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AND PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS
REGULATIONS**

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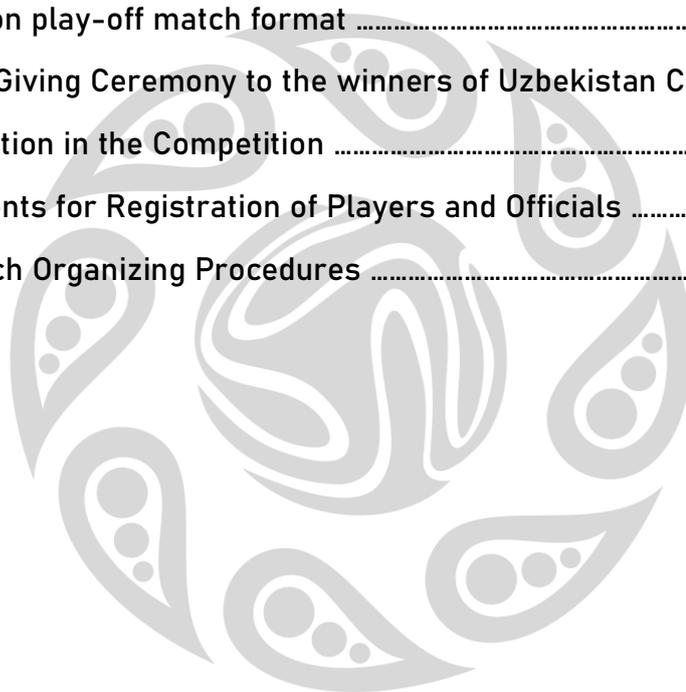
This Regulation (hereinafter - the Regulation) was approved at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Uzbekistan Professional Football League on December 16, 2022. Regulation will determine the format of organizing competitions such as Uzbekistan Cup, Uzbekistan Super Cup, and Promotion play-offs between professional and semi-professional clubs.



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Section 1

General Provisions

- 1.1. These Regulations regulate the procedure of organizing Uzbekistan Cup, Super Cup and the promotion play-off matches to the Super League competitions (hereinafter – the Competition)
- 1.2. Uzbekistan Professional Football League shall enroll referees for the football matches in competition (hereinafter official match or match) based on the contract signed with UzFRC.
- 1.3. All exceptions and cases that aren't mentioned in this Regulation will be arranged by Super League and Pro League Competition Regulations.
- 1.4. These regulations are published in two – Uzbek and English languages. In case there is any divergence in the wording of the two, the Uzbek text is authoritative.

Section 2

The Purpose of Competition

2.1. The Goals of Competition:

- Giving semi-professional football clubs of Uzbekistan a chance to play against professional football clubs;
- Organizing an additional competition for football clubs in the format of AFC Champions League and AFC Cup competitions which defeated team is excluded from the competition starting from group stage and play-off matches;
- Expressing an aim to organize an entertaining competition by holding a Super Cup match between the current champion of Uzbekistan and the cup winner.

2.2. The Objectives of Competition:

- Organizing national championship matches based on the Regulations of FIFA and AFC, taking the official matches of Uzbekistan National Team and Olympic team at the international level into consideration;
- Making calendar plans to support the participation of Uzbek football clubs in international competitions and taking international competitions held by FIFA and AFC, widely celebrated holidays in Uzbekistan and other force majeure circumstances into account;
- It is the obligation of the League to create a system that identifies the football club that participates in the official competitions held by AFC and in addition the last participant of Super League and Pro League in the next season;

Section 3

The Competition Management

- 3.1. Organizing and managing the Competition will be accomplished by League.

3.2. The participants of competitions that are organized by the League on a basis of "Super League and Pro League Regulations" and "First League Regulations" have a right to take part in the Uzbekistan Cup and promotion play-offs matches/competitions.

3.3. The winners of the Second League competitions that are organized by UFA and regional associations are allowed to participate in Uzbekistan Cup with the duty of fulfilling the requirements that are mentioned in the "First League Regulations".

3.4. A football club is not allowed to participate in the Uzbekistan Cup with its farm-team.

3.5. The competition shall be held according to this Regulation, and additions, special regulations and annexes approved and added to Regulations by FIFA, AFC, UFA.

Section 4

Competition venue

4.1. The competition shall be held in stadiums that authorized by the League according to Stadium Regulations that is developed under Licensing Regulations. In this case, Super League, Pro League and First League club will host cup matches at the stadium approved by the League for the season.

4.2. If the participant of competition doesn't own a stadium and has to make contract with stadium that belongs to another organization to hold a home match (during competition), then the contract must be drawn tripartite with the participation of League.

4.3. In case of force majeure, if stadium has to be changed, the host club will be allowed to play the official match in one of the stadiums that have tripartite contract with the League.

4.4. One day prior to official match, the host club will submit deed of readiness of the stadium to the Match commissioner. The match commissioner has the right not to hold the match without this document.

Section 5

Uzbekistan Cup format

5.1. Uzbekistan Cup is organized in three stages, and the final participants are determined in this way.

- qualification;
- group stage;
- play-off;

At the qualification:

- the matches are arranged in one or more stages according to the number of teams,

- teams will play against each other only once, and the defeated team will be excluded from the competition;
- the all teams visit one city and the matches will be organized centrally.
- the pairs will be determined by the equal draw and the League takes the place of the teams in the previous season into account while placing them into groups.
- the League has the right to cancel the qualification stage based on the total number of participants of the competition.

