

RULES and REGULATIONS
PFAJ 2018



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1. The Premier League is an event organized by the PFAJ based on its Regulations.
2. The Premier League shall commence on the last Sunday of August or the first Sunday of September of each year and shall conclude the second Sunday of May of the following year. The Official Awards Presentation, if held, shall take place within fourteen (14) days after the final round of games for the respective season.
3. The 2018-2019 Premier League will be played in four rounds. (See Article 5.3).
4. The Professional Football Association of Jamaica (PFAJ) is the Operations Body and is subject to the supervision and final decisions of the JFF Board of Directors, which has the last word on all matters relevant to the 2018-2019 Premier League.
5. The scope and responsibilities of the Competitions Committee of JFF are regulated in the By Laws and Articles of Association, JFF Guidelines and Circulars as well as all applicable JFF Regulations. The scope and responsibilities of the PFAJ is set out in the Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association, a joint venture company between the JFF and the Premier League Clubs Association (PLCA).
6. Any rights associated with the 2018-2019 Premier League which are not granted by these regulations and/or specific agreements to a participating Club, its affiliated Parish Association, PLCA or any other entity referred in these Regulations belong to PFAJ.
7. The Regulations for the 2018-2019 Premier League regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all Clubs taking part in the 2018-2019 Premier League. The Regulations and all guidelines and circulars issued by PFAJ are binding for all parties and participating Clubs involved in the preparation, organization and hosting of games in the 2018-2019 Premier League.

I. Title – The Premier League

Art. 1

1. The Premier League takes place every season. The Clubs participating for the 2018-2019 Season are the ten (10) Clubs remaining at the end of the preceding season in addition to the two new entrants/promoted Clubs from the corresponding Season's JFF Confederations' Play-offs.
2. At the Official Awards Presentation, if held, a representative of the JFF, the PFAJ and the sponsor, shall present the Premier League Trophy to the winner of the competition. It shall remain the property of PFAJ but may be kept by the winner for no longer than one month after the final of the



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Premier League. The winner will be awarded a replica of the Premier League trophy as its permanent possession.

3. Clubs (players and Officials) are required, at minimum, to attend official functions and events in uniformed polo shirts (oxfords shirts for Awards Ceremonies), black dress pants, black dress shoes and black belts unless otherwise requested through the PFAJ. (Shirts shall not be branded except with that of the Club's logo or that approved by the PFAJ). Undergarments shall not be visible. Any breach shall result in an automatic fine of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) and shall be referred to the respective disciplinary body for further sanctions
4. All players and officials of the winning team and runners-up shall make themselves available for the presentation ceremony following the conclusion of a final. Players and Club officials shall be attired in their respective match uniforms.
5. The Premier League Trophy shall be presented to the winner of the competition by a representative from the JFF, PFAJ and Sponsors at the respective venue and match date upon their being officially recognized as the winner. The Trophy shall be returned to the PFAJ within twenty-four (24) hours after presentation.
6. The winner shall be responsible for the loss of or damage to the Premier League trophy and shall return it in perfect condition. PFAJ is responsible for engraving the Premier League trophy and will issue guidelines for its use.
7. If, for any reason, the trophy is needed or the competition should cease to be held, the Premier League trophy shall be returned to the PFAJ general secretariat immediately upon demand.
8. A Club failing to return each Trophy within the specified time and in good condition shall be fined Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) and may be referred to the respective disciplinary body for further action.
9. Thirty-five (35) medals will be presented to each of the three top teams in the Competition, i.e. gold medals to the winner, silver medals to the team ranked second and bronze medals to the team ranked third.
10. Each participating Club will receive a cash award by virtue of its ranking at the end of the competition.
11. The Away Goal rule shall not apply to any stage of this competition.

II. ORGANISATION OF THE JFF

Art. 2

In accordance with JFF's Statutes:

1. The Executive Committee is JFF's Board of Directors;



2. The Professional Football Association (PFAJ) and the JFF Competitions' Committee is responsible for the organization of the 2018-2019 Premier League in accordance with all JFF regulations;
3. The PFAJ Secretariat is responsible for the operational organization of the 2018-2019 Premier League in accordance with the guidelines of the PFAJ Operations Committee;
4. The Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Committee have the responsibilities set forth in the JFF Disciplinary Code, which apply accordingly;
5. The JFF Sports Medical Committee has the responsibilities set forth in its list of duties.
6. In accordance with the PFAJ Regulations each participating Club shall undertake to comply with these Regulations, the List of Requirements, all applicable PFAJ regulations, guidelines and circulars as well as the applicable national and supra-national laws.

III.Entries for the competition

Art. 3

1. As a rule, every Club must be affiliated to a Parish Association before it is allowed to participate in the 2018-2019 Premier League.
2. The Clubs shall complete and send the official entry form to the PFAJ general secretariat by the deadline stipulated in Art. 4. Only the entry forms sent to the PFAJ general secretariat by the set deadline shall be valid and taken into consideration. Entries sent by telefax or e-mail shall be confirmed on the official entry form.
3. On entering the competition, the participating Clubs shall automatically undertake:
 - 1) To observe the regulations, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by the JFF and the PFAJ secretariat as well as the applicable national and supra-national laws;
 - 2) To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Premier League shall be settled by the PFAJ and the JFF in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of the PFAJ Operations Committee;
 - 3) To accept all the arrangements made by the Host Club for the Premier League in agreement with the PFAJ;
 - 4) To observe the principles of fair play;



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- 5) To secure their players' and officials' written acceptance prior to the 2018-2019 Premier League for the use and/or sub-licence by the PFAJ of any of the records, names and images of the Clubs (including their marks) and its players and officials, including any still and moving representation thereof, which may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the Clubs and their players and officials in the 2018-2019 Premier League.
- a. The PFAJ's right to use and/or sub-license such records, names and images of the Club (including its marks) and its players and officials shall be exclusive in respect of, or in connection with, the filming, recording, broadcasting and any other form of transmission of the records, names, images and Club marks (including, but not limited to television, film images for broadcast or other transmission) in connection with the 2018-2019 Premier League. Club logos shall be submitted in the following formats – Vector and/or Adobe Illustrator (ai).
 - b. The PFAJ's and JFF's right to use and/or sub-license such records, names and images of the Clubs (including their marks) and their players and officials, including any still and moving representation thereof which may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the Clubs, its players and officials in the 2018-2019 Premier League shall, other than as outlined above, be non-exclusive, and be limited to activities, which
 - are associated with the participation of the Clubs, players and officials in the 2018-2019 Premier League
 - do not directly promote, or directly cause the promotion of, any activity between any Club, its players or officials and any third party other than the PFAJ and the JFF.
 - c. Such rights may not be used and/or sub-licensed by the PFAJ and the JFF in perpetuity in any medium known or hereinafter devised for any purpose, whether commercial or non-commercial.
 - d. All revenues generated by PFAJ and the JFF (except sum shared amongst Clubs) from the specific exploitation of the rights to use and/or sub-license images of the Club's players, including any still and moving representation thereof, other than exploitation in connection with filming, recording, broadcasting and any other form of transmission, will be used by the PFAJ and the JFF for its humanitarian charitable activities and/or charitable football development activities (such as youth development programmes).
 - e. The participating Clubs, players and officials shall remain free to exploit their own proprietary rights (including intellectual property rights), which are unconnected with the 2018-2019 Premier League.



- f. To comply with and implement the Ticketing Terms and Conditions and the Ticketing Policy as set forth by PFAJ and the JFF. (See Appendix III)

IV. ENTRIES AND FEES

Art. 4. A

1. Subject to any other decision by the JFF Executive Committee, the deadline for entries each year shall be the 1st working day of the month of August each year. Only entries reaching the PFAJ general secretariat by that date shall be taken into consideration.
2. Entries shall be accompanied by a fee of J\$75,000.00– payable to the PFAJ Bank account or to the Finance Department at the PFAJ Secretariat.
3. Each Club participating in the Premier League shall be required to submit registration for three (3) club youth teams in accordance with CONCACAF requirement.
4. Each Club shall be given registration appointment (date and time) by the PFAJ general secretariat for the registration of its players and officials for the Premier league 2018-2019 season. A Club submitting its registration after the announced date shall be fined Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75 000.00) which shall be paid simultaneously on the submission of its registration documents. In any event a Club's registration shall not be accepted if submitted five (5) working days after the registration date set out in Art. 4.1.
5. The PFAJ Late Registration Fee will be applied when a Club fails to submit the completed registration documents meeting the minimum requirements on the date scheduled by the secretariat, and without reasons considered acceptable by the PFAJ OC prior to scheduled registration date.
6. Each Club is mandated to lodge Professional Contracts for 100% of their players in their active Premier League registration at all times throughout the competitive season .
7. The coach or any person operating in that capacity for a team shall possess at a minimum, a JFF/UTECH Advanced Level II Coaching Certificate or its approved equivalent to be eligible to coach (issue tactical instructions) in the competition. *A coach who has coached at the international level (national teams) is exempt from this eligibility requirement.*
8. Each club is required to submit a list of a maximum of Thirty (30) players of which a minimum of Seven (7) shall be born on or after 1st January 1997. Failure to adhere to this requirement shall result in an automatic fine of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). The guilty club shall also be referred to the appropriate disciplinary body.

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9. A maximum of four (4) players of foreign nationality may be registered for each club. All four (4) players may be on the field of play at any given time.
10. A player will be allowed a maximum of four (4) in and out registration for the entire season.
11. A maximum of twenty (20) Club Officials per Club shall be registered for the Competition.
12. Clubs will be allowed to submit changes to their Registration List **between the hours of 9:00 am. and 2:00pm. from Mondays to Thursdays of each week** after the start of the competition but applicable only to bona-fide players of the club.
13. No player shall be allowed to register with more than one club of an affiliate of the JFF at the same time, except in the case of Affiliates such as ISSA and other Minor Affiliates, approved formally by the JFF Board of Directors.
14. Players registered in periods specified in Appendix II, Article 6 can be substituted and re-registered at any time during the season provided they remain a bona-fide member of the club. A player however can only be substituted and reregistered twice in the same season.

Art. 4. B ENTRIES – Caribbean Club Championship Qualification

1. The Champion and Runner-up of the highest amateur & professional competitive club category within each of the CFU Member Associations, whereas such Champion team(s) is determined by the result following the completion of the last complete season prior to the end of registration of the Club Champions Cup Tournament, shall have the right to participate.
2. The CFU Executive Committee shall determine the right entry of any other clubs.
The above excerpt speaks to the automatic qualification of the Champion and Runners-Up Teams as at the completion of the competition.
3. Each Club participating in the Premier League shall be required to submit registration for three (3) club youth teams in accordance with CONCACAF requirement.
4. For the 2018-2019 season, registration of an under 13 team and an Under 21 team shall be mandatory





V. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

Art. 5

1. The PFAJ's Operations Committee shall decide on the playing system, the group formation and the scheduling of the Premier League. Such decisions are final. In the case of any withdrawals, the PFAJ Operations' Committee may include a team/s that was relegated from the most recent Premier league season or participated in the most recent JFF Confederation's playoffs.
2. The Premier League shall begin on the last Sunday in the month of August or the first Sunday of September each year and ends on the second Sunday in the month of May the following year. Any changes to the afore-mentioned schedule must be approved by the PFAJ's Operations' Committee.
3. Any Club that is formally invited to any official function and fails to be properly represented as per invitation guideline, without written reasons accepted by the PFAJ Operations Committee, shall be fined Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) and referred to the respective disciplinary body for further sanction. In the case of Repeated Offense as determined by the Committee, the body shall increase the fine but not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for each offense.
4. The matches in the Premier League shall be played in accordance with one of the following four Rounds:

i. First Round:

The First Round will comprise of twelve (12) Clubs playing each other once, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, no points for a defeat (league system).

ii. Second Round:

This Round will comprise of the twelve (12) Clubs playing against each other once based on the outcome of a draw to determine the order in which the games are to be played

iii. Third Round

The Third Round will comprise of the twelve (12) Clubs playing return fixtured games to those played in the First Round. The competition shall conclude for Clubs ranked 7th – 12th at the end of this round. Teams ranked 11th and 12th will be relegated.



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iv. The Fourth Round

This Round will be played based on a Play-Off format and will comprise the top six (6) teams on points as at the completion of Rounds One through to Three. This Round will comprise two-way Quarterfinals and Semifinals and a one-way grand Final. The teams ranked 3rd to 6th will participate in the two way quarterfinals; the 3rd ranked against the 6th ranked and the 4th ranked against the 5th ranked. The quarterfinals winners will then play against the teams ranked 1st and 2nd; the 1st ranked against the winner 3rd vs 6th and the 2nd ranked against the winner of 4th vs 5th.

v. Promoted Teams – Confederation Play-Off

Clubs that finish in the top two places of the Confederation Play-Off that is, first & second places shall be promoted to the Premier League Competition for the 2018-2019+ Season.

5. When matches are played in accordance with system (i), (ii) or (iii), home matches may not be played on another Club's venue without the permission of the PFAJ Operations' Committee.
6. The management of the Premier League Play-Off Round (Quarterfinals, Semi-finals and Final) is the responsibility of the PFAJ. The quarterfinals and semi-finals are scheduled to be played on a Two-way format. All Premier League Playoffs games will be played at one of the following venues - the National Stadium, the Montego Bay Sports Complex or Sabina Park. The decision shall be the sole responsibility of the PFAJ.

VI. Ranking of Teams, venues, dates and kick-off times for the matches

Article 6

1. For the 2018-2019 PFAJ's Competitions/Leagues the ranking in each group is determined in the following order:
 - i) greater number of points obtained in all the group matches;
 - ii) goal difference in all the group matches;
 - iii) greater number of goals scored in all the group matches;
 - iv) greater number of points obtained in matches between the teams concerned;
 - v) goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - vi) greater number of goals scored in the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - vii) a play-off on neutral ground.



2. With the approval of the JFF Competitions' Committee, the play-off may be played at one of the other Club's home ground. If, after 90 minutes, this match ends in a draw, extra time of twice 15 minutes shall be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner (Art. 13, par. 2 and 3).
3. The date and time of the matches shall be set by the Operations Committee, in consultation with the respective Clubs for the Preliminary Rounds. Clubs may request a change of match time and venue no later than 5 working days prior to the scheduled date.
4. Late Kick Off or Late Departure from the locker rooms – Teams that delay the 1st half or the 2nd half Kick Off – in addition to following, the coach may be referred to the JFFDC with the possibility of suspension from the next game
 - a. 1st Offense
 - i. If 1 minute or less - \$20,000.00
 - ii. If 2 minutes or more - \$30,000.00
 - b. 2nd Offense
 - i. If 1 minute or less - \$30,000.00
 - ii. If 2 minutes or more - \$35,000.00
 - c. 3rd Offense
 - i. If 1 minute or less - \$35,000.00
 - ii. If 2 minutes or more - \$45,000.00
5. The PFAJ's reserves the right to change the time and venue of any match and must inform the respective clubs no later than 48 hours prior to the original scheduled date and time of the match. The PFAJ's Operations Committee shall ensure that the last three (3) match days in the Third Round are played simultaneously. Matches that are deemed by the PFAJ Operations Committee to have no bearing on the on the playoffs or relegation places may be played at other times rather than simultaneously.
6. The Clubs shall arrange for their representative teams to arrive at the venue no later than **one and a half (1½) hours** before the time the match is due to be played. Teams arriving late except in cases of force majeure will incur an automatic fine of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).
7. If the host Club considers the pitch unfit for play, the PFAJ general secretariat or a member of the PFAJ Emergency Committee of the Premier League shall be informed immediately, as well as the visiting Club and the match officials before their arrival. If the host Club fails to do this, it shall be obliged to cover all of the expenses incurred for travel, board and lodging of the parties involved if found negligent by the PFAJ Operations Committee.



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8. If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the pitch once the visiting Club has already traveled to play the match, the Referee shall decide whether the pitch is playable or not. If the Referee declares the pitch unplayable, the procedure to be followed is described in article 13.6 and 13.7 below.
9. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight. Matches played at night may be played only at venues where the quarterfinals and semifinals shall be played at the management of floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements and has been recommended as suitable by the PFAJ Operations Committee Inspection Team. The guidelines state that, in the case of matches played at night, the whole pitch shall be evenly lit.
10. All matches of the Premier League shall be identified, promoted and advertised as qualifying matches for the Caribbean Club Championship and the CONCACAF Champions League in accordance with the guidelines to be established by the JFF.
11. The venues (Home and Alternate/s) and kick-off times for the matches shall be submitted along with written approval, including rental period and rental agreement, on the venue management's letterhead by the Clubs to the PFAJ Operations Committee secretariat for prior approval within the specified time given by the PFAJ general secretariat.
12. The PFAJ Operations Committee shall fix the dates and venues of the matches in the Premier League allowing each Club a rest period of at least 48 hours between each match.
13. The teams will be entitled to warm up on the pitch before the match, weather permitting. If the pitch is not in condition to allow pre-game warm ups, the Match Commissary may direct the teams only to inspect the pitch wearing training shoes.
14. The stadia shall be available and shall be free of any and all commercial activities and identifications, e.g. boards and other signage other than those of PFAJ Commercial Affiliates and Club's permanent signage prior to the first match played in a stadium.

VII. Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play and replacement

Art. 7

1. Clubs that have entered a team shall play all Premier League matches.
2. Withdrawals, which are notified less than ten (10) days before the opening date of the competition will attract a fine of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200, 000.00) and forfeiture of entry fees.
3. A club withdrawing after the start of the competition shall automatically be fined Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) and will forfeit entry fees. Teams withdrawing from competitions without completing seventy five percent (75%) of fixture games, all points obtained by or recorded against



the withdrawing team shall be expunged. For those teams withdrawing after playing more than seventy five percent (75%) of fixture games, the remaining games will be awarded to the teams that they were scheduled to play by a score line of three goals to nil (3-0). The Club shall also be referred to the Complaints and Disciplinary Committee for further penalties.

4. A Club that withdraws prior to, or is excluded from playing in, the Premier League may be replaced by another Club. The PFAJ Operations Committee shall make the relevant decision in accordance with Article 5.1 above.
5. If a Club does not report for a match – except in cases of force majeure recognized by the PFAJ Operations Committee– or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of a match, the team shall be considered as having lost the match and three points shall be awarded to its opponents with a score of 3-0 or more if, in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team has already reached a higher score at the time the guilty team leaves the field. The guilty Club shall be fined a maximum Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00). In the case of selected live televised games the guilty Club shall be fined a maximum One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for Failure to Honour Fixture.
6. The guilty Club in Art 7.5 as a general rule, shall be deducted a further six (6) points and shall pay compensation for any damages or losses suffered by the other Club and by the PFAJ up to a maximum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). The Club may also be referred to the Complaints and Disciplinary Committee for further actions to be taken in accordance with Article 70 of the JFF Disciplinary Code.
7. No appeals may be lodged against these decisions. Furthermore the guilty Club shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from the PFAJ.
8. The PFAJ Operations' Committee shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in cases of force majeure.

Failure to Honour Fixture (Final Match of the Season)

1. A Club that fails to report for a game on the final match day will lose six (6) points plus a fine of \$100,000 and forfeit the cash award arising from its final ranking in the league.
- A Club that fails to report for a game on the final match day and is already relegated based on total points amassed will be deducted points six (6) points for the next season for whichever competition it enters.
3. The PFAJ Operations' Committee shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in cases of force majeure.



