

AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ - Decisions of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee

Case	Matches	Defendant (unless stated otherwise)	Matters	Basic Facts	Decision	Decision Date	Decision Nos.
A01	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Qatar vs. Lebanon on 12 January 2024	Qatar Football Association	Official Countdown Article 2, AFC Competition Operations Manual	The Defendant caused a delay to the commencement of the first half of the match. (This is the second violation of the Defendant in the recidivism period).	1. Qatar Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD3,125/- for violating Article 2.2 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Qatar Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	18 January 2024	AC20240118DC01
A02	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Uzbekistan vs. Syria on 13 January 2024	Uzbekistan Football Association	Rights Protection and Ambush Marketing Article 64, AFC Competition Operations Manual Liability for spectator conduct Article 65, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	The Defendant failed to ensure that its spectators, commercial partners and/or associated third parties did not partake in any matters which are likely to be considered as an ambush marketing-related activity or infringement of the rights of the AFC and/or Competition.	1. Uzbekistan Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD5,000/- for violating Article 64.3 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual and Article 65.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Uzbekistan Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of these provisions may be met with more severe punishment.	18 January 2024	AC20240118DC02
A03	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Islamic Republic of Iran vs. Palestine on 14 January 2024	Palestine Football Association	Team misconduct Article 53, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code Article 2, Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™	Six (6) individuals representing the Defendant were sanctioned by the Referee.	1. Palestine Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD3,600/- for violating Article 53.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code (read together with Article 2.2 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ - Disciplinary Circular). 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Palestine Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	18 January 2024	AC20240118DC03
A04	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ United Arab Emirates vs. Hong Kong, China on 14 January 2024	United Arab Emirates player, Mr. Khalid Eisa Mohamed Bilal Almesmari	Flash Interviews Article 34, AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Regulations	The Defendant failed to participate in a flash interview after being requested to participate by the AFC.	1. Mr. Khalid Eisa Mohamed Bilal Almesmari is ordered to pay a fine of USD10,000/- for violating Article 34.1 of the AFC Asian Cup 2023 – Competition Regulations. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Mr. Khalid Eisa Mohamed Bilal Almesmari is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	18 January 2024	AC20240118DC04

A05	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ United Arab Emirates vs. Hong Kong, China on 14 January 2024	United Arab Emirates Football Association	Participating Member Associations Article 4, AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Regulations Flash Interviews Article 34, AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Regulations	The Defendant failed to ensure that its player, United Arab Emirates player, Mr. Khalid Eisa Mohamed Bilal Almesmari, attend and participate in a flash interview, an official activity or event.	1. United Arab Emirates Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD10,000/- for violating Article 4.3.8 (read together with Article 34.1) of the AFC Asian Cup 2023 – Competition Regulations. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. United Arab Emirates Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	18 January 2024	AC20240118DC05
A06	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ United Arab Emirates vs. Hong Kong, China on 14 January 2024	United Arab Emirates Football Association	Official Countdown Article 2, AFC Competition Operations Manual	The Defendant caused a delay to the commencement of the second half of the match.	1. United Arab Emirates Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD1,000/- for violating Article 2.2 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. United Arab Emirates Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	18 January 2024	AC20240118DC06
A07	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Korea Republic vs. Bahrain on 15 January 2024	Korea Football Association	Team misconduct Article 53, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code Article 2, Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™	Five (5) individuals representing the Defendant were sanctioned by the Referee.	1. Korea Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD3,000/- for violating Article 53.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code read together with Article 2.2 of Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Korea Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of these provisions may be met with more severe punishment.	18 January 2024	AC20240118DC07
A08	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Saudi Arabia vs. Oman on 16 January 2024	Oman Football Association	Official Countdown Article 2, AFC Competition Operations Manual	The Defendant caused a delay to the commencement of the second half of the match.	1. Oman Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD1,000/- for violating Article 2.2 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Oman Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	19 January 2024	AC20240119DC08

