

PLC Stadia 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

"Stadia / Stadium" shall mean the venue / ground that the Host Club is using to play its home matches in PLC Competitions.

"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(s)" shall mean the clubs who are members of the UAE FA in accordance to the Articles of Association

"Club(s)" shall mean the commercial entity who has a written contract with a registered member of the UAE FA (i.e. Member) and who has been given the right, via this written contract, to participate in PLC Competitions by the registered Member.

"Participating Club(s)" shall mean those teams participating in the PLC Competitions, under the authority of the Clubs and PLC during the Competitions.

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

"Commercial Affiliates" shall mean any entities, including without limitation any Broadcast Affiliates that have acquired from the PLC rights in relation to the Commercial Rights

"Referee(s)" shall mean the match officials appointed by the Referees' Committee as defined in Article 41 of the Competition Regulations

"Medical Staff" shall mean all medical professionals working in the clubs, which include doctors, nurses and physiotherapists, and massage specialists, and pharmacists and other medical practitioners and other licensed Health Authority of all concerned in each Emirate, in accordance with laws and regulations governing healthcare and medical liability in the state

"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, food, 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

"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 any Competition match, including any deferred Matches and replays

"Host Club" shall mean the club who owns and is responsible for the venue / stadia in which the PLC Competition is held.

"Broadcast Affiliates" shall mean any entity(ies), including without limitation the Host Broadcaster, that have acquired from the PLC any rights in relation to the Broadcast Rights

"Host Broadcaster" shall mean the entity appointed by the PLC to provide a certain range of core services in connection with the production of the basic audiovisual feed (or any supplemental feed) of any Match or Official Function

"Etisalat Reserve League" shall mean the league competition organized by the PLC, participated by the reserve team of Clubs

"Etisalat Pro League" shall mean the premier / top division league organized by the PLC, participated by the first team of Clubs

“Referees Group” shall mean the four (4) referees and Referee Assessor appointed by the UAE FA Referees’ Committee for any PLC Match.

“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

“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 Participating 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

“Etisalat Super Cup” shall mean the match which is organized by the PLC between the Etisalat Pro League Champion and UAE President’s Cup Champion from the previous season.

“UAE President’s Cup” shall mean the annual knockout cup competition organized by UAE FA

“Disciplinary Code” 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

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

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

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

“Referees' Committee” shall mean the committee assembled by the Football Association responsible for all matters pertaining to referees, including the appointment of referees and assessors to League Matches

“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

"Competition Regulations" shall mean the Regulation that sets organizational and technical procedures pertaining to the various PLC Competitions.

“Match Commissioner” shall mean the PLC-appointed match official.

“PLC Competitions” shall mean the Etisalat Pro League, Etisalat Cup and Etisalat Super Cup.

“Match Officials” shall mean the persons appointed by PLC to oversee the match including but not limited to the Match Commissioner, Media Officer and Access Control Officer.

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

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

“League Season” shall mean the period from the first football match organized under the auspices of the PLC (either in the Etisalat Super Cup, Etisalat Cup or Etisalat Pro League) until the last football match organized by the PLC (either in the Etisalat Super Cup, Etisalat Cup or Etisalat Pro League or Etisalat Reserve League) from July 2012 to June 2013

“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: General

1. Introduction

1. Based on criteria I.02 of the UAE Club Licensing Regulations, these regulations have been adopted.

2. Scope of Application

1. These regulations are applicable to all the Clubs in the PLC Competitions.
2. Unless clearly indicated, the regulations will come into force for the season 2012/2013 onwards.

CHAPTER 3: Technical and Field of Play

3. Field of Play

1. All Competition matches should only be played on natural turf or artificial turf that meets recognized FIFA standards in accordance with the FIFA Quality Concept.
2. Artificial turf must have been granted the required FIFA license, which can only be delivered after the turf in question has been tested by a FIFA-accredited laboratory as meeting the FIFA quality standards for artificial turf; and its surface must be green.
3. Field markings must be in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, and the field of play must have the following dimensions:
 1. Length: minimum 100m ~ Maximum 110m; and
 2. Width: minimum 64m ~ maximum 75m.
4. There must be a minimum of four (4) meters between the touch lines and the perimeter fence separating the field of play from the spectator area to allow for advertising boards, cameras, photographers and ball boys.
5. Advertising on the ground shall be at least 1m from the boundary lines of the field of play (i.e. 1m from the touch lines of the field of play; and 1m from the goal line as the depth of the goal net and at least 1m either side of the goal). All upright advertising within five (5) meters of the boundary lines must be parallel to them.

4. Warm-up area

1. A grassed warm-up area for substitutes must be made available along the touchlines or behind the advertising boards behind the goal.

5. Goals and spare goal

1. Goalposts and crossbars must be made out of aluminum or similar material and must be round or elliptical. Moreover, they must be in compliance with the Laws of the Game as promulgated by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) which means, in particular, that:
 1. The distance between the posts must be 7.32m;
 2. The distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground must be 2.44m;

3. The goalposts and crossbars must be white; and
 4. They must not pose any danger to players.
2. A spare goal, which can be easily installed if the circumstances so require, must be available within the Stadia.

