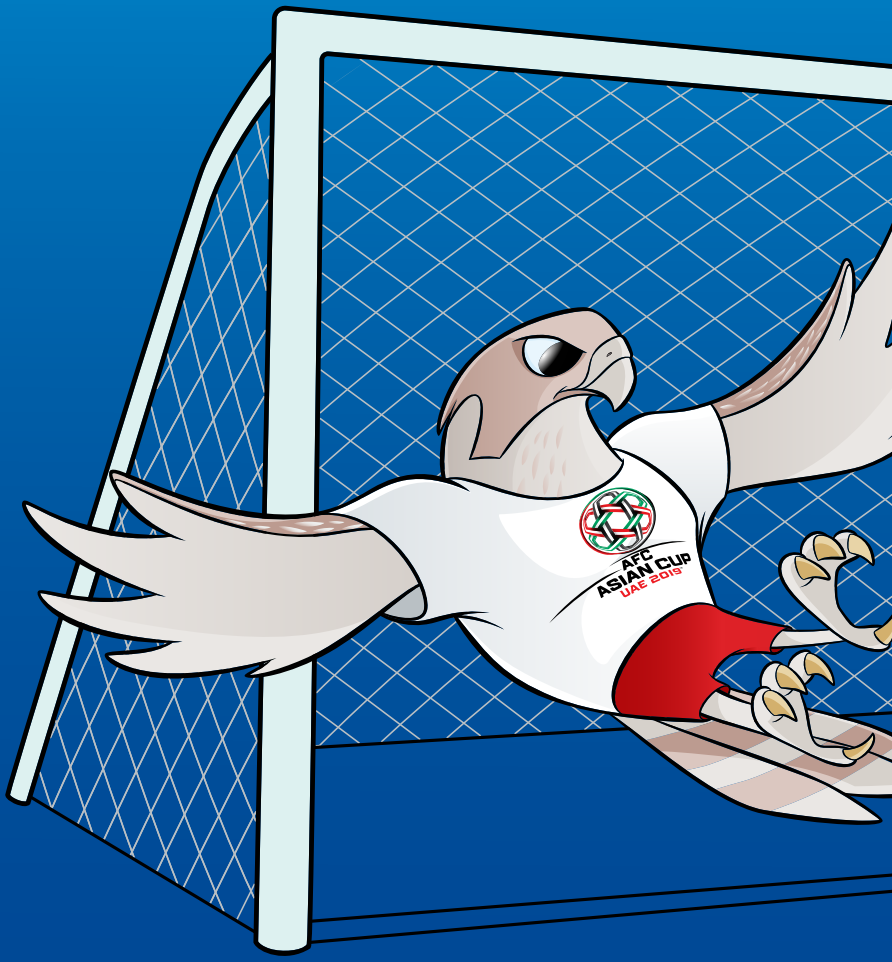
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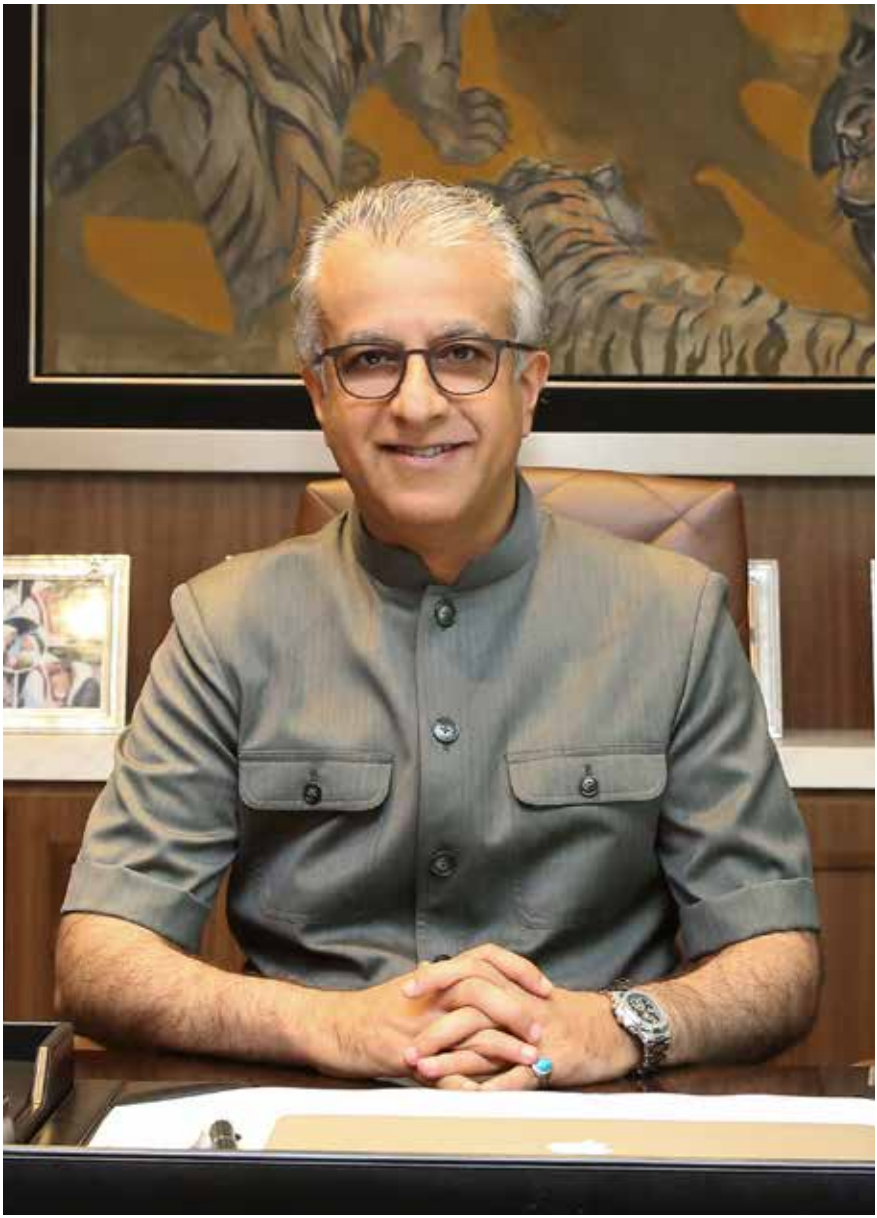
GROUP STAGE

Group Matches

Venue \ Date	Saturday 5 January	Sunday 6 January	Monday 7 January	Tuesday 8 January	Wednesday 9 January	Thursday 10 January	Friday 11 January	Saturday 12 January	Sunday 13 January	Monday 14 January	Tuesday 15 January	Wednesday 16 January
Zayed Sports City Stadium *Abu Dhabi*	01 20:00 UAE vs BHR			08 17:30 IRQ vs VIE		15 20:00 IND vs UAE			23 17:30 OMA vs JPN			
Mohammed Bin Zayed Stadium *Abu Dhabi*			07 20:00 IRN vs YEM				17 17:30 PHI vs CHN				28 17:30 PLE vs JOR	
Al Nahyan Stadium *Abu Dhabi*		03 17:30 THA vs IND			10 15:00 JPN vs TKM			19 15:00 VIE vs IRN				29 17:30 KOR vs CHN
Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium *Al Ain*		02 15:00 AUS vs JOR			12 20:00 QAT vs LIB		18 20:00 KGZ vs KOR			25 20:00 UAE vs THA		31 20:00 VIE vs YEM
Khalifa Bin Zayed Stadium *Al Ain*			05 15:00 CHN vs KGZ			14 17:30 JOR vs SYR			22 15:00 PRK vs QAT		27 17:30 AUS vs SYR	
Al Maktoum Stadium *Dubai*			06 17:30 KOR vs PHI			13 15:00 BHR vs THA		21 20:00 LIB vs KSA				32 20:00 IRN vs IRQ
Rashid Stadium *Dubai*				09 20:00 KSA vs PRK			16 15:00 PLE vs AUS		24 20:00 TKM vs UZB			30 17:30 KGZ vs PHI
Sharjah Stadium *Sharjah*		04 20:00 SYR vs PLE			11 17:30 UZB vs OMA			20 17:30 YEM vs IRQ		26 20:00 IND vs BHR		