A09	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Malaysia vs. Jordan on 15 January 2024	Jordan player, Mr. Mahmoud Nayef Ahmad Almardi	General Principles Article 3, AFC Equipment Regulations	The Defendant wore an undershirt bearing a personal message inside the Controlled Access Area.	1. Mr. Mahmoud Nayef Ahmad Almardi is ordered to pay a fine of USD1,500/- for violating Article 3.2 of the AFC Equipment Regulations. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Mr. Mahmoud Nayef Ahmad Almardi is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	19 January 2024	AC20240119DC09
A10	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Indonesia vs. Iraq on 15 January 2024	Football Association of Indonesia - Protestor	Protest Article 53, AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Competition Regulations	Protest regarding a decision of the referee in the match.	1. The protest lodged by the Football Association of Indonesia is dismissed.	19 January 2024	AC20240119DC10
A11	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Palestine vs. United Arab Emirates on 18 January 2024	United Arab Emirates Head Coach, Mr. Paulo Jorge Gomes Bento	Expulsion (Indirect) Article 13, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code FINANCIAL SANCTIONS FOR EXPULSION Article 3.1.1, Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™	The Defendant was expelled by the referee for receiving two (2) cautions during the same match.	1. Mr. Paulo Jorge Gomes Bento is automatically suspended for one (1) match arising from his indirect expulsion in the match Palestine vs. United Arab Emirates on 18 January 2024. 2. One (1) match suspension shall be served in the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ match of Islamic Republic of Iran vs. United Arab Emirates 23 January 2024. 3. Mr. Paulo Jorge Gomes Bento is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- in accordance with Article 3.1.1 of Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™. 4. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 5. Mr. Paulo Jorge Gomes Bento is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	19 January 2024	AC20240119DC11
A12	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Vietnam vs. Indonesia on 19 January 2024	Vietnam player, Mr. Le Pham Thanh Long	Expulsion (Indirect) Article 13, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code FINANCIAL SANCTIONS FOR EXPULSION Article 3.1.1, Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™	The Defendant was expelled by the referee for receiving two (2) cautions during the same match.	1. Mr. Le Pham Thanh Long is automatically suspended for one (1) match arising from his indirect expulsion in the match Vietnam vs. Indonesia on 19 January 2024. 2. The one (1) match suspension shall be served in the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ match of Iraq vs. Vietnam on 24 January 2024. 3. Mr. Le Pham Thanh Long is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- in accordance with Article 3.1.1 of Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™. 4. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 5. Mr. Le Pham Thanh Long is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	20 January 2024	AC20240120DC12

A13	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Tajikistan vs. Qatar on 17 January 2024	Tajikistan player, Mr. Kamolov Amadoni	Serious infringements punishable by an expulsion Article 47, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	The Defendant was expelled by the Referee for kicking an opponent's face, an act of violent conduct.	<p>1. Mr. Kamolov Amadoni is suspended for three (3) matches, which includes the one (1) match automatic suspension arising from his expulsion in the match Tajikistan vs. Qatar on 17 January 2024.</p> <p>2. One (1) match suspension shall be served in AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ (Group Stage) as follows:</p> <p>2.1. Tajikistan vs. Lebanon on 22 January 2024.</p> <p>3. The remaining two (2) match suspensions shall be carried over in accordance with Article 38 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.</p> <p>4. Mr. Kamolov Amadoni is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- in accordance with Article 3.1.2 of Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™.</p> <p>5. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.</p> <p>6. Mr. Kamolov Amadoni is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.</p>	21 January 2024	AC20240121DC13
A14	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Islamic Republic of Iran vs. Palestine on 14 January 2024	Qatar Football Association	Organisation of Matches Article 64, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	The Defendant, as the host Member Association, failed to prevent the entry into the stadium - and the display within the stadium - of two (2) large flags/banners, each of which displayed a political message.	<p>1. Qatar Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD7,500/- for violating Article 64.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.</p> <p>2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.</p> <p>3. Qatar Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of these provisions may be met with more severe punishment.</p>	21 January 2024	AC20240121DC14
A15	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Lebanon vs. China P.R. on 17 January 2024	Qatar Football Association	Organisation of Matches Article 64, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	The Defendant, as the host Member Association, failed to prevent two (2) spectators from invading the field of play after the final whistle.	<p>1. Qatar Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD3,000/- for violating Article 64.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.</p> <p>2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.</p> <p>3. Qatar Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.</p>	23 January 2024	AC20240123DC15

A16	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Palestine vs. United Arab Emirates on 18 January 2024	United Arab Emirates player, Mr. Khalifa Mubarak Khalfan Khairi Alhammadi	Serious infringements punishable by an expulsion Article 47, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	The Defendant was expelled by the referee for denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the Player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.	1. Mr. Khalifa Mubarak Khalfan Khairi Alhammadi is suspended for one (1) match, which includes the one (1) match automatic suspension arising from his expulsion in the match Palestine vs. United Arab Emirates on 18 January 2024. 2. The one (1) match suspension shall be served in the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ (Group Stage) as follows: 2.1. Islamic Republic of Iran vs. United Arab Emirates on 23 January 2024. 3. Mr. Khalifa Mubarak Khalfan Khairi Alhammadi is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- in accordance with Article 3.1.2 of Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™. 4. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 5. Mr. Khalifa Mubarak Khalfan Khairi Alhammadi is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	23 January 2024	AC20240123DC16
A17	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Palestine vs. United Arab Emirates on 18 January 2024	United Arab Emirates player, Mr. Khalifa Mubarak Khalfan Khairi Alhammadi	Expulsion Article 13, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code Team Bench and Technical Area Article 14.5.1 and Appendix 8, AFC Competition Operations Manual	The Defendant entered the field of play after the final whistle, contrary to the restrictions placed on individuals who have been expelled by the referee.	1. Mr. Khalifa Mubarak Khalfan Khairi Alhammadi is ordered to pay a fine of USD5,000/- for violating Article 13.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code read together with Article 14.5.1 and Appendix 8 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Mr. Khalifa Mubarak Khalfan Khairi Alhammadi is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	23 January 2024	AC20240123DC17
A18	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Palestine vs. United Arab Emirates on 18 January 2024	United Arab Emirates Head Coach, Mr. Paulo Jorge Gomes Bento	Expulsion Article 13, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code Team Bench and Technical Area Article 14.5.1 and Appendix 8, AFC Competition Operations Manual	The Defendant entered the field of play after the final whistle, contrary to the restrictions placed on individuals who have been expelled by the referee.	1. Mr. Paulo Jorge Gomes Bento is ordered to pay a fine of USD7,500/- for violating Article 13.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code read together with Article 14.5.1 and Appendix 8 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Mr. Paulo Jorge Gomes Bento is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	23 January 2024	AC20240123DC18

