

RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING PARTICIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

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MALTA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

REGULATIONS GOVERNING PLAYERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE MALTA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

1. Duty of Eligible Players

- (i) It is the duty of every player who is eligible to represent the Malta Football Association in any of its national teams or selections to answer positively any call made by the Association to form part of a national squad or selection unless a serious and grave reason impedes him from so doing.
- (ii) The obligation of players mentioned in para. (i) above refers both to training sessions and to matches, whether competitive or friendly.
- (iii) In the case of eligible players who are playing in the league of a foreign Football Association, the relative rules of FIFA and/or UEFA shall be observed by both the Association and the player.
- (iv) If a player claims justification for his non-compliance or absence it shall be his duty to prove that such absence was due to a serious and grave reason. However, no such claim for justification shall be entertained if the player had failed to inform the Technical Director, or the Coach, or the Team Manager or the General Secretary of the Association of his impediment and this as soon as possible after such impediment was known to him or had arisen.
- (v) Physical and/or moral impossibility on medical grounds could be entertained only in the case that such impossibility is certified by a Medical Officer of the Association.

2. Maximum Effort by Players

- (i) Every player forming part of a national squad or selection shall make maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance both during training and during a game. In particular, every such player must make every effort and make use of all permitted means to bring about the victory of his team and shall refrain from practicing any act and from omitting to do any act which may hinder the achievement of this aim.
- (ii) Furthermore, every player who is a member in a scheme of the Association for players of the National Team must abide with the rules of such Scheme as may be in force at the time.

3. Good Behaviour and Discipline

- (i) Every player forming part of a national squad or selection must at all times behave in the best possible manner and must set an example to other players and shall refrain from doing anything and from omitting to do anything which may prejudice the discipline of his team.
- (ii) Every such player shall refrain from promoting or take part in any agreement which may damage the Game and/or individual members of his team or selection, and/or members of the technical staff and/or officials of the Association and/or the Malta Football Association. Furthermore, it shall be the duty of every such player to report to the Technical Director or the Coach or the Team Manager or the General Secretary of the Association in the case that any such agreement or attempt to make any such agreement comes to his knowledge and this immediately such an agreement or attempted agreement comes to his knowledge.
- (iii) Every such player shall not in any place or in any manner criticize or raise any objections to any training methods, systems of play, team formations or positionings in a team except by way of constructive counsel to the coach in the manner acceptable to the coach.
- (iv) Every such player shall at all times show due respect towards the other players of his team, the members of the technical staff, the officials of the Association, the other members of the Council of the Association and all the members in an official delegation of the Association accompanying the team. In particular, every such player shall refrain from criticizing in any place and in any manner any of the persons above mentioned or the Malta Football Association or any of its bodies.
- (v) Furthermore, every such player must act in accordance with the rules found in any Code of Discipline and/or Code of Ethics for national team/s players which may be in force at the time.

4. Official Uniform and Sports Kit of the Association

During national team training sessions, national team competitive and friendly games and during national team leisure time players shall wear the M.F.A. Official Uniform or the official sports kit supplied to them by the Association as instructed by the Coach and/or the Head of Delegation accompanying the team.

5. Disciplinary Action

- (i) Any player who infringes any of the above provisions shall be guilty of an offence.
- (ii) When it is alleged that a player has committed any such offence he shall be charged in writing and the case shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee of the Association.
- (iii) On any such charge, the player shall have the right to attend the hearing and may be assisted by a person of his choice except if such person is prohibited by the rules of the Association to assist him, or such person is serving a suspension which debars him from taking part in football activities or such person has been declared a "persona non grata" by the Association.
- (iv) If the charge is proved to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee it shall punish the player in accordance with the relative applicable sanction.

6. Complicity

Any Club official or any other person subject to the jurisdiction of the Association who instigates a player to commit any of the above mentioned offences shall be guilty of the same offence completed or attempted and shall be subject to disciplinary action in the same way as a player is subject to. However, such person shall be subject to disciplinary action even if no disciplinary action is taken against the player or if the player is not found guilty. Furthermore, such person may be subjected to a different punishment other than that awarded to the player.