6. Giant Screen / Scoreboard

1. The Stadia must have a giant screen which is video enabled, or at a minimum is capable of showing the match score and match clock.
2. The match clock must run from zero to forty-five (45) minutes for the first half and from forty-five (45) to ninety (90) minutes for the second half. Time must be stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e. after forty-five (45) and ninety (90) minutes respectively.
3. This stipulation shall also apply if extra time is played (i.e. after fifteen (15) minutes of each half).

7. Flagpoles

1. Stadia must be equipped with a minimum of five (5) flagpoles or other kind of supports allowing five (5) flags to be flown.

8. Benches

1. The Stadia must be equipped with two (2) covered benches at pitch level for the hosting club and the visiting club, each with seating room for twenty (20) full size seats, which are affixed to the bench and have backrests positioned at least five (5) meters from the touchline. Moveable chairs are not allowed. Benches must be covered to protect against bad weather and spectator misbehaviour.
2. The Stadia must be equipped with one (1) covered bench at pitch level for Fourth Official with seating room for two (2) people.

9. PLC Match Officials' seating

1. The Host Club shall reserve and clearly mark a minimum of three (3) seats (with tables), away from public and media dedicated for the Match Commissioner, Referee Assessor and PLC Official, including a TV monitor with live feed of the match.

CHAPTER 4: Technical rooms

10. Team Dressing Rooms

1. The Stadia must have a minimum of two (2) air-conditioned dressing rooms, equipped with the following:
 1. A minimum of four (4) showers;
 2. A minimum of four (4) individual seated toilets, or a combination of three (3) individual seated toilets and one (1) urinal;
 3. Seating room for at least thirty (30) persons;
 4. One (1) massage table;
 5. One (1) tactical whiteboard; and
 6. One (1) refrigerator.
2. The Stadia must guarantee direct, private and protected access for the teams from their dressing rooms to the playing area and ensure their safe arrival at/departure from the Stadia. Access paths for teams can only be shared by the PLC Match Officials.

11. Referees' Dressing Room

1. The Stadia must have an air-conditioned referees' dressing room, equipped with the following:
 1. A minimum of one (1) shower;
 2. A minimum of one (1) individual seated toilet;
 3. Seating room for at least five (5) persons;
 4. One (1) table and five (5) chairs; and
 5. One (1) refrigerator.
2. The Stadia must guarantee direct, private and protected access for the referees from their dressing room to the playing area and ensure their safe arrival at/departure from the Stadia. Access paths for referees can only be shared by the PLC Match Officials.

12. Medical Room for players and officials

1. An emergency medical room located in close proximity to player's dressing room and the field of play, fully equipped with emergency medical supplies and

supported by Medical Officer and trained medical staff in Emergency Medicine must be provided. Facilities must include the following:

1. Oxygen with appropriate masks/oral airway;
 2. Splints (Spinal injuries);
 3. Stretchers;
 4. Suction machine;
 5. I/V drip sets with emergency injections and medication;
 6. Minor surgery supplies and equipment; and
 7. Automated External Defibrillator.
2. Parking spaces within the Stadia must be identified for two (2) ambulances with designated drivers equipped with oxygen, masks, defibrillator, I/V drip sets, emergency medicaments and trained medical staff, which shall be provided by the hosting club at its own expenses.

13. Doping Control Room

1. The Stadia must be equipped with a dedicated air-conditioned doping control room that is located near the team dressing rooms and is inaccessible to the public and the media.
2. The room must be at least 20m² and comprise of a waiting room, testing room and toilet area, all adjoining.
3. The waiting room forms part of or is immediately adjacent to the testing room (a partition dividing the two areas is also acceptable). It must contain sufficient seating for eight people, a television (with live match feed), and a refrigerator equipped with non-alcoholic drinks in sealed mineral water bottles and canned juices.
4. The testing room must, at least, contain one (1) table, four (4) chairs, a sink with running water, a lockable cabinet and a toilet.
5. The toilet area must be within the testing room or immediately next to it and with direct private access to the testing room. It must contain a seated toilet as well as a sink with running water.

14. PLC Office

1. The Stadia must be equipped with a dedicated air-conditioned office to be used by the PLC Match Officials, located near the team dressing rooms and is inaccessible to the public and the media, equipped with the following:

1. One (1) table and five (5) chairs;
2. One (1) desktop computer (with broadband wireless internet and Adobe Reader installed);
3. One (1) printer and consumables;
4. One (1) photocopier and consumables;
5. One (1) scanner;
6. One (1) seated toilet (or one in close proximity to the room); and
7. One (1) television with a live match feed.

15. Ball Boys' Youth Programme Room

1. The Stadia must be equipped with a dedicated room for ball boys, flag bearers and player escorts, equipped with the following:
 1. Tables, Chairs and Sofa Set for at least fifteen (15) persons; and
 2. One (1) 42 inch television;
 3. Minimum of one (1) seated toilet (or one in close proximity).

16. Storage Rooms

1. The Stadia must be equipped with a minimum of two (2) air-conditioned storage rooms (minimum of 10m² in size) for the use of PLC and its Commercial Affiliates.

CHAPTER 5: Spectator Seating and Facilities

17. Seating and capacity

1. The Stadia must have a minimum 5.000 individual seats divided in at least four (4) sectors, one of them to be reserved to visiting supporters capable of holding up to 25% of the overall stadia capacity (for visiting fans).
2. The VVIP tribune, VIP tribune and media tribune must be covered by a roof.
3. Apart from the VVIP, VIP and media tribune, each category of seats within the stadia must be capable of being divided into separate sectors – one area for home spectators and one area for visiting spectators).
4. All seats in the VVIP, VIP and media tribune must be numbered clearly and corresponding tickets / passes/ invitations must be produced by the Host Club.
5. There must be a minimum of two (2) ticketing booths, with one to be specifically assigned to away spectators.

18. VVIPS /VIPS seating and hospitality

1. The Stadia must be equipped with at least fifty (50) individually covered and numbered VVIP and VIP seats that correspond with tickets and invites that are produced for each PLC match.
2. The Stadia must be equipped with at least one (1) hospitality room/lounge to cater for VVIPs and VIPs.

19. Disabled spectators

1. For the 2014/2015 season onwards, there must be a minimum of five (5) Disabled spectator seats (with an accompanying seat for a helper) in a safe, comfortable and covered location, meeting the following requirements:
 1. safe, covered, unobstructed, integrated viewing facilities;
 2. own separate entrance gate (if necessary);
 3. direct access to their viewing area;
 4. ramps for wheelchairs; and
 5. toilet facilities.

20. Spectator toilets

1. The stadia must be equipped with seated toilets for both male and female spectators in each sector of the Stadia, in accordance with the following ratios:
 1. Six (6) seated toilets for every 1000 spectator seats (distributed with a minimum ratio of 20% for women);
 2. Three (3) urinals for every 1000 spectator seats; and
 3. A minimum of one (1) disabled toilet in close proximity to any assigned disabled seating location.

21. Spectator First Aid rooms

1. Stadia must be equipped with at least one (1) first-aid room, minimum size 15m², to care for spectators in need of medical assistance. The first-aid room(s) must meet the following requirements:
 1. Must be located in a position which allows easy access from both inside and outside the stadium to spectators and emergency vehicles;
 2. Have doors and passageways leading to them which are wide enough to allow access for a stretcher or a wheelchair;
 3. Have bright lighting, good ventilation, heating, air conditioning, electric sockets, hot and cold water, drinking water and toilet facilities for men and women;
 4. Have walls and floors (non-slip) constructed of smooth and easy to clean material;
 5. Have a glass cabinet for medicine;
 6. Have storage space for stretchers, blankets, pillows and first-aid materials;
 7. Have a telephone allowing internal and external communication; and
 8. Be clearly signposted throughout the inside and outside of the stadium.
2. The first aid room must be equipped so as to ensure management of any common acute life-threatening condition. At a minimum, it should contain:
 1. Airway equipment (oropharyngeal tubes of varying sizes; suction device – either manual or mechanical with tubing and suction catheters or a means of clearing vomitus from the patient's mouth if required);

2. Spinal immobilization equipment (a wooden spinal board or equivalent for spinal column immobilization and for patient carriage to or from the medical station, with accompany immobilization straps or equivalent; cervical spine immobilization devices; minimum of two functional stretchers);
3. Breathing equipment (reliable source of supplemental oxygen of at least 30 minute duration at 15 litres per minute, with accompanying face masks and oxygen tubing; self-inflating, bag-valve mask resuscitation kit with reservoir bag and appropriate-sized masks, a one way valve pocket mask with oxygen inlet nipple may be substituted as a second-best equivalent);
4. Circulation equipment (a manual - monophasic or biphasic – or automated external defibrillator (AED) is the minimum standard of care, adequate selection of trauma dressings, tapes, and plasters to control and dress external bleeding wounds; stethoscope, manual blood pressure apparatus, pupil torch)
5. Drugs (primary healthcare medications – notably oral paracetamol, ibuprofen, etc; emergency medications – adrenaline, dextrose, antihistamine, etc); and
6. Miscellaneous medical equipment such as but not limited to syringes, needles, antiseptic solution and hazard container.

22. Revenue generating facilities

1. Stadia must be equipped with utilities and space that allow the Host Club to generate revenues on match day.
2. Examples of such utilities and facilities include but not limited to kiosks for food and beverage service, kiosks for merchandising, sky boxes to accommodate commercial partners, etc.

23. Room signage and directional signage

1. Stadia should have internal and external public direction signs presented in internationally understandable pictographic language.
2. Clear and comprehensive signposting must be provided on approach to stadia, the stadia surroundings and throughout stadia to point the way to the different sectors.
3. Critical facility areas including but not limited to dressing room, doping control room, broadcast office, etc. must clearly display signage using the PLC template.

4. Large-scale wall maps must be provided for the guidance of spectators.

CHAPTER 6: Media and Broadcast

24. Media Tribune

1. The media tribune must be located in a central position in the main grandstand where the media facilities are situated. It should be centrally located on the halfway line, in a position that provides an unobstructed view of the field of play, without the possibility of interference from spectators. Ideally the media tribune should not extend beyond the 16m line towards the goals.
2. All working places in the media tribune should be covered.
3. The media tribune must meet the following requirements:
 1. 10 seats without desks; and
 2. 20 seats with desks.
4. Where desks are provided for seats in the media tribune, the desks should be large enough to accommodate a laptop computer and a notebook.
5. There should be a power supply for each desk. Alternatively, extension cables with additional power supply can be utilized provided the cords are set up in a safe manner.
6. Either wireless internet or data connections must be available for each desk. In the case of wireless internet where password is required for access, the Club shall ensure that the password is clearly displayed in the media tribune.
7. Television monitor(s), with live feed of the match, shall be made available at the media tribune. Media must be able to have a view of the television monitor(s).
8. There should be easy and exclusive access to and from other media areas such as the media centre, the mixed zone and the press conference room.

25. Press Conference Room

1. The Stadia must have an air-conditioned press conference room which fulfill the following requirements:
 1. An interviewee podium large enough for a desk and chairs to accommodate at least five (5) persons
 2. A camera platform measuring 0.5m in height, 6m in width and 2m in depth and power extension lines for ENG cameras shall be set up at the back of the press conference room. An audio distribution amplifier

must be available and for the 2014/2015 season, split box and technical equipment necessary for distributing the microphone audio via cables shall be installed.

3. Chairs with desks arranged in classroom seating style to accommodate at least twenty (20) persons. For the season 2014/2015, this capacity must be increased to thirty (30) persons.
2. A PLC-approved backdrop must be set up behind the Press Conference podium.
3. Adequate sound system, with at least three (3) microphones on the interviewee podium and one (1) roaming microphone for the media, must be made available. Appropriate speakers and sound system that will provide audio loud enough for the questions and answers to be heard through-out the press conference room shall be installed.
4. The press conference room must be located on the same side as the media centre, media tribune and mixed zone.
5. There should be easy and exclusive access to and from other media areas such as the media centre, the mixed zone and the media tribune.

26. Media Centre

1. An air-conditioned room must be provided for Media equipped with desks and access to communication facilities, located on the same side as the media tribune, press conference room and mixed zone.
2. The room must be equipped with the following:
 1. Tables, chairs and internet connection for twenty (20) persons. For the season 2014/2015, the capacity must be increased to thirty (30) persons;
 2. One (1) photocopy machine and one (1) fax machine with consumables; and
 3. At least one (1) TV monitor with feed of the match, and
 4. A first aid box.
3. Wireless internet must be available in the media centre. Where password is required for access, the Club shall ensure that the password is clearly displayed in the media centre.
4. There should be easy and exclusive access to and from other media areas such as the press conference room, the mixed zone and the press conference room.

27. Mixed Zone

1. The Stadia must allocate an area, covered and unaffected by weather or surrounding noises, for the mixed zone. This area must be well-lit and must be the area which is on the way from the dressing rooms to the team transport area.
2. The paths for the head coaches and players must be separated from the media.
3. A PLC approved backdrop must be set up in the mixed zone on the opposite side of the media pathway and on same side as the player's path.
4. The mixed zone must be secure and must be accessible only to coaches, players and Media.
5. The mixed zone must be capable of being divided into three (3) areas: one for broadcast crews, one for radio reporters and one for print journalists.

28. Camera positions

1. The PLC (and/or its Broadcast Affiliates) will visit each Club prior to the League Season and will determine each camera positions which shall be fixed for all PLC Competition Matches. The Host Club must provide the following camera positions / platform:

Camera No.	Positions	Description
1	Main camera	One (1) main camera platform must be provided in the grandstand. It must be centrally situated and at a height above the pitch which guarantees optimum picture quality. The main position must be exactly in line with the halfway line and be at a height which forms an angle of 15-20 degrees from the horizontal plane to the centre plan. The platform for the main camera must be at least 12m ² .
2	Close-up camera	Minimum lens size = 75x. This is normally located next to the main camera.
3	Pitch-side close-up	Minimum lens size = 55x. Must have a fixed position on pitch level and more or less in line with the centre line of the pitch, without blocking coaches' view of the full pitch from the team benches. The fixed camera must have protective padding, to be provided by the Host Broadcaster.
4 + 5	Offside cameras	These should be positioned on each 16m line. Both camera positions require platforms of 2.5m ² and should be at the same level as or higher than the main camera platform.
6 + 7	Low behind the goal	Fixed positions on pitch level behind the LED boards behind each of the goals. Normally used for SSM close-up replay
9	Beauty shot	A fixed and unmanned camera mounted high in the Stadia giving wide view of the Stadia.
11	High behind the goal	Minimum lens size = 55x. High position directly behind the goal. Penalty spot should be visible above the cross bar. There should be a platform with the size of 2.5m ² .
12	Pitch-side presentation camera	A portable camera located and available for pre-match presentations and usually located towards the corner flags away from the technical area. Equipment must be removed by ten (10) minutes before match kick off time.
13	Reverse angle camera	One (1) camera position is permitted on the reverse side of the stadia for substitutions, video replays and slow-motion coverage at pitch level. One (1) other camera position is permitted in high positions on the opposite side of the main tribune, with a platform at least 2.5m ² in size.

