

## 10 Abandonment of Matches

10.1 If the Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal time or during any injury time because of any Force Majeure/unforeseen causes event or any other field/playing condition related incidents such as, but not limited to, the field not being fit for play, weather conditions or for any other reason, the following procedures must be followed:

10.2 The Match is automatically suspended for the duration of thirty (30) minutes to allow conditions to improve sufficiently to restart the Match, unless the Referee decides that the Match can be resumed earlier. Any on field decision of the Referee shall be final and non-appealable;

10.3 subsequent to the first stoppage, either:

i) at the discretion of the Referee, another extension of a maximum of thirty (30) minutes may be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of suspension will allow the Match to be resumed; or

ii) the Match is declared abandoned by the Referee;

10.4 Following the second stoppage of thirty (30) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match as abandoned.

10.5 In the case of an abandoned Match, the DSA Football Sub Committee shall decide in its very next football Sub Committee meeting of the Referees Report to abandon the Match whether to order only the part of the Match, which has not been completed to be played, provided this can be done on the next day of the day the Match was abandoned or whether a replay of the entire Match shall be organized and whether the Match result at the time of abandonment would be considered to be valid, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account.

10.6 For any Match which is abandoned as a result of Force Majeure/unforeseen causes, the DSA Football Sub Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.



10.7 Any Match which is abandoned, except in cases of Force Majeure/unforeseen causes as recognised by the DSA Football Sub Committee, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the DSA Football Sub Committee against the relevant Participating Club or party that has caused the abandonment in accordance with the DSA Football Sub Committee Disciplinary Code.

10.8 Should the DSA Football Sub Committee, pursuant to Point 10.5, determine that an abandoned Match should be rescheduled and completed, the following principles shall apply:

- a) the Match shall recommence with the same score at the minute and seconds at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full;
- b) the Match shall recommence with the same Participating Players on the Field of Play and same substitutes at the time it was initially abandoned;
- c) Maximum 2 (Two) additional substitutes may be added to the Player Selection List or Match starting list;
- d) any Participating Player sent off during the abandoned Match cannot be replaced;
- e) The kick-off time, date and location shall be decided by the DSA Football Sub Committee with the concerned authorities;
- f) any sanction imposed before the Match was abandoned shall remain valid for the remainder of the recommenced Match; and
- g) Any other matters not set out above shall be decided by the DSA Football Sub Committee in its sole discretion.

10.9 If a Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal playing time as a result of a participating Club being able to only field fewer than seven (7) Participating Players, the Match shall be declared abandoned and the Participating Club which is able to field more than seven (7) Participating Players shall be declared the winner by the score of 3-0, or by the score at the time of abandonment, whichever is higher.



10.10/No appeal shall be lodged against decisions stated in hereinabove in this Point 10 of these instant Regulations.

10.11 If the DSA Football Sub Committee deems, for whatever reason, that a playground is unable to stage a Match or Matches, the relevant Participating Club shall propose an alternate ground. Should the Participating Club not propose an acceptable alternate ground by a deadline set by the DSA Football Sub Committee, the DSA Football Sub Committee may select a Neutral Venue to stage a Match or

a) The Participating Club concerned is responsible for all Match arrangements for the staging of the Match or Matches, including all costs as set out in these Regulations. This includes Matches played at a neutral venue.

b) Should the Participating Club not propose an acceptable alternate Ground within any deadline set by the DSA Football Sub Committee and/or refuse to partake in Matches at the proposed Neutral Venue selected by the DSA Football Sub Committee, it shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition and be subject to these instant Regulations.

c) The DSA Football Sub Committee makes all final decisions pursuant to these instant Regulations.

### **11/ Team Bench and Technical Area :-**

**11.1** A maximum of six (6) participating Club's Officials and a maximum of ten (10) substitute Participating Players are permitted to sit on the team bench during a Match, provided they are in possession of the Accreditation Card at all times.

All participating teams must ensure that every player, coach, and manager provides a complete signature in the designated area. Only individuals with a valid signature are permitted to sit on the reserve bench.

**11.2** A suspended Participating Player/Official shall not be allowed in the substitution bench area, the technical area, or in any other place inside the field/perimeter fence and the dressing room or the adjoining area of the dressing rooms or any other Competition area/Controlled Access Area. Such suspended Participating Player/Official shall not be allowed to travel with the Official Team Delegation on the Match day.

12. **POSTPONMENT** : Generally no Postponement shall be entertained.

### **13. SUPERVISION:-**

a). All League games shall be supervised by the Referee & Asst. Referee deputed by the "North 24 Parganas District Referees' Association". However, no League games



shall be abandoned due to the absence of one or both the Asst. Referees. Clubs must play the game with Asst. Referees provided by them (the contesting clubs) which shall be supervised by a Referee deputed by North 24 Parganas District Referees' Association. In case of absence of Referee the teams may play the game under the supervision of mutually agreed referee on written consent of both teams. Any dispute arising out of the procedure (Supervision by mutually agreed Referee) shall not be entertained later.

b) All Knock-out games must be supervised by the Referee and Asst. Referees deputed by the North 24 Parganas District Referees' Association.