7. Punishments

- (i) A player and/or a person mentioned in clause 6 above who is found guilty of having committed any of the above mentioned offences shall be punished in the following manner:
 - (a) in the case of an offence under clause 1 of these Regulations, with a suspension from all football activities from one year to three years;
 - (b) in the case of an offence under clause 2 (i) of these Regulations, with a suspension from all football activities from one month to life depending on the gravity of the case;
 - (c) in the case of an offence under clauses 2 (ii), 3 (i), 3 (iii), 3 (iv) and 3 (v) and 4 of these Regulations, with a fine or with a suspension from all football activities from one month to one year. The Committee may inflict both a fine and a suspension together. Furthermore, in the case of the offence under clause 4 of these Regulations, the Executive Committee may also order the player found guilty to pay to the Association the amount of damages which the Association may have incurred as a result of the player's illegal actions. In the latter case, the player failing to pay within the established time-limit shall be suspended from all football activities and shall remain suspended till he pays such amount.
 - (d) in the case of an offence under clause 3 (ii) of these Regulations, with a suspension from all football activities from one year to five years.
- (ii) Extenuating or aggravating circumstances shall be taken into consideration.
- (iii) If the player found guilty was at the time of the offence the captain of a team or if the person found guilty was at the time of the offence an official of a Club, such factor shall be in itself an aggravating circumstance.
- (iv) The Association reserves the right to publish the details of offences committed and punishments inflicted under these regulations and to inform FIFA and UEFA of punishments inflicted for their decision to make such punishments applicable in their sphere of jurisdiction.

8. Appeal

- (i) A player or another person found guilty under these regulations and who has been suspended for a period of more than three months shall have the right to appeal to the Appeals Board of the Association.
- (ii) Appeals shall be regulated by the rules of the Appeals Board established by the Association's Statute.
- (iii) Pending the hearing of the appeal the decision of the Executive Committee with regards to the suspension inflicted shall remain operative.
- (iv) The decision of the Appeals Board is final and binding unless a reference could be made or has been made to the Independent Arbitration Tribunal established by the Association's Statute. In the latter

case, the decision of the Independent Arbitration Tribunal shall be final and binding.

9. Compensation to Players and Insurance

- (i) (a) Players called to represent the Association shall be compensated by the Association for loss of work and for other reasonable expenses incurred by them in connection with such representation.
- (b) The Executive Committee of the Association shall have the right to ask the players concerned to tender documentary proof to substantiate their claims.
- (ii) Players called to represent the Association shall be insured by the Association against risk of injury. The quality of the insurance shall be decided by the Executive Committee of the Association.
- (iii) The Executive Committee of the Association shall in its discretion decide on any other compensation and/or bonus to such players.

10. Players' Imagery

- (i) The Association shall have the exclusive right to use and/or sub-licence any of the records, names and images of the players selected to represent the Association, including any still and moving representation thereof, which may appear or be generated in connection with official training sessions and/or participation by the Association in international competitive and friendly matches. Such rights may be used and/or sub-licensed by the Association in perpetuity in any medium or devised for any purpose, whether commercial and non-commercial.
- (ii) The Association shall have the right to cede any of these rights to FIFA and/or UEFA in connection with the Association's participation in international competitions organized by FIFA or UEFA.
- (iii) The players selected to represent the Association shall remain free to exploit their own proprietary rights (including intellectual proprietary rights) which are unconnected with official training sessions of any of the national teams and/or international friendly and competitive matches of any of the national teams.

MALTA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

CODE OF ETHICS FOR ALL PLAYERS CALLED UP FOR NATIONAL TEAM DUTIES

Introduction

Through this Code of Ethics sport is recognised as a social and a cultural institution which, when played in a spirit of fair play, enriches society and promotes friendship between individuals, groups of individuals and even nations. It offers the opportunity of self-knowledge and fosters self-expression, and encourages skill, social interaction, enjoyment and health.

Ethics do not mean only adherence to written rules; they also involve a correctness of attitude amongst players, who should be encouraged to behave in a fitting spirit. The basic idea of ethics is to put oneself in the place of the others and act accordingly.

