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“YOUTH PROGRAMME REGULATIONS”



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CHAPTER 1: Definitions

“AFC” shall mean the Asian Football Confederation

“FIFA” shall mean The Federation International de Football Association

“IFAB” shall mean the International Football Association Board

“PLC” shall mean Pro-League Committee

“UAE FA” shall mean the United Arab Emirates Football Association

“Football Association” shall mean the UAE Football Association

“Quality Control Procedure” shall mean the sanctions imposed on Clubs for failing to provide the proper facilities and match organization at their stadia for any PLC Competitions, in a way which does not contradict the Disciplinary, Competition or Stadia Regulations

“Ball Boys” shall mean boys and/or girls who are selected by the Host Club in accordance to Chapter 2, Article 6 of this regulation and whose duties are to retrieve the footballs throughout the match, return them to play in accordance to provisions of this regulations.

“Accreditation / Accredited” shall mean the giving of authority to a person or group of person, involving certification, which allows the accredited person(s) to undertake specified activities within the secured areas.

“Member Clubs” shall mean the clubs eligible to participate in the competition in accordance with Article 5 of these regulations and the Articles of Association

“Participating Club(s)” shall mean those teams participating in the Competition, under the authority of the Member Club and the PLC during the Competition

“Circulars” shall mean directives or amendments to these Regulations that are sent to Member Clubs in the form of official letters before and/or during the course of the League Season

“Force Majeure” shall be any event, or threatened event, affecting or which may affect the performance of any provision of this Agreement, arising from or attributed to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, epidemic or other natural disaster, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion

“Participating Players” shall mean those players registered and participating in the Competition and any other players under the authority of the PLC during the Competition

“Technical Committee” shall mean the Committee responsible for the organization and management of the competitions in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Association in coordination with the Competitions Committee in mutual matters

“Regulations” shall mean all regulations and / or policies controlled and published by the PLC and/or the

Football Association to be used in connection with the Competition, including but not limited to the UAE FA Statutes, Disciplinary Code, the Competition Regulations, PLC Stadia Regulations, the PLC Equipment Regulations, the PLC Youth Programme Regulations, the PLC Accreditation Policy, the PLC Media Regulations, the PLC Commercial / Marketing Regulations, PLC Club Workforce Regulations and the PLC Security Regulations.

“Match(es)” shall mean each and every football match in their entirety of the Etisalat Pro League and/or Etisalat Cup, including any deferred Matches and replays

“PLC Competitions / Competition” shall mean the Etisalat Pro League and the Etisalat Cup, which shall include the Matches as set out in the Match Schedule, including activities on the field of play (other than matches), ceremonies, press conferences or official functions connected herewith

“Youth Programme Participants” shall mean the Ball Boys and/or Flag Bearers and/or Player Escorts.

“General Coordinator” shall mean the official appointed by the Host Club as defined in Article 34.1.1 of the Competition Regulation

“Host Club” shall mean the club mentioned first for any Competition Match listed on the Match Schedule

“PLC Official Website” shall mean www.proleague.ae

“Accreditation Card” shall mean the cards which allow access to secured areas within the stadium at Competition Matches, which are issued by the Committee.

“Match Schedule” shall mean the official fixture list of Etisalat Pro League Matches as determined by the Technical Committee

“Flag Bearers” shall mean boys and/or girls who are selected by the Host Club in accordance to Chapter 2, Article 4 of this regulation and whose duties are to march-in the FIFA Fair Play flag as part of the pre-Match ceremony.

“Etisalat Pro League” shall mean the premier league organized by the PLC, participated by the first team of Member Clubs

“PLC Logo” shall mean the official logo of the PLC, and/or such other official logo, which shall be the only marks used by PLC, save where otherwise mutually agreed by the parties

“Match Officials” shall mean the match officials appointed by the Football Association and/or the PLC as defined in Chapter 6 of the competition regulations for Etisalat Pro League and Etisalat Cup

“FIFA Laws of the Game” shall mean the codified rules which are authorized and published by the sport's governing body FIFA via the International Football Association Board that help define association football

“Official Match Countdown” shall mean the list containing PLC approved activities and events from 3 hours before the match until one hour after the completion of the match. The list shall contain the list of activities including the specific time these activities should take place

“Prohibited Items List” shall mean the list of items which spectators are prohibited from taking into stadia used for any Competition Match, which shall be periodically communicated to Member Clubs

“Etisalat Cup” shall mean the annual competition organized by the PLC, comprising of a group stage played

in a league format and a knock-out stage

“Competition Regulation” shall mean the Regulation that sets organizational and technical procedures pertaining to Etisalat Pro League and/or the Etisalat Cup as approved by the Association (hereinafter referred to as «Regulation»).

“Disciplinary Committee” shall mean the semi-judicial committee affiliated to the Football Association

“Appeals Committee” shall mean the semi-judicial committee affiliated to the Football Association

“Professional League Committee / Pro League Committee” shall mean the committee formed by the Association to assume technical, financial, commercial and administrative management of the pro club competitions

“Stadia Regulations” shall mean the regulations that set the requirements which shall be met by the stadium of the clubs participating in the competitions held by the PLC

“Appeals Regulations” shall mean the regulations published by the Football Association which govern the process of appeals made by Member Clubs

“Disciplinary Regulations” shall mean the regulations, which describes infringements of the rules in the PLC and Football Association regulations, determines the sanctions incurred, regulates the organization and function of the bodies responsible for taking decisions and the procedures to be followed before these bodies

“Equipment Regulations” shall mean the regulations that govern the apparel and equipment worn by players and officials in the Competition matches held by the PLC

“Player Escort(s)” shall mean boys and/or girls who are selected by the Host Club (unless otherwise indicated) in accordance to Chapter 2, Article 5 of this regulation and whose duties are to march-in with the participating players as part of the pre-Match ceremony.

“PLC Headquarters” shall mean Wadi Al Amrdi Building 271-574, Near Murshif Park, Al Khawaneej, Dubai

“Controlled Access Areas” shall mean the locations of the Matches and other events, such as (without limitation) Stadium and their fences and perimeters, the aerial space above the Stadium, and all other locations associated with the Competition, including the Facility Areas, media centres, hospitality and VIP areas and facilities, other areas to which admission is regulated by PLC’s Accreditation Regulations

“Media” shall mean all members of the written press, on-line editors, photographers, television news crews and the representatives of the Broadcast Rights Holders entitled to media accreditation as determined by the PLC

CHAPTER 2: SCOPE OF APPLICATION

1. These regulations and procedures apply to all matches in the Etisalat Pro League and the Etisalat Cup.

CHAPTER 3: GENERAL

SUBSECTION I: SELECTION AND RECRUITMENT

2. It is the Host Club's responsibility to provide Ball Boys and Flag Bearers for all of its Competition Matches. In some Competition Matches, PLC may require the Host Club to provide additional participants who will accompany the players onto the pitch in the pre-match ceremony (hereinafter known as Player Escorts. to be utilized Player Escorts. Alternatively, Player Escorts may be chosen by an Official Partner of the PLC. The PLC will inform the Club at least two (2) weeks in advance should Player Escorts be required.
3. Unless otherwise specified by the PLC, it is strongly recommended that the Youth Programme Participants are sourced from the Host Club's youth academy.



