

**Regulations for Club-Team Competitions**  
EUROPEAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE EFL  
EFAF CUP

**2009 and forward (Season 2010 and forward)**

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<b>BoD</b>	The Board of Directors of the European Federation of American Football
<b>IOC</b>	International Olympic Committee

# **Regulations for Club-Team Competitions**

## **European Football League EFL**

### **EFAF Cup**

### **Season 2010 and forward**

#### **§ 1 Definition of the Competition**

**These regulations are valid for all competitions, games, friendly games etc., a member-club of an EFAF member federation takes part. Exceptions are impossible, only in single cases by proceeding decision of EFAF or in case of additional EFAF Club-Team Cups or Tournaments.**

#### **A) EFAF Competitions**

The European Football League **EFL** and the **EFAF Cup Competition** are annual invitational tournaments for American Football teams representing EFAF member federations.

For **EFL** participation teams should have obtained the title of Champion or Vice-Champion either in EFAF member federations national, championships, league and/or recognised International competitions. The **Eurobowl** is the final game of the **EFL** to determine the winner of the league and the venue for the Final and the semi-finals shall be determined by the EFAF Board.

For **EFAF Cup Competition** participation teams must be well organized, financially solid and from sport side successfully playing clubs of their national highest league, but usually not national Champion or Vice-Champion. The **EFAF Cup** is the final game to determine the winner and the venue for the Final and the semi-finals shall be determined by the EFAF Board.

Moreover and besides team mentioned before EFAF is authorized to provide wildcards to teams.

#### **B) Participation in Club-Team Competitions**

1) The National Champion or at least the National Vice Champion shall participate in club team competitions. The only exemption from this rule is for teams from federation who do not participate with any national team in any of the EFAF tackle national team competitions.

2) The National Champion of a federation has to participate at EFL if:

- The national team finished on the Medal ranks of EFAF European Championship Series for Senior National Teams A-Group and/ or
- The national team finished on the Medal ranks of last edition of EFAF European Junior Championships and/ or
- At least one team of that federation finished in the last EFL season at least at EFL – EURO BOWL Semi Finals

The National Champion of all other federations has to participate at EFAF Cup with the only exemption for the National Champion of those federations who do not have any tackle national team activity junior or senior.

If a club qualified according this rule will not enter the tournament the team is qualified for, the club has to pay a fine of 5.000 EUR for EFL non-participation and a fine of 1.250 EUR for EFAF Cup non-participation to EFAF.

Federation may nominate another team to replace the team not entering the tournament. Federation will be given a two-week notice after the final entry deadline for the club team tournament, during this time the federation may replace the team with no penalty fee. Not applicable if the club not participating is the national champion. The national champion may be replaced but the national champion has still to pay a fine. The fine may be reduced by EFAF to 50% of the originally set fine.

If a club team decides not to enter a tournament it has qualified for, the club team will be given an automatic one (1) year ban from the international games whether tournament, league, exhibition or

another game like event including but not limited to senior, youth, ladies and flag teams. The one (1) year ban will be calculated from the entry deadline date of the club team competition.

Federation of the banned club team may send a written request of the club team to EFAF Board of Directors in order to avoid the ban. This may be done at any time before or after the ban has taken its effect. EFAF Board of Directors may decide to not ban a team if there are acceptable financial or other reasons for non-participation. EFAF Board of Directors decision is not subject to an appeal.

If the club does not pay the fine he is banned for all international activities until the fine is settled. The minimum ban is for that year in which the club was qualified to participate in club competition whether the fine is paid or not.

All federations are reminded that according to Article 18 § 2 of EFAF statutes, federations are liable for all financial obligations of their clubs.

## § 2 General Provisions & Financial Requirements

The team shall be entered by their national federation who shall ensure that it is possible for them to combine their season games and EFL games. The federations and teams participating in the tournament shall undertake to observe the regulations as well as the decisions taken by the EFAF authorities.

All of the official requirements in these Rules and Regulations, the application forms, the minimum game requirements for arena and field, the EFAF-45men-roster-form, the EFAF starting line up form etc. are part of these rules here and must be followed by the game host/organizer/club and are valid automatically by entering the tournaments.

A) Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> October of the year prior the tournament-year.** The participating teams shall provide:

- 1) A signed contract/application form including exclusion from liability clause, thus confirming their entry in the EFL/Eurobowl or EFAF CUP Tournament and acceptance of all Rules & Regulations. This document has to include an official address of the club (postal and e-mail address)
- 2) a. Pay an entry fee of € 2.500,00 plus Vat if applicable to the EFAF Treasurer for the EFL/EUROBOWL Tournament.  
b. Pay an entry fee of € 1.250,00 plus VAT if applicable to the EFAF Treasurer for the EFAF Cup Competition.
- 3) a. Obtain a bank guarantee or deposit in the amount of € 7.000,00 in the name of EFAF for the EFL/EUROBOWL Tournament.  
b. Obtain a bank guarantee or deposit in the amount of € 2.000,00 in the name of EFAF for the EFAF Cup Competition.

**EFAF Bank Account:** [European Federation of American Football](#)  
Account number: 59188, Bank: [Volksbank Maingau EG](#)  
Bank Address: [Seligenstaedter Str. 52, D-63179 Obertshausen, Germany](#)  
Swift Code: [GENO DE 51 OBH VIA GENO DE 55 SGZ](#)  
National-Bank-ID: [505 613 15](#)  
IBAN: [DE 79 5056 1315 0000 0591 88](#)

The bank guarantee or deposit will be held in a separate escrow account and refunded to the team upon confirmation that the team has satisfied all of the requirements in the regulations to include:

participation in all required games, as well as, satisfying all financial requirements to include damages or costs incurred by third parties as a result of participation.

The bank guarantee has to be written in English. The guarantee shall be issued by a first rank bank well known internationally. It has to be an autonomous independent first demand guarantee under the rules of ICC # 458 and no surety agreement or joint guarantee. There has to be no expiry date of the guarantee. The guarantee has to be unlimited in time. The EFAF BoD might reject any guarantee, which is not in accordance to those rules. Upon receipt of a satisfactory report, the EFAF Treasurer shall refund the deposit or bank guarantee soonest 30 days after the EFL/Eurobowl Final.

To refund a cash deposit the team has to submit an international payment information to EFAF on a written and original signed document which includes:

- name of beneficiary (only the club is accepted!!!)
- address of beneficiary (street, zip-code, city)
- name and address of the bank of beneficiary
- International Bank Accounting Number (IBAN) and/ or BIC/ SWIFT.

If there is insufficient payment information EFAF will keep the money on a separate account until the club sends sufficient payment information. EFAF will not pay any interests on cash deposits.

EFAF will send a bank guarantee back to the official address of the club, which is written in the application form/ tournament entry form by registered mail. If this letter does not arrive because the club has changed its address without informing EFAF by written and original signed letter or because the club was not able to get the letter from the postal office at the club's place EFAF will keep the guarantee until a new address will be submitted to EFAF. EFAF will not cover any interest or expenses the club has to pay to its own bank for any delay.

Teams that have unfulfilled previous obligations to EFAF will not be permitted to enter the tournament.

If the obligations are fulfilled not in time but delayed up to December 15<sup>th</sup> of the year prior the tournament year fine up to € 1.000,00. Further up to € 3.000 for a fulfilment delayed till January,31<sup>st</sup>.

**B) Club Team Meeting:** Each club participating in either EFL or EFAF Cup is obligated to send its representative to the annual club team meeting. Club representatives must have a proxy from the club allowing the person representing the club to take any necessary decision regarding the tournament and clubs participating on that tournament. Failure to participate in the meeting will result in a fine of maximum € 500,00.

**C) Deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup> of the tournament year**

- 1) One typed page team history in English as per sample attached.
- 2) Team logo helmet design

**D) Deadline 30 days prior to the first game but latest till 31<sup>st</sup> March of the tournament year**

- 1) **60**-man roster: see § 7 for details
- 2) Rosters will be published on the EFAF website, therefore are available to all parties and will not be altered.
- 3) Team/individual photos and player profile as requested by EFAF (14 days notice will be given)

**Failure to comply with the above deadlines will result in the following:**

1. Failure to meet deadline date automatic fine of € 150,00 for each offence.
2. Failure to submit other required information or not a detailed, completed roster, § 2, 7, fourteen days after information, what's missing: Fine € 500,00 up to 1.500,00

3. Failure to submit roster till March 31<sup>st</sup> of the competition year:  
Expulsion from tournament
4. In accordance to non-payment of entry fee, bank guarantee later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of the tournament year: Expulsion from tournament.

**E) Deadline: 14 days before each game (not applicable for quarter-, semi- or finals):**

- 1) Send four tickets of the best category (including access to any VIP facility if existing to EFAF office including two parking tickets and access passes to the game venue. (for EFAF Executives or EFAF VIP Guests)
- 2) Send two access passes to the game venue plus one parking tickets (for Anti-Doping Control)
- 3) Send a list of three hotels in the city where the games are played (three star hotel category) which have vacancies on the game day including contact information
- 4) Travel Directions to the stadium including the address of the stadium

If there is VAT applicable to be added on any fee or payment the amount of the VAT is added on all fees or payments mentioned in this regulations.