14	Tunnel camera	<p>A portable camera, in a fixed position or a fixed mini-camera subject to the approval of the PLC, in the area between the field and the player's tunnel. This camera should not impede the movement of officials or club representatives and players, nor should any camera lighting cause any inconvenience.</p> <p>The tunnel camera should adhere to the following procedures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) It can only be only be used at the beginning off the match when players gather in the tunnel for equipment check and before the second half when players exit to the pitch. 2) It is not allowed to film the teams returning to the dressing rooms. 3) It must be removed after the teams have departed through the tunnel for the second half.
15 + 16	Mini cameras	<p>A mini-camera may be placed directly behind the goal net but cannot be attached to the net or the actual posts and crossbar. It can be as close to the net as desired as long as it does not touch the net.</p> <p>A mini-camera may therefore be attached to the poles which support the net or the cable connecting the back of the net to the vertical stanchions directly behind the goal.</p>
19 + 20	6 metre camera	<p>Two (2) positions above pitch level, approximately 5m above the pitch, facing the 6m line. Each should have a platform at least 2.5m² in size.</p>
17 + 18	Crane camera	<p>Space behind the goal should be provided, subject to safety & security requirements.</p> <p>The camera must not move closer to the pitch than the line of the LED boards or move in front of the LED boards unless the ball is in the other half of the pitch. It must remain stationary during any penalty kicks.</p>
21 + 22	Rail camera	<p>Rail cameras are allowed to be positioned as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) On the far side: a camera on the rail behind the boards may be permitted if it only runs from one 16-metre line to the other; it doesn't obstruct the view of spectators and it

		<p>doesn't cause a safety or security risk.</p> <p>2) On the near side: a remote controlled or manned rail camera is permitted along each side of the near touchline (always respecting the minimum distance). Sufficient space must be left for players to warm-up in case warming up space is along the touchline</p>
23 + 24	Steadicam	<p>Up to two (2) cameras are allowed, subject to space requirements.</p> <p>Steadicams positioned either side of the halfway line and on the main camera side may operate in the following areas:</p> <p>1) In a zone extending between the goal-line and 16 metre line.</p> <p>2) Sufficient space must be allowed for players to warm-up in case warming up space is along the touchline.</p> <p>Steadicams may also be used in place of tunnel cameras (camera 14) and where space permits, the camera is allowed to enter the tunnel to provide special shots capturing the atmosphere of the players prior to entering the field of play. Camera is also to be used to cover line-ups and coin toss.</p> <p>Wireless camera may be used.</p>
25 + 26	Hot Head cameras	<p>A hot head camera may be used behind the goals in front of the LED boards, provided the position does not obstruct the LED boards. Alternatively, hot head cameras on poles behind the LED boards</p>
27 + 28	20 metre cameras	<p>Two (2) fixed pitch-side cameras facing the imaginary 20 metre line in each half on the same side as the main camera.</p>
29	High behind goal camera	<p>Another high behind goal camera can be installed in the opposite stand to the one installed as camera 11. It must be at a height which permits an unobstructed view of the penalty spot from the above crossbar.</p>
30	Team arrivals & Dressing room cameras	<p>This portable (cable or ENG) may be used to film the team dressing rooms two (2) hours before kick-off (cf. Article 23). It can also film team arrivals at the Stadia.</p>

31	Aerial Camera Systems	<p>This camera moves along several cables in two or three dimensions (i.e. also up and down) to provide beauty and/or tactical shots. This camera is subject to the following operational guidelines (i.e. minimum height) and should be used sparingly during the match.</p> <p>1) Pre-match, half-time, post-match</p> <p>Camera moves at a minimum height of 3 metres over the pitch. Detailed coordination is required with regards to spectators' needs, ceremonies and security.</p> <p>2) Match Coverage</p> <p>Camera moves at a minimum height of 21 metres, always behind and in the direction of play (i.e. it follows the attacking team). The camera should not move during a penalty.</p> <p>3) Penalty Shoot-out</p> <p>There are two alternatives for the camera during a penalty shoot-out: either (i) the camera remains stationary at a minimum height of 10 metres above the furthest edge of the centre-circle from the goal in which the shoot-out is taking place; or (ii) the camera can move at a minimum height of 21 metres whilst the players move to and from the penalty spot provided that as soon as the ball is placed on the penalty spot the camera stops and remains stationary during the penalty kick.</p>
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29. Commentary positions

1. The Stadia must have a minimum of two (2) fully-enclosed and air-conditioned rooms which have unobstructed views of the entire pitch. In the event that fully-enclosed positions are not available and cannot be reasonably constructed, the PLC may allow the Stadia to provide non-enclosed commentary positions.
2. For 2013/2014 onwards, the Stadia must have a minimum of three (3) fully-enclosed and air-conditioned rooms which have unobstructed views of the entire pitch. In the event that fully-enclosed positions are not available and cannot be reasonably constructed, the PLC may allow the Stadia to provide non-enclosed commentary positions. Regardless, the Host Club shall provide a minimum of three (3) non-enclosed positions which have unobstructed views of the entire pitch.
3. The locations of the commentary positions should be close to the media tribune and shall be located on the same side as the main camera positions.
4. The size of the commentary positions must be at least 5m in width at the front by 3m in depth by 2.5m in height for an enclosed position. For non-enclosed positions, it must be at least 3m in width at the front by 2m in depth.
5. For the 2013/2014 season onwards, each commentary position requires minimum two (2x) power jacks, two (2x) phone jacks (ISDN) and internet access (Ethernet 10/100, RJ45, minimum of 512 kbps, DHCP, non-blocked, all ports open or WLAN). Commentary positions should have facility to patch video from the OB van to the position, and to patch audio from commentary positions to the intercom system of the OB van. The commentators must have a good view to a television monitor
6. There must be main and back-up power supply to the commentary positions and compound.
7. Each commentary positions must have at least three (3) seats.