Picture 1:
Flag Bearers / Ball Boys

4. Flag Bearers: the following are required:
 - a. Six (6) youths per match (can be the same set of youths as the Ball Boys)
 - b. Ages 13-16
 - c. To be coordinated by one (1) adult. In case the youths are the same ones used as Ball Boys, then similarly, any one of the two (2) adults responsible for the Ball Boys are sufficient.



Picture 2:
Player Escorts

5. Player Escort (if implemented) will range from:
 - a. Number:
 - i. Two (2) per match (just for team captains); or
 - ii. Twenty-two (22) per match (11 per team)
 - b. Ages 6-10 years old
 - c. Not taller than 130cm
 - d. Coordinator:
 - i. In case of two (2) player escorts, one (1) coordinator is to be provided
 - ii. In case of twenty-two (22) player escorts, four (4) coordinators are to be provided
6. Ball Boys and / or Ball Girls: the following are required
 - a. Fourteen (14) youths per match (this number includes a reserve member)
 - b. Ages 13-16
 - c. To be coordinated by two (2) adults

SUBSECTION II: ACCREDITATION

7. The Youth Programme Participants do not require accreditation badges. However, they must be dressed in their uniforms. The coordinators that accompany Youth Programme Participants do need to have a valid accreditation badge.

SUBSECTION III: YOUTH PROGRAMME ROOMS

8. Youth Programme rooms are allocated in pre-determined locations where the quickest or shortest access to/from the pitch, drop-off points, and seating blocks is possible. The room must be equipped with:
 - a. Tables, Chairs and Sofa Set for at least fifteen (15) persons;
 - b. Refreshments (Drinks and food); and
 - c. Television

SUBSECTION IV: TRAINING AND REHEARSALS

9. The PLC will conduct training sessions on at least two (2) separate days prior to the start of the season in each venue in order to meet the respective on-site staff, field any questions, check access routes and facilities, and train.

10. All Youth Programme participants including the Club General Coordinator and the coordinators must attend these training sessions.
11. Further, each Club is responsible to provide additional training to all Youth Programme participants according to the guidelines set forth here.

SUBSECTION V: OFFICIAL MATCH COUNTDOWN

For first-time participants of the Youth Programme

2 hours 45 minutes to kick off	Arrival at Stadium
2 hours 30 minutes to kick off	Rehearsals begin, led by Club General Coordinator and observed by PLC Match Commissioner
2 hours to kick off	End of rehearsal. Youth Programme Participants return to Youth Programme Room to
50 minutes to kick off	change into uniforms
20 minutes to kick off	Ball boys in position around field for the warm-up of the teams
20 minutes to kick off	End of warm up - ball boys to return to Youth Programme Room
	Ball boys who will assist as flag bearers in the pre-match ceremony to be in position in the players' tunnel, with remaining ball boys waiting with the bag of balls in the tunnel
5 minutes to kick off	Start of pre-match ceremony, flag bearers to march onto pitch
3 minutes to kick off	After players' handshake, flag bearers to exit the pitch and assemble with remaining ball boys
2 minutes to kick off	Ball boys collect balls and assemble around the pitch for the match
Kick Off	All Flag Bearers and Player Escorts go to seats, led by the coordinators
Half Time	Ball boys to regroup in dressing room for drinks and snacks
End of match	Ball boys to regroup in dressing room prior to departure

For those who have participated previously in the Youth Programme

1 hour to kick off	Arrival at Stadium
50 minutes to kick off	Ball boys in position around field for the warm-up of the teams
20 minutes to kick off	End of warm up - ball boys to return to Youth Programme Room
20 minutes to kick off	Ball boys who will assist as flag bearers in the pre-match ceremony to be in position in the players' tunnel, with remaining ball boys waiting with the bag of balls in the tunnel
5 minutes to kick off	Start of pre-match ceremony, flag bearers to march onto pitch
3 minutes to kick off	After players' handshake, flag bearers to exit the pitch and assemble with remaining ball boys
2 minutes to kick off	Ball boys collect balls and assemble around the pitch for the match
Kick Off	All Flag Bearers and Player Escorts go to seats, led by the coordinators
Half Time	Ball boys to regroup in dressing room for drinks and snacks
End of match	Ball boys to regroup in dressing room prior to departure

SUBSECTION VI: UNIFORMS

12. BALL BOYS AND FLAG BEARERS

- a. Unless otherwise indicated by the PLC, the Host Club must provide the Ball Boys and Flag Bearers with the following uniform:
 - i. One (1) short-sleeve t-shirt
 - ii. One (1) shorts
 - iii. One (1) socks
 - iv. One (1) cap
 - v. One (1) track-suit (suitable for use during winter-season)
 - vi. One (1) rain coat (in case of rain)
- b. All the Ball Boys and Flagbearers must always be dressed in the same way for all home matches so players and referees can identify them.
- c. The colours of the uniform must not clash with the two teams on the field of play and/or the referees. Host Club must prepare different coloured bibs to prepare for contingencies.
- d. Sponsor advertising on uniforms (shirt, shorts and socks) worn by Ball Boys and Flag Bearers is prohibited, except in cases where the kits are provided by the PLC. For further details, please refer to the PLC Equipment Regulations.

13. PLAYER ESCORTS

- a. Unless otherwise indicated by the PLC, the Host Club must provide the Ball Boys and Flag bearers with the following uniform:
 - i. One (1) short-sleeve t-shirt
 - ii. One (1) shorts
 - iii. One (1) socks
 - iv. One (1) track-suit (suitable for use during winter-season)
 - v. One (1) rain coat (in case of rain)
- b. All the Player Escorts must always be dressed in the same way for all home matches so players and referees can identify them.
- c. The colours of the uniform must not clash with the two teams on the field of play and/or the referees. Host Club must prepare different coloured bibs to prepare for contingencies.
- d. Sponsor advertising on uniform (shirt, shorts and socks) worn by Ball Boys and Flag Bearers is prohibited, except in cases where the kits are provided by the PLC. For further details, please refer to the PLC Equipment Regulations.

SUBSECTION VII: SAFETY

14. The Host Club must ensure that all locations where the Youth Programme participants will be staying in the stadium are secured and protected zones, with restricted access. All necessary steps must be taken by the Club to ensure the safety of the Youth Programme participants at all times. The youths and children in the Youth Programme must be supervised by their coordinators at all times.

SUBSECTION VIII: EMERGENCIES

15. In case anything unexpected happens, the Youth Programme participants should immediately re group and/or contact their coordinator.
16. If a participant suddenly feels sick during the match or needs urgent assistance, he is allowed to leave his position and meet either the Host Club representative or his coordinator. This is only for emergency cases, as otherwise, the Youth Programme participants are expected to stay in his positions until the end of the match. They cannot leave their position to go to the toilets, for example and therefore, must be sure to plan a toilet visit before going to the pitch.
17. If a participant finds himself separated from the group, he is to immediately go back to the Youth Programme room and ask staff members to contact the Club General Coordinator or his coordinator.

SUBSECTION IX: RESTRICTIONS

18. All Youth Programme Participants and/or their coordinators are not allowed to:
 - a. take any photos while on the pitch;
 - b. take mobile phones onto the pitch (except for coordinators);
 - c. access the team dressing rooms;
 - d. seek autographs or jerseys from the players
19. Additionally, all Youth Programme Participants are expected to respect these rules:
 - a. Always stay with the group and do not leave without the consent of the coordinator;
 - b. While in public areas, do not interact with the fans, cheer for your team or talk to them;
 - c. Do not run, fight, or play violent games with other Youth Programme participants;
 - d. Do not touch any equipment in the stadium (cables, TV equipment, etc.)



- Obey instructions of the PLC, Club and referee at all times
- Attend all rehearsals and pay attention
- Be punctual for all activities in the Official Match Countdown

- Wear uniform correctly and neatly
- Hold the flag at waist level so flag is straight and tight (for Flag Bearers)
- Contact the Coordinator or Club in case of emergency before or during the match



- Take photo with players or ask for autographs
- Take mobile phones onto the pitch
- Access team dressing rooms and any other areas not meant for Youth Programme participants
- Enter the field of play unless specified
- Leave the designated positions on the pitch
- while match is still taking place
- Wander alone in the stadium

- Interact with fans, public or the team
- Juggle or play with the ball
- Play any violent games
- Touch the advertising board or any other equipment in the stadium

CHAPTER 4: PLAYER ESCORTS

SUBSECTION I: MISSION

The Player Escorts are to escort the players from the tunnel into the pitch and leave the pitch prior the handshake ceremony.

SUBSECTION II: ROLE OF COORDINATORS

Depending on the number of Player Escorts, one (1) to four (4) coordinator(s) will be required.

These coordinators are responsible to ensure that the Player Escorts:

- Do not wander around and get 'lost' on and/or off the pitch
- Are in their respective positions according to the Official Match Countdown
- Are appropriately matched up with players according to height

These two coordinators are also responsible for accompanying Player Escorts into the tunnel for proper line up alongside the players. At this time, coordinators must ensure that Player Escorts are appropriately matched up with players according to height. Should any child appear too tall in comparison to the player he has been lined up with, coordinators must immediately switch this child with another better suited player. This height check is to be treated as top priority and must be performed as soon as the children and players are together in the tunnel to allow enough time for switching in the event that any is necessary.

The coordinators' goal is to ensure that no child obscures the visibility of any player during the lineup ceremony captured on camera. Player Escorts must remain standing in front of players during the ceremony (they are not to kneel).

SUBSECTION III: POSITIONS OF PLAYER ESCORTS AND COORDINATORS

As indicated in the Official Match Countdown, Player Escorts must be in the tunnel at least twenty (20) minutes from the match kick off time. Once the players are in the tunnel, the coordinator will assign one Player Escort to each player or to each team captain only.

Player Escort must be on the outer side of the player and the player will hold the hands of the Player Escort. (see Picture 3)



Picture 3:
Player Escort on the outside of Players

Player Escorts will then walk hand-in-hand with players onto the pitch behind the General Coordinator and the referees. They then take their position standing in front of the players and leave just prior to the hand-shake ceremony. Please see Diagram 1.1 to Diagram 1.4 for entrance and exits paths.

Diagram 1.1 Position of FIFA Fair Play Flag, Referees, Teams & Player Escorts at Start of March-in

