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as adopted by The Association on 29th May 2018.

These Rules must be read in conjunction with the Articles.

E. MISCONDUCT

Save for where otherwise set out in these Rules, procedural matters concerning Misconduct shall be dealt with in accordance with The Association's Disciplinary Regulations.

1 The Association may act against a Participant in respect of any Misconduct, which is defined as being a breach of the following:

- (a) the Laws of the Game;
- (b) the Rules and regulations of The Association and in particular Rules E3 to E28 below;
- (c) the statutes and regulations of UEFA;
- (d) the statutes and regulations of FIFA;
- (e) the rules or regulations of an Affiliated Association or Competition; and
- (f) an order, requirement, direction or instruction of The Association.

2 The same facts or matters may constitute a breach of more than one rule, regulation, statute or law referred to above, The Association may bring a charge or such charges as it sees fit.

BETTING

8 References to "Participant" in Rule E8 shall be construed in accordance with the following:

Rule E8(2) applies to any Match Official, Match Official coach or Match Official observer operating at Level 4 or below, and any other person who is a Participant by virtue only of their involvement at a Club below Step 4 in the National League System, or at a Club at Steps 3-7 inclusive of the Women's Football Pyramid. Such Participants are not subject to Rule E8(1).

All other Participants are subject to Rule E8(1), and are not subject to Rule E8(2).

All Participants are subject to Rule E8(3).

- (1) (a) A Participant shall not bet, either directly or indirectly, or instruct, permit, cause or enable any person to bet on -
 - (i) the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of, or occurrence in or in connection with, a football match or competition; or
 - (ii) any other matter concerning or related to football anywhere in the world, including, for example and without limitation, the transfer of players, employment of managers, team selection or disciplinary matters.
- (b) Where a Participant provides to any other person any information relating to football which the Participant has obtained by virtue of his or her position within the game and which is not publicly available at that time, the Participant shall be in breach of this Rule where any of that information is used by that other person for, or in relation to, betting.
- (c) It shall be a defence to a charge brought pursuant to sub-paragraph E8(1)(b) if a Participant can establish, on the balance of probability, that the Participant provided any such information in circumstances where he did not know, and could not reasonably have known, that the information provided would be used by the other person for or in relation to betting.

(2) (a) A Participant shall not bet, either directly or indirectly, or instruct, permit, cause or enable any person to bet on –

(i) the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of, or occurrence in or in connection with, a football match or competition:

(A) in which the Participant is participating, or has participated in that season; or

(B) in which the Participant has any influence, either direct or indirect; or

(ii) any other matter concerning or related to any Club participating in any league Competition, as defined in Rule A2, that the Participant is participating in or has participated in during that season, including, for example and without limitation, the transfer of players, employment of managers, team selection or disciplinary matters.

For these purposes, without limitation to the application of this Rule to other circumstances, all Employees and Officials of a Club are deemed to participate in every football match played by that Club while they are so employed or acting as a Club Official; all Players registered with a Club are deemed to participate in every football match played by that Club while they are so registered.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph E8(2)(a), a Participant shall not bet, either directly or indirectly, or instruct, permit, cause or enable any person to bet, on the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of, or occurrence in, any football match played at under 18 level or below.

(c) A Participant shall not use any information relating to football which the Participant has obtained by virtue of his or her position within the game and which is not publicly available at that time for or in relation to betting.

(d) Where a Participant provides to any other person any information relating to football which the Participant has obtained by virtue of his or her position within the game and which is not publicly available at that time, the Participant shall be in breach of this Rule where any of that information is used by that other person for or in relation to betting.

(e) It shall be a defence to a charge brought pursuant to sub-paragraph E8(2)(d) if a Participant can establish, on the balance of probability, that the Participant provided any such information in circumstances where he did not know, and could not reasonably have known, that the information provided would be used by the other person for or in relation to betting.

(3) An individual Participant, when acting in a personal capacity, shall not be permitted to advertise or promote any betting activity that the Participant is prohibited from engaging in by Rule E8(1) or E8(2).

(4) An individual Participant, when acting in any capacity, shall not deliberately participate in the production of audio, or audio visual content (for publication on any platform whatsoever) where the conduct and/or words of the Participant could reasonably be considered to be actively encouraging the engagement in betting activity which the Participant is prohibited from engaging in by Rule E8(1) or E8(2).

(5) A Club shall not instruct, compel, permit, cause, or enable any Participant to be in breach of Rule E8(4).