30. TV Studios

1. The Stadia must be equipped with at least one (1) TV studio which is 25m² – 35m² in size by 2.3m in height.
2. The TV studio must be air-conditioned and shall preferably have a glass wall and a view across the pitch.
3. For season 2014/2015, the TV studio shall be installed with cable path connected to the OB van / OB compound and should be able to carry at least 4

triaux cable, 3 video cables, up to 8 audio cables and power (at least 20 sockets). Alternative, the TV studio should have a patch with all the above facilities.

4. Additionally, PLC may approve the set-up and utilization of a pitch view studio near the corner flags or where space permits, in the area behind the goals.

31. OB Compound

1. The Stadia must have an OB van area, located on the same side of the Stadia as the main camera and must at least be 600m² to accommodate an OB van, an SNG truck, generators and a few containers. The area for the OB van must be clearly marked, distinguishing between HB and SNG areas.
2. The Host Club must ensure adequate power (1 x 125 AMPS), lighting (1 x 32 AMPS and 2 x 16 AMPS power supply) as well as a supply of main back-up power as required by the Host Broadcaster.
3. The area must be appropriate for the Host Broadcaster's and Media Rights Licensee's multilateral and unilateral television and radio broadcast operations including up/down-linking to domestic and international satellites and easy access for large vehicles.
4. Security must be provided at all times for the OB Van area.

32. Media Registration Desk

1. The Host Club shall set up a security controlled, dedicated media entrance at each Stadia.
2. A reception desk / area must be set up at the above media entrance where accredited Media must register themselves prior to entry to the Stadia and where SADs and bibs can be collected by Media.
3. The reception desk / area must be in a covered area, unaffected by the weather.

33. Media Toilets

1. Stadia must have a minimum of one (1) dedicated seated toilet for media in close proximity to the media tribune, the OB Van area or in the Media Centre.

34. Broadcaster Office

1. The stadia must have at least one (1) room dedicated as office space for broadcasters. The room should meet the following requirements:
 1. Have tables, chairs and wireless internet;

2. Have close access to the OB van area, have easy access to the media centre, OB van area and shall not be mixed with fans and team officials and players; and
3. A minimum of one (1) seated toilet in close proximity to OB compound and Broadcaster Office.

CHAPTER 7: Floodlighting and Power

35. Floodlights

1. Floodlights should measure a minimum level of 1,200 lux which must be spread evenly across the field of play.
2. For the 2014/2015 season onwards, floodlights should measure a minimum level of 1,500 lux, which must be spread evenly across the field of play.

36. Emergency Lighting

1. Emergency lighting mode must have at least an average illuminance of 800 Ev lux in the direction of the main camera and 500 Ev lux for all areas of secondary interest to cover the field of play in case of a power failure.

37. Power

1. Power for Broadcast should be provided in accordance with Article 31.2 above.
2. 250Kva (3phase mode) or 2 x 125 Kva power must be provided for LED advertising boards, in addition to a Control Room with power outlets – at least 10ft. x 10ft.
3. For 2014/2015 season onwards, power circuits for the following must be run on clearly marked, dedicated power circuits and must have back-up facilities:
 1. Broadcasters (as per Article 31.2);
 2. LED (as per Article 37.2);
 3. Floodlights (as per Article 36); and
 4. General operations purposes.

CHAPTER 8: Safety and Security

38. Safety Certification

1. Stadia structure must be certified as being safe and fit for spectators in accordance with regulations of the local Civil Defence authority and the local Municipality.
2. This certification from both authorities must not be older than two (2) years at the time the relevant stadia inspection is conducted, and must include:
 1. Provisions related to safety and an evacuation plan;
 2. Safety status of the stadium structure and measures for improvement;
 3. Compliance statement regarding the safety/security regulations of the competent civil authority;
 4. Approval of the entire stadium capacity (individual seats, terraces and total number); and
 5. Safety and security strategy. This must cover all aspects of the organisation of a football match, such as ticketing distribution system, screening of spectators, segregation strategy, crowd dispersal strategy, medical service, measures taken in case of fire, loss of power supply, or any other emergency.
3. The Host Club is responsible to provide the certificates from the Civil Defence authority and the local Municipality to the PLC.

39. Approved Evacuation Plan

1. The Host club must devise an evacuation plan for their stadium, approved by the Civil Defence which ensures that the whole stadium can be emptied in a case of emergency according to the applicable national law.
2. The evacuation plan must consist of an evacuation time, routes of evacuation for different stakeholders.
3. This plan must not be older than two (2) years from the time at which the stadium inspection is conducted.
4. The club must provide the evacuation plan as approved by the Civil Defence to the PLC.