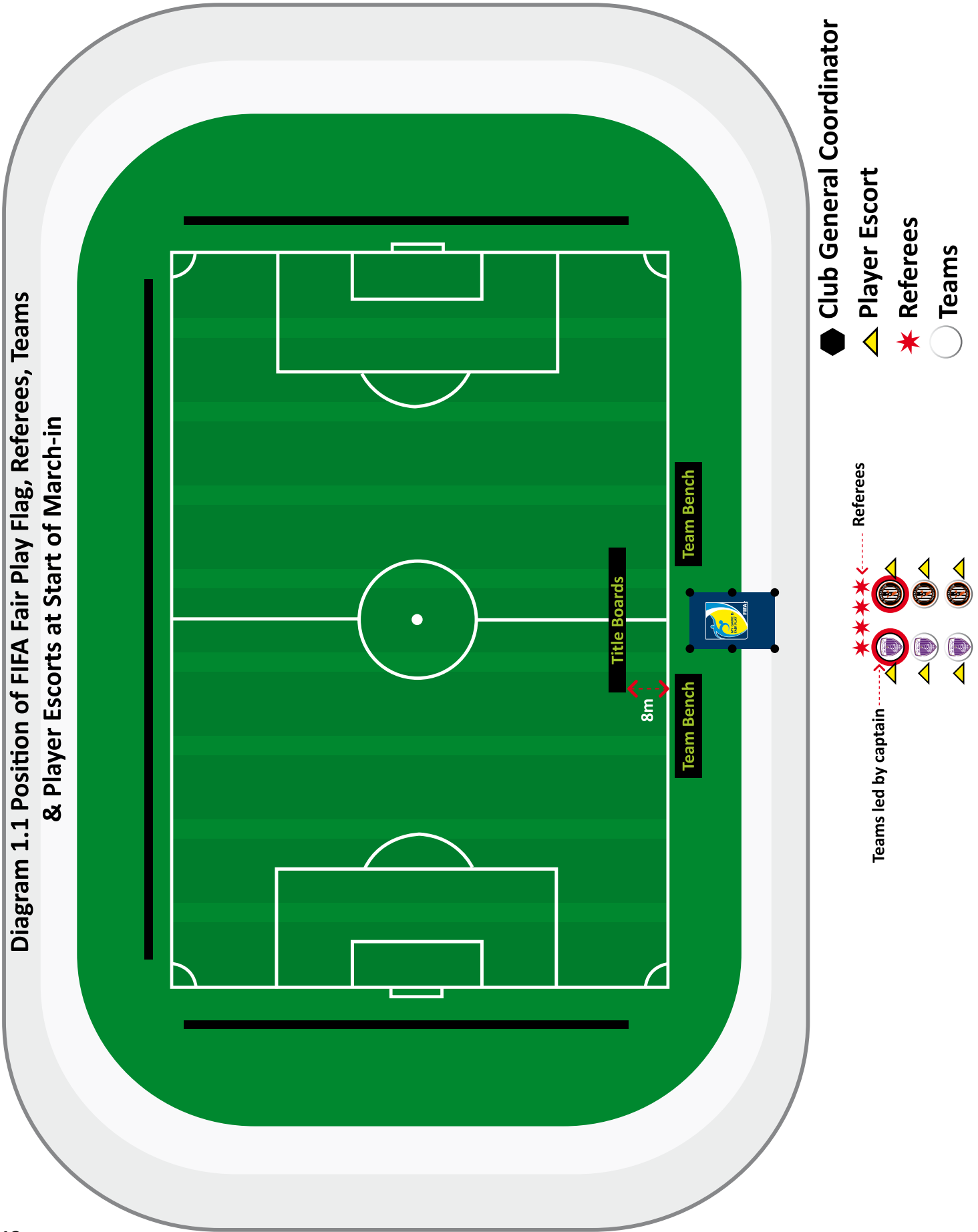
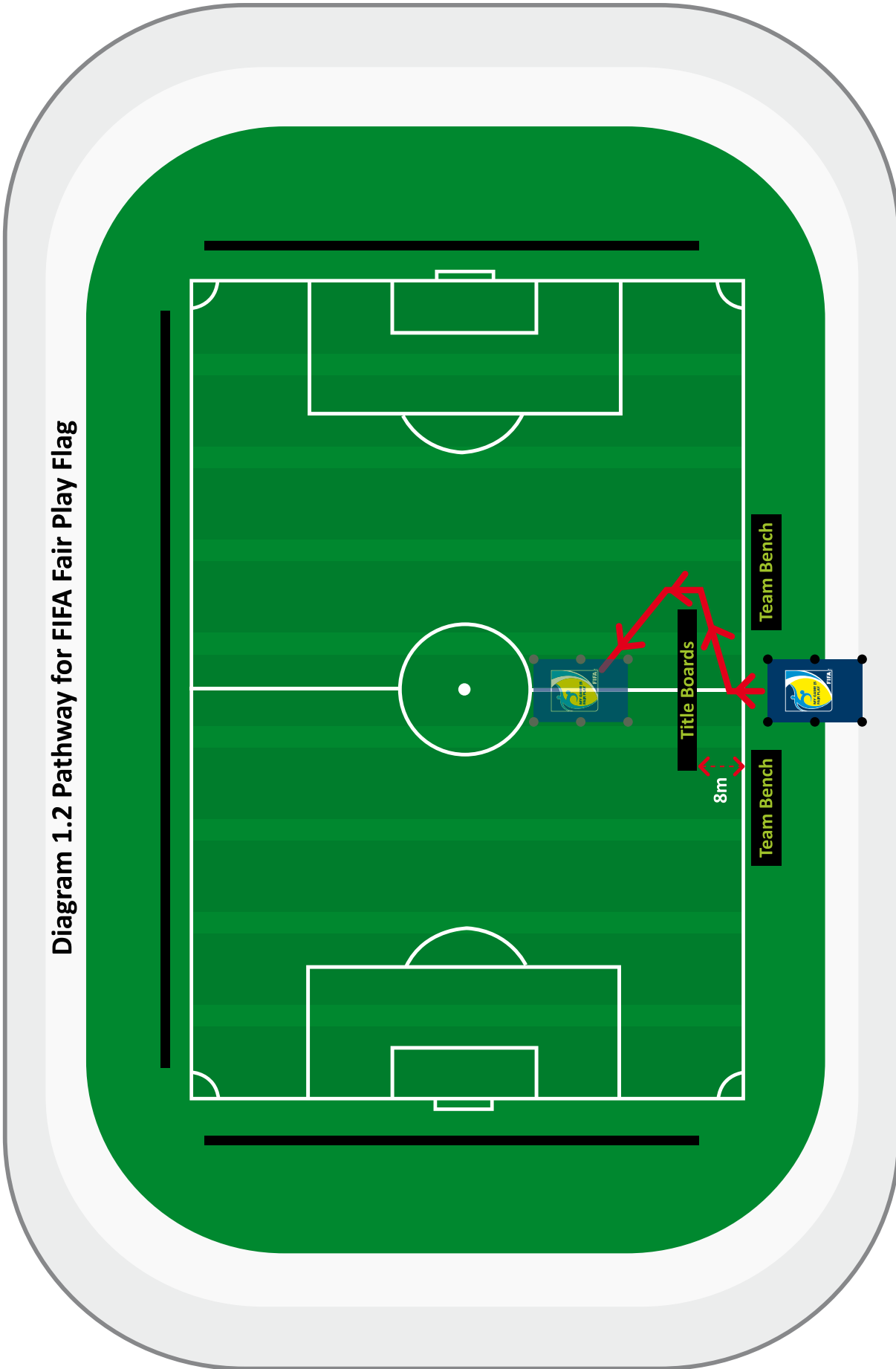
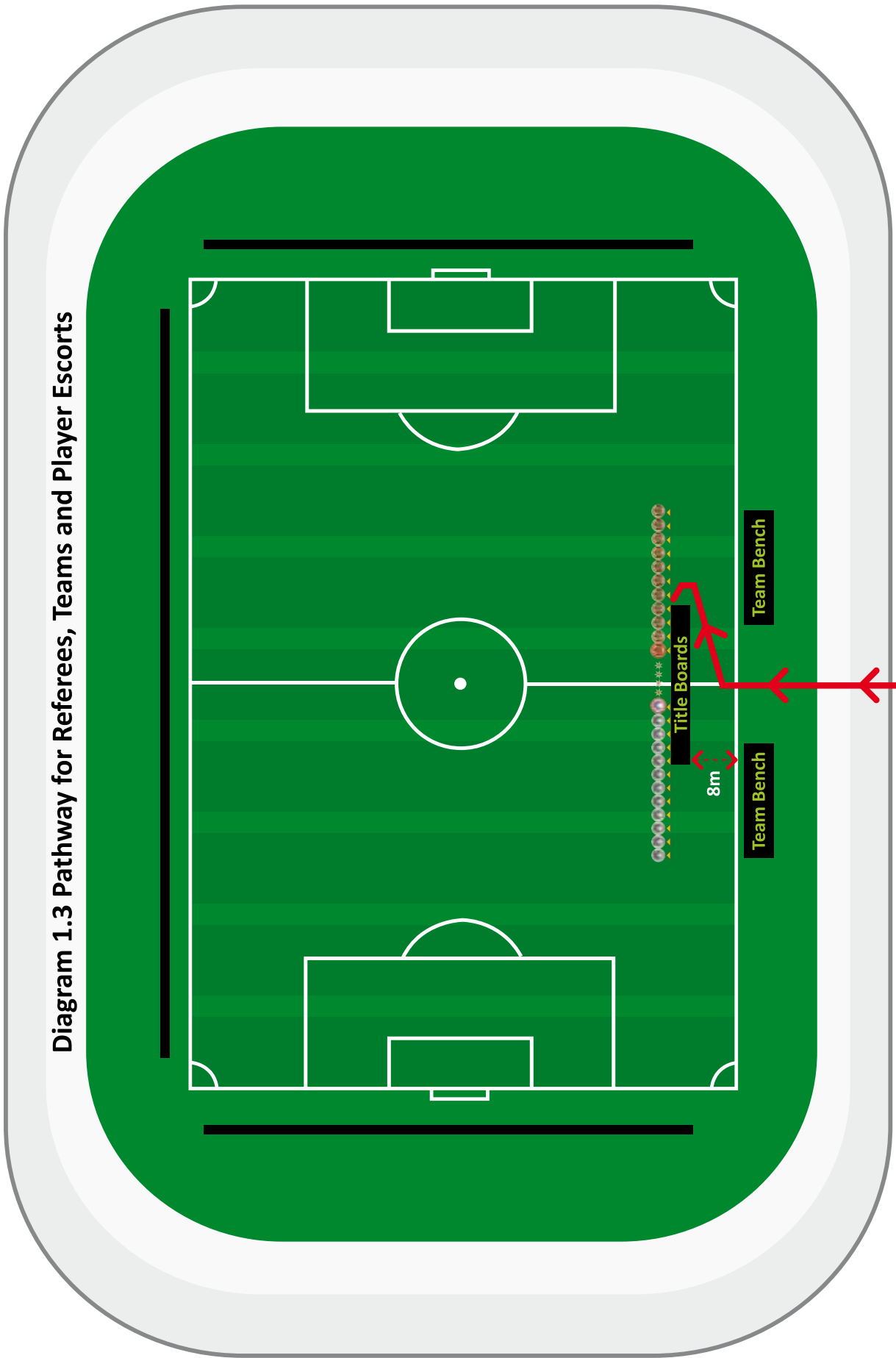