KNOCKOUT STAGE

Round of 16				Quarter-Final				Semi-Final			Final
Thursday 17 January	Sunday 20 January	Monday 21 January	Tuesday 22 January	Thursday 24 January	Friday 25 January	Saturday 26 January	Sunday 27 January	Monday 28 January	Tuesday 29 January	Wednesday 30 January	Friday 1 February
35 20:00 KSA VS QAT	39 21:00 1D VS 3bef			46 20:00 W38 VS W39					50 18:00 W47 VS W48		
33 17:30 OMA VS TKM	38 18:00 2A VS 2C				48 20:00 W42 VS W41			49 18:00 W46 VS W45			
		42 21:00 1A VS 3cde			47 17:00 W43 VS W44						51 18:00 W49 VS W50
			44 20:00 1E VS 2D			Rest Days				Rest Days	
34 17:30 JPN VS UZB		41 18:00 2B VS 2F									
			43 17:00 1C VS 3abf								
	37 15:00 1B VS 3acd			45 17:00 W37 VS W40							
36 20:00 LIB VS PRK		40 15:00 1F VS 2E									



Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of the Asian Football Confederation, to welcome all the representatives of the media to the biggest and best-ever AFC Asian Cup.

The media play a vital role in promoting AFC competitions across Asia and engaging with millions of football lovers on the Continent.

I know that I will recognise many familiar faces among the huge media corps that will be in the UAE for this tournament which has continued to grow edition on edition.

You will transfer the excitement from our eight world class stadiums, generated by our record 24 teams, with at least one representative from every one of our AFC Regional Associations, to you viewers, listeners and readers.

The AFC thanks you for your commitment, your professionalism and your enormous enthusiasm for the great sport of football.

In return we are sure that you will be provided with outstanding care and attention by our Media teams in Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, Dubai and Sharjah.

In the next month we will share in the drama and the spectacle that is the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™ – a tournament which will be Bringing Asia Together.

Thank you again and enjoy the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™.



HE Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa
AFC President



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™.

The eyes of the world look with expectation to the dawning of a new era in Asian football and we are thrilled to play a part in setting the stage for new teams, new dreams and new pinnacles of achievement.

There seems something both extraordinary and timeless about gathering together so many nations from across the great continent of Asia. Where once the fabled Silk Road joined the Far East to the Middle East, now the road to football glory unites the top 24 teams competing for the ultimate prize in Asian football. As proud hosts, we are pleased that the UAE's diverse cultural heritage may serve as the backdrop to highlight the rich diversity of Asia and the universal love of football.

To the media: you are the new Silk Road connecting the public to the tournament in the digital age. You are the eyes and ears of the family watching in Jordan, and also the voice of the fan following in Japan. We ask that you deliver good news to an expectant village or parent waiting for word from abroad, joyfully and respectfully.

To the fans: join us for this momentous celebration of not only sport, but the lasting bonds that only sport can create. By "Bringing Asia Together" we have the opportunity to set an example to the world of the powerful spirit of unity that runs through all of Asian football.

Best of luck to all the teams and their supporters. Play with pride and cheer with passion so that others may continue to be inspired by your fighting spirit!



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MEDIA INFORMATION

Accreditation Guidelines for Media



Where to collect Accreditation Card?

Accreditations have to be collected in person producing the ID or passport (the same document that was used for the application).

Your contact place for all accreditation enquiries is the respective City Accreditation Centre at each Competition City.

Making your access easy and convenient, all Accreditation Centres will be situated outside the outer security perimeter of the stadium.

Location and operation hours of City Accreditation Centres:

City	Venue	Daily Opening Hours
Abu Dhabi	Zayed Sport City Stadium (ZSC), Main Gate #20	Dec 26, 2018 to Feb 1, 2019 (0900 to 1600 hrs)
Al Ain	Khalifa Bin Zayed Stadium, Administration Building	Dec 26, 2018 to Jan 28, 2019 (0900 to 1600 hrs)
Dubai	Al Maktoum Stadium	Dec 26, 2018 to Jan 24, 2019 (0900 to 1600 hrs)
Sharjah	Sharjah Stadium, 1st Floor, Commercial Building	Dec 26, 2018 to Jan 21, 2019 (0900 to 1600 hrs)

What is an Accreditation?

An accreditation is a device that grants access to the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™ Competitions Venue. Within this Venue the accreditation will grant the bearer access to one or more zones.

An accreditation is for working staff only. This means that it will only be issued to people with a specific role on-site. The accreditation does not grant the bearer the right to a spectator seat in the Stadium and is not a sign of social status. Its purpose is to enable working staff to perform their jobs and to prevent interference from those without such a function.

In addition, the accreditation is a security tool that identifies all accredited persons. It is the accredited person's event ID and must be worn visibly at all times inside the Venue. It remains the property of AFC and can be withdrawn at any time.

Accredited parties should take special care not to lose or mislay their accreditation.

An accreditation is not a visa or immigration tool.

In order to be valid, an accreditation device combines personal data relating to the bearer with various other kinds of information, including Zoning Information (access inside the Venue).

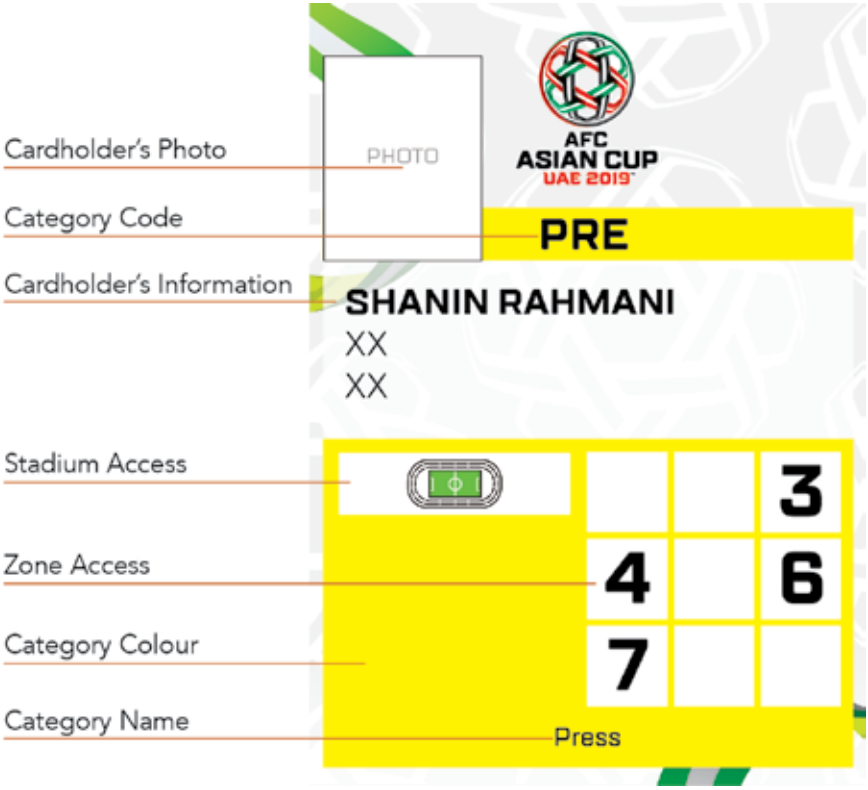
An accreditation card allows a specific person to access a specific area(s) in order to perform a specific and regular function. It is not for "what if" or "maybe" situations.

The Accreditation Card is not an external sign of a privileged status but is a necessary working tool to manage the large number of people participating during the Competition, facilitating their movements in a safe and flexible way. It is to ensure that only appropriately qualified and eligible people are entitled to participate in or perform official functions during the Competition.

The accreditation card (excluding Day Passes) is valid for the entire tournament, as long as the bearer has official event responsibilities. The accreditation card can be cancelled and removed from an accredited person at any time.

