

AIFC RULES & REGULATION – (Updated September 2022)

By participating in INDOLEAGUE organized by AIFC, Players, Coaches, Team Managers and Officials agreed the following matchday rules & regulations:

1. PLAYERS PER TEAM AND PLAYER IDENTIFICATION

- 1.1 INDOLEAGUE allow all clubs to register a maximum of 25 players, clubs can still register new players before round 1 of each year of the competition, The maximum number of players that may be entered on a match sheet for any match shall be **17 players (maximum of 6 players on the bench)**
- 1.2 All players listed on the match sheet are deemed to have played in that match, unless their name has been removed from the match sheet prior to the referee confirming all of the details on the match sheet at the completion of the game.
- 1.3 The referee, whether officially appointed or otherwise, shall check player ID using INDOLEAGUE online ID list immediately prior to the commencement of the match

Players arriving late to the match shall **have their ID checked by** the referee or the assistant referee for checking before entering the field.

Should commencement of the match be delayed as a result of players not being ready to carry out the checking procedure, the referee may shorten the match to make up any lost time.
- 1.4 Teams who are unable to provide seven (7) of their registered players within ten minutes of the scheduled starting time of the match shall forfeit the match.
- 1.5 Should a team manager notice any discrepancy on the ID list online of a player on the opposing team, he/she should report this to the referee who will note it on the match sheet. The referee shall not refuse any reasonable request to have such information entered upon the match sheet.

2. PLAYER REPLACEMENTS DURING A MATCH

- 2.1 Players in all matches may interchange as often as they wish during a match.
- 2.2 Substitutions and interchange of players may only occur at a stoppage in play and when permitted by the referee. For substitution and interchange of players, the procedures for replacement of players as set down in the Rules of the Game must be followed.
- 2.3 A technical area, conforming to FIFA standards shall be marked adjacent to each field played upon and coaches, managers and substitutes shall remain within this technical area.
- 2.4 All player replacements shall be made from within one metre on either side of the halfway line on the same side of the field as the technical area.
- 2.5 Players being replaced must be off the field of play before the replacement player takes the field.

3. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS - PENALTIES

- 3.1 Any team that fields a player who:
is unregistered, or serving suspension

is not eligible to play in that team according to any rule of the AIFC.

shall for each match that the person has played in,
deemed to have lost each match, and
forfeit three competition points (even though the team may not have earned any points in the match played), and

be fined an additional registration fee, and be dealt with additionally as the AIFC deems fit
- 3.2 For each match that an ineligible person has played as mentioned in rule 3.1 the team's opponents will be declared the winners, and three competition points and three goals "for" shall be credited to them.
- 3.3 A player who, whilst *Disciplinarily Ineligible*, plays in any official match conducted under the auspices of the Association shall be automatically suspended for a period of 12 months commencing on the date that the penalty is advised to the player's Club by the Association.

An adult player who, whilst *Administratively Ineligible* plays in any official match conducted under the auspices of the Association shall be automatically suspended for 2 matches commencing on the date that the penalty is advised to the player's Club by the Association.

For the purposes of this Rule:-

"Disciplinarily Ineligible" means a player who is unregistered, suspended, stood down, banned or otherwise ordered not to play by any Authority having jurisdiction including the CDSFA, FNSW, FFA and the player's own Club.

And

"Administratively Ineligible" means any situation or circumstance other than one which is within the definition of "Disciplinarily Ineligible".
- 3.4 **A Club which permits a player, whilst ineligible, to play in any official match conducted under the auspices of the Association shall incur a monetary fine of minimum of \$500 per player.**

4. STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR

- 4.1 All players, team officials, club officials and spectators participating in the competitions conducted by the Association are required to comply with the Association's Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy in relation to any act of violence whether before, during or after a match.
- 4.2 A player, participant or club affiliated with the Association shall at all times act in the best interests of the game and shall not act in any manner which:
 - 4.2.1 Is unsportsmanlike.
 - 4.2.2 Brings or may bring the game into disrepute or may damage the reputation and/or the goodwill of the game.
 - 4.2.3 Is violent.
 - 4.2.4 Is improper, threatening, abusive, insulting or discriminatory, whether by words or behaviour, towards any other player or participant, by reason of that other player or participant's ethnic origin, colour, race, nationality, religion, sex, disability or any other reason.
 - 4.2.5 Knowingly or wilfully engages in the "ring in" of a player or players into any match.
 - 4.2.6 Is disrespectful or abusive of any match official or of their decisions.
 - 4.2.6 Is in breach of any matter set out hereunder in relation to either player indiscipline, offences by players against other players or any other person and offences by players, team or club officials against match officials.
- 4.3 In relation to all proceedings before the Judiciary, Disciplinary and Appeals Committees, the AIFC will apply penalties on AIFC discretion.
- 4.4 The following penalties shall apply to players and teams:-
 - 4.4.1 For a player sent off for the second time in the one season the minimum and maximum penalties shall be doubled.
 - 4.4.2 For a player sent off for a third time in the one season the minimum penalty shall be the remainder of the season.
 - 4.4.3 Where a team accumulates three (3) Red Cards during the group stage the team will incur a loss of one (1) premiership point.
 - 4.4.4 For each subsequent Red Card incurred by a team who has breached Rule 4.4.3 then the team will suffer an additional penalty, the loss of one (1) further premiership point.

5. YELLOW CARDS & SEND OFFS – (RED CARDS / DISMISSAL)

5.1 In the event of a player (or team official) being shown a red card or sent off by the referee he/she shall:

be automatically suspended for one match, and

the Club of the player (or team official) dismissed from the field or technical area shall be charged **an administration fee to process the dismissal.**

It shall be sufficient evidence that if a player (or team official) is shown a red card by the referee that he/she knows that he/she is suspended for a minimum of one match.

5.2 Any player (or team official) sent off during a match shall not take any part in any other match until the suspension period has concluded.

5.3 AIFC Judiciary committee can extend player suspension period for more serious misconduct.

5.4 A Yellow Card is issued by a Match Official to a Player due to the following caution able offences specified in Law 12 of the Laws of the Game and shall be given as follows:

Code	Description
Y1	The player is guilty of unsporting conduct
Y2	The player shows dissent by action or word
Y3	The player persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
Y4	The player delays the restart of play
Y5	The player fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free
	kick or throw in
Y6	The player re-enters the field of play without the Referee's permission
Y7	The player deliberately leaves the field of play without the Referee's permission

5.5 A Red Card may be issued by a Match Official during a Match against a Participant who engages in any one of the following offences and also listed at the Table of Offences at Schedule 3 to these Regulations:

Code	Description
R1	Serious foul play
R2	Violent conduct
R3	Spitting at an opponent or any other person
R4	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately
	handling the ball (this does not apply to a goal-keeper within his own penalty area)
R5	denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by
	an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
R6	using offensive, intimidating, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
R7	receiving a second caution in the same match

6. GROUP STAGES

- 6.1 INDOLEAGUE is using a half season format where all clubs will meet only once in group stages
- 6.2 To determine the position on the ladder, each team will be awarded 3 points for win, 1 point for draw and 0 point for lost
- 6.3 If any two or more teams equal in points, then it will be determined by goal difference then head-to-head in order
- 6.4 top four teams will advance to Final round

7. FINAL ROUND

- 7.1 Major Semi-final 1: the first on the table will face the second on the table, where the winner will go straight to Grand Final, and the loser will face the minor semi-final winner
- 7.2 Minor Semi-final: the third on the table will face the fourth on the table where the winner will face the loser of Major Semi-final 1 on Major Semi-final 2
- 7.3 3rd Place match will be between the loser of Minor semi-final facing the loser of Major semi-final 2
- 7.4 The Grand Final will be between the winner of Major Semi-final 1 facing the winner of Major Semi-final 2

8. WINNERS AND TROPHIES

- 8.1 AIFC INDOLEAGUE Minor Premier Trophy: The first on the ladder by the conclusion of group stages
- 8.2 AIFC INDOLEAGUE Champions Trophy: The winner of Grand Final
- 8.3 AIFC INDOLEAGUE Silver Trophy: The runner-up of Grand Final
- 8.4 AIFC INDOLEAGUE Bronze Trophy: The 3rd Place match winner
- 8.5 SOETJIPTO SOENTORO Award: INDOLEAGUE Top Scorer (Group and final round)
- 8.6 BERTJE MATULAPELWA Award: Best performing coach of INDOLEAGUE season
- 8.7 AIFC Fair Play Award: The team with least cards combined and other criteria judged by Judiciary committee