Diagram 1.2 Pathway for FIFA Fair Play Flag



- Club General Coordinator
- ▲ Player Escort
- ★ Referees
- Teams

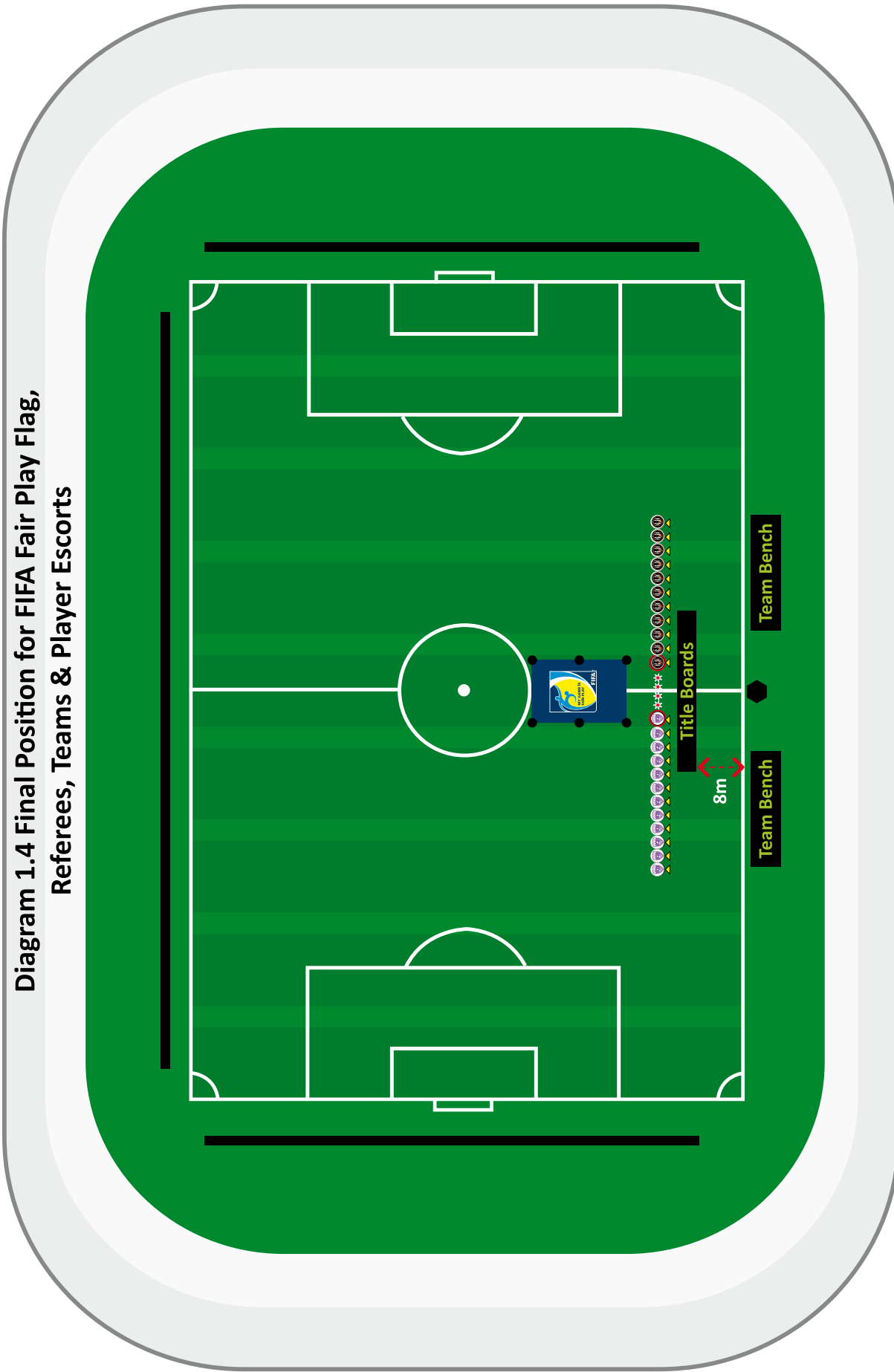
Diagram 1.3 Pathway for Referees, Teams and Player Escorts



