

INDOLEAGUE 2026 – Competition Update

As part of our ongoing commitment to developing INDOLEAGUE and ensuring the competition remains aligned with its vision, the AIFC Committee would like to announce two important changes that will take effect from the **2026 season**.

1. Reduction of Non-Indonesian Diaspora Player Limit

From the 2026 season, the maximum number of **non-Indonesian diaspora players** permitted in each squad will be **reduced from five (5) to four (4)**.

This decision reflects several important priorities:

- Providing greater opportunities for Indonesian players as the talent pool continues to expand.
- Preserving the Indonesian community as the heart and identity of INDOLEAGUE.
- Encouraging the long-term development of Indonesian football within Australia.
- Supporting a more balanced and competitive league for all participating clubs.

We remain committed to fostering an inclusive competition that welcomes the wider football community while ensuring INDOLEAGUE continues to fulfil its original purpose.

2. Indonesian Diaspora Eligibility Verification

From the 2026 season onwards, **all players will be required to submit a valid form of identification as part of the registration process**.

Players who wish to be recognised as **Indonesian diaspora** will also be required to provide supporting documentation demonstrating that they meet one or more of the following eligibility criteria:

- Born in Indonesia;
- Has a parent or grandparent who was born in Indonesia;
- Holds an Indonesian passport; or
- Is married to an Indonesian citizen.

The supporting documents submitted will be assessed by the **AIFC Committee**, who will determine whether sufficient evidence has been provided for a player to be recognised as Indonesian diaspora under the Competition Regulations. Until a player's Indonesian diaspora eligibility has been assessed and approved, they will be deemed a **non-Indonesian diaspora player** for competition purposes.

We encourage all players and managers to begin preparing any relevant supporting documents now to help avoid delays during the registration period. Further details regarding the verification process, acceptable forms of documentation, and submission procedures will be announced closer to the opening of registrations.

We appreciate everyone's patience, understanding, and cooperation as we introduce this more robust verification process. These measures are intended to provide greater clarity, consistency, and fairness in determining player eligibility, while safeguarding the integrity and identity of INDOLEAGUE moving forward.

Warm regards,

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