The accreditation card is used for access control at stadiums and training fields, it does not extend to any other event locations (unless specifically stated).

The following is a sample of the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™ Accreditation Card.



Front of Accreditation Card (Written Press)



Reverse side of all Accreditation Cards

Accreditation Categories

Due to the number of people involved, numerous accreditation categories have been devised for the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™. To make identification of these categories simpler, each category has been assigned a separate background colour. The following colours have been assigned for TV and Media Representatives:

Category	Sub-categories
PHO/PRE/NRH	Press / Media representatives
HB	Host Broadcaster
RTV	Broadcast Partners



Access Rights

There are two main access rights which are reflected jointly and need to be combined in each Accreditation card:

- Access privileges by Stadiums
- Access privileges by Zones

City Code	Grant access to:
	All 8 Stadiums
ZSC	Zayed Sports City Stadium
MBZ	Mohammed Bin Zayed Stadium
NAH	Al Nahyan Stadium
HBZ	Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium
KBZ	Khalifa Bin Zayed Stadium
MAK	Al Maktoum Stadium
RAS	Rashid Stadium
SHA	Sharjah Stadium

All Media Representatives will be provided with all venue access and then there will be designated zones highlighted on the accreditation cards. Only the zones on the cards can be accessed.

Access Zones

In order to grant an accredited person the right level of access rights, each stadium will be divided into nine zones, which will be activated on match days. Access to a zone will be granted to an accredited party in possession of a pass displaying the relevant zone numbers.

The following table provides an overview of these 9 access codes.

	Zone	Zone Definition
1	Field of Play*	Pitch; Team benches; Fourth official's bench; Tunnel and access to field of play; Photographers' and cameramen positions.
2	Competitions Area*	Teams and Referees dressing rooms; Medical and Doping Control rooms; AFC and LOC offices; Corridors (with access to dressing rooms).
3	Public Areas	General Public entrance; Public toilet facilities; Public points of Sale; Concessions areas; First aid; Commercial displays and Spectator seats.
4	Operations Areas	All rooms not in Zone 2 (IT room, PA announcer booth, police/fire brigade rooms, electrical generator, medical facilities) & storage areas
5	VIP Area	VIP reception and lounge, VIP seats, VVIP area.
6	Media Area*	Media seats; Mixed Zone; Press Conference room; Radio and TV Commentary Positions and observers seats
7	Media Centre	Media working area; media catering area; media briefing area; Photographers' area and Media services
8	Broadcast Area	TV Compound, Radio and TV Studios, Camera Platforms,
9	Hospitality Area	Hospitality areas

** Denotes that to access this zone a SAD (SAD Bib Ticket for Pitch level) is also required from 2 hours prior to kick-off.*

The following zoning will be provided to TV and Media Representatives Depending on the type of Accreditation they receive:

Media Team	AD Category	Access Privileges
Written Press	PRE (YELLOW)	Zones 3, 6 and 7
Photographers	PHO (YELLOW)	Zones 1, 3, 6 and 7
Technicians	TPP (YELLOW)	Zones 1, 3, 6 and 7
Broadcaster	HB (BLACK)	Zones 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8
	RTV (GREY)	Zones 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8
	NRH (YELLOW)	Zones 3, 6, 7 and 8



Zone Control

Actual zone-control starts match kick-off -2 hours and ends (generally speaking) when all the teams and match officials have left the stadium (although certain areas such as Mixed Zone may require extended controls).

During zone-control, all persons need the correct zone(s) on the accreditation and/or the proper SAD (see below). People found within an area without the proper access privileges will be asked to leave the area.

For groups like TV technical personnel who do not otherwise receive SADs, zone-control ends for Zone 1 (Field of Play) when the Teams have left the pitch.

For all groups, Zone 2 (Dressing Rooms) stays active until the teams and match officials have left the stadium.

Days	Accreditation Zoning Activation	SADs Activation
Match Days	Start: 4 hours before kick-off (Roaming security in all access control points and rooms to be locked, accessible by relevant people via access keys) Finish: 1 hour after final whistle (or until the end of activities in relevant operational area such as Mixed Zone and Doping Control Room, whichever comes later)	Start: 2 hours before kick-off Finish: 1 hour after final whistle (or until the end of activities in relevant operational area such as Mixed Zone and Doping Control Room, whichever comes later)
Non Match Days	An accreditation device is required to access the stadium at any time Zoning activation (zones 1 and 2): 1 hour before the first training session (Team A) until 30 minutes after the last training session (Team B).	No Activation

Supplementary Access Devices (SADs)

Supplementary Access Devices (SADs) are non-personalised accreditation devices to be worn in conjunction with the Accreditation Card, as they are not valid by themselves. SADs will be utilized at all five stadiums on Match Days. SADs will be required in certain zones to discern access to Accreditation Card bearers. SADs will not be required in training fields and on non-match days.

SADs will be valid for a single match only.

Media will require and use following SADs:

SAD	Access to	Used by
Photographers SAD Bib Ticket	Zone 1, Field of Play	Media
Broadcaster SAD Bib Ticket	Zone 1, Field of Play	Broadcasters
Commentary Position SAD	Zone 6, Commentary Box	Broadcasters
Mixed Zone SAD	Zone 6, Mixed Zone Area Post Match	Media and Broadcasters
Press Conference Room SAD	Zone 6, Press Conference Room	Media and Broadcasters
TV Studio SAD	TV Studios	Media and Broadcasters
Media Tribune Tickets	Zone 6, Media tribune seating	Media and Broadcasters

SADs do not overrule accreditation or vice-versa, but rather work in complimentary fashion. Both are needed at certain times to access relevant areas. The SAD only works in combination with the corresponding zone on the accreditation card.

SADs cannot be collected at the Accreditation Centre. Please visit Stadium Media Centre for all SAD matters.

Samples of SAD Cards

Mixed Zone SAD

- For access, must be worn with Zone 6



Press Conference Room SAD

- For access, must be worn with Zone 6



Commentary Position SAD

- For access, must be worn with Zone 6



TV Studio SAD

- For access, must be worn with Zone 8



The coordination and the distribution of SADs for the media is managed by the AFC Media Officers of the respective venue.

Samples of Bibs

The following bibs will be used by Media representatives to access the field area:

- TV bibs
- Photographer bibs

Bibs bearing numbers will be supplied to photographers, cameramen and their assistants. The AFC Media Officer is responsible for their distribution and to ensure they are used correctly.

User	Function	Colour	Sample
TV	HB Camera crew & pitch reporter	Grey	
	RTV camera crew	Pink	
	NRH	Red	
	ENG	Brown	
Media	Photographers	Orange	



SAD Bib Tickets available:

- Photographer's Pitch Access
- Broadcaster's Pitch Access

2 SAD Bib Tickets in Total

Access to Training Venues

Access by Accreditation to the Training Venues will be implemented at all training sessions. During training sessions deemed by teams to be 'open to the public' only the public are not required to wear an Accreditation Card. All others, including media representatives, PRE required to wear their Accreditation Card.

All valid accreditation cards for any venue can access any training field.

Revocation / Cancellation of Accreditation Card

There are three primary reasons an Accreditation Card may be cancelled during the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™:

1. Selected Cancellation

   The bearer has failed to comply with the Terms & Conditions of receiving an AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™ Accreditation Card. Hence AFC wishes to revoke the bearers Accreditation Card.

2. Enforced Cancellation

   The bearers personal Accreditation Card has been lost, stolen or damaged. Consequently for security reasons it is necessary to cancel this Accreditation Card.

3. Operationally Enforced Cancellation

   The AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™ Accreditation Card created for the bearer is displaying incorrect personal data and/or access privileges.

In ALL the above mentioned circumstances, the Accreditation Cards revocation or cancellation is subject to the authority of the AFC.

4. Appeal

   The AFC reserves the right to revoke the accreditation of any mediaperson found violating the media guidelines, rules and regulations. As a part of the process, the AFC has set up an internal appeals committee who will hear the appeals lodged against the decision to revoke media accreditation cards. Any appeal following the removal of accreditation can be lodged by mailing media@the-afc.com.

What to do when... Accreditation Card is stolen

The loss of Accreditation Card represents a potential security risk. The AFC takes this issue very seriously and expects all Accredited Media Representatives to do the same.

In case of lost or stolen Accreditation Card, please proceed as following:

1. Visit respective City Accreditation Centre or inform the Accreditation team via e-mail to accreditations@the-afc.com within 24 hours of detecting the loss

2. Each request will be treated separately and the decision to reprint or not shall be taken after consultation between the AFC Media Department and the AFC Accreditation Centre Manager.

3. City Accreditation Centre will inform relevant Media representative on decision and next steps to follow.

In ALL the above mentioned circumstances, the Accreditation Cards revocation or cancellation is subject to the authority of the AFC.

What to do when... Changing Data

In case of any need to change cardholder's information (such as different spelling of the bearer's name) the following procedures shall apply:

1. Visit respective City Accreditation Centre or inform the Accreditation team via e-mail to accreditations@the-afc.com

2. City Accreditation Centre will verify the necessity of requested change and reissue new Accreditation Card in exchange to previous Accreditation Card.

3. Changes are subject to a minimum processing time of 24 hours.

What to do when... Replacing Accreditation Card

In case of any need to replace damaged Accreditation Card, the following procedures shall apply:

1. Visit respective City Accreditation Centre or inform the Accreditation team via e-mail to accreditations@the-afc.com

2. City Accreditation Centre will verify the necessity of requested change and reissue new Accreditation Card in exchange to previous Accreditation Card.

3. Replacements are subject to a minimum processing time of 24 hours.



Recommended Media Hotels

Abu Dhabi	Dubai
City Seasons Al Hamara	**Media Rotana**
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Centro Capital Centre by Rotana	Centro Barsha by Rotana
Paragon Hotel	Roda Links Al Nasr
Pearl Rotana Capital Centre	City Seasons Deira Hotel
Royal Rose Hotel Abu Dhabi	City Seasons Tower Hotel
Dusit Thani Abu Dhabi	Burjuman Arjaan by Rotana Hotel
Corniche Hotel Abu Dhabi	Jumeira Rotana Hotel
Grand Millennium Al Wadha	Double Tree by Hilton Hotel & Residences - Al Barsha
	Al Bandar Rotana

Al Ain
Ayla Grand Hotel Al Ain
City Season Al Ain

**City Seasons Al Hamara (Abu Dhabi), Media Rotana (Dubai) and Ayla Grand Hotel (Al Ain) are the city media hotels from where the shuttle service will run.*

Media Procedures

Access to the different media areas is restricted to accredited journalists holding a valid match specific SAD – Supplementary Access Device – such as a seat ticket for the media tribune or an SAD for the press conference or mixed zone.

On Match Day

Media Tribune

Each accredited journalist will have to apply for match tickets via the AFC Media Channel and he or she will receive an email upon confirmation of the request. The match tickets (written press) will be distributed in the Stadium Media Centre (SMC) from 1600 hrs the day before the game and on match day until 90 minutes before kick-off.

Tickets will only be distributed for each individual match and not for the entire tournament.

Non-collected tickets will be distributed to the media registered on the waiting list. The waiting list will be compiled in the match stadium only (not online), starting at the same time as ticket distribution. The waiting list will be handled on a priority and not a first-come-first-served basis. The distribution of the tickets for a possible waiting list will begin 60 minutes before kick-off.

The allocation of the tickets for a game is determined by different criteria:

- news agencies
- media of the two playing teams
- media of the host country
- media of the other teams in the group
- media of the other participating teams
- rest of the media

For each country there is a priority order as follows:

- major national news agencies
- national daily newspapers
- football magazines
- national weekly newspapers
- football websites
- football specialist freelancers
- sports websites
- general websites
- multi-sports magazines
- general interest magazines

The media tribune will be equipped with TV monitors, power and free internet access.

Please note that the ticketing system for the rights-holding broadcasters (RTV) is different from the written press and the procedure above is not applicable.

Capacity

- From 200 to 300 seats with desk and without desk depending on the stadium
- 150 pitch photographer positions
- Commentary positions and observers seats for the rights-holding broadcasters

Press Conferences

A press conference will be held after each match at the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™. The head coaches and Man of the Match are required to attend this conference.

Members of the media will only be granted access to the press conference room if they are in possession of an accreditation and a valid SAD. The allocation of SADs are made on a match-by-match basis by the AFC Media Officers and distributed in the SMC (same schedule as for the match tickets).

The press conference (approximately 15 minutes after the final whistle) will be translated into English and Arabic.

Photographers are not allowed in the press conference room.

Mixed Zone

The mixed zone provides media representatives with the opportunity to conduct brief interviews with individual players the team as the teams leave the stadium after the match.

The first part of this area will be reserved for host broadcasters and rights-holding broadcasters while print and radio journalists will be accommodated in the second part.

The non-rights holding broadcasters will be accommodated in the second part if the space is available.

Access to the mixed zone will only be granted on presentation of a valid SAD (same distribution as for the match ticket).

Photographers are not permitted in the mixed zone.



Photographers

The photographers will be given their bib at the Stadium Media Centres. They must wear their bib once they enter the stadium.

Photographers working on the pitch will require a bib ticket for each match with a seat number to be inserted in the specific pocket of the bib. Only the bib together with the bib ticket and accreditation card will provide photographers with access to the dedicated pitch area.

Each photographer will have a numbered seat which needs to be kept at all times. Each photographer will have to select the match(es) he/she intends to cover in the AFC Media Channel. Upon approval of the request, he/she will be informed of the time when he/she can login again and select his/her seat online. Once the seat is confirmed, each photographer will receive an email with their confirmed seat number, which needs to be shown at the Photographer Ticket Distribution Desk for collection of the ticket.

Photographers, like written press, will be divided into different priority groups and have the opportunity to choose position according to this priority.

A waiting list for photographers will be compiled from MD-1 for those matches which are over-subscribed. Photographers from this waiting list will be issued tickets from 60 minutes before kick-off on a first-come-first-served basis.

The pitchside will be accessible two (2) hours before kick-off right after the photographers' briefing which will take place -2.15 hours.

Photographers will have to enter the pitch through a specific entrance which is clearly marked. For team pictures before the start of the match they have to follow the instructions of the AFC Media Officers and the LOC Media Officers and have to take their seat immediately after the coin toss.

Photographers on the pitch level will have access to internet. It is strictly forbidden to walk on the field of play.

Training Sessions and MD-1 Activities

The training sessions on MD-1 are considered as official training sessions. These training sessions will be held at the match stadium.

The regular team training sessions are under the responsibility of the Team Media Officer. The sessions at the match stadium will be under the responsibility of AFC and LOC Media Officers. All training sessions (date, place, time) will be announced and updated regularly on the AFC Media Channel.

All training sessions, official or regular team training sessions, will be open at least for the first 15 minutes (which could be extended if the team wishes to do so). In case of cancellation or change of venue or time, the same will apply and will be announced on the AFC Media Channel. All these training sessions are open to all accredited media.

The official pre-match press conference will be held either before or after each of the official training sessions. This press conference will be attended by head coach and one player from the team's starting XI. Some training sessions could be followed by a mixed zone activity but this depends on the respective teams.

For the training sessions the following guidelines will applied for photographers (with bib), NRH (with bib) and rights-holding broadcasters (with bib) will work as on match day behind the goal lines and on the opposite side of the touch line, except AFC's official photographers.

Interviews are not permitted and no media can stay on the bench side or at the team entrance. All press, radio and TV reporters will have to work from the Media Tribune (no exceptions) and will have to vacate their places if the training session is closed after the first 15 minutes.

Parking

Limited parking slots have been made available for media at each stadium. Accredited media can contact the Welcome Desk at the respective Stadium Media Centres and collect their parking sticker a day before each match.

Finals

Finals (Group Stage)

a) 24 Participating Teams shall be drawn into 6 groups of 4 teams each.

b) Each Member Association shall play against the other Member Associations within its group once in accordance with the Match Schedule.

c) The duration of Matches shall be played in accordance with the Manual.

d) At the conclusion of the Group Stage:

- the first-placed and second-placed Participating Team in each group, as well as the 4 best third-placed Participating Teams among all groups, shall qualify for the Knockout Stage.
- all other Participating Teams shall be eliminated from the Competition.

Finals (Knockout Stage)

e) The Knockout Stage shall consist of the Round of 16, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final, each round conducted as single-leg knockout Matches.

f) Each round of the Knockout Stage shall be conducted in accordance with the Match Schedule.

g) The duration of Matches, including Extra Time and Penalty Kicks (if required), shall be played in accordance with Article 12.

h) The 16 Participating Teams shall play the Round of 16 as follows:

R16 - 1:	2A vs 2C
R16 - 2:	1D vs 3rd from B, E, or F
R16 - 3:	1B vs 3rd from A, C, or D
R16 - 4:	1F vs 2E
R16 - 5:	1C vs 3rd from A, B, or F
R16 - 6:	1E vs 2D
R16 - 7:	1A vs 3rd from C, D, or E
R16 - 8:	2B vs 2F

i) The following table indicates the pairings in the Round of 16 for the qualified first-placed and third-placed Participating Teams. (For example, if the Participating Teams finishing third in groups A, B, C and D qualify, the pairings shall be 1A vs 3C, 1B vs 3D, 1C vs 3A and 1D vs 3B).

Qualified	1A vs	1B vs	1C vs	1D vs
A B C D	3C	3D	3A	3B
A B C E	3C	3A	3B	3E
A B C F	3C	3A	3B	3F
A B D E	3D	3A	3B	3E
A B D F	3D	3A	3B	3F
A B E F	3E	3A	3B	3F
A C D E	3C	3D	3A	3E
A C D F	3C	3D	3A	3F
A C E F	3C	3A	3F	3E
A D E F	3D	3A	3F	3E
B C D E	3C	3D	3B	3E

B C D F	3C	3D	3B	3F
B C E F	3E	3C	3B	3F
B D E F	3E	3D	3B	3F
C D E F	3C	3D	3F	3E

j) The eight (8) winners in the Round of 16 shall play the Quarter-Finals as follows:

QF1:	Winner R16-1 vs Winner R16-2
QF2:	Winner R16-3 vs Winner R16-4
QF3:	Winner R16-5 vs Winner R16-6
QF4:	Winner R16-7 vs Winner R16-8

k) The four (4) winners in the Quarter-Finals shall play the Semi-Finals as follows:

SF1:	Winner Quater Final 1 vs Winner Quater Final 2
SF2:	Winner Quater Final 3 vs Winner Quarter Final 4

l) The two (2) winners in the Semi-Finals shall play the Final as follows:

Final:	Winner Semi Final 1 vs Winner Semi Final 2

Extra Time and Penalty Kicks

a) If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time, Extra Time comprising two (2) fifteen(15) minute periods shall be played:

   i) at the end of normal playing time of the second leg of any tie in the Qualifiers (Playoff Round); or

   ii) at the end of normal playing time during the Finals (Knockout Stage).

b) The Away Goals Rule shall not apply during or at the conclusion of Extra Time of any Match.

c) If no winner is determined at the end of Extra Time, Penalty Kicks shall be taken in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the Manual

Cancellation of Matches

a) For any Match which is cancelled as a result of Force Majeure, the AFC Organising Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

   i) Decisions made pursuant to Article13.1 are final and binding and not appealable.

b) Any Match which is cancelled, except in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AFC Organising Committee, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the AFC Disciplinary Committee against the relevant party that has caused the cancellation in accordance with the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

Abandonment of Matches

a) For any Match which is abandoned as a result of Force Majeure, the AFC Organising Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

   i) Decisions made pursuant to Article 14.1 are final and binding and not appealable.

b) Any Match which is abandoned, except in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AFC Organising Committee, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee against the relevant party that has caused the abandonment in accordance with the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.





MEDIA GUIDELINES

Photographer Guidelines



Each photographer accredited for the AFC ASIAN CUP UAE 2019™ will be issued with a PHO accreditation card and an orange photographer's bib, both of which are valid for the entire tournament. The bib must be worn, visibly, at all times (even at training sessions on any site).

1. At each match, photographers can select to work on either the field. In some matches, the number of requests could exceed the number of places available, and some requests must be rejected. Thus to work at any particular match, a photographer requires three items: accreditation card, bib and ticket.

2. Each photographer will have a numbered seat which needs to be kept at all times. Each photographer will have to select the match(es) he/she intends to cover in the AFC Media Channel. Upon approval of the request, he/she will be informed of the time when he/she can login again and select his/her seat online. Once the seat is confirmed, each photographer will receive an email with their confirmed seat number, which needs to be shown at the Photographer Ticket Distribution Desk for collection of the ticket.

3. Photographers may only work in the zones reserved for them behind the goal lines (and not in the zones reserved for television cameras), unless expressly permitted by officials.

4. In all stadiums except as instructed, photographers may also work on the touch line facing the main TV camera (opposite the team benches).

5. Photographers will not be allowed to work from the touch line on the side of the team benches, apart from the AFC official photographers (wearing green bibs).

6. Photographers may never work in front of the advertising boards and must not obstruct these boards in any way at any time.

7. Photographers must allow players sufficient room to take corner kicks, as directed by the referee or other AFC officials.

8. Once the match has begun, photographers should not move from their dedicated seat.

9. Photographers may move to the other end of the pitch for penalty shoot-outs, as instructed by officials.

10. Flash photography during the game is not permitted.

11. Monopods are permitted, but not tripods.

12. Photographers may set up remote cameras in a designated area between the goal-net and the advertising boards, but in such a way as not to interfere with either. An area will be marked for these cameras behind each goal. Equipment may not exceed the total height of 25 cm. The final decision on the placement of any remote control cameras shall be with the referee. Remote control cameras may not be serviced during the match, but only at half-time.

13. Approximately 15 minutes before each match and as instructed by officials, field photographers may come to the centre of the touch line where the teams will line up for the national anthems and team group pictures. The teams and referees will stand at a distance of approximately ten metres from the touch line. After the national anthems, the teams will shake hands and pose for team group pictures at the same distance. This is followed by the coin toss and picture of captains with the match officials.

14. Immediately after the coin toss, photographers shall disperse to their respective working positions and not stop to take pictures of the team officials or players on the benches.

15. At the end of each half, photographers shall remain behind their respective goal line until all players have exited from the field.

16. A certain number of seats have been allocated for photographers in the media tribune at selected venues. Photographers selected to work in this area will each receive a ticket with a seat number, which they are to occupy. They may go to their allocated seats at any time they choose. They shall remain seated throughout the match.

17. Accredited photographers are only permitted to provide still photos. Not respecting this breaks the AFC ASIAN CUP UAE 2019™ Terms & Conditions signed by each accredited media and may lead to sanctions.

18. At no time – whether before, during or after any match – may photographers enter the field of play for any reason. Neither may they enter the dressing rooms at any time, even if invited to do so by players or team officials. Failure to respect this rule may lead to withdrawal of the photographer's accreditation for the remainder of the competition.

19. In the event that a photographer's bib is lost or stolen, it will only be replaced upon production of a police report and a USD 200 fee.

20. Photographers should always be seated on their respective seats/chairs provided by the organisers and not on their own lens box/stool or on the ground.

Non Rights Holders (NRH) Guidelines



1. A broadcaster and/or its representatives (e.g.producer, cameraman) that has no contractual agreement with the AFC is not allowed access to the stadium for recording of any AFC matches or events. These broadcasters are classed as NRH (Non Rights Holders).

2. The AFC may at its discretion allow access to NRH for certain match activities including MD-1 training, MD-1 press conference, post-match press conference and mixed zones. The HB and RTV broadcasters shall be given priority of access and positioning over any NRH.

3. No broadcaster and/or news agency from the Middle East and North African region (MENA) shall be granted accreditation or allowed access to any match or related activity in the said region.

4. For purposes of clarity, MENA shall mean Algeria, Bahrain, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine including the Gaza strip, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

5. NRH's from non-Middle East based broadcasters and International news agencies, whose principle place of business is outside of the MENA region may, subject to approval of the AFC, have access to pre-match press conference, post-match press conference and mixed zone only, where capacity allows provided that any broadcast by such parties shall be in a language other than Arabic.

6. No Broadcasters are allowed to apply for PRESS/PHOTO category accreditations. They can only apply for RTV or NRH category, whichever is appropriate for them. (Note: HB is an appointed RTV).

7. Each eligible NRH broadcaster can apply for a maximum of 3 NRH category accreditations. These applications should be accompanied by an appointment letter signed by the management of the NRH broadcaster.

8. If a crew member needs to be replaced, the replacement request should be raised by the same person or a person of the same position or higher and the accreditation being replaced must be returned. If there is more than one appointment letter from persons of the same management level, accreditation will be awarded to the first 3 applicants under a first-come-first serve principal.

9. On arrival at the Stadium, all NRH accreditation bearers shall sign in at the Media Centre and hand in all audio-visual equipment at the storage facilities provided. The stored equipment cannot be retrieved before the Final Whistle or before the respective owner leaves the Stadium.

10. Based on the principal that RTV has priorities in coverage, NRH bearers are only allowed to be at the Observers Seats, Mixed Zone and Press Conference area when space is available.

11. NRH bearers are not allowed to bring in or conduct any audio-visual recording during the entire match period.

Any person in contravention of these rules will have their accreditation revoked immediately, with the incident being reported to the AFC, which may preclude access to any future AFC matches and/or events.The AFC reserves the right at its sole discretion to decide on all matters relating to the issuance and/or revocation of accreditation to all RTV and NRH broadcasters.

Kindly contact media@the-afc.com for further enquiries.







STADIUM INFORMATION



Abu Dhabi



Zayed Sports City Stadium



Background

With both a history that goes back over 37 years and a recent renovation, the Zayed Sports City Stadium combines heritage with modernity.

The venue, inaugurated in 1980, was granted its biggest tournament to date when the UAE hosted the 1996 AFC Asian Cup for the first time with Zayed Sports City Stadium the venue for the showpiece finale.

Since then, this stadium hosted the FIFA Youth World Cup in 2003 when it was called the FIFA Youth Championship and FIFA Club World Cups before it underwent a major renovation in 2009. A traditional, open-air stadium that is defined on its exterior by iconic arches, Zayed Sports City Stadium is the perfect setting for the 2019 final curtain closer.

Match Schedule

Match	Date	Kickoff
UAE VS BHR	5 January 2019	20:00
IRQ VS VIE	8 January 2019	17:30
IND VS UAE	10 January 2019	20:00
OMA VS JPN	13 January 2019	17:30
KSA VS QAT	17 January 2019	20:00
1D VS 3bef	20 January 2019	21:00
W38 VS W39	24 January 2019	20:00
W47 VS W48	29 January 2019	18:00

Stadium Media Centre Timings

Dates	Timings
1 - 4 January	10:00 - 22:00
5 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
6 - 9 January	10:00 - 22:00
10 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
11 - 16 January	10:00 - 22:00
17 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
18 - 20 January	10:00 - 22:00
21 January	10:00 - 02:00(+1)
22 - 31 January	10:00 - 22:00
1 February	10:00 - 23:00

Media Shuttle Timings

- On all MD -1 shuttle leaves from City Seasons Al Hamara Hotel to SMC at 10:00 am & 11:00 am, return shuttle to hotel is at 8:00 & 9:00 pm respectively.

- On all match days shuttle runs between City Seasons Al Hamara Hotel and SMC at:

    - From 6 hrs. before kick-off up to 2 hours before kick-off, at one hour intervals
    - From 2 hrs. before kick-off, until kick-off at 30 mins intervals.
    - Return shuttle from SMC to media hotel starts one hour post-match at 30 mins intervals with 4 trips.

- On non-match days shuttle leaves from City Seasons Al Hamara Hotel to SMC at 10:00 am & 11:00 am, return shuttle to hotel is at 8:00 & 9:00 pm respectively.




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Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium



Background

Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium is home to UAE Pro League side Al Jazira. Built in 1979, the capital's oldest football stadium saw a complete overhaul that lasted three years between 2006 and 2009, upon its reopening, the stadium's capacity was increased from 15,000 to 42,000 fans.

Centrally located in Abu Dhabi's Al Muroor district, the premises at Al Jazira Club include a hospital, a boutique style hotel and an Olympic size swimming pool.

Over the past ten years, Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium has hosted the FIFA Club World Cup on three occasions, in 2009, 2010 and 2017. The stadium was also the home of the UAE national team in their 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifiers campaign.

Match Schedule

Match	Date	Kickoff
IRN VS YEM	Monday, 7 January	20:00
PHI VS CHN	Friday, 11 January	17:30
PLE VS JOR	Tuesday, 15 January	17:30
OMA VS TKM	Thursday, 17 January	17:30
2A VS 2C	Sunday, 20 January	18:00
W42 VS W41	Friday, 25 January	20:00
W46 VS W45	Monday, 28 January	18:00

Stadium Media Centre Timings

Dates	Timings
3 - 6 January	10:00 - 22:00
7 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
10 - 11 January	10:00 - 22:00
14 - 17 January	10:00 - 22:00
19 January	10:00 - 22:00
20 January	10:00 - 02:00(+1)
23 January	10:00 - 22:00
24 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
28 January	10:00 - 22:00
29 January	10:00 - 23:00

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**As Media Centre is not open throughout the tournament the media shuttle will run only on the four non-match days before the first game*




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Al Nahyan Stadium



Background

Abu Dhabi's newest stadium offers a unique setting against a backdrop of high rise buildings from its location at the heart of Abu Dhabi's downtown. It is directly connected to the modern Al Wahda Mall and sits opposite the city's main bus terminal.

Japan fans will find a special connection with the stadium which was opened in 1995 by Crown Prince Naruhito of Japan alongside current UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The permanent residents of Al Nahyan Stadium are four times UAE Pro League champions Al Wahda who will see their stadium upgraded from 11,400 to 15,000 fans in preparation for the 2019 AFC Asian Cup.

Match Schedule

Match	Date	Kickoff
THA VS IND	Sunday, 6 January	17:30
JPN VS TKM	Wednesday, 9 January	15:00
VIE VS IRN	Saturday, 12 January	15:00
KOR VS CHN	Wednesday, 16 January	17:30
1A VS 3cde	Monday, 21 January	21:00
W43 VS W44	Friday, 25 January	17:00
W49 VS W50	Friday, 1 February	18:00

Stadium Media Centre Timings

Dates	Timings
2 - 6 January	10:00 - 22:00
8 January	10:00 - 22:00
9 January	10:00 - 22:00
11 - 12 January	10:00 - 22:00
15 - 16 January	10:00 - 22:00
21 January	10:00 - 22:00
22 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)

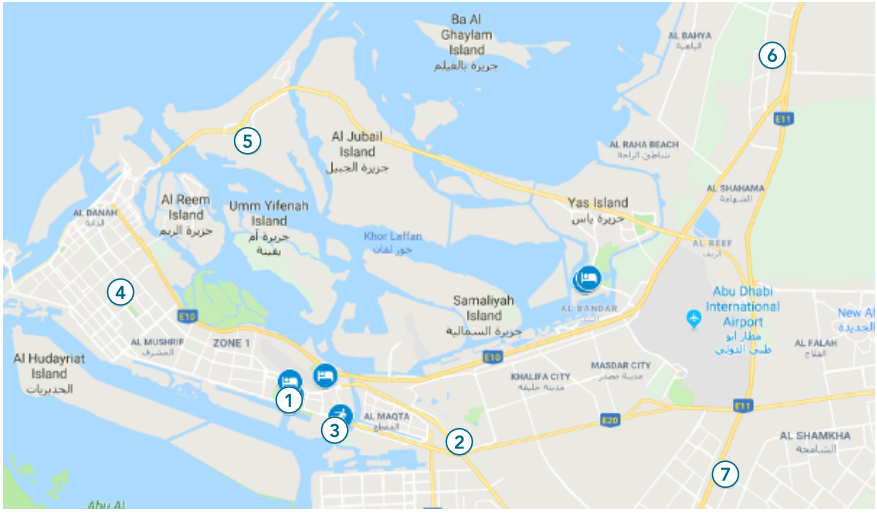
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Training Site Information



1. ZSC Training Site 1 & 2
2. Cricket Training Site 1 & 2
3. Armed Forces Stadium
4. Sultan Bin Zayed Stadium
5. New York University Abu Dhabi
6. Al Wahda Academy
7. Al Jazira Academy



Al Ain



Hazza bin Zayed Stadium



Background

The award-winning Hazza Bin Zayed Stadium is a multi-purpose 25,000 capacity venue in Al Ain. The stadium covers an area of 45,000 square metres and is 50 metres high, making it one of the tallest buildings in Al Ain City.

The design of the outer facade is based on the trunk of the palm tree, an integral part of the UAE's heritage and legacy, while a sinuous and gravity-bending parasol roof shades the pitch and the spectators during matches.

This striking landmark hosted the UAE's FIFA World Cup 2018 Russia qualifiers and the 2016 AFC Champions League Final and will be a key venue at the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™.

Match Schedule

Match	Date	Kickoff
AUS VS JOR	Sunday, 6 January	15:00
QAT VS LIB	Wednesday, 9 January	20:00
KGZ VS KOR	Friday, 11 January	20:00
UAE VS THA	Monday, 14 January	20:00
VIE VS YEM	Wednesday, 16 January	20:00
1E VS 2D	Tuesday, 22 January	20:00

Stadium Media Centre Timings

Dates	Timings
2 - 8 January	10:00 - 22:00
9 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
10 January	10:00 - 22:00
11 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
12 - 13 January	10:00 - 22:00
14 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
15 January	10:00 - 22:00
16 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
17 - 19 January	10:00 - 22:00
20 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
21 - 24 January	10:00 - 22:00
25 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
26 - 28 January	10:00 - 22:00

Media Shuttle

- On all MD -1 shuttle leaves from Ayla Grand Hotel Al Ain to SMC at 10:00 am & 11:00 am, return shuttle to hotel is at 8:00 & 9:00 pm respectively.
- On all match days shuttle runs between Ayla Grand Hotel Al Ain and SMC at:
    - From 6 hrs. before kick-off up to 2 hours before kick-off, at one hour intervals
    - From 2 hrs. before kick-off, until kick-off at 30 mins intervals.
    - Return shuttle from SMC to media hotel starts one hour post-match at 30 mins intervals with 4 trips.
- On non-match days shuttle leaves from Ayla Grand Hotel Al Ain to SMC at 10:00 am & 11:00 am, return shuttle to hotel is at 8:00 & 9:00 pm respectively.





Khalifa bin Zayed Stadium



Background

Named after the current president of the UAE, Khalifa bin Zayed Stadium is one of the oldest football stadiums in the country, built in 1971 and refurbished in 2002. The ground played host to Al Ain's home fixtures prior to the opening of Hazza bin Zayed Stadium in 2014. It is now the club's main training ground and home to its football academy.

One of two host venues in Al Ain, the 12,000-capacity stadium is located less than 5-km from the UAE-Oman border and within walking distance of Al Ain Oasis, the UAE's first UNESCO World Heritage site.

Match Schedule

Match	Date	Kickoff
CHN VS KGZ	Monday, 7 January	15:00
JOR VS SYR	Thursday, 10 January	17:30
PRK VS QAT	Sunday, 13 January	15:00
AUS VS SYR	Tuesday, 15 January	17:30
JPN VS UZB	Thursday, 17 January	17:30
2B VS 2F	Monday, 21 January	18:00

Stadium Media Centre Timings

Dates	Timings
3 - 7 January	10:00 - 22:00
9 - 10 January	10:00 - 22:00
12 - 17 January	10:00 - 22:00
20 January	10:00 - 22:00
21 January	10:00 - 23:00

Media Shuttle

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- On all match days shuttle runs between Ayla Grand Hotel Al Ain and SMC at:

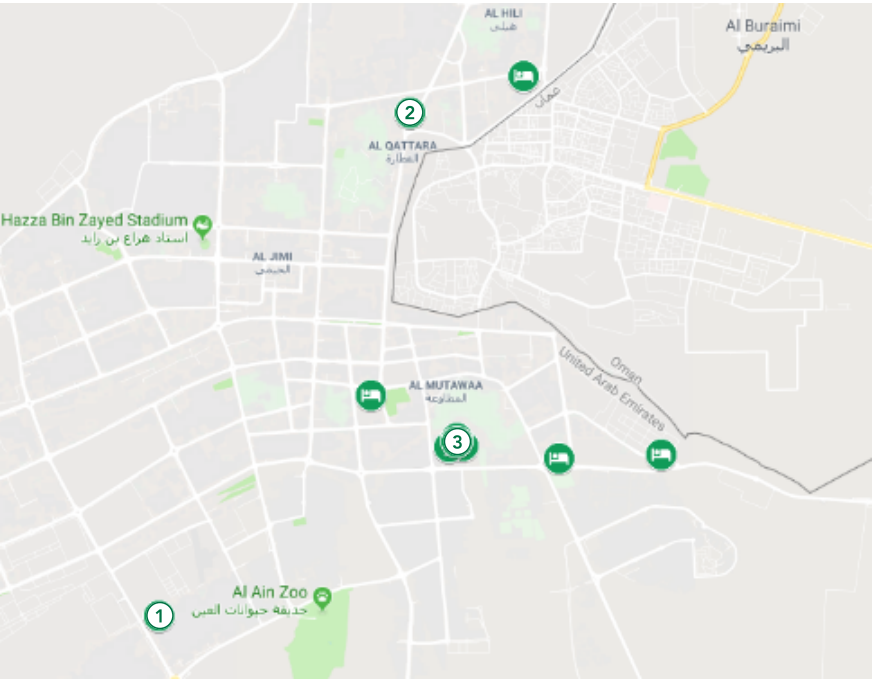
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Training Site Information



1. Special Needs Centre
2. KBZ Training Site 1 - 4
3. Tahnoun Bin Mohammed Stadium



Dubai



Al Maktoum Stadium



Background

Notable for its distinct blue colour, Al Maktoum Stadium has undergone a complete renovation for the AFC Asian Cup, seeing its capacity upgraded from 10,750 to 12,000. The Stadium hosted games in the 2003 FIFA Youth Championship and is the perennial venue for the UAE League Cup final, having hosted the high-profile fixture in the past two seasons.

The Stadium is home to Al Nasr, the oldest football club in the country, founded in 1945. The historic ground hosted the first ever Dubai derby between Al Nasr and arch-rivals Al Wasl.

Match Schedule

Match	Date	Kickoff
KOR VS PHI	Monday, 7 January	17:30
BHR VS THA	Thursday, 10 January	15:00
LIB VS KSA	Saturday, 12 January	20:00
IRN VS IRQ	Wednesday, 16 January	20:00
1C VS 3abf	Tuesday, 22 January	17:00

Stadium Media Centre Timings

Dates	Timings
3 - 11 January	10:00 - 22:00
12 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
13 - 15 January	10:00 - 22:00
16 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
17 - 24 January	10:00 - 22:00

Media Shuttle

- On all MD -1 shuttle leaves from Media Rotana hotel to SMC at 10:00 am & 11:00 am, return shuttle to hotel is at 8:00 & 9:00 pm respectively.
- On all match days shuttle runs between Media Rotana hotel and SMC at:
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  - From 2 hrs. before kick-off, until kick-off at 30 mins intervals.
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Rashid Stadium



Background

One of two host stadiums in Dubai, Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum Stadium is located in Al Mamzar district. The stadium was home to Al Shabab Club prior to its merger with fellow Dubai clubs Al Ahli and Dubai SC in 2017.