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VIII. PFAJ Operation's Committee

Art. 8

1. The PFAJ Operations Committee appointed by the PFAJ Board of Directors, are responsible for the organization of the competition in accordance with the JFF Statutes and these Regulations.
2. The PFAJ Operations Committee may, if deemed necessary, appoint one or more sub-committee(s) to deal with urgent matters. Any decision taken by a sub-committee(s) shall come into effect immediately but shall be subject to confirmation by the Competitions Committee at its next meeting.
3. The PFAJ Operations Committee draws up the Regulations for the 2018-2019 Premier League. These Regulations are subject to approval by the JFF Board of Directors.
4. The general responsibilities of the PFAJ Operations Committee and the JFF Competitions' Committee include amongst other matters:
 - i. imposing fines specifically provided for under these Regulations;
 - ii. judging protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility (Art. 10);
 - iii. replacing Clubs that have withdrawn (Art. 7);
 - iv. appointing Match Commissioners, security officers and any other JFF officials;
 - v. deciding which laboratories will carry out the doping test analyses (Art. 19);
 - vi. dealing with breaches of the Doping Control Regulations (Art. 19);
 - vii. determining and, if appropriate, settling cases of force majeure;
 - viii. dealing with every other aspect of the 2018-2019 JFF/Premier League which is not the responsibility of another body under the terms of these Regulations or the JFF Statutes.
5. The specific responsibilities of the PFAJ Operations Committee and the JFF Competitions' Committee include amongst other matters relating to the Premier League are:
 - i. supervising general preparations, deciding on the match system and the draw;
 - ii. forming groups and/or sub-groups;
 - iii. fixing the venues and dates of matches whenever Clubs fail to agree;
 - iv. deciding at which matches doping tests will be conducted (Art. 19).
 - v. deciding on the further or future participation of a Club in the League



6. The decisions taken by the PFAJ Operations Committee and the JFF Competitions and Regulations Committee are subject to appeal unless otherwise stated in these regulations.

7. The Operations Committee shall decide on the following:

- Lack of discipline and order inside or outside the grounds before, during, or after a match [invasion or attempted invasion by spectators, missiles throwing, and other incidents].
 - a) **FIRST OFFENSE:** To a fine of a minimum Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) and a maximum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)
 - b) **CASE OF REPETITION:** Matter to be referred to the JFF Disciplinary Committee with the latitude to levy a fine of between Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) depending on the circumstances and/or severity of the offense and measures put in place by the club.

IX. Disciplinary Measures and Appeals

Art. 9

Disciplinary measures and appeals are dealt with in compliance with the current JFF Disciplinary Code (JFFDC) and the relevant JFF circular(s).

X. Protests (see also Articles 123 to 132 of the JFF Disciplinary Code)

Art. 10

1. Subject to the following provisions, protests are objections of any kind to occurrences that have a direct effect on matches organized in the Premier League (state and markings of the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations, footballs etc.).
2. Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall first be submitted in writing to the JFF Match Commissioner or the PFAJ general coordinator within two hours of the match and followed up within twenty four hours with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing to the PFAJ general secretariat at the PFAJ headquarters.
3. Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the Referee by the Team Captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed. The Club's team manager shall confirm the protests in writing to the JFF Match Commissioner or General Coordinator no later than two hours after the match.
4. No protests may be made against the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.



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5. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Disciplinary Committee may impose a fine.

1. Once the final match of the 2018-2019 Premier League has ended any protests described in this article shall be disregarded.

XI. Arbitration

Art. 11

1. Pursuant to the JFF Statutes, Clubs are forbidden from taking disputes to a civil court but may only submit them to the appropriate body at JFF in accordance with the applicable procedure.

2. Furthermore, any disputes involving JFF, PFAJ, the Host Club, Clubs, Confederations, Leagues, Clubs, Players, Officials and Licensed Agents in connection with the 2018-2019 Premier League shall be promptly settled by negotiation.

3. If no solution can be reached, the issue shall be exclusively resolved under the auspices of the JFF Arbitration Panel. The party appealing shall bear the full cost associated with the afore-mentioned process. The decision of the JFF Arbitration Panel is final and binding.

XII. Matches played in accordance with the Laws of the Game/Team Bench/Technical Area.

Art. 12

1. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the International Football Club Board and published by FIFA.

2. Panels or electronic display boards, numbered on both sides for clarity, shall be used to indicate:

- i. the substitution of players;
- ii. the number of minutes to be allowed for lost time in accordance with Art. 13, par. 5.

3. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version is authoritative.

4. Only the following duly accredited persons are authorized to sit on the team bench

- Seven substitute players
- Seven uniformed team officials

5. Only one qualified person at a time is authorized to convey tactical instructions. He/she shall be in the Technical Area.

6. Only the Coach or another designated Official named on the Match Card is allowed to stand beside the bench.



7. The coach and other officials shall remain within the confines of the technical area except in special circumstances, for example, an official entering the field of play, with the Referee's permission, to assess an injured player.
8. The behaviour of the bench at a game shall be determined and sanctioned in accordance with the Laws of the Game, these Regulations and the JFF Disciplinary Code.

Each club is responsible for ensuring that its technical personnel are eligible for official games. Any Club which utilizes the services of an ineligible person in any technical capacity commits a breach of these Regulations and shall be referred to the Complaints and Disciplinary Committee for one of the following:

- a) In the first instance, the guilty club shall be sanctioned with a fine not exceeding \$200,000.00;
 - b) Second instance, the guilty club shall be sanctioned with a fine not exceeding \$200,000.00 and the official in question a suspension of at least 6 matches;
 - c) Third instance, the guilty club shall be sanctioned with a fine not exceeding \$200,000 and shall lose the game to its opponent with a score of 3-0 or if the opponent wins the game with a higher score, that result shall prevail.
- ii) Any unqualified person/Official occupying a technical position who is noted to be issuing technical instructions from a Team's Bench/ Technical Area shall be brought to the attention of the Match Referee and subsequently expelled from the area. Reported breach of this regulation shall result in the following:
 - a) In the first, the guilty individual/s shall be sanctioned with a fine of \$50,000.00;
 - b) Second instance, the guilty individual/s shall be sanctioned with a fine not exceeding \$100,000.00 and a suspension of at least 3 games;
 - c) Third instance, the guilty individual/s shall be sanctioned with a fine not exceeding \$100,000.00 and a suspension of at least 6 games or to the end of the season (whichever is longer);
 - d) The guilty Club shall be referred to the respective disciplinary body.
 - ii) Subsequent to commencement of the competition, each Club is required to officially submit change/s made to its Head Coach or anyone operating in that capacity to the PFAJ secretariat. Any Club found to have operated in breach of this shall be fined Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) and referred to the respective disciplinary body for further sanction.



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9. Each club shall endeavor to play its full strength side in all games unless some satisfactory reason is given. In the event of the explanation not being deemed satisfactory by the Operations Committee of the PFAJ, it shall refer the matter to the JFFDC which has the power to seven players which have started a minimum of 50% of the Club’s games in the current premier league season:

The guilty Club shall be subject to the following sanctions:

- i) Fine not exceeding \$200,000
- ii) Six (6) points deduction

10. Lighting at Venue

- i) A Club’s ground, registered to host matches requiring floodlights, must have floodlights according to the following table:

2018-2019 Season	Average Lux	Minimum value at any location
	300	300

- ii) Each Club shall ensure that floodlighting installation and its supporting services at its registered ground are properly designed and maintained and shall cause the same to be inspected at the commencement of each Close Season by a Chartered Electrical Engineer who shall be required to certify in writing that:

- iii)
 - 1. The floodlights comply with the average lux value of at least 500; and
 - 2. The floodlighting installation and its supporting services have been designed to an appropriate standard and have been properly maintained.

- iv) A copy of the certificate received from the Chartered Electrical Engineer and a copy (of the JFF Inspectors Report, signed by a valid authorised Club representative and JFF/PFAJ Committee Members and a Witness) must be lodged with the PFAJ Secretariat no later than 6 weeks before the commencement of the following Season.

XIII. Duration of matches, extra time, determining the winner by penalty kicks

Art. 13

- 1. Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes in between.
- 2. If, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, extra time shall be played as the result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall



always consist of two periods of 15 minutes each, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.

3. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.
4. Clocks in the stadium showing the length of time played may run during the match, provided that they are stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e. after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation shall also apply if extra time is played (i.e. after 15 minutes of each half).
5. At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (45 and 90 minutes), the Referee shall indicate to the fourth official, orally or by gesturing with his hands, the number of minutes that he has decided to allow for time lost. This applies also to the two periods of 15 minutes of extra time. Each allowance for lost time shall be shown on the panels or electronic display boards of the fourth official. For the Playoffs, in matches where extra time is required, the participating clubs will be allowed the use of a fourth substitute, however only during the extra time period.
6. If, through force majeure, a match is abandoned and therefore cannot be played in its entirety, the PFAJ Operations Committee shall decide whether the match result at the time of abandonment is valid taking sporting and organizational considerations into account.

After taking the above into consideration the following principles will apply:

- i) the match shall recommence at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full, and with the same score line;
- ii) the match shall recommence with the same players on the pitch and substitutes available as when the match was abandoned;
- iii) no additional substitutes may be added to the list of players on the team sheet;
- iv) the teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
- v) players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced;
- vi) any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
- vii) the kick-off time and date shall be decided by the PFAJ Operations Committee. The location shall be the same as that at which the game was abandoned unless that venue is not viable, in which case the PFAJ Operations committee will decide.



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7. If, through force majeure, a match is cancelled before the start of the match, the PFAJ Operations Committee shall decide whether the match can be rescheduled, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account, or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue the competition. Any disciplinary sanctions, decision(s) by the referee and/or the PFAJ Operations Committee, arising from cancelled match shall remain in force.
8. No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in Art. 13 par. 6 and 7.

XIV. Stadium, fields of play, footballs

Art. 14

1. Each Club organizing matches in the Premier League shall ensure that the stadium and facilities in which the matches take place fulfill the requirements described in the JFF Technical Recommendations and requirements for the use of Football Stadium and comply with the safety and security standards and other JFF guidelines and instructions for matches. The fields of play, accessory equipment and facilities shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game. Periodic safety checks for the benefit of spectators, players and officials shall be carried out on the stadiums selected for matches in the Premier League by the authorities responsible and recorded **on an official safety certificate**. The Clubs shall provide the Operations Committee with a copy of the relevant safety certificate at least two (2) months before the first match in the Premier League.
2. As a general rule, the Premier League matches may only be played in stadiums with the minimum criteria as set out in the JFF Guide lines.
3. The Host Club shall, in conjunction with the relevant government authority, guarantee that the stadium and facilities chosen for the Premier League fulfils JFF requirements and comply with the standards of safety required for matches. They shall be subject to approval by the PFAJ Operations Committee. The fields of play, accessory equipment and facilities shall be in optimum condition and comply with the Laws of the Game. The fields of play shall have at least the following minimum dimensions: Length 90 m, Width 45 m.
4. Failure to fulfil Host Club requirements during competition shall result in a fine of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) where a fine is not specified. The guilty club shall also be referred to the respective disciplinary body for further sanctions.

XV. Art. 15 ~ Footballs

1. The footballs chosen for the Premier League shall conform with the Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three quality standard designations licensed by FIFA:



- a. "FIFA APPROVED",
 - b. "FIFA INSPECTED" or
 - c. "INTERNATIONAL MATCH BALL STANDARD".
2. Pursuant to the Laws of the Game, the manufacturer's authorized trademark (as a graphic logo or a name, or a graphic logo and a name combined) may only be used once provided that the size of the trademark does not exceed 50 cm². The name of the football may be displayed and shall not exceed 50 cm².
 3. The footballs for the Premier League shall be supplied by the Club with the exception if the PFAJ has an official ball sponsor for its competitions.

XVI. Host Club's responsibilities and the participating Clubs' guarantees

Art. 16 ~ Host Club

1. The Host Club's obligations and responsibilities are stipulated in the Host Club Agreement (HCA), its annexes and amendments **see appendix 1**, the JFF List of Requirements and in these Regulations and other JFF regulations, guidelines and circulars and any other agreements reached between the PFAJ, JFF and the Host Club.
2. The Host Club and the relevant government authorities are responsible for devising, planning and implementing adequate security and safety for the 2018-2019 Premier League at every relevant location for all persons at all times in attendance at games. The Host Club shall adopt and enforce the current JFF and PFAJ guidelines and directives on safety and security at all games.
3. The Host Club shall conclude insurance policies in consultation with the PFAJ and the JFF to cover all risks relating to the organization of the competition, including but not limited to adequate stadium insurance, liability insurance, financial and consequential losses liability insurance, cancellation and spectator insurance.
4. All costs for security and insurance shall be borne by the Host Club.

Art. 16.5

- i. The Host Club shall discharge the PFAJ and the JFF from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against the PFAJ and the JFF and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organization and course of the competition with the exception of damages caused by the PFAJ and the members of its delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.
- ii. The Host Club shall conclude the contracts required for organizing matches in its own name and for its own account. The same provision shall apply to agreements concluded with government authorities.



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- iii. The Host Club shall exempt (indemnify and hold harmless) the PFAJ and the JFF from all third party claims for damages relating to match organization, regardless of whether the individual matches in question take place or not.

B. Participating Clubs

Art. 16.6

- i. All participating Clubs in the 2018-2019 Premier League shall conclude adequate insurance coverage for each player and Official registered to play in the League.
- ii. Unless otherwise mentioned under Art. 3 and Art. 4, each Club taking part in the Premier League shall be responsible, amongst other matters, for:
 - a) complying with all regulations, guidelines and instructions issued by the PFAJ and the JFF;
 - b) the behaviour of the members of its delegation (officials and players), and of any person carrying out duties on behalf of the Club throughout the entire competition, from their arrival at the venue of the host Club until their departure;
 - c) attending media conferences and other official media events organized by the PFAJ in accordance with the guidelines and/or instructions in circulars issued by the PFAJ and the JFF regarding, in particular, media access to the teams.
- iii. Failure to adhere to PFAJ instructions written, submitting requested information, meeting stipulated deadlines, failure to attend meetings or otherwise shall result in a fine not less than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) but not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).
- iv. Unless otherwise mentioned under Art. 3, each Club hosting a match in the Premier League shall be responsible, among other matters, for:
 - a) guaranteeing, planning and implementing, in conjunction with the relevant authorities, law and order as well as safety and security in the stadia and other relevant locations;
 - b) obtaining adequate insurance coverage for all risks relating to the match organization, including but not limited to public liability insurance. The PFAJ and the JFF shall be expressly identified as a named insured party in all such insurance policies;
- v. As a condition for a Club's participation in the 2018-2019 Premier League, every member of its delegation (players and officials) signs the entry form issued by the PFAJ.

To ensure the safety of all, the following items are not permitted in PFAJ approved Match Venues:



- a) Cans and Glass bottles, Explosives, Fireworks, Illegal drugs, Laser pointers, Pets, except service animals and those assisting with disabilities, Folding chairs, Weapons of any kind and size, including guns, knives, scissors and those carried with a permit, Any Other items that in the judgment of stadium management pose a safety hazard or diminish the enjoyment of an event by other patrons, Unauthorised video equipment
- b. Sealed non-frozen water in plastic bottles are allowed

Any prohibited item/s discovered inside the stadium is subject to confiscation and the person in possession of those items may be removed from the stadium and is subject to arrest.

XVII. Eligibility of players, list of players, player Category and Transfer Registration Windows (See Appendix II)

Art. 17

1. Each Club shall take the following provisions into account when selecting its representative team:
 - i. all the players shall be bonafide players of the Club and are registered players of its club who are also registered for the Premier League Competition.
 - ii. all the players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Application of the JFF Statutes.
 - iii. A player is considered illegal if: -
 - a) He is serving a suspension, as per regulations to the JFF, Confederation, Parish Association or Minor Affiliates and the said suspension has been confirmed by the JFF/PFAJ to the player and his Club further to written confirmation of suspension by the respective Parish Association.
 - b) His registration is not authorized, or was based on false information that was provided by himself and or his club.
 - c) He is summoned to appear before any Committee of the PFAJ and the JFF and is not authorized to play until an appearance before the said committee.
 - d) Payments for cards received and other disciplinary fines imposed are not paid before said player participates in his next scheduled game.
 - e) Any Club having in its possession the Identification Card for non-eligible player/s shall return Identification Card to the JFF and/or respective governing authority immediately. It shall become the responsibility of said Club to ensure that



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said non-eligible player/s not be included in its official registration or participate in any football related activities in its behalf.

2. Any Club found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match. Victory and the resultant three points will be awarded to the opposing team.
3. Parish Associations should inform the JFF and PFAJ on red card / Suspensions. The responsibility is on the Club to ensure it fields only players eligible for games. Any Club which fields an ineligible player (player actually participated in the game) shall lose the game to its opponent with a score of 3-0 or if the opponent wins the game with a higher score, that result shall prevail. The guilty Club shall be fined \$50,000. Parish Associations failing to fulfill its reporting obligations shall be subjected to disciplinary sanctions by the JFF Disciplinary Committee.

Where a player's name appears on Match Start List as a player available to participate the guilty Club should be fined \$25,000.00 and player considered having not served his suspension (An ineligible player's name should not appear on a start list as an available option in a match for which he should be suspended).

4. Each club shall indicate names of players who are Professional and a copy of their Contract registered with the JFF in accordance with the appropriate JFF regulations and the regulations of FIFA governing amateur and Professional players. Only contracts officially registered with the JFF shall be recognized by the JFF as binding in the event of any dispute between clubs and players. Contracts shall be lodged with the JFF within Seven (7) working days of player signing. Contracts lodged thereafter but within Thirty (30) days of player signing shall require the approval of the JFF Competitions Committee.
5. Identification cards issued by the PFAJ Secretariat shall be produced on request to the Referee and or the Match Commissary for inspection before a player is allowed to participate (i.e. placed on the match card) in the match. The Match Commissary or a member of the Emergency Committee of the Competitions Committee may temporarily waive this condition.
6. Each player shall complete a pre-season Medical Examination. A copy of the Medical Certificate shall accompany his registration.
7. The JFF shall determine each player's status.
8. Every player designated as a Professional player shall have a written contract with the club employing him. Contracts shall be completed in triplicates (Player, Club and JFF). Each page of a contract must be signed by the player and an official of the player's respective club. These contracts shall be registered with the JFF at the time of registration and upon demand made available to the JFF and its parent bodies FIFA, CONCACAF and CFU.



9. The contract should at maximum include basic agreements between player and club including but not limited to salary, insurance coverage, medical provisions, training provisions and transportation.
10. The JFF may stipulate additional provisions to be included in every contract between a club and a Professional player registered with the JFF for any of its Competition
11. The Jamaica Football Federation's expressed notification to the Club querying the status of a player shall remain a confirmed position on the status of a player. Any submission for a change of status thereafter as it relates to the initial query shall not be considered as valid.
- 12. *The Transfer of players shall only be done in two periods:***
 - ii) First Transfer Period~ 2 July 2018 to 31 August 2018
 - iii) Second Transfer Period ~ 2 January 2019 to 31 January 2019
13. All Transfer related documents (Transfer Form and Loan Agreement) shall be approved (signed and stamped) by the Parish Association/s the player is registering with and moving from.
14. The deadline for requesting the JFF's intervention, for transfer related issues, is seven (7) days prior to the close of the respective transfer windows. Where there are Transfer related disputes the ruling of the JFF CRC is final. The JFF shall direct its affiliated Association/s to approve release of player within 48 hours of its decision.

