins to be delayed by 16 minutes from the scheduled time, paragraph 10.11 of these Regulations shall be applied to the offending football club.

16.20. The Match Commissioner has the right to apply paragraph 10.11 of the Regulations against the host club after 30 minutes if the match does not start on time due to the delay of ambulances or security authorities.

16.21. For a representative of a football club, a license is the only document that gives the right to participate in the competition and enter the corresponding zone. The license holder will be placed in the technical zone if he is included in the match protocol.

16.22. The person included in the match protocol and reserve players must be in a specially designated place in the technical zone. The home team is on the left side of the fourth official referee, and the away team is on the right side facing the field.

16.23. The person included in the match protocol is required to have a license on the chest to enter the technical zone (with the exception of the head coach).

16.24. A reserve player entered in the match protocol is allowed to perform a warm-up exercise without the ball (except for the goalkeeper) in the corner of the field closest to his reserve seat.

16.25. Only the fitness coach from the club officials is allowed to participate in the training session in paragraph 21 of this chapter.

16.26. The uniform of the people mentioned in the 21st and 22nd paragraphs of this section is required to be different from players and referees.

16.27. Smoking tobacco and other types of products, drinking alcohol are prohibited in the technical zone.

16.28. The use of a mobile communication device is prohibited for an official who is included in the match protocol (except for specially authorized technical devices). In this case, any technical means should not be a reason to object to the officials of the meeting.

16.29. The head coach of the football club is required to follow the dress code in the technical zone.

16.30. During the match, only the head coach from the football club officials is allowed to give instructions to the players in the technical zone. If the head coach is a foreign citizen and needs the help of an interpreter to communicate with the players, the head coach has the right to use an interpreter when giving instructions.

16.31. If the head coach of the football club is unable to participate in the match due to disqualification or other reasons, the official of the club who has the authority to give instructions to the players in the technical zone according to paragraph 30 of this section must be separately indicated to the Match Commissioner during the registration process.

16.32. The host football club is required to water the pitch 60 minutes before the match. Depending on weather conditions, this matter will be regulated by the Match Commissioner.

16.33. The competition will be held on the date and time set by the League. The time (day and hour) can be changed in the following cases:

- when it is not possible to hold, start, continue, restart and end the meeting as a result of unforeseeable force majeure situations and events. Such events include accidents, fires, floods, earthquakes, epidemiological and other natural disasters, as well as any other details beyond the control of the tournament organizers and players. In such cases, the question of when and in what order the meeting will be continued will be determined by the League;
- when changes are made to the competition schedule by the League.

16.34. If it is not possible to start, continue, restart and finish the match due to the failure of the electrical lighting system to be solved within 60 minutes, a technical defeat will be recorded against the football club that is the owner of the field according to one of paragraphs 10.11 or 10.13 of these Regulations.

## Section 17

### Requirements for Players' Equipment.

17.1. The logo of club shall be printed on the jersey of competition participants. The size of logo is up to 100 cm<sup>2</sup> (10cm x 10cm), and it is placed on the left chest of the shirt.

17.2. A football club is allowed to display a golden star on the top of club logo after every fifth championship.

17.3. A jersey is required to display the logo of the League on right sleeve and the logo of the League title sponsor or the left sleeve.

17.4. A jersey is required to display the flag of Uzbekistan in the heart (center) of the front. The size of the flag must be 24 cm<sup>2</sup> (4cm x 6cm). In this case, in order for flag to highlight, its edges will be surrounded with white stripes. The thickness of the line is advised to be 3 mm.

17.5. The name or surname (nickname) of the jersey owner is required to be written in Uzbek on the upper part of the back of the T-shirt. The League is allowed to demand a football club to write the name or surname of the player correctly in Uzbek language. In this case, the name or surname must be between 5-8 cm high and "Jersey M54" font.

17.6. The jersey number of the player that is specified in his license must be displayed on the back of his jersey - between the waist and the shoulder blade, 25-35 cm high and with the font "Jersey M54".

17.7. The number of the player on the jersey is required to be displayed on the right leg of shorts with the height of 10-15 cm.

17.8. The inscriptions that mentioned in 5th, 6th and 7th paragraphs of this chapter must be clearly different from the color of the jersey and visible to everyone. In this case, on the colored jersey, the inscriptions are displayed on rectangle form in different color or in a color that is proportional to the color of jersey.

17.9. All the inscriptions on the jersey must be in the same color. Writing in golden color on the light-colored jersey is prohibited.