With an 18,000-capacity, the stadium which is dominated by the green colour inside and out is the largest football stadium in Dubai. Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum Stadium has experience in hosting continental competitions, having been the venue of the 2014 AFC Cup final.

Match Schedule

Match	Date	Kickoff
KSA VS PRK	Monday, 7 January	20:00
PLE VS AUS	Friday, 11 January	15:00
TKM VS UZB	Sunday, 13 January	20:00
KGZ VS PHI	Wednesday, 16 January	17:30
1B VS 3acd	Sunday, 20 January	15:00
W37 VS W40	Thursday, 24 January	17:00

SMC Timings

Dates	Timings
4 - 7 January	10:00 - 22:00
8 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
10 - 12 January	10:00 - 22:00
13 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
15 - 16 January	10:00 - 22:00
21 - 22 January	10:00 - 22:00

Media Shuttle

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- On all match days shuttle runs between Media Rotana Hotel and SMC at:

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Training Site Information



1. Humaid Al Tayer Stadium
2. SAAD - Al Nahda
3. SAAD Al Mamzar
4. Police Officers' Club
5. Al Wasl Club
6. Nad Al Sheba Sports Complex





Sharjah Stadium



Background

Located in Sharjah, the cultural heart of the UAE, Sharjah Stadium is one of the historic stadiums of the country as it is home to Sharjah Sports Club, the inaugural UAE League champions in the 1973/74 season and one of the nation's most decorated football teams.

With a capacity of 11,073, Sharjah Stadium is the smallest of the host stadiums but is part of a larger sports complex that also includes the Iconic Sharjah Cricket Stadium.

Match Schedule

Match	Date	Kickoff
SYR VS PLE	Sunday, 6 January	20:00
UZB VS OMA	Wednesday, 9 January	17:30
YEM VS IRQ	Saturday, 12 January	17:30
IND VS BHR	Tuesday, 15 January	20:00
LIB VS PRK	Thursday, 17 January	20:00
1F VS 2E	Monday, 21 January	15:00

Stadium Media Centre Timings

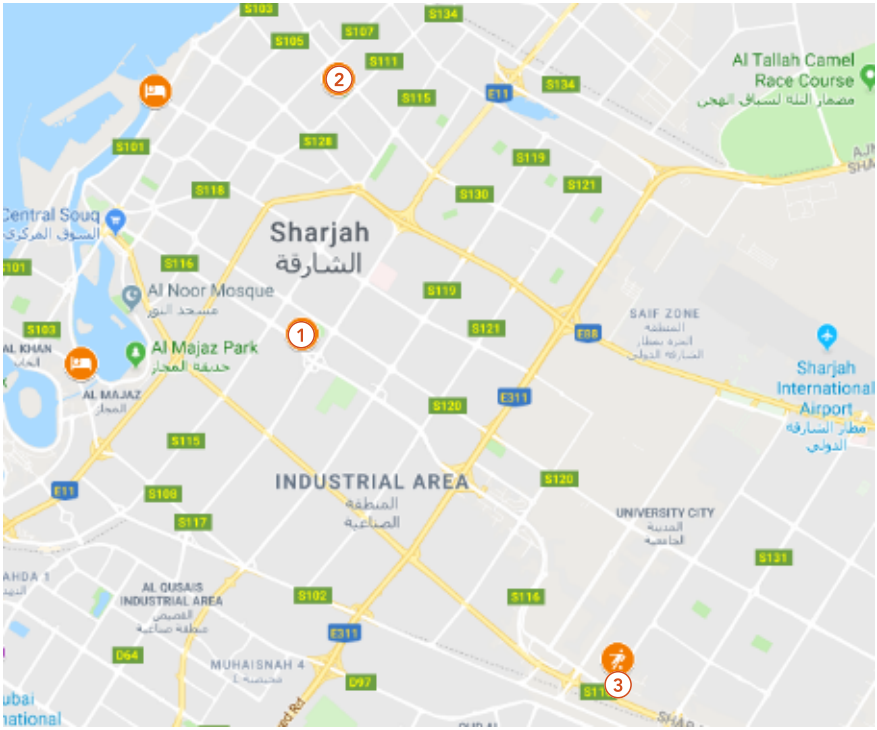
Dates	Timings
2 - 5 January	10:00 - 22:00
6 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
7 -13 January	10:00 - 22:00
14 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
15 - 16 January	10:00 - 22:00
17 January	10:00 - 01:00(+1)
18 - 21 January	10:00 - 22:00

Media Shuttle

- On all MD -1 shuttle leaves from Media Rotana hotel, Dubai, to SMC at 10:00 am & 11:00 am, return shuttle to hotel is at 8:00 & 9:00 pm respectively.
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Training Site Information



1. Sharjah Stadium Training Site
2. Sharjah Club Al Hazana
3. Sharjah University





HISTORY

Roll of Honour

Year	Venue
1956	Hong Kong
1960	Korea Republic
1964	Israel
1968	IR Iran
1972	Thailand
1976	IR Iran
1980	Kuwait
1984	Singapore
1988	Qatar
1992	Japan
1996	United Arab Emirates
2000	Lebanon
2004	China
2007	Indonesia / Malaysia / Thailand / Vietnam
2011	Qatar
2015	Australia

* Tournaments from 1956 to 1968 were played on a round-robin basis

Winners	Runners-up	Results
Korea Republic	Israel	*
Korea Republic	Israel	*
Israel	India	*
IR Iran	Burma	*
IR Iran	Korea Republic	2-1 (aet)
IR Iran	Kuwait	1-0
Kuwait	Korea Republic	3-0
Saudi Arabia	China PR	2-0
Saudi Arabia	Korea Republic	0-0 (4-3 pens)
Japan	Saudi Arabia	1-0
Saudi Arabia	United Arab Emirates	0-0 (4-2 pens)
Japan	Saudi Arabia	1-0
Japan	China	3-1
Iraq	Saudi Arabia	1-0
Japan	Australia	1-0 (aet)
Australia	Korea Republic	2-1 (aet)





TROPHY


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AFC Asian Cup Trophy

The dazzling new trophy, the first update of the competition's silverware in six decades, was unveiled at the official draw for the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019 in May last year.

Produced by the esteemed silversmith from London, the production process encompassed a total of 450 hours of craftsmanship, including 230 hours of hammering sheets of steel into the final, unique shape.

The end result is a 78-centimetre-tall, 42-centimetre-wide masterpiece depicting the Asian Football Confederation's five regions, and celebrating the AFC Asian Cup's proud history as the continent's foremost football competition by labelling its previous winners on the trophy's plinth.





AWARDS

Asian Cup Awards

Fair Play Award

The AFC Fair Play Award will be presented to the Participating Team who has collected the most Fair Play points. The applicable rules and Fair Play Criteria are stated in the Competition Operations Manual.

The AFC Fair Play awards shall only take into account performance during the Final Competition.

Top Goalscorer Award

The Top Goalscorer Award will be presented to the Participating Player who has scored the highest number of goals. In the event of a tie, the number of assists as determined by the AFC Technical Study Group will be taken into account to identify the winner. If there is still a tie, the total minutes played will be taken into account with the Participating Player with the lower number of minutes played ranked first.

The Top Goalscorer Award shall only take into account performance during the Final Competition.

Most Valuable Player Award

The Most Valuable Player of the Competition is awarded to the Participating Player who has a major influence in each of their Matches and the Competition overall.

The Most Valuable Player Award shall only take into account performance during the Final Competition.

Best Goalkeeper Award

The Best Goalkeeper is awarded to the most outstanding goalkeeper based on his performance during the competition as selected by the AFC Technical Study Group.

The Best Goalkeeper Award shall only take into account performance during the Final Competition.

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