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XVIII. Registration of players constitutes the following:

Art. 18

1. Registration Form with the complete names of Player(s) and Officials signed by two officials of the following officials: the President/Director/ Manager and the Secretary of the Club.
2. Each Player shall affix his normal signature to the Registration Form.
3. Two (2) passport size pictures should accompany the Registration Form for all newly registered player(s), and one picture for all other previous Registered Player(s).
4. The President/Secretary of the respective Parish Association shall sign and approve the Registration Form indicating Affiliation Status of each Club and bona fide character of each player and official.
5. A Player(s) Registration will not be considered as being complete until old/expired Id's are returned to the PFAJ. Clubs should indicate in writing any problems with rendering their Id's to the Competitions' Committee who will make a ruling.



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6. A registered player is a bona fide member of a Club and has signed a registration form for the Club and has received an official Identification Card with player's photograph duly signed and authorized by the PFAJ general secretariat.
7. Player(s) signing two (2) or more Registration Forms for different Clubs or otherwise indicating transferring to two (2) different Clubs will not be considered registered for any club. If the player is found guilty after investigation by the Complaints and Disciplinary Committee of the JFF, he will be fined up to a maximum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) plus other measures as determined by the Committee, and will pay to the offending Club(s) such cost as is incurred during the incident, approved by the Complaints and Disciplinary Committee.
8. If after investigation a club is found guilty of misrepresenting the eligibility of a player, the club will be sanctioned in accordance with Article 59 of the JFF Disciplinary Code.
9. Clubs replacing registered player(s) with new player(s) will be provided with new player(s) Identification Card(s) only when Identification Card(s) for player(s) being replaced is/are returned to the PFAJ. Failure to return an Identification card as directed by the PFAJ office shall attract an additional fee of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).
10. Clubs registering player(s) must submit ALL registration documents, fully completed, at no later than 48 hours prior to the date of the first match that the said player is expected to play in, if this is before the last registration date of the week. The production of each Player's ID Card require a period of Two (2) working days.

Note: *Photocopy/Faxed documents shall be valid for fourteen (14) days only, after which original documents shall be lodged with the PFAJ.*

XIX. Doping control

Art. 19

1. Doping is prohibited
2. Doping is any attempt by a player himself, or at the instigation of another person, to enhance his mental and/or physical performance unphysiologically or to treat ailments or injury (when this is medically unjustified), for the sole purpose of taking part in a competition.
3. The use of a substance or a procedure intended to destroy or tamper with samples of urine or other substances being examined in doping tests also constitutes an act of doping.
4. Every Club taking part in the Premier League shall pledge to comply with the Doping Control Regulations for the 2018-2019 Premier League by signing the Declaration of Agreement sent to the Clubs with the entry form.



5. The PFAJ Operations' Committee reserves the right to allow the Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission (JADCO) to :
 - i. Carry out random doping tests during the Premier League;
 - ii. Arrange doping tests at all matches and training sessions and at any time prior to and during the entire Premier League in agreement with the JFF Sports Medical Committee;
 - iii. Carry out urine tests or urine and blood tests with the agreement of the Sports Medical Committee.
6. Only the JADCO may decide at which laboratories (among those accredited by the World Anti Doping Agency WADA) and by whom the analyses shall be carried out.
7. Every player in a team, including substitutes and injured players sitting on the bench, is liable to undergo doping tests. Any player or team that refuses or avoids undergoing a doping test or falsifies the results of a test or attempts to do so or is found guilty of having taken prohibited substances, whether intentionally or not, shall be referred to the PFAJ Operations Committee and sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the JFF Disciplinary Code.
8. Any Club official who encourages or incites a player, either intentionally or through negligence, to commit such an infringement as described in par. 7 above shall be referred to the PFAJ Operations Committee for sanctions to be imposed.
9. The current version of the FIFA Doping Control Regulations for Competitions as well as JADCO's Regulations in addition to the JFF Disciplinary Code apply to the 2018-2019 Premier League.

XX. Club colours

9. Art. 20

1. Each Club shall wear its official colours according to the entry forms registered with the PFAJ general secretariat (Art. 3 par. 2) for the Premier League. Each Club shall provide the PFAJ with at least two (2) different and contrasting colors (one predominantly dark and one predominantly light) for its official and reserve field kits (shirts, shorts and socks). In addition, each Club will select two (2) goalkeeper kits which must be distinctly different and contrasting from each other as well different and contrasting from the official and reserve kits.
2. In addition to the official outfit, each Club shall have a maximum one reserve outfit (reserve colours), which shall also be declared on the entry form. The colours of the reserve outfit (shirt, shorts and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colours of the official outfit (shirt, shorts and socks). The reserve outfit shall also be taken to every match.



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3. If, in the opinion of the Referee or the Match Commissioner, the colours worn by two opposing Clubs might cause confusion or prove unsuitable for television broadcast, they shall be modified, using either the Club's reserve outfit or a combination of both.
4. The goalkeepers shall wear colours contrasting with those of the two teams and the Referee.
5. No item of kit worn by a field player (shirt, shorts and socks) may consist of more than three colours. This provision does not apply to the colours used for letters and numbers (player's name and number). If three colours are used, one shall be clearly predominant on the shirt, shorts and socks and the other two colours shall clearly be minor colours. The predominant colour shall be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the shirt and shorts. Exceptionally, a fourth colour may be used but only provided that it is the same as that used for the lettering or features permanently in the national emblem of the country concerned and covers only a very small area of the shirt as a purely decorative element; this restriction does not apply to the area for the lettering. The fourth colour is defined as a "decorative colour".
6. If undergarments are worn, the colour of the sleeve must be the same main (predominant) colour of the sleeve of the jersey or shirt. If undershorts (thermal, boxer, brief etc.) are worn, they must be of the main (predominant) colour as the shorts.

XXI. Numbers on team outfits, advertising on sports equipment and other material

Article 21

1. Each Club shall wear its official colours as declared on the official entry form (Art. 3, par.2). Clubs shall take to each match its two, (2), outfits. If the two teams' colours are likely to cause confusion, the host team shall be entitled to wear its official outfit and the visiting team shall use its reserve outfit or, if necessary, a combination of the official and the reserve outfit.
2. Visiting team shall wear contrasting colours to the home team. However in exceptional cases, such as for television purposes, the PFAJ Official or Match Commissioner can request the home team to wear its alternate colours. If there is a need for either team to change outfit and the alternate is not present, the guilty team will be fined Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$30,000.00) and may be referred to the Complaints and Disciplinary Committee for further punishment.
3. Each player shall wear a number (1 to 65). The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the outfits (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers. This applies especially in the case of striped shirts. A plain coloured background (either entirely light or dark, depending on the colour of the numbers) affords better legibility. These numbers shall be between 25 cm and 35 cm in height



in the centre of the back of the shirt, between 10 cm and 15 cm in height on the front of the shirt in any position at chest level, and between 10 cm and 15 cm in height in any position on the front of either leg of the shorts. None of the numbers may contain advertising, design features or other elements. Advertising on sports clothing may be allowed, provided written permission is granted by the PFAJ and the guidelines and regulations on sports clothing are strictly adhered.

XXII. Players Revealing Undershirt, Sponsor's Logo on player's Uniform

Article 22

1. Players must not reveal undershirts which contains slogans or advertising. A player removing his jersey to reveal slogans or advertising will be fined Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).
2. Players who remove their shirt during a game for celebration or otherwise will be cautioned by the Referee and sanctioned by PFAJ.
3. For the Premier League, the league sponsor securing the right to have its logo displayed on the match shirt shall have its logo printed on the player's uniform in the prescribed position and dimension indicated by the PFAJ general secretariat. Any team not adhering adequately to this requirement shall be referred to the PFAJ Operations Committee or the JFF Competitions /Disciplinary Committee.
4. No team will be allowed to play in any game in the Premier League without adhering to Article 22.3 above.
 - i. First offense Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) fine automatic, forfeiture of game (3 points and score 3-0) and referred to JFF Disciplinary Committee where an additional

sanction/fine may be imposed but not exceeding an additional One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).
 - ii. Repeat offense Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) fine automatic, forfeiture of game and 6 points from accumulated number of chart points. If a Club does not have enough points at the time of the infraction, the number of chart points will be reflected in the negative. The guilty Club may be referred to the JFF Disciplinary Committee for additional sanction/s in which expulsion may be included.
5. All items to be used by a participating Club in the entire pitch area shall be subject to PFAJ's prior approval in accordance with the procedure set forth by the PFAJ.



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XXIII. Manufacturers' Trademark

Article 23

1. With the exception of the manufacturer's trademark, the Clubs Logo, the authorized Sponsor/s logo, no unauthorized sponsor or any other third party or slogans of a political, commercial, religious or racist nature or any other slogans are permitted on any garments or equipment of players and goalkeepers (shirts, vests, shorts, thermal shorts, socks, gloves, caps, underwear etc.) in the entire pitch area.
2. Furthermore, no recognition of the above-mentioned nature is allowed to be visible, in any manner on the body of players, goalkeepers, other team officials or elsewhere. If a Club/or its players fail to comply with the above obligations, they will be liable to sanctions by the JFF Disciplinary Committee.
3. The manufacturer's authorized trademark may be used only once as a graphic logo or name, or graphic logo and name combined (in accordance with the PFAJ Equipment Regulations), and shall not exceed the following measurements:
 - shirt: 20 cm² (on the chest)
 - shorts: 20 cm² (on either leg)
 - socks: 20 cm² (between the ankle and the top edge)
 - thermal shorts: 20 cm² (on either leg)
 - goalkeeper's gloves: 20 cm² (a "design mark" or a "word mark", or a "design mark" and a "word mark" combined, measuring a maximum of 20 cm² on each of the goalkeeper's gloves)
 - wristbands: 20 cm²
 - track suit jacket: 20 cm²
 - track suit shorts/trousers: 20 cm²
4. The Club's emblem may also be worn as a badge on the shirt, shorts and each sock but may not exceed 100 cm² on the shirt, 50 cm² on the shorts and 50 cm² on each sock or feature any advertising or other elements.
5. The emblem or name (or abbreviation) of the Club may also be displayed on the shirt and/or shorts in jacquard weave provided that the colour is similar to that of the shirt or shorts into which it is woven and that it does not prevent the kit from being easily distinguished from the opposing team's kit. It is not compulsory for the emblem or name (or abbreviation) on the shirt to appear in jacquard weave but it may also be printed or affixed in a similar manner provided that it does not predominate and prevent the kit from being easily distinguished from the opposing team's kit.



6. The emblem of the national flag may also be worn on the shirt, shorts and on each sock and shall not feature any advertising, design or other elements and not exceed the following measurements:
 - shirt: 25 cm² each, if positioned once on the left and/or once on the right sleeve or
 - 25 cm² each, if positioned once on the back above the number and/or once on the front at chest height
 - shorts: 25 cm² on the right or left leg
 - socks: 25 cm² to be positioned at will
7. The emblem of the national flag may also be worn on the shirt, shorts and on each sock The official designation and/or the logo of the 2018-2019 Premier League shall be printed or affixed to the equipment in accordance with PFAJ/JFF's instructions and the applicable graphic standards.

XXIV. Referees, Assistant Referees, Fourth Officials

Art. 24

1. A Referee, two assistant Referees and a Fourth official and a Referees' Assessor will be appointed for each match of the Premier League.
2. The Referees, assistant Referees and fourth officials chosen for the matches of the Premier League shall be selected from the elite group of Referees on a panel chosen by the Referees Committee.
3. The Referees, assistant Referees and the JFF Referees Committee, Appointment Committee shall appoint fourth officials officiating at the matches.
4. The decisions of the JFF Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal.
5. If the Referee or one of his assistants is unable to carry out his duties before or during a match as a result of injury, indisposition etc., he shall be replaced by the fourth official or the most senior assistant.
6. After each match the Referee shall fill in an official PFAJ report form. For the Premier League, he shall send this report within 24 (twenty-four) hours to the PFAJ general secretariat (by telefax). On the report form, the Referee shall note all occurrences before, during, and after the match in as much detail as possible, such as:
 - i) misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion;
 - ii) unsporting behaviour of officials, supporters and any person acting on behalf of a Club at a match;
 - iii) any other incidents.



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7. Referees and Assistant Referees for the matches of the Premier League shall be selected by the JFF Referees Committee in consultation with the Competitions' Committee/JFF Secretariat. Only FIFA and Grade

One Referees passing the appropriate fitness test shall officiate in the middle, unless decided otherwise by the Referee's Committee in consultation with the Competitions' Committee/ JFF Secretariat.

8. Priority shall be given to the Matches of the Premier League over all other local competitions by Referees and Assistant Referees so appointed.
9. The Referee shall ensure that the reports of caution and expulsion from the field are precise and clear and the specific breach of the Laws of the Game noted.
10. After each match the Referee shall advise the Match Commissioner of the exact breaches for cautions and expulsions from the field of play and the said Match Commissioner shall advise the Club(s) representative immediately after receiving such information.
11. A Match Official failing to honor his match fixture, without prior notification and approval by the PFAJ Operations Committee, or force majeure accepted by the said Committee, shall be removed from the panel of The Premier League Match Officials and referred to the JFF Referee's Committee and or the JFF Board of Directors for further sanctions.

XXV. Exploitation of Commercial Rights

Art. 25

1. JFF owns all of the rights relating to the JFF marks and the PFAJ owns the marks of the 2018-2019 Premier League, all translations thereof, the official emblem, the official posters and the official music, on a universal basis. Only these marks may be used in connection with the Premier League the 2018-2019 Premier League in accordance with the PFAJ's Conditions governing the Use of Marks by Participating Clubs in the 2018-2019 Premier League.
2. Furthermore, the PFAJ will take all legal and any other steps it deems appropriate to prevent and prohibit unauthorized companies, including the Clubs' commercial affiliates from commercially identifying with, or otherwise exploiting, the 2018-2019 Premier League. Clubs shall assist the PFAJ in resolving any intellectual property infringements or ambush activities involving the Clubs' commercial affiliates, and Clubs are expressly prohibited from identifying their commercial affiliates in connection with the official emblem or name of the 2018-2019 Premier League in any media (including official match publications, promotional materials and tickets) in such a way as may give rise to any dispute between the Club's commercial affiliates and the sponsors 2018-2019 Premier League.



3. The Clubs shall further inform their commercial affiliates in writing of the Clubs' obligations in this respect and shall, in particular, notify their commercial affiliates that they may not conduct any promotional activities which involve the use of the official emblem, the JFF Logo, the PFAJ logo or any marks which are confusingly similar to JFF's and PFAJ's marks relating to the 2018-2019 Premier League. In particular, with regard to the 2018-2019 Premier League, Clubs may not (i) sell, offer to sell, or authorize any third party to sell any tickets over the Internet, or (ii) use or authorize any entity (including Clubs' commercial affiliates) to use any tickets for advertising, sales promotions or any other commercial purposes (including premiums, give-a-ways or prizes in a competition, contest or sweepstake) without being given written approval to use its marks. If a Club fails to comply with the above obligations, it will be liable to sanctions imposed by the JFF Disciplinary Committee.

XXVI. MEDIA (PRESS, RADIO, TELEVISION, FILM), ADVERTISING & MERCHANDISING

Article 26

- a) Assignment of Rights in Photograph, Motion Pictures and Telecast
With respect to every player who has been registered with a Club in the Premier League, such Club shall assign to the PFAJ the copyright and all rights in the nature of copyright in all photography, motion pictures and telecasts created in pursuance of every such Player Contract. Such rights shall immediately vest in the PFAJ upon such assignment. In addition, such assignment shall be for the full term of copyright and such rights therein and all renewals or extensions thereof.
- b) Permission from the PFAJ shall be requested for broadcasting television recording, closed circuit televising, cassettes televising, video taping, filming, streaming and sound recording the matches of the competition, and for advertising during the competition. These form part of the gross receipts and corresponding statutory provisions that shall be observed. Breach shall result in an automatic fine of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for each occurrence. The guilty party may be referred to the JFF Disciplinary Committee for further sanctions.

XXVII. Marketing Radio and Television

Article 27

- i. Promotion and advertising rights for the Premier League Final are fully vested with the PFAJ. In the other games in the Premier League, the rights are vested with the Clubs under the direction of the PFAJ.
- ii. Concession for souvenir sales, official programmes and other of a similar nature, are fully vested with the PFAJ. In the preliminary phase the rights are vested with the Clubs under the direction of the PFAJ.



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- iii. Rights for merchandising of the event, both on and off site, are exclusively the PFAJ.
- iv. Technical films/tapes – permission to make technical films/tapes, exclusively reserved for use of a participating club concerned, must be obtained from the Secretariat of the PFAJ.

XXVIII. JFF MEDIA REQUEST

Article 28

28.1 HALF TIME FLASH INTERVIEW

Before the second half starts, the Match Commissioner may request the Coach to attend a FLASH INTERVIEW, which will be held near the pitch entrance/exit. The Coach can however refuse this request without prejudice.

28.2 END OF MATCH FLASH INTERVIEW

28.2.1 A request may be made by the Match Commissioner for an Official of the club and /or players to attend this interview, which will be held near the pitch entrance/exit. This request cannot be rejected.

28.2.2 If an Official refuses to give an interview after the match he will be fined Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). In cases of referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

28.2.3 If a player refuses to give an interview after the match he will be fined Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). In cases of repetition the player will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

28.3 DURING THE MATCH

The Match Commissioner will be in contact with a team official (designated by the team) to provide information for the media.

XXIX. Special Awards and Protocol

Art. 29

1. In the Premier League the following special awards will be presented:

i) Fair Play Trophy

A Fair Play Contest will be held during the competition, for which JFF will draw up special regulations. These prizes will be presented at the 2018-2019 Premier League Ceremony.



- ii) Golden Shoe
The Golden Shoe Award will be awarded to the player scoring the highest number of goals in the 2018-2019 Premier League. If two or more players score the same number of goals the award will be shared.
- iii) Golden Ball/Most Valuable Player
The Golden Ball Award will be awarded to the best player on the basis of the criteria which will be established for the 2018-2019 Premier League.
- iv) Best Goalkeeper
A trophy will be awarded to the best goalkeeper in the tournament, as selected by the PFAJ's Operations Committee.
- v) The other awards include:
- Best defensive Team ~ Team conceding the least amount of Goals.
 - The Top scoring ~ Team scoring highest number of goals.
 - Coach of the Year ~ Based on performance and league record/ Stats
- vi) Top Goal Scorer/s and FIFA Fair Play Team/s:
Goals and the accumulation of Cards (Red & Yellow) shall be tabulated following final match day of the competition to determine the Top Goal Scorer/s and FIFA Fair Play Team/s.

XXX. REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SUMMONS FOR PLAYERS FOR NATIONAL DUTIES

ARTICLE 30

- 30.1 A player who has been summoned by the Jamaica Football Federation to one of its representative teams shall, under no circumstances, be entitled to play for the club with which he is registered during the period for which he has been summoned unless permission has been given by the JFF. This restriction on playing for the club shall, moreover, be prolonged by five days in the event that the player for whatever reason did not wish to or was unable to comply with the summons.
- 30.2 If Four (4) or more players from a Club's current PFAJ register are summoned for National Duties, that Club may request the postponement of match(es) during which said players are called. A request for postponement shall be submitted in writing to the PFAJ Secretariat no later than 48 hours before the scheduled match day. The Operations Committee shall take the final decision on all request for postponement
- 30.3 If a Club refuses to release a player or neglects to do so the following sanctions shall apply:



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- a) A minimum fine of Thirty Thousand Dollars \$30,000.00
- b) A caution or a suspension

30.4 If a Club uses a player in a game(s) during the period for which he should have been released the following sanctions shall apply:

- a) The deductions of the points accumulated in the game(s)
- b) A fine of Thirty Thousand Dollars \$30,000.00 for each game
- c) A caution and/or suspension of the club.

XXXI. INTERPRETATION

Article 31

1. In the case of discrepancy in the interpretation of the Regulations for any given season, the ruling of the Competitions' Committee shall be authoritative.
2. The Board of Directors of the JFF will resolve matters not provided for in these Regulations. Their decision will be final.

XXXII. COMMITMENT OF PARTICIPATING CLUBS

ARTICLE 32

32. The Football Clubs taking part in the Premier League Competition undertake to fully observe and comply with the regulations and decisions of the PFAJ Operations Committee, the JFF Competitions' Committee, the JFF Complaints and Disciplinary Committee, the JFF Referee's Committee and the JFF Board of Appeal, as the decisive condition, among others, for participating.

ARTICLE 33

33. Indemnification of the Jamaica Football Federation by Clubs

Every Club shall indemnify the JFF and the PFAJ and hold them harmless against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the JFF may become subject (a) arising in any manner out of or in connection with any sickness, injury or death sustained by any player who has entered into a Player Contract or registered with a Club, or (ii) actions taken or omitted to be taken by a Club, or (iii) actions taken or omitted to be taken by a Club in conformity with instructions of the JFF and the PFAJ, or (b) otherwise arising in any manner out of or in connection with a Club's violation of any laws. This indemnity shall include court costs, interest, and attorney's fees at trial and on appeal, which every Club shall be responsible for.

Signed:.....Don Anderson, CD..... **Date:** September 12, 2018

Chairman, PFAJ



Appendix I ~ Host Club Agreement

Host Club Obligations, Responsibilities and Protocol at Game. (See Article 16 of the Premier League Regulations)

The Home Club (i.e. Club named first in the fixture) shall be responsible for the following:

1. Ground Preparation:

- a. The ground shall be in good condition both as to the field of play and its appurtenances and shall also be certified by the JFF and conform to the regulations of the Laws of The Game.

2. Security:

- b. The maintenance of safety, law and order and provision of adequate security for the visiting teams, match officials (Referees, Assistant Referees, Match Commissioner, Referee Inspector), and spectators,
- c. In providing at least two (2) uniformed Police to be available inside the playing area to assist with crowd control.
- d. At least six (6) uniformed Club Officials/Private Security Officers to assist with crowd control. These Security Personnel shall be separate from the officials on the team bench and shall be strategically placed around the playing area. The six-club (6) security official's shirt shall be clearly marked MATCH SECURITY.
- e. Irrespective of the provisions set out in (b) above clubs must exercise due care in planning and providing adequate personnel to ensure law and order.
- f. The game shall not commence unless ALL the required security provisions are in place. Failure to provide the services required for, points b, c, d, and e, shall render the Club liable to a fine not exceeding \$30,000.00

3. Ball Kids:

At least six (6) ball kids and the provision of a minimum of five (5) FIFA Approved/FIFA inspected/FIFA Quality Pro/FIFA Quality/IMS footballs, which shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Competitions. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00).



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4. Field and facilities

- g. The field shall be fenced, with the fence being a barrier from spectators
- h. Provide suitable changing rooms for the visiting teams, Referees, and Match Commissioners

5. Levy for Home Games

Payment of the required levy of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for home game. The payment of the required levy shall be submitted to the Accounts Department every first Wednesday of each month. Failure to do so will result in a penalty as per JFF Regulations.

6. Seating

Provide suitable seating for the Match Commissioner in a location, which will allow him/her an unobstructed view of the Game and the venue. This should be separate and apart from that which is provided for the Reserve Referee (Fourth Official).

7. Event organization and promotion

- i. The home team is required to see to the overall execution of the fixtured games in a professional manner.
- ii. The home team will advise the Professional Football Association of Jamaica (PFAJ) of using their alternate venue at latest three (3) working days before its schedule game if its original venue is not available. The **Operations Committee/Competitions' Committee** reserves the right to approve or disapprove a venue. **Penalty for failure to prepare field:**

If the Home Team fails to prepare the field on which the game is to be played except in the case of force majeure - accepted by the PFAJ, the game shall be awarded to the visiting team. The Home Team shall be fined Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). The team shall be referred to the Complaints and Disciplinary Committee for further penalties.

9. Behaviour of participating teams:

The participating teams (Home and Visitor) are responsible for the behaviour of the members of their delegation (officials and players) and supporters (spectators) before, during and after each match, from the time they arrive on the grounds until one hour after the game. Players and officials that influence unruly behaviour of their supporters as a result of the performance of the Referee will be sanctioned in accordance with Articles 54, 55, 56 and 57 of the JFF Disciplinary Code whichever is applicable.



10. Medical Services:

- a) Each Player is required to do a mandatory Pre-Competition Medical Assessment (PCMA) before being eligible for participation in any competition for the season. The results of the PCMA shall be submitted to the JFF Medical Committee for review.
- b) All Clubs must send at least three (3) persons for First Aid and CPR training (1 day seminar)
- c) All Clubs must lodge a list of its Certified Medical Personnel with the PFAJ as part of its Pre-Competition registration and notify the PFAJ of any change thereafter.
- d) Certified medical personnel shall be at each venue before the commencement of a game. These areas are: Medical Doctor, Nurse, First Aid Professional and or Medical Emergency Personnel.

On match day the home Club is responsible for:

- i. Certified medical personnel available to both teams.
- ii. Two (2) Stretcher Bearers in white bibs with first aid sign, black pants and proper footwear (NO FLIP FLOPS). Stretcher Bearers shall only enter the field of play when summoned by the referee.
- iii. The services of an ambulance with defibrillator, oxygen and bed (vehicle must be suited to accommodate a stretched individual) must be strategically parked in case of emergency, at least 30 minutes before and after the game.

In the event that the ambulance has to leave venue due to game emergency, an emergency vehicle suited as is outlined above must be in place.

Failure to provide the above mentioned services, as stated in these regulations shall render the Club liable to a fine not exceeding \$30,000 and forfeiture of the points to the visiting club with a score of 3-0.

All clubs are encouraged to acquire an Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED) for the 2018-2019 Season.

11. Public Address System:

Home teams are required to provide a public address system (portable microphone preferably) and a competent announcer for the entire event to make announcements when required. This shall be accessible to the Match Commissioner in the event of emergencies. The penalty for breach of this regulation shall be Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).



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12. Protocol ~National Anthem and Theme Song:

- i. The National Anthem shall be played or sung prior to the start of each game with both teams standing in line on either side of the Match Officials. The penalty for this breach shall be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).
- ii. The FIFA FAIR Play Anthem shall be played while teams are entering the field.

13. The Jamaican Flag:

The Jamaican Flag shall be flown unto a flag pole or carried unto the field by four (4) ball boys, followed by the match officials and teams prior to the playing of the National Anthem.

14. Mandatory Handshake:

Teams are required to have **mandatory** handshake **before and at the end** of each game. A player who fails to participate in the Protocol of a game will result in a fine Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) be levied on his Club.

15. Liaisons

1. Home teams shall assign a dedicated individual, a Liaison Officer, to each of the following:
 - i. Visiting team
 - ii. The game officials
 - iii. Match Commissioner and Referees Commission representatives from their arrival at the match, the duration of the event and their departure from the match venue.
2. The Liaison Officer shall be responsible for coordinating and taking all necessary steps to ensure the security of the individuals, protection of their property and the provision of appropriate parking arrangements.
3. Failure of the Liaison Officer to discharge the responsibilities outlined in 1 and 2 above, shall result in the imposition of a fine on the home team not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)

16. Media

Appoint an individual who shall be responsible for media relations:-

Before during and after the event, the person appointed will:

- i. Ensure that the media area is in the best possible condition
- ii. Assist the media in their general enquires
- iii. Ensure that team sheets with correct player names/numbers, positions etc. are available to the media in a timely manner, prior to kick-off .



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II. Status of Players

Article 2: Status of Players: Amateur and Professional Players

1. Players participating in Organised Football are either Amateurs or Professionals.
2. A Professional is a player who has a written contract with a club and is paid more than the expenses he effectively incurs in return for his footballing activity. All other players are considered as Amateurs.

Article 3: Reacquisition of Amateur Status

1. A player registered as a Professional may not re-register as an Amateur until at least 30 days after his last match as a Professional.
2. No compensation is payable upon reacquisition of Amateur status. If a player re-registers as a Professional within 30 months of being reinstated as an Amateur, his New Club shall pay Training Compensation in accordance with Article 20.

Article 4: Termination of Activity

1. Professionals who end their careers on expiry of their contracts and Amateurs who terminate their activity shall remain registered at the Association of their last club for a period of 30 months.
2. No compensation is payable upon reacquisition of Amateur status. If a player re-registers as a Professional within 30 months of being reinstated as an Amateur, his New Club shall pay Training Compensation in accordance with Article 20.

Article 4: Termination of Activity

1. Professionals who end their careers on expiry of their contracts and Amateurs who terminate their activity shall remain registered at the Association of their last club for a period of 30 months.
2. This period begins on the day the player made his last appearance for the club in an Official Match.

III. Registration of Players

Article 5: Registration

1. A player must be registered with an Association to play for a club as either a Professional or an Amateur in accordance with the provisions of Art. 2. Only registered players are eligible to participate in Organized Football. By the act of registering, a player agrees to abide by the Statutes and regulations of FIFA, the confederations and the Associations.
2. A player may only be registered for one club at a time.



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3. Players may be registered for a maximum of three clubs during the period from 1 July until 30 June of the following year. During this period, the player is only eligible to play in Official Matches for two clubs. As an exception to this rule, a player moving between two (2) clubs belonging to associations with overlapping seasons (i.e. start of the season in summer/autumn as opposed to winter/spring) may be eligible to play in official matches for a third club during the relevant season, provided he has fully complied with his contractual obligations towards his previous clubs. Equally, the provisions relating to the registration periods (art. 6) as well as to the minimum length of a contract must be respected.
4. Under all circumstances, due consideration must be given to the sporting integrity of the competition. In particular, a player may not play official matches for more than two (2) clubs competing in the same national championship or cup during the same season, subject to stricter individual competition regulations of member associations.

Article 6: Registration Periods

1. Players may only be registered during one of the two annual Registration Periods fixed by the relevant Association. As an exception to this rule, a Professional whose contract has expired prior to the end of a Registration Period may be registered outside that Registration Period. Associations are authorised to register such Professionals provided due consideration is given to the sporting integrity of the relevant competition. In case of just cause for termination of a contract, JFF may take provisional measures in order to avoid abuse and in accordance with Art. 15.
2. The first Registration Period shall begin after the completion of the Season and shall normally end before the new Season starts. This period may not exceed twelve weeks. The second Registration Period shall normally occur in the middle of the Season and may not exceed four weeks. The two Registration Periods for the Season shall be entered into Transfer Matching System (TMS) at least 12 months before they come into force. FIFA shall determine the dates for any Association that fails to communicate them on time.
3. Players may only be registered – subject to the exception as foreseen in Art. 6 par. 1 – if an application from the club is validly submitted to the Association concerned during a Registration Period.
4. The provisions concerning Registration Periods do not apply to competitions **in which only Amateurs participate. For such competitions, the relevant Association shall specify the periods when players may be registered, provided that due consideration is given to the sporting integrity of the relevant competition.**



Article 7: Player Passport

The registering Association is obliged to provide the club for which the player is registered with a player passport containing the relevant details of the player. The player passport shall indicate the club(s) for which the player has been registered since the Season of his 12th birthday. If a birthday falls between Seasons, the player shall be listed in the player passport for the club for which he was registered in the Season following his birthday.

Article 8: Application for Registration – Professional Contract

The application for registration of a Professional must be submitted together with a copy of the player's contract. It shall be at the discretion of the relevant decision-making body to take account of any contractual amendments or additional agreements that have not been duly submitted to it.

Article 9: International Transfer Certificate

1. Players registered with one Association may only be registered with a New Association once the latter has received an International Transfer Certificate (hereinafter: ITC) from the Former Association. The ITC shall be issued free of charge without any conditions or time limitation. Any provisions to the contrary shall be null and void. The Association issuing the ITC shall deposit a copy with FIFA. The administrative procedures for issuing the ITC are contained in annex 3 of these Regulations.
2. An ITC is not required for a player under the age of 12 years.

Article 10: Loan of Professionals

1. A Professional may be loaned to another club on the basis of a written agreement between him and the clubs concerned. Any such loan is subject to the same rules as applied to the transfer of players, including the provisions on training compensation and solidarity mechanism.
2. Subject to Art. 5 par. 3, the minimum period of loan shall be the time between two Registration Periods.
3. The club that has accepted a player on a loan basis is not entitled to transfer him to a third club without the written authorisation of the club that released the player on loan and of the player concerned.

Article 11: Unregistered Players

If a player who has not been registered with an Association appears for a club in any Official Match, that player will be considered as having played illegitimately. Without prejudice to any measure required to rectify the sporting consequences of such an appearance, sanctions may also be imposed on the player and/or the club. The right to impose such sanctions lies in principle with the Association or the organiser of the competition concerned.



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Article 12: Enforcement of Disciplinary Suspensions

Any disciplinary suspension imposed on a player prior to a transfer must be enforced or applied by the New Association with which the player is registered. The Former Association is obliged to notify the New Association of any sanction in writing and upon issuing the ITC.

IV. Maintenance of Contractual Stability between Professionals and Clubs

Article 13: Respect of contract

A contract between a Professional and a club may only be terminated on expiry of the term of the contract or by mutual agreement.

Article 14: Terminating a Contract for Just Cause

A contract may be terminated by either party without consequences of any kind (either payment of compensation or imposition of sporting sanctions) in the case of just cause.

Article 15: Terminating a Contract for Sporting Just Cause

An established Professional who has, in the course of the Season, appeared in less than 10% of the Official Matches in which his club has been involved may terminate his contract prematurely on the grounds of sporting just cause. Due consideration shall be given to the player's circumstances in the appraisal of such cases. The existence of sporting just cause shall be established on a case-by-case basis. In such a case, sporting sanctions shall not be imposed, though compensation may be payable. A Professional may only terminate his contract on this basis in the 15 days following the last Official Match of the Season of the club for which he is registered.

Article 16: Restriction on terminating a contract during the season

A contract cannot be unilaterally terminated during the course of a season.

Article 17: Consequences of terminating a contract without just cause

The following provisions apply if a contract is terminated without just cause:

In all cases, the party in breach shall pay compensation. Subject to the provisions of article 20 and Annexe 4 in relation to training compensation, and unless otherwise provided for in the contract, compensation for the breach shall be calculated with due consideration for the law of the country concerned, the specificity of sport, and any other objective criteria. These criteria shall include, in particular, the remuneration and other benefits due to the player under the existing contract and/or the new contract, the time remaining on the existing contract up to a maximum of five years, the fees and expenses paid or incurred by the former club (amortised over the term of the contract) and whether the contractual breach falls within a protected period.



2. Entitlement to compensation cannot be assigned to a third party. If a professional is required to pay compensation, the professional and his new club shall be jointly and severally liable for its payment. The amount may be stipulated in the contract or agreed between the parties.
3. In addition to the obligation to pay compensation, sporting sanctions shall also be imposed on any player found to be in breach of contract during the protected period. This sanction shall be a four-month restriction on playing in of official matches. In the case of aggravating circumstances, the restriction shall last six months. These sporting sanctions shall take effect immediately once the player has been notified of the relevant decision. The sporting sanctions shall remain suspended in the period between the last of official match of the season and the first of official match of the next season, in both cases including national cups and international championships for clubs. This suspension of the sporting sanctions shall, however, not be applicable if the player is an established member of the representative team of the association he is eligible to represent, and the association concerned is participating in the final competition of an international tournament in the period between the last match and the first match of the next season. Unilateral breach without just cause or sporting just cause after the protected period shall not result in sporting sanctions. Disciplinary measures may, however, be imposed outside the protected period for failure to give notice of termination within 15 days of the last of official match of the season (including national cups) of the club with which the player is registered. The protected period starts again when, while renewing the contract, the duration of the previous contract is extended.
4. In addition to the obligation to pay compensation, sporting sanctions shall be imposed on any club found to be in breach of contract or found to be inducing a breach of contract during the protected period. It shall be presumed, unless established to the contrary, that any club signing a professional who has terminated his contract without just cause has induced that professional to commit a breach. The club shall be banned from registering any new players, either nationally or internationally, for two registration periods.
5. Any person subject to the FIFA Statutes and regulations (club of officials, players' agents, players, etc.) who acts in a manner designed to induce a breach of contract between a professional and a club in order to facilitate the transfer of the player shall be sanctioned.

Article 18: Special provisions relating to contracts between professionals and clubs

1. If an agent is involved in the negotiation of a contract, he shall be named in that contract.
2. The minimum length of a contract shall be from its effective date until the end of the season, while the maximum length of a contract shall be five (5) years. Contracts of any other length shall only be permitted if



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consistent with national laws. Players under the age of 18 may not sign a professional contract for a term longer than three (3) years. Any clause referring to a longer period shall not be recognised.

3. A club intending to conclude a contract with a professional must inform the player's current club in writing before entering into negotiations with him. A professional shall only be free to conclude a contract with another club if his contract with his present club has expired or is due to expire within six months. Any breach of this provision shall be subject to appropriate sanctions.
4. The validity of a contract may not be made subject to a successful medical examination and/or the grant of a work permit.
5. If a professional enters into more than one contract covering the same period, the provisions set forth in Article 5 shall apply.

Article 19: Protection of minors

1. International transfers of players are only permitted if the player is over the age of 18.
2. The following three exceptions to this rule apply:
 - a) The player's parents move to the country in which the new club is located for reasons not linked to football.
 - b) The transfer takes place within the territory of the European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) and the player is aged between 16 and 18. In this case, the new club must fulfil the following minimum obligations:
 - i. It shall provide the player with an adequate football education and/or training in line with the highest national standards.
 - ii. It shall guarantee the player an academic and/or school and/or vocational education and/or training, in addition to his football education and/or training, which will allow the player to pursue a career other than football should he cease playing professional football.
 - iii. It shall make all necessary arrangements to ensure that the player is looked after in the best possible way (optimum living standards with a host family or in club accommodation, appointment of a mentor at the club, etc.).
 - iv. It shall, on registration of such a player, provide the relevant association with proof that it is complying with the aforementioned obligations.