### **§ 3 Refusal to Play and Similar Cases**

Any actions directly or indirectly caused by a team, with the result that a game cannot take place or be played to its full extent, will be dealt with as refusal to play. In other cases than described in § 14, refusal to play automatically leads to disqualification and the team is fined as follows.

Refusal to play during

- The Group Games	5.000,00 Euro
- The Quarter finals	7.500,00 Euro
- The Semi finals	12.500,00 Euro
- The Final	25.000,00 Euro

The fine shall be paid to **EFAF** within one month from the receipt of the EFAF decision. If the fine is not settled then EFAF can claim the outstanding debt and any additional legal cost by raising financial claims in a civil court. National Federation / Association to pay in case of default. **If the club does not pay the fine he is banned for all international activities until the fine is settled. This fine does not prevent the opponent or other clubs participating in the same EFAF competition to claim for further financial costs caused by the refusal of the club.**

### **§ 4 Financial Provisions**

A) Each team shall retain its receipts and shall bear all the organisation expenses. The visiting team shall assume its own expenses for travelling, board and lodging unless the two teams concerned have concluded a different agreement. The provisions of § 9 and § 13 must be observed. It is possible for a promoter to enter into a separate contractual agreement with EFAF specifically for the organisation of a Tournament for the Qualification Round, the winner of which shall qualify for the Quarterfinals.

B) The organising/home team or party shall bear the expenses of travelling, board and lodging of the game officials. The game officials shall also be paid an allowance per event of € 60,00 for the period spent away from home. The travelling expenses and an allowance of maximum two days shall be paid/reimbursed at the latest before the game officials depart from the game. The assignment of game officials shall be done to limit the travelling expenses as much as possible and they shall be provided twin bedded rooms in a suitable Hotel. The assignment of game officials will be the sole responsibility of the EFAF Officiating department. The assigned officials from the home country

will be paid according to the regulations of the national federation for assignments inside their own home country.

C) The organizing/home team or party has to bear the expenses of the EFAF Game Observer's travelling from the hotel to the field and back and also to provide him updated directions to the stadium via email send to Efaf Office at least two -weeks in advance.

D) The hosting team shall reimburse the travelling team for their travel cost based on the air distance (one way) between the nearest international airports according to IATA-distances. The amount is a flat fee of € 1.600,00 plus € 1,60 per kilometre (Maximum pay-out is € 5.500,00.) in EFL/Eurobowl competition.

In EFAF Cup basically travelling compensation is decided between the clubs in a written and signed contract till December 15<sup>th</sup> the year before the competition is played and forwarded to EFAF till December 15<sup>th</sup>. The contract details are not guaranteed by EFAF but by the negotiating clubs. If there is no written contract fixed till the end of December 15<sup>th</sup> a total fee of € 1.600,00 is to be paid to the visiting team and valid automatically. A total fee of € 1.600,00 is set for EFAF Cup Semi-final and Final. This rule applies from the beginning of each tournament.

E) Additional Financial Conditions for EFL and EFAF-Cup Semi-finalists and Finalists and EFL Quarter-finalists:

- 1) Home team/promoter has to provide a maximum of 1 night accommodation (27 twin rooms 2 singles)
- 2) 3 meals/day for maximum 56 members of each team - 45 players, 11 coaches/officials
- 3) Alternatively to the above-mentioned positions 1) and 2) home team or promoter can decide two weeks in advance of the final latest to pay € 2.800,00 to the guest team instead of lodging and fooding. This decision has to be forwarded both to the away team and the EFAF Tournament Director two weeks in advance latest. If there is no information, 1) and 2) are automatically the option.
- 4) The above-mentioned provisions are not guaranteed by EFAF but by the promoter / organizer or the home team.

F) The EFL tournament, the Eurobowl and the EFAF Cup competition and all rights up to and including the Eurobowl and EFAF Cup Final are the property of EFAF.

The following fees are required to grant rights to host team/promoters hosting games as follows:  
Rights (Sanctioning) Fee

- 1) Group or Qualification Games- No rights (sanctioning) fees.
- 2) Quarter-finals- Host team or promoter – EFL: € 3.000 plus VAT
- 3) Semi-finals- Host team or promoter – EFL: € 6.000,00 / EFAF Cup: 1.500,00 plus VAT
- 4) Finals- Host team or promoter – Eurobowl: € 10.000,00 / EFAF Cup: 3.000,00 plus VAT.

Please Note: All Sanctioning fees must be paid prior to date of game, failure will result in EFAF recovering the sanctioning fee from teams bank guarantee. EFAF decides which team or promoter is the host of semi-final or final. Hosting team or promotor has the duty to arrange, organize etc. the game following EFAF's decision.

Up to 20 tickets for EFAF in the best category seats, upon request made by EFAF, for every EFL game.