17.10. The uniform of the team that participates in U19 and U21 championships is required to be the same as main team.

17.11. The numbers of main team and U19, U21 are required not to repeat each other.

17.12. A football club that is participating in international competition is allowed to write name or surname (nickname) in English.

17.13. A football club is required to submit 3D version of uniforms for new season to the League before registration. 10 days before the start of the competition, the club must provide complete information about the main and reserve colors of the uniforms of players and goalkeepers.

17.14. The League has a right to specify the color of uniforms of teams before the match. In this case, the League is based on the home shirt of the host club.

17.15. The jersey of goalkeeper is required to be different from the uniforms of two teams and referees.

## Section 18

### Media relations.

18.1. The League has a right to determine the main communication partner.

18.2. A football club must have its own official web site.

18.3. The press service of the football club is not allowed to publish information about another club or the League without their permission.

18.4. The press service of the football club must submit photos from the match that's held in its home stadium at the request of the League press service.

18.5. TV cameramen and photographers accredited by the League, wearing special bibs will be allowed to work behind the goal line of the stadium. They are not allowed to move outside the determined area during the match.

18.6. A head coach of the club must participate in press conference after match. Within 15 minutes after the end of the match, the host or guest team will be the first to be invited to the press conference.

18.7. A head coach and a player must participate in the press-interview before and after the match.

18.8. The press service of the football club is responsible for the organization of after match interview.

18.9. The media officer of the club must travel to the away match and participate in press conference.

### Section 19

Financial requirements for the participation of a football club in the competition.

19.1. A football club is required to pay participation fee (hereinafter - fee) to take part in the League competition. The amount of fee is specified by the League Executive Committee.

19.2. A football club that participates in the competition will be responsible for all expenses on organizing the official match.

19.3. If a football club is excluded from the competition, the payment and fees that are previously done by it will not be returned.

19.4. The excluded football club is allowed to participate in the competition that is organized by the League on the condition that it fully pays the remaining dues from the membership fee.

19.5. The League will be responsible for fees of service of Match Commissioners in the competition organized by it, and their round-trip travel and living expenses.

19.6. The round-trip travel and living expenses for referees and Referee assessors that are operating in the competition are made by UzFRC.

19.7. Expenses related to the meals and reception are made by the host club. In this case, the locations of match officials' reception are specified to each club separately by the League.

19.8. The fee for referee and Referee assessors operating the match in the competition are paid by UzFRC.

19.9. The Executive Committee of the League is allowed to exclude the football club from the competition in the cases of not paying the fee, arrears of fines, as well as the fee set for registration of a legionnaire player and a foreign expert or have not paid in full within



the set period and the League has a right to ban the registration of a new player during the transfer window against such football club.

19.10. The football club that is hosting an official match must allocate at least 100 free tickets based on the official request of the visiting football club. For this, the guest club is required to make an official appeal to the host football club 24 hours before the start of the match.

19.11. According to the requirement on the Licensing Regulations, a football club is audited twice a year by an independent auditor engaged by the UFA. Expenses for audit service are made by the football club.

## Section 20

### Match Commissioner's activity in the Competition.

20.1. A Match Commissioner is appointed to control organization and conduction of the match by the League.

20.2. The issue of whether to start or cancel the match will be decided by the Match Commissioner.

20.3. The list of Match Commissioners is made among specialists that have participated in the special training seminar and get recommended at the end of it.

20.4. The Match Commissioner shall enter the names, positions and numbers (in ascending order) of the players and the positions of the club officials on the match report with fourth official referee and club official 60 minutes before the start of the match.

20.5. The Match Commissioner is responsible for organizing the match based on these regulations, controlling the safe conduction, evaluating law enforcement agencies, stadium and club officials, players, fans' actions.

20.6. The Match Commissioner has a deciding vote in cases of controversial issues regarding the preparation and organization of the match.

20.7. The team of Referee assessors and referees obeys the Match Commissioner.

20.8. The obligations and powers of the Match Commissioner are specified in the "Guideline of Match Commissioner".

## Section 21

### Regulation of refereeing in the competition.

21.1. Refereeing will be accomplished based on this Regulations and changes, additions confirmed by IFAB.

21.2. The referees that are appointed by UzFRC will function in the competition.

21.3. The member of the UFA and the League, head of regional football club association and the person that works in a football club are not allowed to referee.