- c) The player lives no further than 50km from a national border and the club with which the player wishes to be registered in the neighbouring association is also within 50km of that border. The maximum distance between the player's domicile and the club's headquarters shall be 100km. In such cases, the player must continue to live at home and the two associations concerned must give their explicit consent.
3. The conditions of this article shall also apply to any player who has never previously been registered with a club and is not a national of the country in which he wishes to be registered for the first time.
4. Every international transfer according to paragraph 2 and every first registration according to paragraph 3 is subject to the approval of the sub-committee appointed by the Players' Status Committee for that purpose. The application for approval shall be submitted by the association that wishes to register the player. The former association shall be given the opportunity to submit its position. The sub-committee's approval shall be obtained prior to any request from an association for an International Transfer Certificate and/ or a first registration. Any violations of this provision will be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code. In addition to the association that failed to apply to the sub-committee, sanctions may also be imposed on the former association for issuing an International Transfer Certificate without the approval of the sub-committee, as well as on the clubs that reached an agreement for the transfer of a minor.
5. The procedures for applying to the sub-committee for a first registration and an international transfer of a minor are contained in Annexe 2 of these regulations

A. Domestic Transfer Certificate

- i. An amateur or Professional player being transferred between two clubs affiliated to the JFF shall obtain a transfer certificate from the club he last represented. A transfer certificate is required notwithstanding where a player has not participated in any official Match for a period of thirty (30) months. Such a transfer is deemed a Free Transfer. No transfer fee shall apply.
- iii. A club wishing to engage the services of a player that is registered with another club shall, before commencing any negotiations with that player, For any confirmed violation of the foregoing obligation the offending club will be subject to a fine of at least Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).
- iv. In the case of a player whose employment contract has expired, neither he nor any prospective new club is required to notify his former club of any negotiations he is personally conducting.
- v. Once the player has signed a new contract with a new club, the new club is obliged to contact the club to which compensation is possible due under the terms of Appendix II (B) below.



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B. Transfer Regulation

The following transfer fees shall apply: -

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| a. Professional Premier League Players Four seasons and under the age of 26 | \$170 000.00 |
| b. Professional Players Four seasons and over in a Lower Division and under the age of 26 | \$85 000.00 |
| c. Professional Premier League Players Four seasons and over the age of 26 | \$100 000.00 |
| d. Professional Players Four seasons and over in a Lower Division and Over the age of 26 | \$50 000.00 |
| e. Professional Premier League Players between 2-3 seasons and under the age of 26 | \$120 000.00 |
| f. Professional Players between 2-3 seasons in Lower Division and under the age of 26 | \$60 000.00 |
| g. Professional Premier League Players under 2 seasons and under the age of 26 | \$90 000.00 |
| h. Professional Players under 2 seasons in Lower Division and under the age of 26 | \$45 000.00 |
| i. Professional Premier League Players under 2 seasons and over the age of 26 | \$70 000.00 |
| j. Professional Players under 2 seasons in Lower Division and over the age of 26 | \$45 000.00 |
| k. Registration of a Non amateur player with the JFF/PFAJ will attract an administrative fee of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00). Fifty percent of this fee shall be paid to the Parish Association from which the club was affiliated. | |
| i) The maximum cess for the movement of an amateur player are as follows: | |
| a) Intra Parish | \$10 000.00 |
| b) Inter Parish | \$15 000.00 |
| c) Parish to Premier League | \$45 000.00 |
| d) Premier League to Parish | \$45 000.00 |
| e) Premier League to Premier League | \$45 000.00 |

In addition the following are the Administrative Fees for each transfer:-

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| a. Player movement from a Club to another Club in the same Parish | \$1500.00 |
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- b. Player movement from a Club to another Club in different Parish \$3000.00 to the parish association the player is leaving.
- c. Player moving from a Club from one Confederation to another Confederation \$1500 to the Confederation the player is leaving and \$3000 to the Confederation the Player is registering with.

C. PLAYERS ON LOAN

- i. Under the provisions of these regulations, the loan of a player by one club to another is dealt with administratively like a transfer. For players moving from Jamaican Club to a Club in another country, an International Registration Transfer Certificate shall therefore be issued: in the case of a local situation then; a Transfer Certificate:
 - a) Amateur players cannot be transferred on a loan.
 - b) Whenever a player leaves a Club to join another Club to which he has been released on loan.
 - c) Whenever, on expiry of the period of loan, a player re-joins the club, which released him on loan.
- ii. The conditions governing the loan of a Professional player (duration of the loan, obligations to which the loan is subject) shall be regulated by concluding a separate written contract between the two clubs and the player concerned. Any clause in this respect appended to the certificate itself shall be null and void.

TRAINING COMPENSATION FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

For the purpose of calculating compensation, the training period starts at the beginning of the season of the players 12th birthday, or at a later age, as the case may be, and finishes at the end of the season of his 21st birthday.

Compensation for training is due:

- a) For the first time, when the player acquires Professional status according to the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
- b) Afterwards, for every transfer up to age of 23, depending on the players status, i.e
 - From amateur to Professional status
 - From Professional to Professional status
- c) Compensation for training is not due:
 - √ for transfers from amateur status to amateur status or for transfers from Professional status to amateur status (reacquisition of amateur status), unless the player (re) acquires Professional status within a period of three years.



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√ if a Club unilaterally terminates a players contract without just cause, but without prejudice to the compensation due to the previous training clubs.

d) The JFF Competitions' Committee shall settle any transfer dispute that may arise between the two clubs within third days of the notice regarding the dispute, which shall be presented to the JFF in writing.

INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION TRANSFER CERTIFICATES

- i) An amateur or Professional player who has become eligible to play for a club affiliated to a National Association may not be registered with a club affiliated to another National Association unless the latter has received an International Registration Transfer Certificate issued by the National Association, which the player wishes to leave.
- ii) A National Association may only request an International Transfer Certificate from the National Association which the player wishes to leave if the club which the player wishes to join submits its request for registration in a timely manner, i.e. during a registration period fixed by the National Association which is to request the certificate.
- iii) Upon receiving the request the National Association of the former club shall immediately request that club and the player to confirm whether the contract has expired, whether early termination was mutually agreed, or whether a contractual dispute exists.
- iv) A National Association shall produce an international registration transfer certificate within 7 days of a demand from another National Association, while simultaneously sending a copy to the FIFA general secretariat.
- v) If a contractual dispute has arisen in the context of the player changing clubs (i.e. the contract has not expired and there has been no mutual agreement on early termination of a contract), the National Association concerned shall not produce an international registration transfer certificate. The National Association shall only produce an international registration transfer certificate upon being notified of the decision on the sanction imposed in the case of unjustified breach of contract. The National Association shall inform the requesting National Association of the existence of a contractual dispute within 7 days of receipt of the request for the certificate.
- vi) If after a period of 30 days from the date of the request from the prospective National Association, the National Association which a player wishes to leave has not issued an international registration transfer certificate or gives a valid reason why it refuses to do so, the new association may issue a provisional certificate to the player, enabling him to play in that country.



- vii) The provisional certificate shall become permanent after the date on which the new association addressed its request to the former association. The Player Status Committee of FIFA may withdraw a provisional certificate, if, in the meantime, the former national association presents valid reasons why it did not issue the mentioned document.
- viii) A player shall not, under any circumstances, be authorised to play in official matches for his new club until an international registration transfer certificate has been issued.
- ix) Only the National Association of the club which the player wishes to join is entitled to request the necessary international registration transfer certificate consequently, a National Association which receives an unsolicited international registration transfer certificate from another association shall not register the player concerned for one of its club before it has requested another certificate from the National Association which the player wishes to leave.
- x) The International Registration Transfer Certificate, duly signed by the National Association, which the player intends to leave, shall be issued in triplicate. Special forms provided by FIFA for this purpose or forms with similar wording shall be used.
- xi) The original shall be sent to the National Association requesting the transfer; the first copy to the FIFA general secretariat and the second shall remain in the possession of the National Association, which the player is leaving.
- xii) A National Association may grant a player temporary eligibility to play on the basis of an international registration transfer certificate sent by telefax, for a maximum period of a sports season within a period of 12 months. If the international registration transfer certificate is not received within this period of one year, the player's eligibility to play shall be considered definitive.
- xiii) A National Association resorting to this temporary eligibility clause, as a deliberate ploy to enable one of its registered players to play temporarily in another country shall be referred to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
- xiv) The international registration transfer certificate may not be made subject to any conditions.

APPENDIX III.

A. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS & COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

- i. A list of persons for complimentary tickets shall be decided upon by the PFAJ and the JFF.
- ii. The necessary number of front seats in the best position shall be reserved for members of the Jamaica Football Federation Executive Council, the Standing Committees and the Sponsors as decided by the PFAJ and the JFF.



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- iii. The Clubs participating in Finals are entitled to seventy-(70) complimentary tickets. Absolutely no Identification Cards will be used for Finals (Matches) for club officials and players except in areas designated for the observance of same.
- iii. Parish Associations and Affiliates shall use their JFF identification cards to attend games in the Preliminary Rounds of the Competition. However, Parish Associations shall be issued twelve (12) Premier League passes, with the exception of KSAFA, which shall be given Twenty (20) to enable entrance to PFAJ Finals (Matches).
- iv. The PFAJ reserves the right to change the appropriation of tickets to Clubs where necessary.

B. MATCH REVENUE

The revenue of matches shall consist of: -

- i. The proceeds of entrance tickets of all games
- ii. The sum of media contract and promotional sponsorship concluded by the PFAJ (if applicable).
- iii. The sum of the contract for ground advertising concluded by Clubs (where possible) in the Zone and Group games or the PFAJ in Finals (matches).
- iv. These sources of revenue shall form the total receipts and where applicable and will flow into the finance pool, to be held in trust by the PFAJ.
- v. The rights of the matches in Finals are held exclusively by the PFAJ.
- vi. The rights to the gates of the preliminary matches shall belong exclusively to the clubs unless otherwise decided by the PFAJ.
- vii. The rights to advertising at club venues will only belong exclusively to the clubs except in cases whereby the PFAJ has specified the distribution of advertising space and appurtenant restrictions. The PFAJ reserves the right to modify and or change the policy of advertising at Club venues as may become necessary.
- viii. The following expenses shall be deducted, from the gross receipts in accordance with the PFAJ Regulations.

MATCH COST

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- i. Hire and preparation of grounds.
- ii. A levy of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each Home Match shall be paid to the PFAJ within two weeks. Failure to comply will attract a penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).



- iii. Promotional expenses.
- iv. The participating teams may conclude private reciprocal arrangement of cost such as subsidy for transportation, meals, accommodation and include all expense cost.

FINALS (If applicable)

- v. Hire and preparation of grounds.
- vi. The fees and transportation cost of Referee and Assistant Referees.
- vii. Promotional expenses
- viii. 2% reserve for contingencies
- ix. Medical and doping control expenses.
- x. Accident Insurance for JFF and PFAJ Officials, Match Officials and PFAJ and JFF Guests.
- xi. Spectator accident and legal protection insurance.
- vii. The game operating expenses which shall include but not limited to cashiers, security, gate-men, event coordinators, refreshment, accommodation, meals and transportation for officials.
- viii. The receipts and the expenses according to the Regulations shall be compared and the profit/loss shall be shared as follows: -

Preliminary Matches: 100% to the participating Clubs.

For Premier League Playoff Matches: 40% of the net profit to the PFAJ and 60% shall be shared equally in each stage of the Playoffs among the participating clubs, except where otherwise agreed by the PFAJ.

PRELIMINARY TITLE

Article 1

This code describes infringements of the rules in JFF regulations, determines the sanctions incurred, regulates the organization and function of the bodies responsible for making decisions and the procedure to be followed before these bodies.

SCOPE OF APPLICATION: MATERIAL LAW

Article 2

This code applies to every match and competition organised by JFF. Beyond this scope, it also applies if a match is harmed and, more generally, if the statutory objectives of the JFF are breached, especially with regard to forgery, corruption and doping.



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SCOPE OF APPLICATION: NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS

Article 3

The following are subject to this code:

- a. National Associations
- b. Members of these associations, in particular the clubs;
- c. Officials;
- d. Players;
- e. Match Officials;
- f. Anyone with an authorisation from the JFF, in particular with regard to a match, competition or other event organised by the JFF;
- g. Spectators.

SCOPE OF APPLICATION: TIME

Article 4

1. The first of this code (material law) applies to facts that have arisen after it has come into force. It also applies to previous facts if it is more favorable for the perpetrator of the facts and if the judicial bodies of the JFF are deciding on these facts after the code has come into force.
2. The second title (organisation and procedure) applies as soon as the code has come into force, subject to the provisions.154

DEFINITIONS

Article 5

1. Post-match: the time between the final whistle from the referee and the team's departure from the confines of the stadium.
2. Pre-match: the time between the team's arrival in the confines of the stadium and the whistle for kick-off from the referee.
3. International match: a match between two teams belonging to different national associations (two clubs, one club and one national team or two national teams).
4. Friendly match: a match organised by a football organisation, club or other person between teams chosen for the occasion and possibly belonging to different spheres of operation; the score has an effect only on the match or competition in question.
5. Official match: a match organised under the auspices of a football organisation for all of the teams or clubs in its sphere of operation; the score has an effect on the rights of participation in other competitions unless the regulations in question stipulate otherwise



6. Official: anyone with the exception of the players, performing activity connected with football at a national association or club, regardless of his title, the type of activity (administrative, sporting or any other) and the duration of the activity; in particular managers, coaches and medical staff are officials.
7. Match official: the referee, assistant referees, fourth officials, match commissioners, referee inspector, the person in charge of safety, and any other person appointed by JFF/FIFA to assume responsibility in connection with a match.
8. JFF/FIFA regulations: the statutes, regulation, directives and circulars of the JFF/FIFA as the laws of the Game issued by the International Football Association Board.

MALE AND FEMALE

Article 6

The provisions of this code apply to the male and female gender, regardless of the choice of words and expressions.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

Article 7

Parish Associations are requested to adapt their provisions to this code so as to harmonise disciplinary regulations.

FIRST TITLE. MATERIAL LAW

Chapter 1. Conditions for Sanctions

CULPABILITY

Article 8

1. Unless otherwise specified, the infringements are punishable regardless of whether they have been committed deliberately or negligently.
2. Exceptionally, a match may have to be played without spectators or on neutral territory, or a certain stadium may be banned purely for safety reason, without an infringement having been committed.

ACTS AMOUNTING TO ATTEMPT

Article 9

1. Acts amounting to attempt are also punishable.
2. In the case of acts amounting to attempt, the body shall reduce the sanction envisaged for the actual infringement accordingly. It will determine the extent of mitigation as it sees fit; it shall not go below the general lower limit of the fine (cf. Art. 16, par.2).



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INVOLVEMENT

Article 10

1. Anyone who knowingly takes part in committing an infringement, either as instigator or accomplice, is also punishable.
2. The body will take account of the degree of guilt of the party involved by reducing the sanction as it sees fit. It shall not go below the general lower limit of the fine (cf. Art. 16, par.2).

VARIOUS SANCTIONS

SANCTIONS COMMON TO NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS

Article 11

Both natural and legal persons are punishable by the following sanctions:

- a. Warning;
- b. Reprimand;
- c. Fine;
- d. Return of awards.

SANCTIONS APPLICABLE TO NATURAL PERSONS

Article 12

The following sanctions are applicable only to natural persons:

- a. Cautions;
- b. Expulsion;
- c. Match suspension;
- d. Ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
- e. Ban from entering a stadium;
- f. Ban on taking part in any football related activity.

SANCTIONS APPLICABLE TO LEGAL PERSONS

Article 13

- a. The following sanctions are applicable only to legal persons:
- b. playing a match without spectator;
- c. playing a match on neutral territory;
- d. ban on playing in a particular stadium;
- e. annulment of the result of match;
- f. exclusion;
- g. demotion to the lower division;
- h. forfeit.



WARNING

Article 14

A warning is a reminder of the substance of a disciplinary rule allied with the threat of a sanction in the event of a further infringement.

REPRIMAND

Article 15

A reprimand is an official written pronouncement of disapproval sent to the perpetrator of an infringement.

FINE

Article 16

1. The fine is issued in Jamaican Dollars (\$J). It shall be paid in the same currency.
2. The fine shall not be less than \$500 or in the case of a competition subject to an age limit not less than \$200 and not more than \$20,000.
3. The body that pronounces the sanction decides the terms and time limit for payments. If the fine is added to a match suspension, it shall be paid before the suspension has ended.
4. Parish Associations, along with players and officials, are jointly liable for fines imposed on team players and officials. The same applies to clubs in respect to their players and officials. The fact that a natural person has left a club or Parish Association does not cancel out joint liability.

RETURN OR AWARDS

Article 17

1. The person required to return an award shall return all of the benefits received, in particular sums of money and symbolic objects (medal, trophy etc.)
2. The money received shall always be returned in full. The body pronouncing the sanction decides any interests that may be due as it sees fit.

CAUTIONS

Article 18

1. A caution (yellow card) is a warning from the referee to a player during a match to sanction unsporting behaviour of a less serious nature (cf. Law 12 of the Laws of the Game).
2. Two Cautions received during the same match, incur an expulsion (indirect red card, cf. Art. 52 o) and consequently, automatic suspension from the next match (cf. Art. 19 par. 4). The two cautions that incur the red card are rescinded.



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3. The following incur automatic suspension from the next match:
 - a. .i) Five (5) cautions received in Five (5) different matches of the same competition in competitions organised by FIFA or JFF;
 - a. ii) A second suspension of one game would result after the awarding of an additional four cards. For every three cards thereafter, a one match suspension would result.
 - b) Two (2) received in two (2) different matches of the same competition in other championships subject to age limits organised by FIFA or JFF;
 - c) Two (2) cautions received in two (2) different matches of the same competition in every championship, except where otherwise stated in the competition regulations;
 - d) With regard to friendly championships, cf. c).
 - e) Two (2) cautions received in two (2) consecutive matches in a stage in the Play-Offs (Premier League Fourth Round); A stage refers to the Quarterfinals, the Semifinals and the finals.
4. The Disciplinary Committee may extend the duration of this suspension (cf. par. 3).
5. If an abandoned match is to be replayed, any caution issued during that match shall be annulled. If the match is not to be replayed, the cautions received by the team responsible for causing the match to be abandoned are upheld; if both teams are responsible, all of the cautions are upheld.
6. If a player is guilty of serious unsporting behaviour as defined by law 12 of the Laws of the Game and is sent off (direct red card), any other caution he has previously received in the same match is upheld.

EXPULSIONS

Article 19

1. An expulsion is the order given by the referee to someone to leave the field of play and its surroundings, including the substitutes' bench, during a match. The person who has been sent off may be allowed into the stands unless he is serving a stadium ban.

Expulsion takes the form of a red card for players. The card is regarded as direct if it sanctions serious unsporting behaviour as defined by Law of the Laws of the Game; it is regarded as indirect if it is the result of an accumulation of two yellow cards (cf. art. 18 par.2).

3. An official who has been sent off may give instructions to the person replacing him on the substitutes' bench. He shall, however, ensure that he does not disturb the spectators or disturb the flow of play.
4. An expulsion automatically incurs suspension from the subsequent match, even if imposed in a match that is later abandoned and/or cancelled. The



Disciplinary Committee may extend the duration of the suspension.

MATCH SUSPENSIONS

Article 20

1. A suspension from a match is a ban on taking part in a future match or competition or to attend in the area immediately surrounding the field of play.
2. The player who has been suspended shall not be included in the players' list for the next match.
3. The suspension is imposed in terms of matches, days or months. Unless otherwise specified it may not exceed twenty-four (24) matches or two (2) years.
4. If the suspension is to be served in terms of matches, only those matches played count toward the execution of the suspension. If a match is abandoned, cancelled or finally forfeited, suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to abandonment, cancellation or forfeit of the match.
5. If a suspension is combined with a fine, it is prolonged until the fine has been paid in full.