#### **14. PLAYERS EQUIPMENT & FOOTBALL:**

A)/The Equipment of the players must conform to the Laws of Football as amended from time to time in all Divisions.

B)/Clubs should take particular attention to the uniforms of players and their shorts. Each team must have their own uniforms. Teams must maintain the uniformity in colors and the uniforms must be numbered. In case it is found that color of jersey of both the contesting teams are same, the Home Team (the first named team) must keep one set of white jersey at their disposal to meet such exigencies. In case of game being played on neutral ground and the colour of both Teams found similar, the First named team should be treated as Home Team. In case a game falls through, for reasons above, the Sub-Committee shall have the right to take action as they deem fit and proper.

C)/Both the participating teams must possess Two Nos (2) Standard Football preferably Cosco Milano in playable condition for "Super", "A" & "B" Division. In addition to those Footballs the Home Team must provide 2 (Two) additional Standard Football as mentioned above in playable condition at the time of play to take care of any emergency. Failure to provide the additional Football by the Home Team will be considered as breach of the DSA Football League Policy.

D)/The Home team must have to bring a white set jersey pant and socks in the ground.

#### **15. PROTEST, IDENTITY CARDS, RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS ETC.**

The players who will participate in the DSA Football League game in all Divisions must submit the identity Card/s with photo to the Association for Registration and identity Cards shall have to be renewed as provided in the Bye laws of the Association and in accordance with the procedure followed by the Association from time to time. Only



**FORTY (40)** players can be registered to participate in this prestigious football league Championship. The players who shall not possess the identity Cards duly renewed, issued by the Association shall not be admitted.

Such identity cards shall be carried by the Teams and shall be produced on demand by the opponent Team through the Referee in case any protest is made. Any protest regarding Identity Card or illegal participation shall have to be made before the commencement or during the interval of the game. The Referee concerned shall obtain signature of the players concerned if a protest is made of unauthorized and illegal participation, the Referee will not obtain the signature of the player if the player concerned fails to show identity card at the ground. The Referee may be required to make the players of both the contesting teams' line up for proper identification.

When substitutes are fielded after interval or a Team playing with short players field such player/s after interval, the identity of such player/s may be challenged at the first appearance or opportunity. If such substitution or fielding of player is made before interval, the general policy will be followed. In such cases, the outgoing player may be challenged by the concerned club, if not challenged earlier.

Defaced or mutilated photo shall not be accepted for identification. Such photo must be replaced by the club immediately. In case of any players identity Card being lost by the club concerned must intimate the same to the Association immediately and submit fresh photo to obtain a duplicate copy. The club to which player is granted online registration and transfer shall be responsible for the identity card of player. Online Registration of players will be strictly prohibited during Knock-out Football Games. No registration of players shall be entertained after the completion of the League Phase.

The plea that the identity Card of a particular player is lying with the DSA Office at the time of protest against the participation of the player concerned shall not be entertained for collection of the identity Card from the DSA Office. The collection of I. card is the sole responsibility of the concerned club.

Formal protest can be lodged with the Association in accordance with the Rules/Bye Laws of the DSA. The protest letter should clearly specify the points on which the protest is lodged. In case protest is lodged on illegal participation of players, the protest letter should be mention particular points against the particular player the protest shall be made, otherwise the protest letter should not be entertained. After the protest is lodged further explanation, clarification, elucidation of points and/or submission of any information regarding the protest shall not be entertained. The



decisions will be arrived at on the basis of points and information with authenticated documents mentioned in the protest letter and on further deliberations, presence or absence as the case may be in the First Sub-Committee Meeting.

It is being observed for last few years that some clubs are indulging in indiscriminate protest and appeals during the League games for the sole purpose of delaying the completion of this League and to serve their own interest. In such cases the football Sub-Committee shall take "Suomotu" action against such clubs which may even lead to the suspension of the concerned club.

#### 16. PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTE:

List for 11(Eleven) players who start the match for the team and the names of not more than **10(TEN)** substitutes with respective identity card numbers and jersey number shall be submitted to the Referee on the ground before the start of the match. Not more than 5(Five) substitutes shall be allowed to play for a Team.

Any Participating Club shall generally be allowed to substitute five (5) players during a Match in a maximum of 3 (three) opportunities (substitutions made at Half Time is not counted as an used opportunity).

Substitute players must declare his/their names to the Referee before joining the game for verification. The substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player/s he/they is/are replacing has/have left the field and then only after having received signal from the Referee.

In case of absolute necessity a Team with the information 'to the Referee may start the match with shortage of a few regular players, while keeping reserve a number of substitutes. If the expected regular players do not arrive within reasonable time, the Team may pick up a few players as required from the substitutes as regular players. But no new names can be added or included in the list of the substitutes already submitted.

Referee is also instructed to obtain signature of both captains on both the players list before the start of the game. Any changes, corrections or overwriting in the players list must be authenticated by the Referee and Captains of both the participating Teams before the kick-off. This comes under the purview of responsibility of both the participating Teams and not the referee.

The games will be played on the latest Laws of Football as revised up to date.

#### 17. FIXATION OF GAMES:

