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MALTA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

REGULATIONS REGARDING THE ORGANISATION OF TOURNAMENTS AND FRIENDLY MATCHES FOR SENIOR TEAMS BY MEMBER CLUBS AND MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

1.
 - (i) Member Clubs and Member Associations wishing to organise a tournament for senior teams, whether on a purely domestic level or on international level, must make an application to the General Secretary of the Association at least two (2) months prior to the intended date of the commencement of the tournament.
 - (ii) The application, to be made on the appropriate form established by the Council, must contain all the relevant necessary information, including the level of the tournament the dates and venues of the matches and fees chargeable.
2.
 - (i) The application form must be accompanied by the rules of the tournament and a fee of fifty euro (€50).
 - (ii) If the tournament is not directly organised by a Member Club or Member Association, the rules of the tournament must include the setting up of an organising committee, which must be chaired by a member of the Management Committee of the organising Member Club or a member of the Council/Committee of the Member Association concerned.
 - (iii) The rules of the tournament must provide for adequate rules concerning the running of the tournament and adequate disciplinary regulations to deal with breaches of discipline other than discipline of players and authorised teams' officials of the participating teams.
 - (iv) In so far as the discipline of players and authorised teams' officials of the participating teams is concerned, discipline shall be in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of the Malta Football Association. However, the Malta Football Association may determine that the discipline of players and authorised teams' officials is dealt with by the Malta Football Association Disciplinary Commissioner.
3.
 - (i) Players, who are registered for a Member Club, shall not be allowed to participate for another Club or for a team other than a team of their own Club, unless they are authorised in writing by the President or Secretary of their Club to take part.
 - (ii) In order that such an authorisation is deemed valid, an authenticated copy of such authorisation must be sent to the General Secretary of the Malta Football Association by the organising committee of the tournament prior to the commencement of the tournament.
 - (iii) It shall be an offence to allow any non-authorised player to take part in the tournament.
4.
 - (i) The Executive Committee of the Malta Football Association shall only consider an application which complies with Article 2 of these regulations and shall give its decision to the applicant within one (1) month of the application.
 - (ii) Before authorising any tournament, the Executive Committee must be satisfied that these regulations have been complied with and that the applicant can satisfy all the conditions. Furthermore, in the case of foreign participating teams and/or players, the Executive Committee must be satisfied that the Rules and Regulations of FIFA are observed.
 - (iii) The Executive Committee may impose other conditions, which it deems expedient. In such cases, these conditions will have the same force of these regulations.
 - (iv) The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, refuse to authorise any tournament.
5.
 - (i) As a rule, only referees affiliated to the Malta Football Association may officiate at the matches of the tournament. However, in special circumstances, the Malta Football Association may authorise that other persons may officiate at the matches.
 - (ii) In the case of referees affiliated with the Malta Football Association, the appointments shall be made by the Officer-in-Charge of Referees' Appointments of the Malta Football Association.

6.
 - (i) Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the commencement of an authorised tournament, the Member Club or the Member Association concerned must send to the General Secretary of the Malta Football Association the names of the people entrusted with the organisation of the tournament and with other matters relevant to the tournament, the list of the participating teams and the fixture.
 - (ii) Failure to abide by this provision will render the Malta Football Association's authorisation null and void.
 - (iii) The Malta Football Association shall have the right to object to any person entrusted with the organisation and/or with matters relative to the tournament.
7. The Member Club or Member Association, which is authorised to hold the tournament, shall be at all times responsible towards the Malta Football Association for all the matters concerning the tournament.
8.
 - (i) Member Clubs wishing to organise a friendly match for its senior team, in all cases at international level, and in cases at domestic level only when the proposed match is to be played in a stadium where access of the public to the terraces can be controlled, must make an application to the General Secretary of the Association at least three days prior to the intended date of the match.
 - (ii)
 - (a) The application, to be made on the appropriate form established by the Executive Committee of the Association, shall contain all the relevant necessary information as well as a request to the Association to provide a referee and two assistant referees.
 - (b) The application form must be accompanied by a fee of twenty euro (€20).
 - (iii) Before acceding to such a request the Association must ensure that in the case where one of the teams is a foreign one, the rules and regulations of FIFA and/or UEFA are observed.
 - (iv) It shall be at the discretion of the Association to accede to the request for the friendly match to take place or whether to accede to the request to send a referee and two assistant referees.
9. The Executive Committee of the Malta Football Association shall investigate breaches of these regulations and of other conditions as well as other acts which may bring the game into disrepute whether committed by the organiser or by the participants. In the case that disciplinary action is warranted the matter shall be referred to the Control and Disciplinary Board of the Association to decide the case in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association.