40. Public access and egress

1. The stadium must also fulfill the following requirements:

1. All parts of the stadium and its stands, including entrances, exits, stairways, doors, passages, roofs, all public and private areas and rooms, etc. must comply with the safety standards;
2. All public passageways and stairways in the spectator areas must be painted in a bright colour (e.g. yellow), as must all gates leading from the spectator areas into the playing area, and all exit doors and gates leading out of the stadium;
3. Clubs must establish procedures so that all public passageways, corridors, stairs, doors, gates, etc. are kept free of any obstructions that could impede the free flow of spectators during an event;
4. All exit doors and gates in the stadium, and all gates leading from the spectator areas into the playing area, must open outwards away from the spectators, and must remain unlocked while spectators are in the stadium. Each and every such door and gate must be attended at all times by a specially appointed steward, to guard against abuse and ensure immediate escape routes in the event of any emergency evacuation. In order to prevent illegal entry or intrusion, these doors and gates may be fitted with a locking device, which may be operated simply and quickly by anyone from within. Under no circumstances must they be locked with a key during the time that spectators are in the stadium; and
5. In order to protect those on the field or in other parts of the stadium from lightning strikes, the stadium should be equipped with the appropriate safety devices.

41. Control Room

1. Each stadium must have a control room which ensures an overall view of the inside of the stadium in order to ensure constant control of safety conditions, and where necessary, the optimum handling of emergencies.
2. For season 2014/2015 onwards, stadia must be equipped with CCTV facilities. Images from CCTV must be monitored centrally from the control room.
3. The control room must be large enough to accommodate the members of the police and security forces as well as technicians operating the CCTV system.

42. Public Address System

1. The Stadia must be equipped with a public address system which is coordinated with the giant screen (if available) with high quality which ensures the messages can be delivered to the public areas inside and outside the Stadia.

2. In the event of a power failure, the public address system is to be operated on a backup power source.
3. In addition, the public address system must be equipped with CD/DVD music player.

43. Stadium Ground Rules

1. Each stadium must issue stadium ground rules (in Arabic and English) and affix them to the spectator access points. These rules must provide information on at least the following:
 1. admission rights;
 2. abandonment or postponement of events;
 3. description of prohibitions and penalties, such as entering the field of play, throwing objects, use of foul or abusive language, racist behaviour, etc.;
 4. restrictions with regard to alcohol, fireworks, banners, etc.;
 5. seating rules;
 6. causes for ejection from the ground; and
 7. risk analysis specific to the stadium.
2. Suggested text for the Ground rules is provided in Appendix 1 of these Regulations

CHAPTER 9: Parking

44. Parking

1. Parking spaces for the following vehicles should be provided appropriately signposted/marked for each PLC match:
 1. 2 buses (for teams);
 2. 10 for PLC (including Referees group) as close as possible to the entrance to the official area;
 3. 10 for Media nearest to the photographers' entrance; and
 4. 2 ambulances.
2. The Host Club shall ensure that these parking spaces are clearly marked and reserved.

CHAPTER 10: Financial Provisions

45. Costs

1. Unless otherwise explicitly stated, all costs related to the implementation and compliance of these Regulations is the responsibility of the Host Club.

CHAPTER 11: General Provisions

46. Disciplinary Measures

1. Disciplinary measures and appeals are dealt with in compliance with the current UAE FA Statutes, PLC Statutes, the UAE FA Disciplinary Code, the PLC Quality Control Procedures, the relevant Competition regulations and PLC Circular(s).
2. The PLC may initiate investigations should it suspect and / or is aware of any violations of the current UAE FA Statutes, PLC Statutes, the UAE FA Disciplinary Code, these Regulations, the PLC Quality Control Procedures, the relevant Competition regulations and PLC Circular(s).
3. The UAE FA Disciplinary Committee may impose the disciplinary measures for violations of the current UAE FA Statutes, PLC Statutes, the UAE FA Disciplinary Code, the relevant Competition regulations and PLC Circular(s).
4. The PLC Technical Committee may impose the fines for violations of the relevant Competition regulations, PLC Regulations and PLC Circular(s), in accordance to the Quality Control Procedures.
5. Media representatives who violate the provisions of these Regulations will have their accreditation withdrawn for the remainder of the League Season.

47. Special Provisions

1. The imposition of the penalties provided for under the Quality Control Procedure (QCP) shall not prejudice the penalties provided for in other Regulations, laws and guidelines issued by the Football Association or PLC.

48. Matters not provided for

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

49. Ratification

1. These Regulations were ratified and endorsed by the Executive Committee of the PLC on 12 June 2012.

APPENDIX 1: Ground Rules

Suggested Text

Notice: Entry to the Ground is expressly subject to acceptance by the visitor of these Ground Regulations and (for football matches) the rules and regulations of FIFA, AFC, UAE FA and the PLC in respect of the relevant match and (for other Events) the rules and regulations of the relevant governing body or Event organiser. Entry to the Ground shall constitute acceptance of the Ground Regulations.