A19	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Palestine vs. United Arab Emirates on 18 January 2024	United Arab Emirates Football Association	Official Countdown Article 2, AFC Competition Operations Manual	The Defendant caused a delay to the commencement of the first half of the match. (This is the second violation of the Defendant in the recidivism period).	1. United Arab Emirates Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- for violating Article 2.2 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual. 2. United Arab Emirates Football Association is further given a stern warning for violating Article 2.2 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual. 3. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 4. United Arab Emirates Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	23 January 2024	AC20240123DC19
A20	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Palestine vs. United Arab Emirates on 18 January 2024	Qatar Football Association	Organisation of Matches Article 64, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	The Defendant, as the host Member Association, failed to prevent the entry into the stadium - and the display within the stadium - of two (2) large flags/banners, each of which displayed a political message.	1. Qatar Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of US\$7,500/- for violating Article 64.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Qatar Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of these provisions may be met with more severe punishment.	23 January 2024	AC20240123DC20
A21	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Korea Republic vs. Bahrain on 15 January 2024	Bahrain player, Mr. Hazza Ali Hazza Ateeq Mubarak	Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in a Player's Sample Article 6, AFC Anti-Doping Regulations	A prohibited substance was found in the Defendant's sample.	1. Pursuant to Section VII of the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations 2021 (the "Regulations") read together with the definition of "Provisional Suspension" in the Regulations, Mr. Hazza Ali Hazza Ateeq Mubarak is provisionally suspended, until such time that a final decision is passed by the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, from taking part in all football-related activities (which includes, inter alia, all domestic, international, friendly, and official fixtures) for violating Article 6 of the Regulations.	24 January 2024	AC20240124DC21
A22	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Jordan vs. Korea Republic on 20 January 2024	Jordan Football Association	Official Countdown Article 2, AFC Competition Operations Manual	The Defendant caused a delay to the commencement of the second half of the match.	1. Jordan Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD1,000/- for violating Article 2.2 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Jordan Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	25 January 2024	AC20240125DC22

A23	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Kyrgyz Republic vs. Saudi Arabia on 21 January 2024	Kyrgyz Republic player, Mr. Akmatov Aizar	Serious infringements punishable by an expulsion Article 47, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code Bringing the game into disrepute Article 50, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	1) The Defendant was expelled by the Referee for lunging at his opponent's shin with his studs, using excessive force, an act of serious foul play. 2) The Defendant kicked one (1) water bottle while leaving the field of play after receiving a red card, an act of unsporting behaviour which brings the game into disrepute.	1. Mr. Akmatov Aizar is suspended for two (2) matches, which includes the one (1) match automatic suspension arising from his expulsion in the match Kyrgyz Republic vs. Saudi Arabia on 21 January 2024. 2. One (1) match suspension shall be served in AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ as follows: 2.1 Kyrgyz Republic vs. Oman on 25 January 2024. 3. The remaining one (1) match suspension shall be carried over in accordance with Article 38 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 4. Mr. Akmatov Aizar is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- in accordance with Article 3.1.2 of Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™. 5. Mr. Akmatov Aizar is ordered to pay a fine of USD1,000/- for violating Article 50.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 6. The total fine of USD3,000/- shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 7. Mr. Akmatov Aizar is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	25 January 2024	AC20240125DC23
A24	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Kyrgyz Republic vs. Saudi Arabia on 21 January 2024	Kyrgyz Republic player, Mr. Merk Kimi Bern	Serious infringements punishable by an expulsion Article 47, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	The Defendant was expelled by the Referee for lunging at his opponent's leg (calf) with his studs, using excessive force, an act of serious foul play.	1. Mr. Merk Kimi Bern is suspended for two (2) matches, which includes the one (1) match automatic suspension arising from his expulsion in the match Kyrgyz Republic vs. Saudi Arabia on 21 January 2024. 2. One (1) match suspension shall be served in AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ as follows: 2.1 Kyrgyz Republic vs. Oman on 25 January 2024. 3. The remaining one (1) match suspension shall be carried over in accordance with Article 38 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 4. Mr. Merk Kimi Bern is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- in accordance with Article 3.1.2 of Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™. 5. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 6. Mr. Merk Kimi Bern is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	25 January 2024	AC20240125DC24

