

AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Meeting on 2 April 2026

No	Competition	Defendant(s)	Matter	Basic Facts	Terms	Decision
A01	AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 (League Stage), Al Ahli Saudi FC (KSA) vs. Shabab Al Ahli (UAE) on 16 February 2026	Shabab Al Ahli (UAE)	Official Countdown Article 15, AFC Competition Operations Manual (Edition 2026)	<p>1) The Defendant's representative(s) caused a delay to the commencement of the first period of the Match by two (2) minutes and twenty-six (26) seconds.</p> <p>2) The Defendant's representative(s) caused a delay to the commencement of the second period of the Match by one (1) minute and forty (40) seconds.</p> <p>(This is the 7th violation of the Defendant within the recidivism period)</p>	<p>1. Shabab Al Ahli (UAE) is ordered to pay a fine of USD6,250/- for committing an offence under Article 15.2 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual (Edition 2026).</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>	VVC 20260402DC01
A02	AFC Champions League Two 2025/26 (Knock-out Stage), FC Arkadag (TKM) vs. AL Nassr Club (KSA) on 11 February 2026	Al Nassr Club (KSA)	Official Countdown Article 15, AFC Competition Operations Manual (Edition 2026)	<p>The Defendant's representative(s) caused a delay to the commencement of the second period of the match by (1) minute and (20) twenty seconds.</p> <p>(This is the 4th violation of the Defendant within the recidivism period)</p>	<p>1. Al Nassr Club (KSA) is ordered to pay a fine of USD1,750/- for committing an offence under Article 15.2 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual (Edition 2026).</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>	VVC 20260402DC02
A03	AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 (League Stage), Al Ahli Saudi FC (KSA) vs Shabab Al Ahli (UAE) on 16 February 2026	Al Ahli Saudi FC (KSA)	<p>Official Countdown Article 15, AFC Competitions Operations Manual</p> <p>Official Team Delegation Article 22, AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 Competition Regulations</p>	<p>1) The Defendant's representative(s) caused a delay to the commencement of the first period of the Match by three (3) minutes and twenty six (26) seconds.</p> <p>(This is the 3rd violation of the Defendant within the recidivism period)</p> <p>2) Individuals affiliated to the Defendant entered the Field of Play, team dressing room and/or Controlled Access Area(s) without being in physical possession of the necessary Accreditation Device(s).</p> <p>(This is the 2nd violation of the Defendant within the recidivism period)</p>	<p>1. Al Ahli Saudi FC (KSA) is ordered to pay a fine of USD3,000/- for committing an offence under Article 15.2 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual.</p> <p>2. Al Ahli Saudi FC (KSA) is ordered to pay a fine of USD6,250/- for committing an offence under Article 22.2 AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 Competition Regulations.</p> <p>3. The total fine of USD9,250 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>	VVC 20260402DC03

A04	AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 (League Stage), Al Hilal SFC (KSA) vs. Al Wahda FC (UAE) on 16 February 2026	Al Hilal SFC (KSA)	<p>Participating Clubs and Member Associations Article 3, AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 Competition Regulations</p> <p>Press Conferences Article 32, AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 Competition Regulations</p> <p>Flash Interviews Article 34, AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 Competition Regulations</p>	<p>1) The Defendant failed to ensure that its player, Mr. Darwin Gabriel Nunez Ribeiro (AFC/178296/URU), participate in a flash interview, an official activity or event, despite being requested by the AFC.</p> <p>2) The Defendant failed to ensure that its player, Mr. Darwin Gabriel Nunez Ribeiro (AFC/178296/URU), being the Player of the Match, participate in the post-Match press conference for the Match, an official activity or event, despite being requested by the AFC.</p> <p>(This is the 4th violation of the Defendant within the recidivism period)</p>	<p>1. Al Hilal SFC (KSA) is ordered to pay a fine of USD35,000/- for violating Article 3.3.9 (read together with Articles 32 and 34) of the AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 Competition Regulations.</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>	VVC 20260402DC04
A05	AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 (League Stage), Al Hilal SFC (KSA) vs. Al Wahda FC (UAE) on 16 February 2026	Al Hilal SFC (KSA) player, Mr. Darwin Gabriel Nunez Ribeiro (AFC/178296/URU)	<p>Flash Interviews Article 34, AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 Competition Regulations</p> <p>Press Conferences Article 32, AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 Competition Regulations</p>	<p>1) The Defendant failed to participate in a flash interview, an official activity or event, despite being requested by the AFC.</p> <p>2) The Defendant failed to participate in a post-match press conference despite being the Player of the Match and being requested by the AFC.</p>	<p>1. Mr. Darwin Gabriel Nunez Ribeiro (AFC/178296/URU) is ordered to pay a fine of USD10,000/- for violating Article 34.3 of the AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 Competition Regulations.</p> <p>2. Mr. Darwin Gabriel Nunez Ribeiro (AFC/178296/URU) is ordered to pay a fine of USD10,000/- for violating Article 32.3 of the AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 Competition Regulations.</p> <p>3. The total fine of USD20,000/- 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.</p>	VVC 20260402DC05
A06	AFC Champions League Two 2025/26 (Knock-out Stage), Ratchaburi FC (THA) vs. Persib Bandung (IDN) on 11 February 2026	Ratchaburi FC (THA)	<p>Liability for spectator conduct Article 65, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code</p>	<p>Spectator(s) belonging to the Defendant were involved in an altercation with the spectator(s) belonging to the visiting club, an act of improper conduct.</p>	<p>1. Ratchaburi FC (THA) is ordered to pay a fine of USD5,000/- for committing an offence under Article 65.1 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>	VVC 20260402DC06

