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RULES OF IDIA FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2017

1. The IDIA Football League ('IFL') 2017 shall be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game [1], except as amended below. It will be managed by the IDIA Charitable Trust, whose decision relating to any aspect of the tournament, including interpretation and application of these Rules, shall be final and binding on all teams and players participating in IFL 2017.

2. There shall be no 'off-side' rule in play.

3. The size of the playing field will be smaller than the size stipulated by FIFA.

4. Each team may bring a maximum of 11 players, including substitutes, and one of the players must also officiate as the Team Manager. Firms and companies are permitted to include players of all genders in their team. Only 6 players may be on the pitch and play at any given point. Each team will strictly adhere to the following rules:

(a) All players should have been interning/working /employed at the participating firm or company since 15th August, 2017. Each team must include at least 5 qualified lawyers, that is, holders of an **LL.B** degree (3-year or 5-year) or equivalent.

(b) The Acceptance and Entry Forms must be sent on the participating firm or company's letterhead with certification by an Authorised Signatory / Partner.

(c) It is mandatory that each squad should have at least one female player or a player above 40 years.

(d) Each squad should have at least three qualified lawyers within playing six.

5. All players on the field will have to wear the team apparel provided by IDIA.

6. Rolling substitution is permitted. During the course of a match, any substitute is free to replace any player at any point of time but with the permission of the referee.

7. The preliminary rounds will be played on a league basis and would consist of Groups, with the number of teams in each Group dependent on the number of entries received. Each team will play every other team in the Group once. Points will be awarded as follows:

WIN - 3 points

LOSS - 0 points

DRAW - 1 point for each team.

8. Depending on the results of the matches and points awarded to each team, the teams will be placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in their respective Groups. After this stage, all the teams will enter the Knockout Stage. The teams standing 1st & 2nd in their Group will qualify for the IDIA Cup, whereas the teams standing 3rd & 4th will qualify for the IDIA Plate Competition. IDIA Charitable Trust reserves the right to place the teams in a group of their choice if they feel that the initial groupings are not balanced and would affect the level of the event. This would be done in exceptional cases, and the teams in the affected Groups will be given prior intimation.

[1] <http://bit.ly/FIFA2017rules>

9. However, depending on the number of teams participating, IDIA reserves the right to change the structure of the draw, as enumerated in Rules 7 and 8 above.

10. In the Championship, if two or more teams tie for a place in the league table, then the team with the highest "GOAL DIFFERENCE" will be placed higher in the league table. Should there still be a tie after applying the above rule, then the team with the greater number of "GOALS FOR" will be placed higher in the table. Should there still be a tie after applying this rule; the team placing in the league table shall be decided on the basis of "WHO BEAT WHOM" in the league stage.

11. Time-keeping for each game will be at the sole discretion of the referee of a particular match. Each game will comprise two halves of 7 minutes each, with 2 minutes break between halves. The Semi-final and Final matches of the Knock-out Stage will comprise two halves of 10 minutes each with a 2 1/2 minutes break in between.

12. In the event of a tie at the final whistle in any match at the Knock-out Stage, the match will go to extra-time, where the teams will play for two more halves of 2 1/2 minutes each, with no break in between. If the match is still tied, then the match will proceed to a penalty shoot-out with each team nominating 3 players to take penalty kicks from the penalty spot. The team with lesser goals after both the teams have taken an equal number of penalty shots shall lose the penalty shoot-out, and the other team shall be declared the winner of the match.

13. Team officials are responsible for getting their team on the field before the time on the draw. Five minutes delay for late arrival may be condoned at the discretion of the Referee. But after this time has elapsed, the team that is absent will forfeit the match, and the team which is on the field with minimum 6 players and ready to play will receive a walkover and secure 3 points in the preliminary rounds or a Bye to the next round in the knock-out competition. The teams must report to the registration desk at least 30 minutes before the start of the match.

14. Breach of these Rules by any team regarding the criteria to be fulfilled for selection of their players will result in disqualification of that team from IFL 2017.

15. Although adequate safety precautions have been taken and medical facilities will be available to treat injuries sustained while playing, IDIA will not be responsible or liable for the same. All players playing in IFL 2017 will be doing so at their own risk.