- ◆ Club General Coordinator
- ▲ Player Escort
- ★ Referees
- Teams



Diagram 1.4 Final Position for FIFA Fair Play Flag, Referees, Teams & Player Escorts



- ◆ Club General Coordinator
- ▲ Player Escort
- ★ Referees
- Teams

Coordinators are allowed to stand alongside the pitch, wherever they are best out of the line of sight (normally behind the team benches), to help retrieve Player Escorts from their positions as soon as the PLC anthem is finished, and to avoid the kids getting “lost” on the pitch.

SUBSECTION IV: SEATING AREA DURING THE MATCH

Once the Player Escorts complete their tasks and leave the field of play, they will be escorted by the coordinators to their reserved seats where they can watch the match if they wish. The Host Club must identify and reserve seats in a safe and secure area for the Player Escorts and the coordinators.

CHAPTER 5: FLAG BEARERS

SUBSECTION I: MISSION

The six (6) Flag Bearers are responsible to carry the FIFA Fair Play flag to the middle of the pitch as part of the pre-match ceremony. These can be the same youths as those acting as Ball Boys.

SUBSECTION II: ROLE OF COORDINATORS

One (1) adult is responsible to coordinate the movement and duties of the Flag Bearers. These coordinators are responsible to ensure that:

- The Flag Bearers do not wander around and get 'lost' on and/or off the pitch
- The Flag Bearers are ready and waiting with the FIFA Fair Play flag in the player's tunnel, no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time.
- The FIFA Fair Play flag is returned to the Club General Coordinator when the ceremony is completed.

SUBSECTION III: POSITIONS OF FLAG BEARERS AND COORDINATORS

As indicated in the Official Match Countdown, Flag Bearers must be in the player's tunnel no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time.

The Flag Bearers must hold the FIFA Fair Play flag at waist level, with the hand that is closest to the flag. (See Picture 4.2).



Picture 4.1:
Holding Flag with the wrong hand



Picture 4.2:
Holding Flag with correctly with the hand closest to flag

At approximately 5 minutes before kick-off (and when the teams and referees are ready) the PLC Match Commissioner will signal for the start of the PLC Anthem.

Approximately 15 seconds after the start of the anthem, the PLC Match Commissioner will signal the flag bearers to commence their march onto the pitch. They should walk around the sponsor line-up boards and assemble at the half way of the pitch just before the centre circle. The flag bearers must take their position below (not on) the centre circle (see Picture 5.1 & 5.2).



Picture 5.1:
Flag is **inside** the centre circle
(red line in picture shows end of centre circle)



Picture 5.2:
Flag is **below** the centre circle
(red line in picture shows end of centre circle)

To provide good flag visibility, the FIFA Fair Play flag is to be held at 45 degree angle to the field (see Picture 6.1) and ...

- The two children closest to VIP kneel down and sit back on their calves (see Picture 6.3);
- The middle two children kneel on one knee; and
- The back two children remain standing.



Picture 6.1



Picture 6.2:
Leg in wrong position

Picture 6.3:
Knee of the leg nearest to the flag should touch the ground

After the handshake ceremony, the Flag Bearers shall exit the pitch around the outside of the team bench closest to them (see Diagram 1.4). The FIFA Fair Play flag must be carried out in the same way that it was carried into the pitch (i.e. at waist level, straight and without any creases). The FIFA Fair Play flag is to be folded only once the Flag Bearers pass the team bench.

The coordinators are to stand inside the player's tunnel to help retrieve the FIFA Fair Play flag once they exit from the pitch.

SUBSECTION IV: SEATING AREA DURING THE MATCH

Once the Flag Bearers complete their tasks and leave the field of play, they will be escorted by the coordinators to their reserved seats where they can watch the match if they wish. The Host Club must identify and reserve seats in a safe and secure area for the Flag Bearers and the coordinators.

CHAPTER 6: BALL BOYS

SUBSECTION I: MISSION

The twelve (12) Ball Boys are in place to support all players and officials by enabling them to quickly get the ball back in play. These efforts are critical to ensuring that the game can continue in as fluid a manner as possible.

The Ball Boys must pay close attention at all times in order to be able to provide a ball to the appropriate player immediately after the ball has left the field. The Ball Boys must be very attentive to the match action so that they know where and to whom the ball should be provided. They also have to ensure that there is only one ball on the field of play at any given time. Very good communication- both visual and verbal- between all of the Ball Kids is therefore very important.

SUBSECTION II: MATCH FOOTBALLS

Unless specified otherwise by the Competition Regulations, the Club will be provided with ten (10) footballs for every of their home match. The ten (10) match balls will be allocated as follows:

- 1 for the Referee to start play
- 1 for the 4th Official (to be kept at his table)
- 8 for the Ball Balls

SUBSECTION III: ROLE OF COORDINATORS

Two (2) adults are responsible to coordinate the movement and duties of the Ball Boys. These coordinators are responsible to ensure that:

- The footballs are pumped according to the regulation and to deliver these footballs to the Referees Dressing Room no later than 100 minutes prior to kick-off of each match;
- The Ball Boys do not wander around and get 'lost' on and/or off the pitch;
- The Ball Boys and the footballs are ready in the player's tunnel, no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time;
- The Ball Boys, with their footballs gather in the player's tunnel and into the dressing room during half time;
- The Ball Boy perform their tasks according to the procedures and guidelines set forth;
- The footballs are returned to the Club General Coordinator when the match is finished.

SUBSECTION IV: POSITIONS OF BALL BOYS AND COORDINATORS

As indicated in the Official Match Countdown, the Ball Boys must be in the player's tunnel no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time. Where the Ball Boy is to have a football, he must have this football with him at this point of time.

Once the Flag Bearers have exited the pitch, the Ball Boys will jog to their respective positions, in two (2) rows of six (6) (see Diagram 2.1).