At the group stage:

- there will be 32 teams in the competition and they will be divided into 8 groups by draw (if the number of participants is less than 32, the League will change the order before the draw);
- each team has an equal right, there will not be separate baskets before the draw;
- all teams will face each other once, depending on the result of the draw, the team can participate in different number of home-away matches;
- two teams that get the first two places will get a ticket to 1/8 finals;
- the team that've got 1st place will play 1/8 finals in the home stadium and the team that've got 2nd place will play 1/8 finals in the away stadium.

Play-off:

- it will consist of 1/8 final, 1/4 final, 1/2 final matches;
- in each round, the clubs will play against each other only once, the team that got defeated will be excluded from the competition;
- there will be separate draw for each round;
- before the 1/8 finals, the teams are divided into two baskets: the teams that got 1st place in the group and the ones that got 2nd place;
- two teams that were rivals in group stage may face each other in 1/8 finals;
- there will be a separate draw for 1/4 finals and every team will have equal rights for this;
- there will be a separate draw for 1/2 finals and the team that've played 1/4 finals in the away stadium will have a right to host the 1/2 finals at home if there are no more than 2 such teams;
- the nominal host of final match between the two teams that won 1/2 finals will be the team with a relatively better participation in Super League or Pro League in the previous season of Super League or Pro League;

5.2. Super League and Pro League clubs will participate directly in group stage (except from farm team).

5.3. The First League team gets to group stage directly according to the previous season result in the league or by qualifying matches. This issue shall be fixed by the League according to the number of participants before the draw.

5.4. All matches in the competition are held only once. They consist of two times of 45 minutes each.

5.5. If winner can't be determined in the first 90 minutes in qualification stage, there will be penalty shootout without an extra time.

5.6. The competition table will be regulated based on section 8 of "Super League & Pro League Competition Regulations"

5.7. If the winner can't be determined in the first 90 minutes in play-off stage and final match, two extra times of 15 minutes each will be set. If even then winner can't be determined, there will be penalty shootout.

5.8. The stadium to host Uzbekistan Cup final will be determined by draw. In this case, the League specify the list of stadiums that would like to host the final match independently and have a right not to accept application of the stadiums that have hosted final in the previous years.

Section 6

Uzbekistan Super Cup format

6.1. A Super Cup match shall be organized before the season starts (in exceptional cases, after the start of the season) between current winners of the Super League and Uzbekistan Cup.

6.2. If the same club has won Cup and the championship, as an exception to paragraph 1 of this section, the current champion and vice-champion of the Super League will play against each other in the Super Cup match.

6.3. If a winner can't be determined in full time in the Super Cup match, there will be penalty shootout without an extra time.

6.4. The League determines the stadium to host Super Cup match.

Section 7

Promotion play-off match format

7.1. A promotion play-off match shall be organized based on paragraphs 5.3, 7.3, 7.4 of the "Super League and Pro League Regulations".

7.2. The football club that is competing for the Super League and has spent the last season in Pro League will host the promotion match.

7.3. If winner can't be determined in the first 90 minutes, two extra times of 15 minutes each will be set. Even then, if the winner is not determined, there will be a penalty shootout.

Section 8

Awards Giving Ceremony to the winners of Uzbekistan Cup and Super Cup

8.1. The club that wins Uzbekistan Cup will be given special trophy of competition and 50 golden medals.

8.2. The club that wins Uzbekistan Super Cup will be presented with a special trophy made for the Super Cup.

8.3. Awarding attributes will be made by League.

Section 9

Participation in the Competitions

9.1. According to paragraph 10.11 of Super League & Pro League Competition Regulations, if a football club doesn't take part in the beforehand planned match of Uzbekistan Cup, the technical defeats in both competitions that it is participating are considered general and action will be taken against club based on the paragraph 10.12 of the regulations that is mentioned above.

9.2. If the winner of Uzbekistan Cup can't obtain AFC license, the football club that has participated in final match of this competition will get a ticket for the international arena. If the final participant also fails to get AFC license, international arena participant will be the next Super League team that have obtained the appropriate license.

Section 10

Documents for Registration of Players and Officials

10.1. The football clubs in Super League and Pro League will participate in the Uzbekistan Cup with the duty of fulfilling the requirements of "Super League & Pro League Competition Regulations", First League and Second League football clubs with the duty of fulfilling the requirements of "First League regulations" will take part in the competition.

Section 11

The Match Organizing Procedures

11.1. A football club is allowed to make 5 substitutions in 3 opportunities (in this case, the substitute in the halftime will not be counted as an opportunity) in the qualification and group stage matches of Uzbekistan Cup and Uzbekistan Super Cup.

11.2. Substitutions in the play-off and final matches of Uzbekistan Super Cup and in the full-time of promotion play-off matches to Super League are arranged with paragraph 1 of this section. Additionally, a football club has a right to substitute one player in extra time. In this case, the number of tries to substitute players must not exceed 3 times. A substitution made before extra time and break between extra times isn't counted as a opportunity.