In order to help our national teams' players, especially the younger ones, to be at all times ambassadors of our sport, of our Association and of our country, the following Code of Ethics has been approved. According to this Code of Ethics, players called up for national team duties have several obligations towards the Game itself, towards one's own team, towards the Laws of the Game and Competition Rules, towards opponents, towards the referee and assistant referees, towards team officials, towards the public, towards the media and towards the good order of the organisation and this during games, during training sessions, during team travel and during team leisure time.

OBLIGATIONS OF PLAYERS

- (i) **In his obligations towards the Game a player should:**
 - (a) make every effort to develop his own sporting abilities, in terms of physical fitness, stamina, skill, technique and tactics;
 - (b) give maximum effort and strive for the best performance both during training sessions as well as during a game, whether competitive or friendly;
 - (c) set a positive example for younger players;
 - (d) avoid all forms of anti-football and gamesmanship;
 - (e) conduct himself outside the stadia in a manner which helps football to gain increased respect.
- (ii) **In his obligations towards one's own team, a player should:**
 - (a) make every effort and make use of all permitted means to help bring about the victory of his own team;
 - (b) resist any temptation to do anything which may harm his own team.
- (iii) **In his obligations towards the Laws of the Game and Competition Rules, a player should:**
 - (a) know well the Laws of the Game and abide by the rules and their spirit and abide by the Competition Rules;
 - (b) accept success and failure, victory and defeat with good grace and without excessive display of emotion;
 - (c) resist any temptation to take drugs or banned substances.
- (iv) **In his obligations towards the opponents, a player should:**
 - (a) treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game;
 - (b) safeguard the physical fitness of opponents by avoiding violence and by helping injured opponents;
 - (c) avoid cheating to the detriment of opponents.
- (v) **In his obligations towards the referee and assistant referees, a player should:**
 - (a) accept decisions of the referee and assistant referees without protest;
 - (b) avoid words or actions which may be considered as ungentlemanly towards a referee or assistant

- referees.
- (vi) **In his obligations towards the team officials, a player should:**
- (a) show respect towards the officials of the team and towards any other person performing a function with the team;
 - (b) abide by the instructions of his coach and team officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code of Ethics;
 - (c) show respect towards the team officials of the opposition;
 - (d) show respect towards any other person performing an official function during a game.
- (vii) **In his obligations towards the public, a player should:**
- (a) make every effort to perform and conduct himself in a manner which is attractive to the public;
 - (b) show respect towards opposing supporters even if they act in a manner not to his liking.
- (viii) **In his obligations towards the media, a player should:**
- (i) give the necessary information, within the limits of personal confidentiality, if requested to do so by the media, with strict insistence on truth and reality;
 - (ii) refrain from organising or take part in a general boycott towards the media;
 - (iii) inform politely a particular pressman whom he feels has treated him badly of the reason why he declines to give him interviews. In such a case the player should inform the Coach of his decision. Alternatively, the player may inform the Coach of his decision not to give interviews to a particular pressman so that the editor of the pressman concerned may be officially informed.
- (ix) **In his obligations towards the good order of organisation during games, during training sessions, during team travel and during leisure time, a player should:**
- (a) be punctual as instructed by the coach and/or head of the delegation accompanying the team;
 - (b) wear the official uniform and/or the official sports equipment as instructed by the Coach and/or Head of Delegation accompanying the team when supplied with an official uniform or official sports equipment by the Association;
 - (c) refrain from parting with the official sports equipment without the prior consent of the Head of Delegation accompanying the team;
 - (d) be at all times tidy and when wearing the official uniform wear black shoes;
 - (e) refrain from wearing earrings or other similar facial jewelry;
 - (f) carry the M.F.A. official kit when and as instructed by the Coach and/or the Head of Delegation accompanying the team;
 - (g) refrain from using ungentlemanly language and refrain from making ungentlemanly gestures or remarks;
 - (h) refrain from disturbing other members of the team or other guests of the hotel;
 - (i) during meals refrain from ordering any food or drinks without the express permission of the Coach and/or the Head of the Delegation accompanying the team;
 - (j) inform the Coach and/or the Head of Delegation accompanying the team of any damage caused by him to the property of others, even if accidentally, as soon as possible after this happens;
 - (k) pay for all extras incurred by him at the hotel at the time established for payment of extras and obtains a receipt for payment. In case of unpaid bills, the relative expenses incurred by the M.F.A. will be charged in equal portions to the occupants of the room in question;
 - (l) refrain from taking any medicines which are not prescribed to him by a Medical Officer of the M.F.A. In the case that medicine has been prescribed to him by another doctor, he should inform the M.F.A. Medical Officer responsible for the team at the earliest opportunity;
 - (m) inform at the earliest opportunity the M.F.A. Medical Officer responsible for the team of any injury sustained and of which the M.F.A. Medical Officer is not aware;