A07	AFC Champions League Two 2025/26 (Knock-out Stage), Ratchaburi FC (THA) vs. Persib Bandung (IDN) on 11 February 2026	Persib Bandung (IDN)	Liability for spectator conduct Article 65, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	Spectator(s) belonging to the Defendant were involved in an altercation with the spectator(s) belonging to the home club, an act of improper conduct. (This is the 4th violation of the Defendant within the recidivism period)	1. Persib Bandung (IDN) is ordered to pay a fine of USD8,750/- for committing an offence under 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.	VVC 20260402DC07
A08	AFC Champions League Two 2025/26 (Knock-out Stage), FC Arkadag (TKM) vs. AL Nassr Club (KSA) on 11 February 2026	FC Arkadag (TKM)	Liability for spectator conduct Article 65, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code Organisation of Matches Article 64, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	1) Several spectators belonging to the Defendant invaded the field of play and the area surrounding the field of play after the Match, acts of improper conduct. 2) The Defendant failed to fulfil its obligations to: (i) take every safety precaution demanded by the circumstances during the Match; and (ii) ensure that law and order was maintained in the stadium and its immediate surroundings, and as a result, several spectators invaded the field of play after the Match. (This is the 2nd violation of the Defendant within the recidivism period with regards to Article 64 of the DEC Code)	1. FC Arkadag (TKM) is ordered to pay a fine of USD10,000/- for committing an offence under Article 65.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 2. FC Arkadag (TKM) is ordered to pay a fine of USD6,250/- for committing an offence under Article 64.1 of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. 3. The total fine of USD16,250/- 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.	VVC 20260402DC08
A09	AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 (Round of 16), Buriram United (THA) vs. Melbourne City FC (AUS) on 10 March 2026	Buriram United (THA) player, Mr. Robert Zulj (AFC/178479/AUT)	Serious infringements punishable by an expulsion Article 47, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	The Defendant was expelled by the Referee for committing an act of violent conduct.	1. Mr. Robert Zulj (AFC/178479/AUT) is suspended for three (3) matches, which includes the one (1) match automatic suspension arising from his expulsion in the match Buriram United (THA) vs. Melbourne City FC (AUS) on 10 March 2026. 2. The three (3) match suspensions shall be carried over in accordance with Article 38.2.3 of the Code. 3. Mr. Robert Zulj (AFC/178479/AUT) is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- in accordance with Article 4.1 of the AFC Disciplinary Circular for the AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26. 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.	VVC 20260402DC09

A10	AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26 (Round of 16), Buriram United (THA) vs. Melbourne City FC (AUS) on 10 March 2026	Melbourne City FC (AUS) player, Mr. German Julio Cesar Ferreyra (AFC/178301/ARG)	Serious infringements punishable by an expulsion Article 47, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code	The Defendant was expelled by the Referee for committing an act of violent conduct.	<p>1. Mr. German Julio Cesar Ferreyra (AFC/178301/ARG) is suspended for three (3) matches, which includes the one (1) match automatic suspension arising from his expulsion in the match Buriram United (THA) vs. Melbourne City FC (AUS) on 10 March 2026.</p> <p>2. The three (3) match suspensions shall be carried over in accordance with Article 38.2.3 of the Code.</p> <p>3. Mr. German Julio Cesar Ferreyra (AFC/178301/ARG) is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- in accordance with Article 4.1 of the AFC Disciplinary Circular for the AFC Champions League Elite 2025/26.</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>	VVC 20260402DC10
A11	International Match, United Arab Emirates U17 National Team vs. Tajikistan U17 National Team on 16 January 2026	United Arab Emirates Football Association	Reporting Article 13, AFC Regulations Governing International Matches	<p>The Defendant failed to, within forty-eight (48) hours of the Matches, submit a Report Form (together with the List of Players and Referee's Report duly signed by the relevant parties) to the AFC in respect of the Match.</p> <p>(This is the 37th violation of the Defendant within the recidivism period)</p>	<p>1. United Arab Emirates Football Association is ordered to pay a fine of USD2,000/- for violating Article 13.2 of the AFC Regulations Governing International Matches.</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>	VVC 20260402DC11