A25	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Saudi Arabia vs. Oman on 16 January 2024	Saudi Arabia Head Coach, Mr. Roberto Mancini	Interviews Article 33, AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Competition Regulations	The Defendant failed to conduct an interview the day before the Match after being requested to do so by the AFC.	1. Mr. Roberto Mancini is ordered to pay a fine of USD10,000/- for violating Article 33 of the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Competition Regulations. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Mr. Roberto Mancini is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	25 January 2024	AC20240125DC25
A26	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Saudi Arabia vs. Oman on 16 January 2024	Saudi Arabia player, Mr. Saleh Khalid M Alshehri	Interviews Article 33, AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Competition Regulations	The Defendant failed to conduct an interview the day before the Match after being requested to do so by the AFC.	1. Mr. Saleh Khalid M Alshehri is ordered to pay a fine of USD10,000/- for violating Article 33 of the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Competition Regulations. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Mr. Saleh Khalid M Alshehri is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	25 January 2024	AC20240125DC26
A27	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Saudi Arabia vs. Oman on 16 January 2024	Saudi Arabian Football Federation	Participating Member Associations Article 4, AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Competition Regulations Interviews Article 33, AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Competition Regulations	The Defendant failed to ensure that its head coach, Mr. Roberto Mancini and its player, Mr. Saleh Khalid M Alshehri attend and participate in an interview the day before the Match, an official activity or event.	1. Saudi Arabian Football Federation is ordered to pay a fine of USD12,500/- for violating Article 4.3.8 (read together with Article 33) of the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Competition Regulations. 2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Saudi Arabian Football Federation is informed that a repeat violation of these provisions may be met with more severe punishment.	25 January 2024	AC20240125DC27
A28	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Tajikistan vs. Lebanon on 22 January 2024	Lebanon player, Mr. Kassem El Zein	Serious infringements punishable by an expulsion Article 47, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	The Defendant was expelled by the Referee for using excessive force while challenging for the ball, an act of serious foul play.	1. Mr. Kassem El Zein is suspended for two (2) matches, which includes the one (1) match automatic suspension arising from his expulsion in the match Tajikistan vs. Lebanon on 22 January 2024. 2. The two (2) match suspensions shall be carried over in accordance with Article 38.2.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. Mr. Kassem El Zein is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- in accordance with Article 3.1.2 of Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™. 4. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 5. Mr. Kassem El Zein is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.	25 January 2024	AC20240125DC28

A29	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Iraq vs. Vietnam on 24 January 2024	Vietnam player, Mr. Khuat Van Khang	Expulsion (Indirect) Article 13, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code FINANCIAL SANCTIONS FOR EXPULSION Article 3.1.1, Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™	The Defendant was expelled by the referee for receiving two (2) cautions during the same match.	<p>1. Mr. Khuat Van Khang is automatically suspended for one (1) match arising from his indirect expulsion in the match Iraq vs. Vietnam on 24 January 2024.</p> <p>2. The one (1) match suspension shall be carried over in accordance with Article 38.2.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.</p> <p>3. Mr. Khuat Van Khang is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- in accordance with Article 3.1.1 of Circular No. 25 of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™.</p> <p>4. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.</p> <p>5. Mr. Khuat Van Khang is informed that a repeat violation of this provision may be met with more severe punishment.</p>	25 January 2024	AC20240125DC29
A30	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Japan vs. Indonesia on 24 January 2024	Football Association of Indonesia - Protestor	Protest Article 53, AFC Asian Cup 2023™ Competition Regulations	Protest regarding a decision of the referee in the match.	1. The protest lodged by the Football Association of Indonesia is dismissed.	27 January 2024	AC20240127DC30
A31	AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Hong Kong, China vs. Palestine on 23 January 2024	Qatar Football Association	Organisation of Matches Article 64, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	The Defendant, as the host Member Association, failed to prevent the entry into the stadium - and the display within the stadium - of one (1) large banner, which displayed a political message.	<p>1. Qatar Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD6,250/- for violating Article 64.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.</p> <p>2. The fine shall be settled within 30 days from the date that this Decision is communicated in accordance with Article 11.3 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.</p> <p>3. Qatar Football Association is informed that a repeat violation of these provisions may be met with more severe punishment.</p>	27 January 2024	AC20240127DC31