BAN FROM DRESSING ROOM AND/OR SUBSTITUTES' BENCHES

Article 21

An ban from dressing rooms and/or substitutes' benches deprives someone of the right to enter teams' dressing rooms and/or the area immediately surrounding the field of play, and in particular to sit on the substitutes' bench.

STADIUM BAN

Article 22

A stadium ban prohibits someone from entering the confines of one or several stadia.

BAN FROM PERFORMING ANY FOOTBALL RELATED ACTIVITY

Article 23

A person may be banned from performing any kind of football related activity (administrative, sports or any other).

PLAYING A MATCH WITHOUT SPECTATORS

Article 24

The obligation to play a match behind closed doors requires Parish Associations and clubs to have a certain match played without spectators.



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PLAYING ON NEUTRAL GROUND

Article 25

The obligation to play a match on neutral ground requires Parish Associations and clubs to have a certain match played in another venue or in a different region of the same Confederation.

BAN ON PLAYING IN A PARTICULAR STADIUM

Article 26

A ban on playing in a certain stadium deprives Parish Associations and clubs of the right to have their teams play in a certain stadium.

ANNULMENT OF THE RESULT OF A MATCH

Article 27

The result of a match is annulled if the result reached on the field of play is disregarded.

EXCLUSION

Article 28

Exclusion is the deprivation of the right of Parish Associations and clubs from taking part in a current and/or future competition.

DEMOTION TO THE NEXT DIVISION

Article 29

A club may be demoted to the next lower division.

DEDUCTION OF POINTS

Article 30

A club may have points deducted from those already attained in any current championship.

FORFEITS

Article 31

Teams sanctioned with a forfeit are considered to have lost the match 0-3

If the goal difference is greater, the higher score is upheld.

SECTION 3.

COMMON RULES

COMBINED SANCTIONS

Article 32

1. Unless otherwise specified, the sanctions provided for in the general and special parts of this code may be combined.



2. In less serious cases, the body may only pronounce a reduced sanction or a caution or a reprimand.

PARTIAL SUSPENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SANCTION

Article 33

1. The body that pronounces a match suspension (cf. art. 20), a ban on access to dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench (cf. art. 21) or a ban on playing in a certain stadium (cf. art. 26) shall examine whether it is possible to suspend the implementation of the sanction partially.
2. Partial suspension is permissible only if the duration of the sanction does not exceed six (6) matches or six (6) months and if the circumstances generally allow it, in particular the previous record of the person sanctioned.
3. The body decides which part of the sanction may be suspended. In any case, half of the sanction is definite.
4. By suspending implementation of the sanction, the body subjects the person sanctioned to a probationary period of from six (6) months to two (2) years.
5. If the person benefiting from a suspended sanction commits another infringement during the probationary period, the suspension is automatically revoked and the sanction applied; it is added to the sanction pronounced for the new infringement..

TIME SANCTIONS: CALCULATION OF TIME LIMIT

Article 34

Rest periods during or between seasons are not included in the duration of Time sanctions.

LIMITATION PERIOD OF SANCTIONS

Article 35

1. The limitation period for sanctions is five years.
2. The limitation period begins on the day on which the decision comes into force.

CENTRALISATION OF SANCTIONS

Article 36

1. Records of cautions, expulsions and match suspensions are stored in the central computer system of the JFF. The Disciplinary Committee through the secretariat confirms them in writing to the Parish Association or club concerned or, in the case of final competitions, to the head of the team concerned.



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2. This confirmation serves only as notifications: sanctions (cautions, expulsions, automatic match suspensions) have an immediate effect on subsequent matches even if the letter of confirmation reaches the Parish Association or club concerned later.
3. To ensure that the central registration system functions properly, the Parish Associations/ Confederations shall inform JFF of sanctions that have been pronounced during their own competitions and are likely to be carried over to a JFF Competition (cf. art. 39 par. 2) and future competitions.

CARRYING OVER AND CANCELING CAUTIONS AND MATCH SUSPENSIONS

CARRYING OVER CAUTIONS

Article 37

1. **Cautions received during one competition are not carried over to another competition.**
2. They are, however, carried over from one round to the next in the same competition, including End of Round Finals (where applicable). The Disciplinary Committee may exceptionally depart from this rule before the start of a particular competition on advisement from the Competitions Committee. This provision is subject to art. 38.

CANCELLATION OF CAUTIONS

Article 38

1. At the request of a Confederation or Parish Association, the Disciplinary Committee may cancel cautions that have not resulted in a match suspension so as to restore the balance among several teams that have not played the same number of matches during the first round of a competition, or in other exceptional circumstances.
2. In any case, the committee may do this only once in any competition.
3. The Disciplinary Committee's decision is final.
4. All cautions received in the Preliminary Stage (Rounds 1-3) are annulled at the Playoffs stage, except in the case of automatic suspensions as a result of accumulation of Cautions.
5. Playoffs: A single caution received in any stage, will not be carried over to the next stage. A single caution received in the Quarterfinals, will not carry to the Semi-finals. A single caution received in the Semi-finals, will not carry to the Final. If it is a two game final and the player receives a single caution in each, the player will miss his next match of the following season or next match in another competition, whichever comes first.



CARRYING OVER MATCH SUSPENSIONS

Article 39

1. As a general rule, every suspension (of players and other persons) is carried over from one round to the next in the same competition.
2. Match suspensions in relation to an expulsion pronounced on a player outside of a competition (separate match[es]) or not served during the competition for which they were intended (elimination for the last match in the competition) are carried over to the next match the player is eligible for in another competition or the next match of the same competition in the following season, whichever ever comes first.

Match suspensions resulting from several cautions issued to a player in different matches of the same competition are never carried over to another competition.

3. Par 2 similarly applies to suspensions pronounced against persons other than Players. Players receiving Red Cards/Suspension that are carried over from other competitions (Parish Association/Confederation) and are to be served in the Premier League, this information must be communicated in writing to the PFAJ at least 48 hours (Monday – Friday) before said ineligible player/s can participate in his next Premier League game.

SECTION 5.

DETERMINING THE SANCTION

GENERAL RULE

Article 40

1. The body pronouncing the sanction decides the scope and duration of it.
2. Sanctions may be limited to a geographical area or to one or more certain categories of match and competition.
3. Unless otherwise specified, the duration of a sanction is always defined.
4. When deciding the sanction, the body will take account of all of the circumstances of the case, in particular the age of the person sanctioned, his record, personal situation, culpability (intentional or negligent), the reasons prompting him to commit the infringement and the degree of seriousness of the infringement.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY APPLICABLE FOR INFRINGEMENTS OR INCIDENTS AT MATCHES

Article 41

1. Caution of a player by the referee for: (1) unsporting behaviour; (2) persistent infringement; (3) criticism of the referee's or assistant referee's decision, protests etc. (4) disparaging remarks concerning the referees, assistant referee, other player or any person present at the match; (5) enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission; (6) act of gamesmanship (time wasting); (7) leaving the field of play without



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the referee's permission; (8) other unsporting behaviour (feigning, making rude gestures etc.).

1. **PUNISHMENT:** To confirm the caution and a fine of a minimum Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

2. **CASE OF REPETITION:** To suspend for one match and a fine of a minimum One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

2. Second caution during the same match resulting in an expulsion by the referee (even if it is not the same type of offense):

PUNISHMENT: To confirm the expulsion, suspend for at least one match and a fine of a minimum One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

a. **CASE OF REPETITION:** To suspend for two matches and a fine of a minimum Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

3. Expulsion of a player by the referee for: (1) serious foul play; (2) spits at an opponent or any other person; (3) violent conduct; (4) persistent protests against the referee's or assistant referee's decisions; (5) disparaging remarks concerning referees, assistant referees, other players or any other persons; (6) repeated acts of gamesmanship eg. time wasting, deliberate hand ball etc.; (7) leaving the field of play in protest without notifying the referee; (8) insulting players, team officials or any person present at the match; (9) other serious acts of unsporting behaviour eg. feigning, making rude gestures to the public.

a. **PUNISHMENT:** To confirm the expulsion, suspend for at least one Match and a fine of a minimum One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)

b. **CASE OF REPETITION:** To suspend for two matches and fine of a minimum Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

4. Expulsion of a player by the referee for insulting the referee and or assistant referee.

a. **PUNISHMENT:** To confirm the expulsion, suspend for at least two matches and a fine of a minimum One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

b. **CASE OF REPETITION:** To suspend for at least four matches and a fine of a minimum Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

5. Expulsion of a player by the referee for violence against another player, team officials or any other persons present at the match.

a. **PUNISHMENT:** To confirm the expulsion, suspend for at least two matches and a fine of a minimum One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

b. **CASE OF REPETITION:** To suspend for at least four matches and a Fine of a minimum Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

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6. Expulsion of a player by the referee for serious acts of violence against another player, team officials or any other person present at the match (brawl, serious incident).
 - a. PUNISHMENT: To confirm the expulsion, suspend for at least six matches and a fine of a minimum Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,200.00).
 - b. CASE OF REPETITION: To suspend for a specified period of at least Twelve (12) months and a fine of a minimum Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).
7. Expulsion of a player by the referee for violence against the referee or assistant referee.
 - a. PUNISHMENT: To confirm the expulsion, suspend for at least twelve (12) months and a fine of a minimum Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).
 - b. CASE OF REPETITION: To suspend for life.
8. Before or after a match a player who is reported by a match official for (1) spitting at an opponent or any other person; (2) violent conduct; (3) disparaging remarks concerning referees, assistant referees, other players or any other persons; (4) insulting players, team officials or any other person present at the match; (5) other serious acts of unsporting behaviour eg. feigning, making rude gestures to the public.
 - a. PUNISHMENT: To suspend for at least one match and a fine of a minimum Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).
 - b. CASE OF REPETITION: To suspend for two matches and a fine of a minimum Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).
9. Before or after a match a Club official who is reported by a match official for (1) spitting at an opponent or any other person; (2) violent conduct; (3) disparaging remarks concerning referees, assistant referees, other players or any other persons; (4) insulting players, team officials or any other person present at the match; (5) other serious acts of unsporting behaviour eg. feigning, making rude gestures to the public.
 - a. PUNISHMENT: To suspend for at least one match and a fine of a minimum Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).
 - b. CASE OF REPETITION: To suspend for at least two matches and a fine of a minimum Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).
10. After the final match in a competition all punishments cease to be applicable, except red cards and those suspensions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee.
11. All disciplinary punishments (except in automatic yellow/red cards) shall be honoured by the affiliates of the JFF. In order to ensure compliance, affiliates shall lodge their disciplinary measures to the JFF within twenty four (24) hours after their disciplinary hearing.



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REPEATED INFRINGEMENTS

Article 42

1. Unless otherwise specified, the body shall increase the sanction to be pronounced by half (+50%; if this is not possible, another sanction shall be imposed in the form of a fine) if an infringement has been repeated. It is not bound by any upper limit determined in this code.
2. The following are considered as repeated infringements:
 - a) One (1) red card [punishable infringement] preceded by three (3) yellow cards issued during the Premier League competition in question or One (1) red card [punishable infringement] preceded by two (2) yellow cards issued during the competition in question
 - b) Three (3) yellow cards issued in three (3) different matches [punishable infringement] preceded by three (3) other yellow cards issued in three (3) other matches during the Premier League Competition or two (2) yellow cards issued in two (2) different matches [punishable infringement] preceded by two (2) other yellow cards issued in two (2) other matches during the competition in question;

Cautions and Suspensions:

A player will be suspended for one game upon receiving his fifth yellow card in five different matches regardless of the nature of the infraction that resulted in his being awarded a yellow card. A second suspension of one game would result after the awarding of an additional four cards. For every three cards thereafter, a one match suspension would result.

- c) One (1) red card [punishable infringement] preceded by one or several other red cards issued during the previous four (4) matches, regardless of the competition in which the matches are being played;
 - d) As a general rule, if a judicial body of the JFF has imposed a financial sanction of \$20,000 or more, or a time sanction of four (4) matches or four (4) months or more, on the person being sanctioned in the two (2) years prior to committing the infringement in question.
1. The sanction may be increased by half only once whenever this provision applies.
 2. These provisions are subject to the special rules governing repeated doping infringements.

INFRINGEMENTS AGAINST MATCH OFFICIALS

Article 43

1. If the victim of an infringement is a match official, the sanction to be pronounced will be increased by half (+ 50%).
2. This rule does not apply to infringements, which by definition can only be committed against match officials (cf. art. 56 and 57).



CONCURRENT INFRINGEMENTS

Article 44

If someone incurs several fines as the result of one or several deeds, the body imposes the fine envisaged for the most serious infringement and may increase it according to circumstances but not by more than half of the maximum envisaged for this infringement.

1. The same applies if a person incurs several time sanctions of a similar type (two (2) or more match suspensions, two (2) or more stadium bans, etc.) as the result of one or several deeds.
2. The body that applies par. 1 is not obliged to adhere to the general upper limit of the fine (cf. art. 16 par. 2).

SECTION 6.

LIMITATION PERIOD ON DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

DURATION

Article 45

1. Infringements committed during a match may no longer be prosecuted after a lapse of two (2) years. As a general rule, other infringements may not be prosecuted after a lapse of ten (10) years.
2. Infringements provided for in section 7 of the special part (doping) may not be prosecuted after a lapse of twenty (20) years.
3. Prosecution for corruption (cf. art. 59) is not subject to a limitation period.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE LIMITATION PERIOD

Article 46

The limitation period runs as follows:

- a) From the day on which the perpetrator committed the infringement;
- b) If the infringement is recurrent, from the day on which the most recent infringement was committed.
- c) If the infringement lasted a certain period, from on which it ended.

INTERRUPTION

Article 47

The limitation period no longer applies if the Disciplinary Committee reaches a decision before it has expired.



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CHAPTER II SPECIAL PART

SECTION 1 PHYSICAL ASSAULT

PHYSICAL INJURY

Article 48

1. A player who deliberately assaults someone physically or damages his health will be suspended for at least four (4) matches. An official who commits such an infringement will be suspended for at least eight (8) matches.
2. The suspension shall be imposed at every level (local, national and international).
3. In any case, the body will impose a minimum fine of \$25,000.

VIOLENCE

Article 49

1. A player who deliberately assaults someone, but without harming him physically or damaging his health, will be suspended for at least two (2) matches. An official who commits such an infringement will be suspended for at least four (4) matches.
2. If a person assaults someone by spitting at him, he will be suspended for at least six (6) matches.
3. In any case, the body will also impose a fine amounting to at least \$5,000.

BRAWL

Article 50

1. Involvement in a brawl is sanctioned with a suspension for at least six (6) matches.
2. The scope of the suspension extends to all official matches.

UNIDENTIFIED AGGRESSORS

Article 51

1. If, in the case of a group of people involved in violence, it is not possible to identify the instigator(s), the body will sanction the captain and the club or Parish Association to which the aggressors belong. The person sanctioned may be reprimanded by naming the guilty person(s) to the Disciplinary Body.
2. If, in the case of group violence, it is impossible to establish each participant's exact share of guilt, the body will consider every participant identified as a perpetrator of the infringements committed.



SECTION 2.

INFRINGEMENTS OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME

MINOR INFRINGEMENTS

Article 52

A player is cautioned if he commits one of the following infringements (cf. Law 12 of the Laws of the Game and art. 18 above):

- a) Unsporting behaviour such as foul play, dangerous play or holding on to an opponent's shirt or any part of his body;
 - b) Showing disapproval of match officials by word or action (criticizing decisions, protesting);
 - c) Violation of the Laws of the Game;
 - d) Delaying the restart of play;
 - e) Failing to comply with the required distance during corner kicks or free kicks;
 - f) Entering or re-entering the field of play without prior permission from the referee;
 - g) Leaving the field of play without prior permission from the referee;
 - h) Play-acting (diving, feigning injury, etc).
- The fine for a caution is set out in appendix I

SERIOUS INFRINGEMENTS

Article 53

A player is sent off if he commits one of the following infringements (cf. Law 12 of the Laws of the Game and art. 19 above):

- i) Serious foul play such as excessive or brute force;
 - j) Brutal action such as violent or aggressive conduct;
 - k) Spitting at an opponent or anyone else;
 - l) Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball;
 - m) Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opposing goal by committing an infringement punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick;
 - n) Making offensive, insulting or abusive remarks;
 - o) Second caution during the same match (cf. art. 18 par. 2).
- The automatic fine for an expulsion is set out in appendix I



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TEAM'S MISCONDUCT

Article 54

1. The following constitute misconduct by a team and are sanctioned by a maximum fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for *Premier League Clubs* and Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for *Developmental League* and *other Competitions*:
 - a) When four (4) players are cautioned during one match;
 - b) When three (3) players are sent off during one match;
 - c) When several players/Officials together make threats (cf. art. 56) or show force (cf. art. 57) against as match official.
2. When determining the amount of the fine, the type of competition shall be taken into account.

SECTION 3.

OFFENSIVE AND RACIST BEHAVIOUR

OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR

Article 55

1. Anyone, including players, spectators, sponsors and officials who insults another person by using offensive or obscene gestures or language, will be sanctioned with a match suspension. If the perpetrator is a player, he will be suspended from at least two (2) matches; if he is an official, he will be suspended from at least four (4) matches and shall be liable of a fine not exceeding \$30,000.00.
2. If the victim of the attack is an officer of the JFF itself or one of its bodies, the duration of the suspension will be doubled (+ 100%) and liable to a fine not exceeding \$30,000.00; the sanction applies to all official matches.
3. Any player, official or club engaging in conduct which brings the game into disrepute shall be liable to suspension for a minimum of two matches and a fine not less than \$30,000.00 but not exceeding \$100,000.00 Bringing the game into disrepute includes behaviour/actions (Player, Official or Club) that contravenes the regulations and the consequences of which amounts to public discourse that creates discord/confusion and undue criticism against officials of all the relevant bodies of the JFF; sponsors in addition to any negative conduct or action that impact the organization but for which there is no specific sanction. Evidence can be drawn from articles in print; audio and television.
4. Once a matter has been referred to a judicial body of the JFF or PFAJ only person/s authorised by the respective body shall be permitted to discuss the issue publicly. Any individual found in breach shall be liable for sanction/s by the respective disciplinary body.



RACISM

Article 56

1. Anyone who publicly disparages discriminates against or denigrates someone in a defamatory manner on account of race, colour, language, religion or ethnic origin will be subject to match suspension for at least five (5) matches at every level. The body will also pronounce a ban on his entering the confines of any stadium and a fine of at least Twenty Thousand Dollars \$20,000. If the perpetrator is an official, the fine will be at least Twenty Five Thousand Dollars \$25,000.
2. Any spectator who commits such an infringement will be subject to a stadium ban for two (2) years.
3. If spectators display banners bearing racist slogans at a match, the body will sanction the Parish Association or the club which these spectators support with a fine of at least Fifty Thousand Dollars \$50,000 and force it to play its next official match without spectators.

SECTION 4.

INTIMIDATION

THREATS

Article 57

Anyone who intimidates a match official with serious threats or issues threats against a spectator, player, Club Official or an officer of the JFF or one of its affiliates will be sanctioned with a fine of a minimum of \$15,000 and a minimum one (1) match suspension. These sanctions constitute a departure from art. 32, in that, they may not be combined with others.

FORCE

Article 58

Anyone who uses violence or threats to pressurize a match official into taking certain action or to hinder him in any other way from acting freely will be sanctioned with a fine of at least Fifteen Thousand Dollars \$15,000 and a match suspension. These sanctions constitute a departure from art. 32, in that, they may not be combined with others.

SECTION 5.

FORGERY AND FALSIFICATION

Article 59 [only]

1. Anyone who, during any football related activity, creates a false document, forges a document, makes a false claim in a document with potentially legal repercussions or uses a forged document to deceive others will be sanctioned with a suspension for at least six (6) matches.
2. If the perpetrator is an official, the body will pronounce a ban on performing any football related activity for a period of at least twelve (12) months.
3. The body may pronounce a fine of at least Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000).



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SECTION 6.

CORRUPTION

Article 60 [only]

1. Anyone who offers promises or grants an unjustified advantage to a body of the JFF or any of its affiliates, a match official, a player or an official on behalf of himself or a third party in an attempt to incite it or him to violate FIFA regulations will be sanctioned:
 - a) With a fine of at least Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000),
 - b) With a ban on performing any football related activity and
 - c) With a ban on entering any stadium;
2. Passive corruption (soliciting, being promised or accepting an unjustified advantage) will be sanctioned in the same manner.
3. In serious cases and in the case of repetition, sanction b) may be pronounced for life.
4. In any case, the body will pronounce confiscation of the assets involved in committing the infringement. These assets will be used for the football development programme.

SECTION 7.

DOPING

CONCEPT

Article 61

Doping is defined as:

- a) the use of an expedient (substance or method) that is potentially harmful to player's health and/or capable of enhancing their performance;
- b) the existence of a prohibited substance in the body of a tested player, the discovery of the use or attempted use of such a substance or the discovery of the application or attempted application of a prohibited method;
- c) a refusal to undergo a test;
- d) any behaviour likely to prevent or interfere with a planned test;
- e) the act of concealing, charging or eradication the biological environment in which tests are held.

These acts constitute doping whether detected during or out of a competition.

THERAPEUTIC JUSTIFICATION

Article 62

- Any player who consults a doctor and is prescribed treatment or medication for therapeutic reasons shall enquire whether the prescription contains prohibited substances or methods (cf. the list in the FIFA Doping Control Regulations).



- If so, the player shall request alternative treatment or medication.
- If there is no alternative treatment, the player shall obtain a medical certificate explaining the circumstances. This certificate shall be sent to the relevant FIFA body within 48 hours of the medical consultation. If a match takes place during this period, the certificate shall reach the relevant body before the match begins or be produced at the doping test. Once this time limit has passed, no medical certificate will be accepted.
- The treatment will only be considered justifiable if endorsed by the relevant body of the JFF.

These provisions are subject to the FIFA Doping Control Regulations.

SANCTIONS

Article 63

1. Sanctions imposed on a player who is guilty of doping (cf. art. 60) depend on the element of danger and on the quantity detected of the substances in question and whether the infringement has been repeated:
 - a) 1st infringement: suspension of at least six (6) months from all matches at every level and a minimum fine of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000);
 - b) 2nd infringement (two (2) infringements within five (5) years-decisive dates: test): suspension of at least twelve (12) months from all matches at every level and a minimum fine of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000);
2. Repeated infringements may incur a total ban on any football related activity.
3. The foregoing par. 1 and 2 also apply to attempt doping (cf. art. 9).

INTERFERING WITH A DOPING TEST/UNDERMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DOPING TESTS

Article 64

1. Anyone who is not made to undergo a doping test (either because he is not a player or because he is not a player or because he has not been summoned, even though a player) and who interferes with the administration of a test will be sanctioned with a fine of at least \$20,000.
2. If a player fails to appear for a doping test in compliance with the FIFA regulations in force or if he refuses to undergo a test, he will be sanctioned as if he had been tested positive as set out in art. 62 par. 1b).
3. The same applies if the player manipulates a test by using masking agents designed to conceal evidence.



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FACILITATING DOPING

Article 65

An official who urges, suggests, authorizes, permits, tolerates or facilitates in any other way the use of prohibited substances or methods will be suspended from all football related activities for a period of at least two (2) years and fined a minimum of \$20,000.

ORGANISED DOPING

Article 66

1. If doping has been organized in such a way as to involve players and/ or officials from any team, the club will be sanctioned with a fine of at least Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) and, if applicable, the team will immediately be disqualified from the competition in progress; if deemed appropriate, the team may also be excluded from one or more future competitions.
2. This is subject to sanctions imposed on players and officials as a result of the application of other provisions in this section.

TRAFFICKING

Article 67

1. Anyone who is arrested for trafficking or involvement in a banned substance will be suspended from participating in the Competitions as well as representing the Parish and National Teams until he clears his name.
2. Anyone involved in trafficking prohibited substances will be banned from all football related activities for a period of no less than five (5) years and be fined a minimum of \$50,000.

SECTION 8.

DISORDERLINESS AT MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

INCITING HATRED AND VIOLENCE

Article 68

1. A player or official who openly incites others to hatred or violence will be sanctioned with match suspension for no less than twelve (12) months and with a minimum fine of \$50,000.
2. In serious cases, in particular when the infringement is committed using the mass media (such as the press, radio or television) or if it takes place on a match day in or around a stadium, the minimum fine will be \$100,000.
3. Lack of discipline and order inside or outside the grounds before, during, or after a match [invasion or attempted invasion by spectators, missiles throwing, and other incidents].
 - a) PUNISHMENT: To a fine of a minimum Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) and a maximum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)

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- b) **CASE OF REPETITION:** To suspend for twelve months and minimum fine of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).

PROVOKING THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Article 69

Anyone who provokes the general public during a match will be suspended for two (2) matches and sanctioned with a minimum fine of \$10,000.

ABANDONMENT

Article 70

1. If a team refuses to play match or to continue playing one which has began or fails to report for a match or to continue playing one, which it has begun, it will be sanctioned with a minimum fine of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50 000) and will, in principle, forfeit the match (cf. art. 31).
2. In serious cases, the team may also be disqualified from the competition in progress and may be demoted to a lower division.

SECTION 9.

FAILURE TO RESPECT THE DECISIONS OF A BODY

PAYMENT OF SUMS OF MONEY

Article 71

1. Anyone who fails to pay another person (such as a player, a coach or a club) a sum of money in full, even though instructed to do so by a body of the JFF:
 - a) Will be sanctioned with a minimum fine of \$20,000 for failing to comply with the instructions issued by the body that imposed the payment (cf. art. 44 of the FIFA Statutes);
 - b) Will be given a final time limit by the judicial bodies of the JFF/FIFA in which to settle the debt;
 - c) If it is a club, it will be warned and threatened with deduction of points or relegation to the next lower division if it has not paid by the final time limit.
2. If the club disregards the final time limit, the body will request the Parish Association concerned to implement the threat.
3. If points are deducted, they shall be proportionate to the amount owed.

INELIGIBILITY

Article 72

1. If a player takes part in an official match despite being ineligible, his team will be sanctioned by forfeiting the match (cf. art.31) and paying a minimum fine of \$20, 000.
2. If a player takes part in a friendly match despite being ineligible, his team will be sanctioned by forfeiting the match and paying a minimum fine of \$10,000.





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SECTION 10.

PARISH ASSOCIATIONS' RESPONSIBILITIES

ORGANISATION OF MATCHES

Article 73

1. Parish Associations that organize matches shall:
 - a) Assess the degree of risk posed by matches and notify the JFF bodies of those that are especially high-risk;
 - b) Comply with and implement existing safety rules (FIFA regulations, national laws, international agreements) and take every safety precaution demanded by circumstances before, during and after the match and if incidents occur;
 - c) Ensure the safety of players and officials of the visiting team during their stay;
 - d) Keep local authorities informed and collaborate with them actively and effectively;
 - e) Ensure that law and order are maintained in the stadia and immediate surroundings and that matches are organized properly.
2. Parish Associations and their respective Clubs are held responsible for the behaviour of their supporters (especially with regard to throwing missiles and invading the pitch) and auxiliary staff.

OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Article 74

Parish Associations and their affiliated Clubs shall also:

- a) Actively vet the age of players shown on the identity cards they produce at competitions that are subject to age limits;
- b) Ensure that no one is involved in National Football Management who is being prosecuted for action unworthy of such a position (especially doping, corruption, forgery etc.) or who has been prosecuted for such action in the past five (5) years.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

Article 75

1. Any Parish Association or its affiliated Club that fails to comply with the obligations contained in the provisions of this section will be sanctioned with a fine.
2. In the case of a serious infringement as set out in art. 72 par. 1 b) and c), the body may impose other sanctions, such as a stadium ban (cf. art. 26) or ordering a team to play on neutral ground (cf. art. 25)
3. The right is reserved to pronounce certain sanctions for safety reasons, even if no infringement has been committed (cf. art. 8 par. 2).



SECTION 11.

MANIPULATING MATCH RESULTS

Article 76

Anyone who conspires to distort the result of a match in a manner incompatible with sporting ethics will be sanctioned with a match suspension and a minimum fine of \$50,000. The body will also pronounce a ban on performing any football related activity; in serious cases this sanction will apply for life.

SECOND TITLE. ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE

CHAPTER 1. ORGANISATION

SECTION 1.

JURISDICTION OF THE JFF, PARISH ASSOCIATIONS, CONFEDERATIONS AND OTHER ORGAISATIONS

GENERAL RULE

Article 77

1. With regard to matches and competitions not organised by the JFF (cf. art. 2, second sentence), Parish Associations, Confederations and sports entities that organise matches for cultural, geographical and historical or other reasons (cf. art. 39 g) are responsible for enforcing sanctions imposed against infringements committed in their area of jurisdiction.
2. The judicial bodies of the JFF reserve the right to sanction serious infringements of the statutory objectives of the JFF (cf. the final part of art. 2), if Parish Associations, Confederations and other sports organisations fail to prosecute the infringements committed or fail to prosecute in compliance with the fundamental principles of law.
3. Parish Associations, Confederations and other sports organisations shall notify the judicial bodies of the JFF of any serious infringements of the statutory objectives of the JFF (cf. final part of art. 2).

FRIENDLY MATCHES BETWEEN TWO NATIONAL TEAMS

Article 78

1. Any disciplinary action to be taken at friendly matches between two representative teams from different Parish Associations is the responsibility of that Parish Association to which the sanctioned players belongs. However, in serious cases, the Disciplinary Committee may intervene.
2. The Parish Association shall inform the JFF of the sanctions pronounced.
3. The JFF ensures compliance with the sanctions by means of this code.



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SECTION 2 AUTHORITIES

THE REFEREE

Article 79

1. During matches, disciplinary decisions are taken by the referee.
2. These decisions are final.
3. In certain circumstances, the jurisdiction of the judicial bodies may apply (cf. art. 83).

JUDICIAL BODIES

Article 80

The judicial bodies of the JFF are the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee

JFF SPORTS MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Article 81

The JFF Sports Medical Committee, or other bodies under its supervision, carries out the doping tests, analyses of samples and examination of medical certificates (cf. art. 61).

SECTION 3.

THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

GENERAL JURISDICTION

Article 82

The Disciplinary Committee is authorized to sanction any breach of the JFF regulations, which does not come under the jurisdiction of another body (JFF Bye-Laws and Articles of Association)

SPECIFIC JURISDICTION

Article 83

The Disciplinary Committee is responsible for:

- a) sanctioning serious infringements which have escaped the match officials' attention;
- b) rectifying obvious errors in the referee's disciplinary decisions;
- c) extending the duration of a match suspension incurred automatically by an expulsion (cf. art. 18, par. 4 and art. 19, par. 4);
- d) pronouncing additional sanctions to those imposed by the referee, such as a fine.



JURISDICTION OF THE CHAIRMAN RULING ALONE

Article 84

1. The chairman of the Disciplinary Committee may take the following decisions alone:
 - a) suspend a person for one (1) or two (2) matches/for a period of up to two (2) months;
 - b) impose a fine of up to \$20,000;
 - c) rule on a request to extend a sanction (cf. art. 141);
 - d) settle disputes arising from objections to members of the Disciplinary Committee;
 - e) pronounce, alter and annul provisional measures (cf. art. 134)
2. Whenever the Disciplinary Committee meets on such occasions as a final competition, the chairman may decide to take the decisions mentioned under par. 1 for the committee.

SECTION 4.

THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

JURISDICTION

Article 85

The Appeal Committee is responsible for deciding appeals against any of the Disciplinary Committee's decisions that the FIFA regulations do not declare as final or referable to another body.

JURISDICTION OF THE CHAIRMAN RULING ALONE

Article 86

1. The chairman of the Appeal Committee may take the following decisions alone:
 - a) decide on an appeal against a decision to extend a sanction (cf. art. 146);
 - b) resolve disputes arising from objections to members of the Appeal Committee;
2. rule on appeals against provisional decisions passed by the chairman of the Disciplinary Committee

SECTION 5.

COMMON RULES FOR THE JUDICIAL BODIES

COMPOSITION

Article 87

1. The Executive Committee on the recommendation of the President appoints the members of the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee for a period of four (4) years. It designates the number of members deemed necessary for the committee to function properly.



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2. The President appoints the chairman of each committee from among the members for the same period of four (4) years.
3. Each committee convokes a plenary to designate a deputy chairman from among the members present by a simple majority for the same period of four (4) years. The candidates are not entitled to vote.
4. At least one member of the chairmanship of each committee (chairman or deputy chairman) shall be domiciled in the parish in which JFF headquarters are located.
5. A member of each committee shall be a lawyer.
6. The JFF statutes appoint the ex-officio members of the committees.

MEETINGS

Article 88

1. The committee meetings are deemed to be valid if a quorum of 50% plus one (1) of the members is present.
2. At the behest of the chairman, the secretariat shall call the number of members deemed necessary to each meeting. The chairman shall, as far as possible, ensure that the Confederations are regularly represented among the members called to the meeting.
3. The number of members deemed necessary from each committee are called to the meetings and held during the World Cup final competition and other JFF/ FIFA competitions.

CHAIRMAN

Article 89

1. The chairman conducts the meetings and delivers the decisions, which this code empowers him to take.
2. If the chairman is prevented from attending, the deputy chairman replaces him. If the deputy chairman is prevented from attending, the member holding the most senior position will replace him.

SECRETARIAT

Article 90

1. The General Secretariat of the JFF provides the judicial bodies with a secretariat and the necessary staff at JFF headquarters.
2. It designates the secretary.
3. The secretary takes charge of the administrative work and writes the minutes and decisions of the meetings.
4. He takes care of the filing. The decision passed and the relevant files shall be kept for at least ten (10) years.



5. He takes charge of publishing the decisions passed by the judicial bodies of the JFF in a suitable manner, such as on the internet. In exceptional circumstances, he may choose not to publish certain decisions.

INDEPENDENCE

Article 91

1. The judicial bodies of the JFF pass their decisions entirely independently; in particular, they shall not receive instructions from any other body.
2. A member of another FIFA body may not stay in the meeting room during the judicial bodies' deliberation unless they have explicitly summoned him to attend.

INCOMPATIBILITY OF OFFICE

Article 92

The members of the judicial may not belong either to the Executive Committee or a standing committee of the JFF.

OBJECTION

Article 93

1. Members of the judicial bodies of the JFF shall decline to take responsibility if there are serious grounds for questioning their impartiality.
2. This applies in the following cases:
 - a) if the member in question is directly involved in the outcome of the matter;
 - b) if he is associated with any of the parties;
 - c) if he has same Confederation/Parish Association as the party implicated (Parish Association, club, official, player etc.);
 - d) if he has already dealt with the case under different circumstances.
3. Members against whom an objection might be raised shall notify the chairman immediately. Each party may also raise an objection to a member.
4. In the case of a dispute, the chairman decides.
5. Proceeding that have involved someone to whom an objection has been raised will be considered null and void.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Article 94

1. The members of the judicial bodies shall ensure that everything disclosed to them during the course of their duty remains confidential (facts of the case, contents of the deliberations and decision taken).
2. Only the contents of those decisions already notified to the addresses may be made public.



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EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY

Article 95

Except in the case of serious misdemeanour, neither the members of the judicial bodies of the JFF nor the Secretariat may be liable for any deeds or omissions relating to any disciplinary procedure

CHAPTER II. PROCEDURE

SECTION 1. GENERAL RULES

SUBSECTION 1. TIME LIMITS

CALCULATION

Article 96

1. Time limits to which Parish Association shall adhere commence the day after they have received the relevant legal document.
2. Time limits to which other persons shall adhere commence two (2) days after receipt of the document by the Parish Association responsible for forwarding it.
3. If the last day of the time limit coincides with a public holiday in the place of domicile person required to comply with the document by certain deadline, the time limit will expire on the next day that is not a public holiday.

COMPLIANCE

Article 97

1. The time limit has been met only if the action required has been carried out before expiry of the time limit.
2. The document is sent to the relevant authority or to its address at the registered mailing address no later than midnight on the last day of the time limit.
3. If the document is sent by telefax, the time limit has been met if the document reaches the authority on the last day of the time limit and the original document reaches it within another five (5) days.
4. Parties are not permitted to observe time limit by sending electronic mail.
5. In the case of appeals, the deposit demanded (cf. art. 128) is considered to have been paid in the time limit if the payment has irreversibly been made by JFF's/FIFA's account by midnight on the last day of the time limit.

INTERRUPTION

Article 98

1. Time limits are interrupted:
during the period starting two (2) days before JFF congress up to two (2) days after
2. In certain circumstances, the special procedures may apply.



EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS

Article 99

1. The chairman may extend the time limits he has set, upon request. The time limits fixed in this code may not, however, be extended.
2. A time limit may not be extended more than twice and, the second time, only in exceptional circumstances.
3. If the chairman refuses to extend the time limit, the applicant will be granted two (2) extra days. In emergencies, the chairman may announce his negative decision to the applicant orally.

SUBSECTION 2. RIGHT TO BE HEARD

CONTENTS

Article 100

1. The parties shall be heard before any decision is passed.
2. They may in particular:
 - a) refer to the file;
 - b) present their argument in fact and in law;
 - c) request production of proof;
 - d) be involved in the production of proof;
 - e) obtain a reasoned decision.

RESTRICTIONS

Article 101

1. The right to be heard may be restricted in exceptional circumstances, such as when the confidential matters need to be safeguarded or the proceedings to be conducted properly.
2. In certain circumstances, the special procedures may apply.

SUBSECTION 3. PROOF

VARIOUS TYPES OF PROOF

Article 102

1. Any type of proof may be produced.
2. The only proof that may be rejected is that which violates human dignity or obviously does not serve to establish relevant facts.
3. The following, are in particular, admissible:
4. Reports from referees, assistant referees, match commissioners and referee inspectors, declaration from the parties and witnesses, the production of documents, expert opinions and audio and video recordings.



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ABSOLUTE DISCRETION REGARDING PROOF

Article 103

1. The bodies will have absolute discretion regarding proof.
2. They may in particular, take account of the parties' attitude during proceedings, especially the manner in which they cooperate with the judicial bodies and the secretariat (cf. art. 116).
3. They decide the basis of their personal convictions.