Diagram 2.1 Ball Boys Entry Path to take their positions

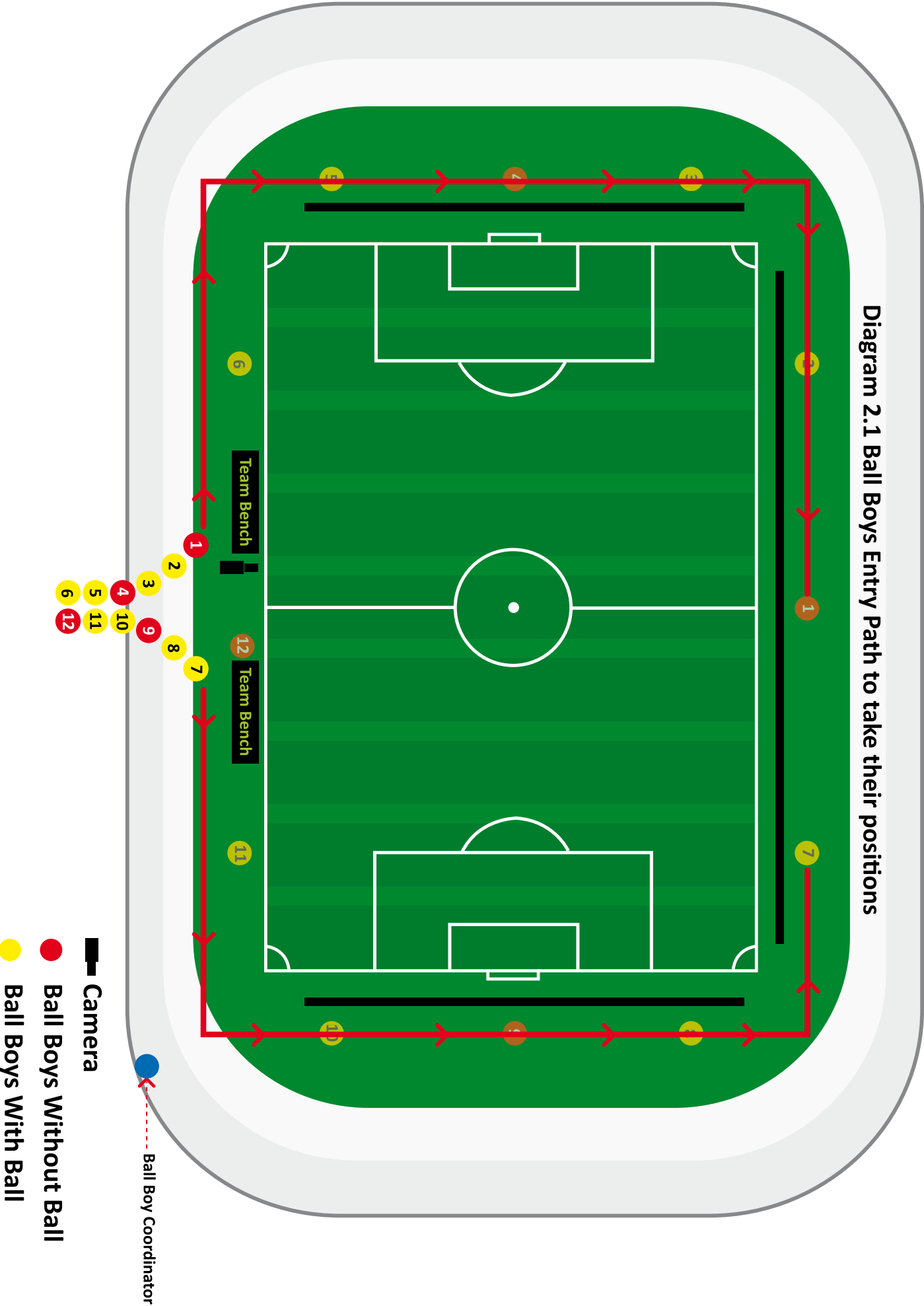
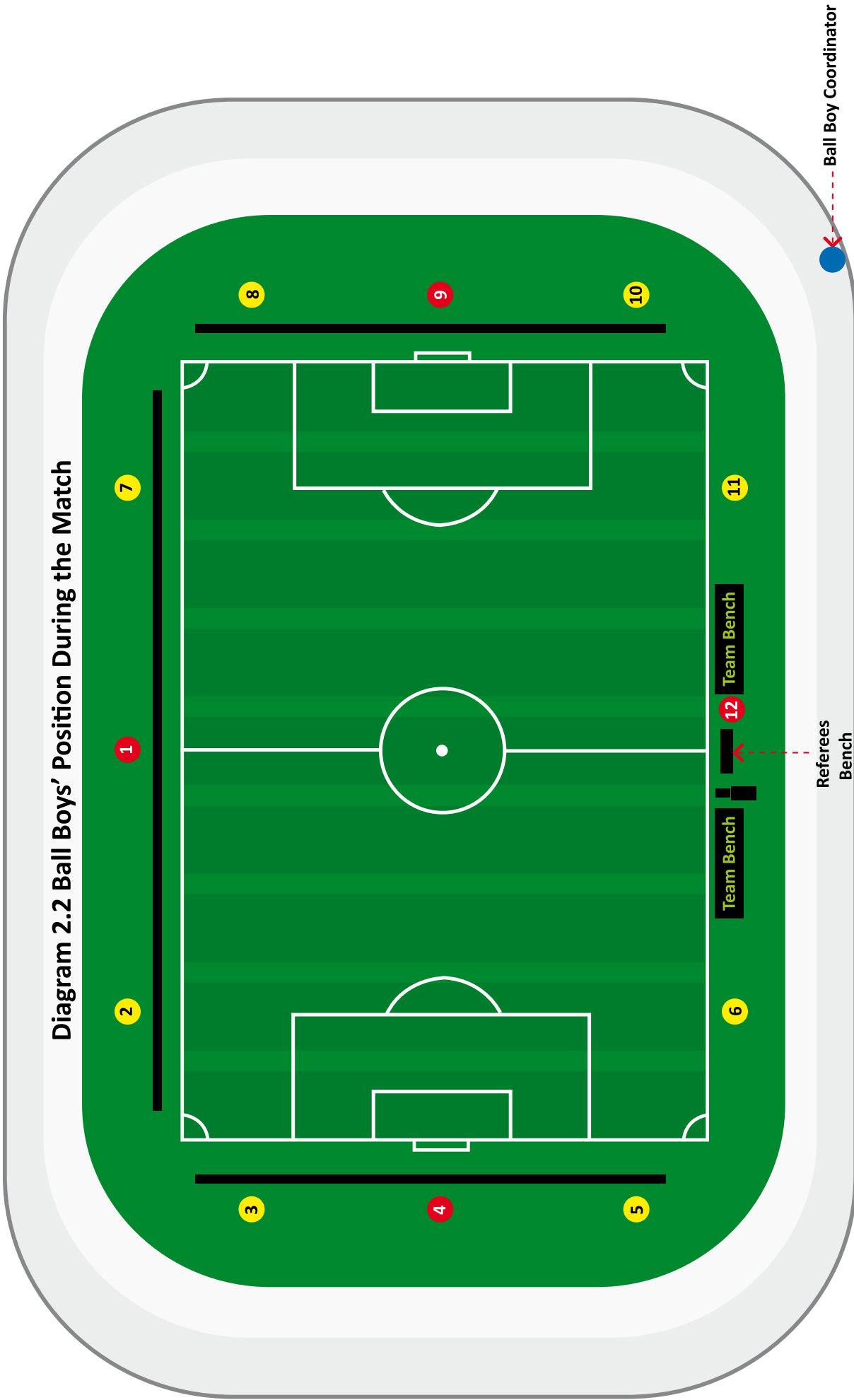