- (n) abide by the M.F.A. Medical Officer's instructions regarding rehabilitation after an injury or in the cure of an illness;
- (o) make his complaints only to the Coach and/or Team Captain and/or the Head of Delegation accompanying the Team. In particular, a player should refrain from involving persons extraneous to the M.F.A.;
- (p) abides strictly at all times with any other instructions which the Coach or the Head of Delegation accompanying the team may give him;
- (q) refrain from doing anything which may bring his reputation, the reputation of his team, the reputation of the M.F.A. or the reputation of his country into disrepute.

MALTA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Regulations Regarding Prevention and Cure of the Habits of Taking Illicit Drugs and Alcohol Abuse by Players of the National Squads

1. Introduction

According to the "Code of Ethics for All Players Called Up For National Team Duties" of the Malta Football Association, players called up for national team duties are obliged to refrain from doing anything which may bring their own reputation, their team's, the MFA's and their country's reputation in disrepute.

In accordance with MFA policy, the habit of taking illicit drugs and/or the habit of alcohol abuse by players belonging to a national squad bring into disrepute not only their own reputation but also that of their team, the MFA and their country. Furthermore, it is well known that such habits may have a long lasting negative effect on the health of abusers.

At the same time, the MFA understands that young persons are more susceptible than others to pick up the habit of taking illicit drugs and/or the habit of alcohol abuse.

Therefore the MFA Council has decided to make the under mentioned rules for the purpose of safeguarding young national team players from such abuse and, if needed, helping them to refrain from such bad practices. Furthermore the regulations aim at punishing those who are subject to the jurisdiction of the MFA and who provide illicit drugs to such players or in any manner whatsoever help such players in taking illicit drugs.

2. Rules applicable to young national team players

- (i) The MFA may assign a proper person, referred to as a "Focus Person", with each national squad from the National U/21 Squad downwards, in order to render his assistance to those players who are deemed to need help to be able to kick their habit of using illicit drugs and/or alcohol abuse.
- (ii)
 - (a) The MFA may carry out such tests as may be deemed necessary on any such player so as to ascertain that such a player is not taking illicit drugs and/or is not abusing of alcohol intake.
 - (b) It shall be at the MFA's discretion which players should undergo a test. No warning will be given about holding such tests.
 - (c) The players chosen to undergo a test must be at least 14 years old. Players who have not yet reached their 18th birthday must provide the MFA with a written declaration by their legal guardian authorising the MFA to conduct such tests. A player who fails to provide the MFA with such an authorisation may be dropped from the national squad of which he forms part.
 - (d) Players, who knowingly fail to take the test when required to do so, will be deemed to have a problem with regards to taking illicit drugs and/or alcohol abuse.
 - (e) Subject to what is stated hereunder, the results of such tests will be treated with utmost confidentiality.
- (iii)
 - (a) Players who inform the Focus Person that they have a problem with illicit drugs and/or alcohol abuse or who are so identified through tests or otherwise, may be asked to follow proper control procedures to help them curb such abuse and/or may be referred to a specialised person or agency to help them curb such abuse. Players who fail to abide with the instructions given to them in this regard may be dropped from the national squad of which they form part.
 - (b) In the case of a player who has not reached his 18th birthday, the MFA reserves the right to inform the legal guardian of the player about such abuse and about the instructions given to the player in this regard.
- (iv) The MFA reserves the right to report to the Executive Police any person who is identified by it as having supplied illicit drugs to such a player.
- (v)
 - (a) It is a serious offence for a person who is subject to jurisdiction of the MFA to have knowingly or negligently supplied a national squad player with illicit drugs or who knowingly, in any manner whatsoever, abets a national squad player in taking illicit drugs.
 - (b) Disciplinary proceedings will be taken against any such person by the MFA.

Furthermore, the MFA reserves the right to report such a person to the Executive Police.

MALTA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

RULES REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN UEFA COMPETITIONS FOR CLUBS

1. The hereunder-mentioned Clubs shall have the right to represent the Association in the hereunder-mentioned forthcoming UEFA Competitions for Clubs after the domestic competitions for the current season are completed, provided that no domestic or international reason prevails to impede such representation, including an impediment arising out of UEFA rules and regulations.
2. (i) These Clubs are the following:
 - (a) The Champion Club of the Premier Division League shall have the right to represent the Association in the relative UEFA Competition for domestic Champion Clubs (UEFA Champions' League or UEFA Europa League) for which the Association shall be entitled to enter a team.
 - (b) The winner of the Malta FA Trophy Competition, or the finalist, if the winner is also the Champion of the Premier Division League, shall have the right to represent the Association in the UEFA Europa League, provided that the Association shall be entitled to enter a team in this competition.
 - (c) The runner-up Club of the Premier Division League, or the third highest placed Club of the Premier Division League if the runner-up Club is entitled to participate in the UEFA Europa League as the winner of the Malta FA Trophy Competition, shall have the right to represent the Association in the UEFA Europa League, provided that the Association shall be entitled to enter the runner-up of the Premier Division League in this competition.
 - (d) (i) In the case that the Association is entitled to enter the runner-up Club of the Premier Division League in the UEFA Europa League, the third highest placed Club in the Premier Division League or the fourth highest placed Club in the Premier Division League if the third highest placed Club is entitled to play in the UEFA Europa League either as the third placed in the Premier Division League or as the winner or finalist of the Malta FA Trophy Competition, shall have the right to represent the Association in the UEFA Europa League, provided that the Association shall be entitled to enter a team in this competition.

(ii) In the case that the Association shall not be entitled to enter the runner-up team of the Premier Division in the UEFA Europa League, the runner-up of the Premier Division League or the third highest placed Club of the Premier Division League if the second highest placed Club of the Premier Division League is entitled to play in the UEFA Europa League as the winner or finalist of the Malta FA Trophy Competition, shall have the right to represent the Association in the UEFA Europa League.
3. The participation of a Club in any of the UEFA Competitions for Clubs is subject to the condition that such Club, during the current season, would have obtained from the MFA a licence at UEFA Level for the coming season. An exception may be made in the case that the winner or finalist of the Malta FA Trophy Competition is a First Division Club provided that such Club would have complied within the established time limit with the Association's and UEFA requirements regarding such participation.
4. (i) If a Club that sportingly qualifies to participate in a UEFA Competition for Clubs through its participation in the Premier Division League fails to abide with the condition mentioned in clause 3 above, then such Club will lose its right for such participation and will be substituted by the next highest placed Club in the final classification table of the Premier Division League which would have complied with the condition mentioned in clause 3 above.

(ii) If a Club that sportingly qualifies to participate in the UEFA Europa League as the winner of the Malta FA Trophy Competition fails to abide with the condition mentioned in clause 3 above, then such Club will lose its right for such participation and will be substituted by the finalist Club, provided that such other Club would have complied with the condition mentioned in clause 3 above.

MALTA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND TOURNAMENTS AT CLUB LEVEL

1. Official International UEFA Competitive Matches of Member Clubs

- i) Participation in official international UEFA competitive matches by Member Clubs shall be in accordance with the rules of the Malta Football Association and the rules of UEFA.
- ii) (a) The Association shall have a UEFA Clubs Competitions Committee to coordinate the participation of Member Clubs in UEFA Competitions.
(b) This Committee shall include representatives of the Association and of the Member Clubs concerned.
- iii) In the case of a competitive match of a Member Club against a foreign Club to be played abroad, the Association shall appoint a Council Member to accompany the team of the Member Club concerned abroad.
- iv) The Member Club concerned shall be responsible for the travelling expenses and the full board and lodging of the Association's representative.
- v) The Member Club concerned shall treat the Association's representative as an official of the Club.
- vi) The Association's representative shall give all the necessary assistance to the team of the Member Club concerned and shall make a report to the Council of the Association on the visit abroad of such team.