"Ground" means **[NAME OF STADIUM]** and all locations owned, occupied or utilised by **[NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]**.

"Event" means any event taking place at the Ground.

"[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]" means **[FULL NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]**.

1. Permission to enter or to remain within the Ground (notwithstanding possession of any ticket) is at the absolute discretion of **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]**, any police officer or authorised steward. On no account will admission to any Event be granted to any person not in possession of a valid ticket. On no account will admission to a football match be granted to a person who is the subject of a current Banning Order.
2. **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]** excludes to the maximum extent permitted by law any liability for loss, injury or damage to persons/property in or around the Ground.
3. No guarantees can be given by **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]** that an Event will take place at a particular time or on a particular date and **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]** reserves the right to reschedule the Event without notice and without any liability whatsoever.
4. In the event of the postponement or abandonment of the Event, refunds (if any) should be claimed in accordance with the relevant Event organiser's ticket terms and conditions. **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]** will have no other liability whatsoever, including (but not limited to) any indirect or consequential loss or damage, such as (but not limited to) loss of enjoyment or travel costs.
5. All persons seeking entrance to the Ground acknowledge **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]**'s right to search any person and their

belongings whether outside or inside the Ground and to refuse entry to or eject from the Ground any person refusing to submit to such a search.

6. To view a full list of articles which must not be brought into the Ground see below. Prohibited items include knives, fireworks, explosives, smoke canisters, aerosols, air-horns, noisemakers, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, illegal substances, laser devices, bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles, or any article that may be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety or which may pose a hazard or nuisance to any other person, or any article to be used for a commercial or a charitable purpose. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to or ejected from the Ground.
7. Threatening, abusive or violent behaviour, and foul or abusive language is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground.
[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM] may impose a ban from the Ground as a result.
8. Causing damage to, or interfering or tampering with any equipment, furniture, fitting or fixture within the Ground will result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground.
9. Racial, homophobic or discriminatory abuse, chanting or harassment is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground.
[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM] may impose a ban from the Ground as a result.
10. The following acts are offences and may result in being banned from entering the Ground:
 - a. The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse;
 - b. The chanting of anything of an indecent or racist nature;
 - c. The entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse;

Such acts will result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground whether at a football match or otherwise.

11. All persons entering the Ground may only occupy the seat allocated to them by their ticket and must not move from any one part of the Ground to another without the express permission or instruction of any steward, officer of **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]** and/or any police officer.

12. Nobody may stand in any seating area whilst play is in progress. Persistent standing in seated areas during an Event is strictly forbidden and may result in ejection from the Ground.
13. The obstruction of gangways, access ways, exits and entrances, stairways and like places is strictly forbidden. Nobody entering the Ground shall be permitted to climb any structures within the Ground.
14. Smoking at the Ground is strictly forbidden and will result in ejection from the Ground.
15. Mobile telephones and other communications devices are permitted within the Ground provided that they are used for personal and private use only.
16. The following acts are offences for which a person can be arrested by a police officer and conviction may result in being banned from entering the Ground:
 - a. Attempting to enter the Ground or being inside the Ground whilst drunk;
 - b. Being in possession of any intoxicating liquor, or bottle, can or other portable container and which could cause damage or personal injury when entering the Ground or in a public area of the Ground from which the event can be directly viewed;

Such acts will result in arrest and/or ejection from the Ground.

17. Any individual who has entered any part of the Ground designated for the use of any group of supporters to which they do not belong may be ejected from the Ground either for the purposes of their own safety or for any other reason.
18. No person (other than a person who holds an appropriate license) may bring into the Ground or use within the Ground any equipment which is capable of recording or transmitting (by digital or other means) any audio, visual or audio-visual material or any information or data in relation to the Event or the Ground.
19. No goods (including literature) of any nature may be offered either free or for sale by any person within the Ground without the express written permission of **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]**.
20. No sponsorship, promotional or marketing materials may be brought into, used or displayed by any person within the Ground without the express written permission of **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]**.
21. Tickets are not transferable and may not be offered for sale without the prior written permission of **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]**. Any tickets offered for sale may be confiscated by any steward, officer of **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]** or any police officer. **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]** reserves the right to

- refuse admission to or eject from the Ground any person who has transferred their ticket in contravention of the Event ticket terms and conditions. Tickets remain the property of **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]** or the Event organiser at all times.
22. CCTV cameras are in use around and in the Ground and **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]** may itself use, or pass to the police or any Event organiser or other relevant authority, any recordings for use in any proceedings.
 23. At all times whilst present in the Ground, persons must comply with any and all instructions of any steward or officer of **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]** and/or any police officer. Failure to comply with any instruction may lead to immediate ejection from the Ground.
 24. Responsibility for minors remains at all times with a parent or guardian.
 25. There is no re-admission to the Ground.
 26. **[ABBREVIATION FOR NAME OF OWNER OF STADIUM]** reserves absolutely the right to eject from the Ground any person failing to comply with any of the Ground Regulations or whose presence within the Ground is, or could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to any other person. This could lead to further action including, but not limited to, a ban from the Ground or proceedings being taken.