21.4. A football club does not have a right to apply to change the referee that appointed to the match.

21.5. If the team of referees that is appointed to the match can't come to it, UzFRC will assign one of the RA referees for the match. If one of assistant referees can't participate in the match, the fourth official referee will replace him and function as a fourth official referee at the meantime.

21.6. At least one hour before the match starts, the referee will observe the stadium with the Match Commissioner and evaluates its condition on 5-point system. This point is shown in the match protocol. If a problem related to the stadium occurs while evaluating, the host team is required to fix this issue till the start of the match.

21.7. The fourth official referee will check the licenses of club officials with the Match Commissioner. The club managers and officials will be responsible for players following participation rules in the match.

21.8. Before entering the field, the team of referees is required to check the license of players that are included in the match protocol, and compare whether numbers of player are the same as the match protocol.

21.9. Before substituting a player, the fourth official referee shall be presented with a substitution sheet.

21.10. The fourth official referee will be responsible for compliance with the technical and other safety rules around the perimeter of the field. He will provide the young players who pass the ball and other technical staff who perform their duties with relevant guidelines.

21.11. After the end of the match, the referee is required to fill the match protocol with the Match Commissioner within 30 minutes. If warning, exclusion or player injuries, and disturbances in the stadium has happened during the match, the referee is required to make a detailed statement about this in the match protocol.

21.12. The referee and his assistants must inform the Match Commissioner about pre, during, post-match, and all unpleasantness and expulsions that have happened in the room of referees or on the way of team of referees (except for the second warning and expulsion for deprivation of the opportunity to score a clear goal) and send a letter of notification to the League.

21.13. If a referee doesn't inform the Match Commissioner to put warning, exclusion or other unpleasantness on the match protocol, he will be suspended from the competition for a certain period of time in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of the UFA.

21.14. UFA, UzFRC and UzPFL have a right to enroll a foreign referee or team of referees for the match by the mutual agreement.

21.15. The team of referees will obey the Match Commissioner.

## Section 22

Referee assessor's activity in the Competition.

- 22.1. A Referee assessor appointed by UzFRC will function in the competition.
- 22.2. A football club doesn't have a right to appeal to change the Referee assessor of the match.
- 22.3. A Referee assessor must strictly follow this Regulation and amendments, additions approved by IFAB and Instructions for the evaluation of referees for the quality of refereeing in football competitions.
- 22.4. UzFRC Referee assessor is required to act as a Match Commissioner in the match that commissioner is not present.
- 22.5. The Referee assessor obeys the Match Commissioner.

### Section 23

#### Protest over the referee's decision.

- 23.1. Complaint or objections to the referee's decisions will be filed and considered according to these Regulations.
- 23.2. If a football club has complaints on refereeing quality, head coach or sporting director has a right to inform the Match Commissioner about this in 30 minutes after match has finished and demand its own complaint get signed on the record of the match.
- 23.3. The football club that has filed an official objection on the quality of refereeing is required to submit a video recording of match (brief explanation of the case that exact cases specified with minutes) to the League. In this case, an objection is made to the action or inaction of the referee based on the requirements of these Regulations and "Laws of the Game".
- 23.4. Once the match protocol is signed by match officials, the complaints and objections will not be accepted.
- 23.5. The following will not be considered:
- the complaints and objections that not filed within the specified time period;
  - the complaints and objections that not mentioned in the match protocol;
  - the complaint and objection that the club hasn't paid the payment of complaint and objection within 48 hours.
- 23.6. The complaint or objection on the organization of competition shall be submitted to the Match Commissioner in written form at least 60 minutes before the match starts. The Match Commissioner will attach this objection to the notice of competition.
- 23.7. The objection or complaint on the refereeing shall be submitted to the appropriate committee for review after payment has been made to the League account. The objection or complaint will be reviewed within 3 days after the payment for this objection or complaint is done.

The payment for reviewing objection and complaint on refereeing:

- For Super League and Pro League - 10 000 000 UZS (10 million)
- For U19 and U21 championships - 5 000 000 UZS (5 million)

23.8. The refund of the payment made for the consideration of complaints or objections is based on the satisfaction of the complaint or objection, the validity of the details given in the complaint or objection and the recognition that they are contrary to this Regulation.

23.9. If a football club doesn't pay the payment for the consideration of its complaints or objections within next 2 work days after the match and the objection or complaint isn't withdrawn within this time, a football club is required to pay equal half of the amount of payment that is specified in the 7th paragraph of this section as a fine.

23.10. If a football club withdraws its complaint or objection in 48 hours, any disciplinary action will not be taken against it.



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