2. Invitations for Official Club International Friendly Matches and Tournaments in Malta

- i) Member Clubs, Member Associations and Clubs/Teams affiliated to Member Associations shall not invite foreign teams to play a friendly match or to take part in a tournament in Malta unless the prior consent of the Malta Football Association has been obtained.
- ii) (a) Member Clubs and Member Associations wishing to invite a foreign team to play a friendly match or a number of friendly matches in Malta or to take part in a tournament in Malta must apply to the General Secretary of the Association on the appropriate form established by the Executive Committee. In the case of a match, the application must be made at least seven (7) days prior to the match, and in the case of a tournament, the application must be made at least fifteen (15) days prior to the commencement of the tournament.
(b) The provisions of para. (ii) (a) shall also apply to Clubs/Teams affiliated to Member Associations which must however apply to the General Secretary of the Association through their Member Association on the appropriate form established by the Executive Committee.
- iii) Any such application must be accompanied by the details of the proposed invitation and a fee of fifty euro (€50) for every match to be played. Furthermore, in the case of a tournament, a copy of the proposed regulations of the tournament must be also attached to the application.
- iv) The Association shall not accede to such a request unless the Association is satisfied that the National Foreign Association of the foreign team concerned has no objection to the proposed match or tournament and that such a match or tournament will not interfere with the competitions of the Association or with competitions in which the Association is involved. Furthermore, in the case of a tournament, the regulations of the tournament shall be subject to the approval of the Association.
- v) No application is needed if the invitation to a foreign team to play an official friendly match against the team of a Member Club or of a Member Association or of Club/Team of a Member Association has been made by the Association

3. Non-Official Friendly Matches in Malta Against Visiting Foreign Teams

- i) Member Clubs, Member Associations and Clubs/Teams affiliated to Member Associations shall not play a friendly match in Malta against a visiting foreign team which comes to Malta either on its own initiative or on the initiative of a third party unless the prior consent of the Malta Football Association has been obtained or unless an invitation to play has been extended by the Association.
- ii) (a) Unless the invitation to play such a visiting team has been extended by the Association, Member Clubs and Member Associations wishing to play such a visiting foreign team must apply to the General Secretary of the Association on the appropriate form established by the Executive Committee at least three (3) days prior to the intended day of the match.

(b) The provisions of para. (ii) (a) shall also apply to Clubs/Teams affiliated to Member Associations which must however apply to the General Secretary of the Association through their Member Association on the appropriate form established by the Executive Committee.

iii) Such an application must be accompanied by a fee of twenty euro (€20).

iv) The Association shall not accede to such a request unless it is satisfied that the National Foreign Association of the foreign team concerned has no objection to the proposed match and that such a match will not interfere with the competitions of the Association or with competitions in which the Association is involved.

4. Official Friendly Matches and Tournaments Abroad

i) Member Clubs, Member Associations and Clubs/Teams affiliated to Member Associations which are invited to play against a foreign team or to take part in a tournament abroad must obtain the prior consent of the Association unless the invitation has been extended to them by the Malta Football Association.

ii) (a) Member Clubs and Member Associations must apply to the General Secretary of the Association on the appropriate form established by the Executive Committee at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the proposed match or the commencement of the tournament.

(b) Clubs/Teams affiliated to Member Associations must apply to the General Secretary of the Association through their Member Association on the appropriate form established by the Executive Committee at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the proposed match or the commencement of the tournament.

iii) Such a request must be accompanied by a copy of the invitation and of the conditions and a fee of fifty euro (€50).

iv) The Association shall not accede to such request unless the Association is satisfied that the National Foreign Association concerned has no objection to the proposed match or tournament and that such a match or tournament will not interfere with the competitions of the Association or with competitions in which the Association is involved.

5. Cases of Non-Compliance with these Regulations

i) In the case that the Association has not given its permission for a friendly match or tournament to take place in Malta, it shall not appoint any referee or any assistant referee to officiate at a match.

Cases of non-compliance with these regulations by Member Clubs, Member Associations and Clubs/Teams affiliated to Member Associations shall be dealt with by the Control and Disciplinary Board of the Association in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association.