MATCH OFFICIALS' REPORT

Article 104

1. Facts contained in match officials' report are presumed to be accurate.
2. Proof of the inaccuracy of the contents may be provided.
3. If there is any discrepancy in the reports from the various match official and there are no means of resolving the different versions of the facts, the referee's report is considered authoritative regarding incidents that occurred on the field of play; the match commissioner's report is considered authoritative regarding incidents that took place outside the field of play.

BURDEN OF PROOF

Article 105

1. The burden of proof regarding disciplinary infringements rests on the JFF.
2. In the doping procedure, it is the responsibility of the person who has been tested positive to prove his innocence.

SUBSECTION 4. REPRESENTATION AND ASSISTANCE

Article 106 [only]

1. The parties may arrange to be assisted by a third party.
2. They may be represented even if they are not required to appear personally
3. The parties are free to choose their own assistance and representation.

SUBSECTION 5. LANGUAGE USED IN PROCEEDINGS.

Article 107 [only]

1. The language used in the proceedings is English.
2. JFF may, if necessary use the services of an interpreter

SUBSECTION 6. NOTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION

Article 108 Addresses

1. All of the parties are notified of the decisions.
2. Copies of other documents emanating from the Disciplinary Committee, the Appeals Committee, their chairman or the secretariat will be sent to every party.



3. Decision and other documents intended for players, clubs and officials are addressed to the Parish Association concerned on condition that it forwards the documents to the parties concerned. These documents are considered to have been notified/communicated properly to the ultimate addressee two (2) days after notification/ communication of the document to the Parish Association (cf. art. 96).

FORM: GENERAL RULE

Article 109

1. Decisions are notified by telefax and letter.
2. Other documents are communicated only by telefax.
3. Electronic mail is permitted.
4. In certain circumstances, the special provisions set out in art. 110 may apply.

FORM: SPECIAL CASES

Article 110

1. If a party is present when a decision is taken, the terms of the decision shall be communicated to him orally. The reasoned decision shall be sent to him within 15 days.

SUBSECTION 7. VARIOUS RULES

OBVIOUS ERRORS

Article 111

A body may rectify any mistakes in calculation or any other obvious errors at any time.

COSTS AND EXPENSES

Article 112

1. Costs and expenses shall be paid by the unsuccessful party.
2. If there is no unsuccessful party, they will be borne by the JFF.
3. If considered fair to do so, they may be split among several persons.
4. The body that rules on the substance of the matter decides how costs and expenses will be allocated. The amounts are stipulated by the chairman, against which no appeal may be made.
5. The chairman may exceptionally decide to curtail or dispense with costs and expenses.

IMPOSITION OF DECISIONS

Article 113

1. Decisions will be imposed immediately if they are not liable to appeal or if this code provides for such action.
2. Otherwise they are implemented upon expiry of the time limit for appeal.



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SECTION 2. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

SUBSECTION 1

COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS AND INVESTIGATION

COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

Article 114

1. Disciplinary infringements are automatically prosecuted.
2. Any person or authority may report conduct that he or it considers incompatible with the regulations of the JFF to the judicial bodies. Complaints may not be made orally.
3. Match officials are obliged to expose infringements, which have come to their notice.

INVESTIGATION

Article 115

The Secretariat carries out the necessary preliminary investigation ex officio under the chairman's guidance.

COLLABORATION AMONG THE PARTIES

Article 116

1. The parties are obliged to collaborate to establish the facts. In particular, they shall comply with requests for information from the judicial bodies.
2. Whenever deemed necessary, the secretariat verifies the parties' versions of the facts.
3. If the parties are dilatory in responding, the chairman of the judicial body may impose a fine of up to \$10,000, after first warning them.
4. If the parties fail to collaborate and there is no other means of obtaining the information requested, the judicial bodies will decide the case, using the file in their possession.

SUBSECTION 2.

ORAL STATEMENTS, DELIBERATIONS, DECISION

ORAL STATEMENTS, PRINCIPLES

Article 117

1. As a general rule, there are no oral statements and the Disciplinary Committee decides on the basis of the file.
2. At the request of one of the parties, the body may arrange for oral statements to be heard, to which all the parties shall be summoned.
3. Oral statements are always heard behind closed doors.



ORAL STATEMENTS, PROCEDURE

Article 118

1. The chairman decides on the sequence of the oral statements.
2. Once the preliminary proceedings have ended, the chairman allows the person against whom proceedings are being conducted a final opportunity to speak.
3. The oral statements terminate with the parties' closing statement.

DELIBERATION

Article 119

1. The Disciplinary Committee deliberates behind closed doors. If any oral statements have been heard, they will immediately be followed by deliberations.
2. They are conducted without interruption, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
3. The chairman decides in which order the various questions will be submitted for deliberation.
4. The members present express their opinion in the order set out by the chairman, who always speaks last.
5. The Committee's Secretary has consultative powers.

PASSING THE DECISION

ARTICLE 120

1. Decisions are passed by a simple majority of the members present.
2. Every member present shall vote.
3. If the votes are equal, the chairman has the casting vote.

FORM AND OF THE DECISION

Article 121

1. The decision contains:
 - a) the composition of the committee;
 - b) the designation of the parties;
 - c) the summary of the facts;
 - d) the legal reason for the decision;
 - e) the provisions on which the decision was made;
 - f) terms of the decision;
 - g) notice of the channels for appeal if applicable.
2. The decisions are signed by the Committee Secretary.



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SUBSECTION 3. PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Article 122 [only]

The rules governing the Disciplinary Committee similarly apply whenever the chairman decides alone.

SECTION 3 APPEAL COMMITTEE

CONTESTABLE DECISIONS

Article 123

An appeal may be lodged to the JFF Appeals Committee against any decision passed by the Disciplinary and Competitions Committees, unless the sanction pronounced is:

- a) a warning;
- b) a reprimand;
- c) a suspension for less than six (6) matches or of up to 4 months;
- d) a fine of less than \$50,000 imposed on a Confederation/Parish Association, in Super/Parish Major Leagues or Premier League Competitions or of less than \$20,000 in other Competitions or cases.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPEAL

Article 124

1. Anyone who is affected by a decision and has interest justifying amendment or cancellation of the decision may submit it to the Appeal Committee.
2. Parish Association/clubs may appeal against decisions sanctioning their players, officials or members. They shall have the written agreement of the person concerned.

TIME LIMIT FOR APPEAL

Article 125

1. The party intending to appeal shall announce his intention within twenty-four hours of communication of the decision.
2. Reason for the appeal shall be given in writing within a further time limit of twenty-four hours, commencing on the expiry of the first time limit of twenty-four hours.
3. The announcement of the appeal shall, however, be forwarded to the JFF via the Parish Association.
4. The Parish Association receiving the petition of appeal shall forward it immediately to the JFF. The decisive moment for complying with the time limit for lodging this petition is the moment it reaches the JFF.



GROUNDS FOR COMPLAINT

Article 126

1. The appellant may object to insufficient representation of the facts and wrong application of the law.
2. If the contested decision concerns failure to comply with a decision passed by a body of the JFF ordering someone to pay a certain sum of money to another person (cf. art 70), the appellant may not question the initial financial decision.

PETITION OF APPEAL

Article 127

1. The appellant shall submit his petition of appeal in triplicate.
2. The petition shall include necessary conclusions, reason and means of proof and be signed by the appellant or his representative, subject to art. 124 par. 2.

DEPOSIT

Article 128

1. Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal shall transfer the amount of \$50,000 to JFF's bank account before expiry of time limit of forty-eight (48) hours to formalise the appeal or by certified bank draft to the Federation's Accounts Department. A copy of the receipt is to be lodged with the General Secretary or his designate.
2. The appeal is inadmissible without this deposit.
3. This amount will be reimbursed to the appellant if he wins the case. Costs and charges are payable by an appellant who loses the case are deducted from this amount. Any remaining amount is reimbursed to him. If the deposit is insufficient, the appellant will be ordered to pay the difference.\
4. If the appeal is considered to be frivolous or vexatious, costs and expenses shall be paid in addition to the deposit.

EFFECTS OF THE APPEAL

Article 129

1. The Appeal Committee has full power in fact and in law to rule on the appeal.
2. The appeal does not have a suspensive effect except with regard to orders to pay a sum of money.

SEQUENCE IN PROCEEDINGS LEADING UP TO THE DECISION

Article 130

1. Art. 115 to 121 par. 1 apply to the procedure to be followed.
2. The decisions are signed by the chairman.



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3. Decisions may not be amended to the detriment of the party contesting them.

CONCLUSION OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Article 131

1. The Appeal Committee rules, in principle, as a body in the last instance.
2. The right is reserved for an appeal to be made to the Board of Directors of the JFF as set out in art.133.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

Article 132

The rules governing the Appeal Committee similarly apply whenever the chairman of the committee decides alone.

SECTION 4. ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL FOR LOCAL FOOTBALL

Article 133 [only]

A Parish Association through its representative on the Board of Director of the JFF can request that the decision passed by the legal bodies of the JFF be taken before the Board of Directors for consideration of leniency.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL PROCEDURES

SUBSECTION 1. PROVISIONAL MEASURES

Article 134

1. If an infringement appears to have been committed and a decision on the main issue cannot be taken early enough, the chairman of the judicial body, may, in emergencies, provisionally pronounce, alter or revoke a sanction.

In similar circumstances, he may take other provisional measures at his discretion, especially to ensure compliance with a mandatory sanction,
3. He will take action upon request or ex officio.

PROCEDURE

Article 135

1. The chairman shall make his decision based on the evidence available at the time.
2. He is not obliged to hear the parties.

DECISION

Article 136

1. The chairman delivers his decision immediately.
2. That decision shall be implemented immediately.



DURATION OF PROVISIONAL MEASURES

Article 137

1. Provisional measures may not be valid for longer than 30 days.
2. This period may be extended only once by ten (10) days.
3. If a sanction has been pronounced provisionally, the duration shall be offset against any final sanction.

APPEAL

Article 138

1. An appeal against a decision regarding provisional measures may be taken before the chairman of the Appeal Committee.
2. The time limit for lodging the appeal is two (2) days commencing from the communication of the decision.
3. The petition of appeal shall be sent direct to JFF by telefax within the same time limit.
4. The appeal does not have a suspensive effect.

DECISION

Article 139

The appeal will be admitted if the facts stated in the contested decision are obviously inaccurate or if the law has been violated.

SUBSECTION 2. EMERGENCIES

Article 140

1. If circumstances so require, the secretariat may arrange the deliberation and decision taking to be conducted via telephone conference, videoconference or any other similar method.
2. Art. 117 par. 2 is, in this case, no longer applicable.
3. The secretary takes minutes as if it were a chaired meeting.

SUBSECTION 3. EXTENDING SANCTIONS TO HAVE NATIONAL and/or WORLDWIDE EFFECT

REQUEST

Article 141

1. If the infringement is serious, in particular doping (cf. section 7 of the special part), corruption (cf. art. 59), manipulation of match results (cf. art. 75), physical assault of a match official (cf. art. 58) or violation of the rules governing age limits (cf. art. 73 a), the Parish Association, Confederations, and other organising sports organisations shall request the JFF to extend the sanctions they have imposed so as to have worldwide effect.



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2. The request shall be submitted in writing and enclose a certified copy matching the decision. It shall show the address of the person who has been sanctioned and that of the club and the Parish Association concerned.
3. If the judicial bodies of the JFF discover that Parish Associations, Confederations and other sports organisations have not requested a decision to be extended to have worldwide effect, even though it should have been, these bodies may themselves pass a decision.

CONDITIONS

Article 142

The sanction will be extended if:

- a) the person sanctioned has been cited properly;
- b) he has had the opportunity to state his case;
- c) the decision has been notified properly;
- d) the decision complies with the regulations of the JFF/FIFA;
- e) extending the sanction does not conflict with public order and accepted standard of behaviour.

PROCEDURE

Article 143

1. The chairman makes his decision, in principle, without oral statements, using only the file.
2. He may exceptionally decide to summon the parties concerned.

DECISION TO EXTEND THE SANCTION

Article 144

1. The chairman is restricted to ascertaining that the conditions of art. 142 have been fulfilled. He may not review the substance of the decision.
2. He either grants or refuses to grant the request to have the sanction extended.

EFFECT

Article 145

The sanction passed by the Parish Association or Confederation requesting it to be extended has the same effect in each affiliated member or Parish Association of the JFF, as if the sanction had been passed by any one of them.

APPEAL

Article 146

1. Both the body requesting extension of the sanction and the person affected by it may appeal against it.
2. A reasoned appeal shall be lodged with four (4) days of receipt of notification of the decision.



3. Any grounds for complaint may only refer to the terms set out in art. 141 and 142. It is inadmissible to question the substance of the initial decision.

SUBSECTION 4. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN COMBATING DOPING TESTS

Article 147

1. The test procedure is governed by the FIFA Doping Control Regulations.
2. Tests may be conducted in conjunction with other sports federations or recognized group.
3. Parish Associations shall ensure that tests and sanctions conform to the relevant FIFA regulations (Doping Control Regulation and Disciplinary Code).

PLAYERS' OBLIGATION

Article 148

1. Every player taking part in a competition or other event organised by JFF, or in training leading up to such a competition or event, shall agree to undergo any tests conducted by the relevant bodies of the JFF.
2. He agrees to samples being taken so as to detect the presence of any prohibited substances or to establish the use of prohibited methods.

GOVERNMENT SANCTIONS AGAINST DOPING

Article 149

If a government authority sanctions a player for a doping offence, the judicial bodies of the JFF will examine whether disciplinary sanctions should be imposed.

DOPING SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

Article 150

1. Sanction for doping offences imposed by any other international sports federation are automatically recognised by JFF.
2. As soon as they come into force in accordance with the regulations of the international sports federation concerned, these sanctions have the same effect as those imposed by JFF/FIFA.
3. The person sanctioned may object to the chairman of the Disciplinary Committee on the basis that the initial decision for the sanction did not comply with the conditions set out in art. 142, and request JFF/FIFA not to recognise it.



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SCOPE OF THE CODE, OMISSIONS, CUSTOMS, DOCTRINE AND JURISPRUDENCE

Article 151

1. This code governs every subject to which the text or the meaning of its provisions refers.
2. If there are any omissions in this code, the judicial bodies of the JFF will decide in accordance with the Federations customs or, in the absence of custom, in accordance with rules they would lay down if they were acting as legislators.
3. During their entire operations, the judicial bodies of the JFF draw on settlements already established by sports doctrine and jurisprudence.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 152

1. If, at the time when this code comes into force, a time limit for an appeal has not expired, the time stipulated in this code will apply: It will begin to run from the date when the code come into force.
2. This rule will similarly apply to the time limit within which the appellant is required to pay the deposit demanded under art. 128
3. The members and chairman serving on the judicial bodies when this code comes into force remain in office until the next nominations and designations.

Article 153

In the event of any discrepancy in the text, the FIFA version is Authoritative.

ADOPTION and APPLICATION

Article 154

This code came into force July 31, 2002

Approved:...Raymond Anderson..... **Date:** September 12, 2018

Vice President in charge of Competitions

Signed:.....Michael Ricketts..... **Date:** September 12, 2018

President, Jamaica football federation



FAIR PLAY CRITERIA

Cards for the Season

Exemplary Disciplinary record for the Season nominated

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

- Under 21 years of age
- Minimum 50% of Premier League Games of Current Season
- Discipline – Cards, Cases, etc
- National Caps (optional)
- Results in Games Played (optional)
- Goals Scored (optional)
- Shut outs (Goal Keeper)

NPL SEASON MVP CRITERIA

Each Premier League Club *Head Coach* shall nominate:

- three (3) players each from across the League that are not members of his own Club
- Only players attached to the top six (6) teams are eligible for this award.
- Ranked in order of preference (1.Best,2.Second Best,3.Third Best)
- Player #1.=3 points, Player#2 =2 points, Player 3 =1 point

The Player with the highest number of votes accumulated from all 12 clubs' nominations, will be voted the "Most Valuable Player" of the Season

COACH OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

Coach of the Year

- The JFFCC decided that the criteria should be listed in the following order of importance:
- Minimum 66% of Season as Coach of Team
- Season Results Statistics: Trophies won, number of games won etc
- Earn respect from his players and positive team motivator
- Disciplinary Matters for the Season
- Respectful relationship with match officials
- Exhibit good sportsmanship (on and off the field of play)
- Good relationships with other coaches by being cooperative, considerate, and positive with game related media statements.



PFAJ SECTIONAL AWARDS CRITERIA

TONY BURROWES PLAYER PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

Is a role model in his community and has participated in at least one community social initiative for the young or elderly during the current season

- Is a role model in his community
- Is a role model for his team
- Player's disciplinary status for the corresponding Season
- Has played 2/3 (66%) of the total number of his team's games for the competition

Media Selection along with player's season statistics (Cards and Disciplinary related matters) in office

A Player can only win this award once. Previous winners are ineligible

TOP GOAL SCORER OF THE YEAR

Player/s with most goals scored for the competition (Rounds 1 - 4/Play-Offs)

GOAL KEEPER OF THE YEAR

- Total Number of Games Played for Season
- Clean Sheets/Shut-outs
- Goals Conceded
- Disciplinary Record for Season

REFEREES FOR THE SEASON


Top Referee and Top Assistant Referee selected by Jamaica Football Federation Referees' Committee (JFFRC)

MATCH COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR

- Top Match Commissioner selected by the JFF Competitions Committee


CLUBS' TEAM KIT COLOURS




 Arnett Gardens FC			
	Home	Alt. 1	Alt. 2
Jerseys:	Red & Black	White	Grey
Shorts:	Black	White	Grey
Socks:	Black	White	Grey

 Mount Pleasant FA			
	Home	Alt. 1	Alt. 2
Jers.:	Royal Blue	Red & Black	White
Shor.:	Royal Blue	Black	White
Soc.:	Royal Blue	Black	White

 Cavalier FC			
	Home	Alt. 1	Alt. 2
Jerseys:	White	Black	White
Shorts:	Black	Black	White
Socks:	White	Black	White

 Montego Bay United FC		
	Home	Alternate
Jerseys:	Green	Pink
Shorts:	Blue w/White	Green
Socks:	Blue	Green

 Dunbeholden FC			
	Home	Alt. 1	Alt. 2
Jers.:	Blue, Red & White	Orange	Red w/ White Trim
Shor.:	Blue & White	Black	Red

 Portmore United FC		
	Home	Alternate
Jerseys:	White	Royal Blue
Shorts:	White	Royal Blue
Socks:	White	Red

 FC Reno		
	Home	Alternate
Jerseys:	Blue	White
Shorts:	Blue	White
Socks:	Blue	White

 Tivoli Gardens FC			
	Home	Alt. 1	Alt. 2
Jerseys:	Orange	Green	White
Shorts:	Black	Black	Orange
Socks:	Orange	Black	Black

 Harbour View FC		
	Home	Alternate
Jers.:	Yellow/Blue	Royal Blue/Yellow
Shor.:	Yellow	Royal Blue
Soc.:	Yellow	Royal Blue

 UWI FC		
	Home	Alternate
Jerseys:	Red	White
Shorts:	Red	White
Socks:	Red	White

 Humble Lion FC		
	Home	Alternate
Jerseys:	Yellow	White
Shorts:	Black	White
Socks:	Tangerine	White

 Waterhouse FC			
	Home	Alt. 1	Alt. 2
Jers.:	Canary Yellow	Sky Blue	White
Shor.:	Canary Yellow	Sky Blue	White
Soc.:	Canary Yellow	Sky Blue	White



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