Diagram 2.2 Ball Boys' Position During the Match



The position of Ball Boys around the pitch is as per Diagram 2.2.

The Ball Boy indicated with yellow dots will each hold a football in their hands during the match. Ball Boys indicated in red will not hold a football during the match. Rather, their role is to assist to retrieve the balls show well out of play.

The blue dots indicate the positions of the Ball Boy coordinator during the match.

Through-out the match, the Ball Boy must stand. Seating on chairs and/or balls, sitting on track / floor area and/or squatting are not permissible.

Half time

At half time, all Ball boys will regroup in the Youth Programme room (or in another location, as instructed by the Ball Boy Coordinator) where they will receive drinks and snacks. It is very important that they are properly supervised and not playing with balls on or around the pitch during this time.

End of match

At the end of the match, the Ball Boy Coordinator must ensure that the Ball boys regroup to hand over the balls and then proceed to the Youth Programme room in order to change and get ready for departure. They should not loiter on the field of play around the Flash Interviews, nor should they enter the player dressing rooms.

SUBSECTION V: FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO BALL BOYS

1. Giving the ball to a player

When the ball in play has crossed the line and left the field, the Ball boy who is the closest to the point where the ball left should throw his ball to the player who will restart the play.

The Ball boy should make sure that a new ball is needed before sending his ball to the field. The Ball boy should also wait until the player is at the touchline and have eye contact with the player before giving the ball. If the ball that went out is still close enough to the field, it may happen that the player will walk to get the ball back himself.

2. Recovering the ball

When the game has re-started, the ball boy who has given his ball to the player will run to recover the lost ball and then immediately go back to his position.

If a ball leaves the field of play and rolls all the way to stop outside the lines, but inside the advertising boards, the ball boy who gave his ball away for the match to continue should wait until the action goes away from the abandoned ball and then go to get the missing ball when there is no action around. After having recovered the ball, the Ball boy should return to his position. At no time can a Ball boy enter the field of play.

In case the ball lands in the stands, Ball boys should try to get the ball back while staying as near as possible to their designated positions at all times. The ball boys should never go to the stands to pick up a ball, but ask the spectators to throw the ball back, without taking any risk. If the spectators do not return the ball, the ball boy should go back to his position and wait for a new ball to be brought to him by the club staff.

3. Holding the ball

During the match, all Ball Boys have to stand behind the advertising boards, holding the ball in their hands, or with the ball on the floor next to them. It is very important that the Ball boy does not play with the ball at any time (no juggling, no kicking). The Ball boy should not be touching the advertising boards with the ball, or leaning on them, or climb over them, they should stay behind these boards, and behind the photographers or cameramen, if any.

4. Watching the match

In order to be a good Ball boy, it is important that they follow all the action on the field, even if the action is in the distance. This will ensure that they know exactly what to do with his ball in case it is needed. This is particularly important if they are standing behind the goals (behind the goal line).

5. Goal Kicks and Corner Kicks

When the ball crosses the goal line (the line defining the short side of the pitch) there are two possible scenarios, depending on whether the player who touched the ball last is attacking or defending:

If an attacking team player touches the ball out of the field over the goal line, the ball will be kicked back into play by the goal keeper. (Goal Kick)

If a defending team player touches the ball out of the field over the goal line, the ball will return into play from the corner. (Corner Kick)

It is very important that the Ball boys know where to send their ball in such cases, and for that they have to follow the action. In case of a doubt, they have to look at the referee, who will be showing the place where the action will resume.

6. Advertising boards / LED Boards

On three sides of the field, there are standing advertising boards or LED boards. The Ball Boy stands behind these boards, without leaning on them or touching them. It is not possible for a ball boy to jump over the boards to pick up a ball. They should always run around the boards and use one of the corner gaps to collect balls. Again, the Ball boy can only do this (walk in front of the advertising boards) at a time when the action is away from this point. If there is action around, the Ball boy has to wait until it goes away.

7. Sporting behaviour (fair play)

Ball Boys should remain impartial at all times and should not cheer for one or the other team and must respect both teams equally and the referee at all times. Ball boys should refrain from talking to the players, congratulate them or ask them for autographs or their jersey.

Ball Boy coordinator and/or any officials from the Club must not provide instructions to the Ball Boys to deliberately delay the game.

Fair Play is an elegant and sporting attitude by which players and spectators respect each other, play and or cheer in a friendly atmosphere. Fair Play means respecting the rules, the referee and the teams, in any situation. Fair Play is a very important concept for FIFA, who promotes Fair Play everywhere in the world. Like the players, the ball boys have to show the spirit of Fair Play.



Do not juggle or play with the ball



Do not climb over the LED screen



Do not sit on the ball



Do not lean against the LED screen



Ball boys should stand, not sit on the chair

CHAPTER 7: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

SUBSECTION I: DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

1. In the event that the Host Club is not able to fulfill any of the provisions in this regulation, the Host Club must inform the PLC at least two (2) weeks in advance, with an alternative solution to be approved by the PLC.
2. The Match Commissioner has the responsibility to report any violation of these provisions during any Competition Match to the PLC General Secretariat.
3. If a Club violate any of these provisions, PLC may pronounce sanctions or take measure in accordance to the Quality Control Procedures.

SUBSECTION II: MATTERS FOR PROVIDED FOR

1. Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the PLC Technical Committee, whose decision shall be final.