Teams may **mutually** agree to other commercial arrangements concerning their own financial matters. The above specified amounts shall be payable in cash one hour prior to kick-off (except

EFAF sanctioning fees). If the payment has not been made at that time, the home team will lose the game and will be held responsible for the visiting team's costs. Additional to these refunds the home team will be object to further EFAF sanctions and fines. Any agreement made between teams should be submitted to EFAF for information purposes only.

Contract details negotiated between clubs are not guaranteed by EFAF but by the negotiating clubs. If a club uses a marketing or promotion and/or profit organisation for its game presentations the club has a contractual relationship to, the club cannot point out towards EFAF, if one or more duties are not fulfilled, that it would be not a team but an organisations duty.

## **§ 5 EFL**

EFL is a trademark owned by American Football Verband Deutschland (AFVD). AFVD has allowed EFAF to use the trademark. The right can be revoked by AFVD at any time. In that case the Team is not anymore allowed to use the trademark. Team will have no right to claim compensation from EFAF. Teams are not allowed to sell merchandising, TV-rights, etc. of EFL or of the EFL logo. Those rights exclusively belong to EFAF and AFVD. Teams have to fix an EFL patch of the leagues logo on the left (looking from the front) shoulder of each participating team jersey. Teams can print the league logo on cards, papers, brochures, posters, etc. Teams are not allowed to produce pins with the EFL logo.

EFAF will provide the EFL patches to the teams on costs of the teams. Teams who had played EFL in the season before and who still have the EFL patches in use from that year will only receive patches on demand base.

EFAF will provide EFAF flags, which have to be hoisted in the stadium to the teams on costs of the teams (in 2009 only applicable to EFL § EFAF CUP semi finals and final game, in 2010 in addition applicable to all EFL games and in 2011 applicable to all EFL & EFAF Cup Games).

## **§ 6 Game System**

EFL/Eurobowl and the EFAF CUP are divided into regions. The qualification round of the tournament may vary in format. A one game knockout format will be employed for the EFL/Eurobowl and the EFAF Cup Tournament from the Semi-Final round and forward. EFAF shall have as its aim to reduce the travelling distances and the team's costs and at the same time gain as much as possible public and commercial benefit or interest for the teams and the tournament.

Reserve teams can be appointed by EFAF Tournament Director. Reserve teams shall comply with the regular application form and registration procedures.

EFAF shall before and no later than the December 15<sup>th</sup> year prior the tournament-year, publish a final schedule for the Tournaments. Exceptions from those dates have to be decided by the EFAF Tournament Director.

### Completion dates for the schedule:

#### **EFL/EUROBOWL:**

<b>Group Games</b>	<b>weekends April 3./4., April 17./18. &amp; May 1./2.2010</b>
<b>Quarter-Finals</b>	<b>weekend May 15./16.2010</b>
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	<b>weekend June 5./6.2010</b>
<b>Eurobowl Final</b>	<b>weekend July 3./4.2010</b>

#### **EFAF-CUP:**

<b>Qualifying Round (if necessary)</b>	<b>weekends from March 20. till April 4.2010 (included)</b>
<b>Group Games</b>	<b>weekends April 17./18. &amp; May 1./2. &amp; May 15./16.2010</b>
<b>Semi-Finals</b>	<b>weekend June 05./ 06.2010</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>weekend July 5./6.2010</b>

## **§ 7 Eligibility of Players**

Deadline 30 days prior the first game, but at least till March 31<sup>st</sup> in the tournament-year, a **60**-man roster is to be presented to EFAF. The only method of communication for the submission of rosters is via e-mail and all rosters must conform to the EFAF standard to include seven columns to include players numbers ascending in order from 1 to 99, name – Last name First name, Nationality, Position, Height, Weight, and Previous program as per EFAF roster attached in the regulations. Till 14 days before the first game in the tournament the club has to deliver the 60-man roster with valid and season lasting jersey numbers. The numbers have to be the same on home and away shirts. A maximum of four players is allowed to change numbers in urgent and understandable cases from game to game (failure will incur a fine up to € 1.000).

All rosters will be posted on the EFAF Website for public scrutiny. The roster shall include name, date of birth, and a written confirmation from the respective national federation that the players listed have the necessary license to play for that team.

Deadline **two -hours** prior to the game to be communicated before the game by handing over 5 printed valid game day rosters (Head Coaches report form) and starters line-up list to the EFAF Game Observer.

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- 1) An EFAF game day roster is submitted and limited to 45 players with a maximum of 3 Americans as defined USA, Canadian, Mexican or Japanese passport holders. These three players may all be on the field at the same time.
- 2) Both teams must submit eleven starters for offense and eleven starters for defence on EFAF starting line-up list.

Each team shall on game day indicate, on the Head coaches report form, the names of players and their staff. The EFAF Game Observer will request presentation of a passport or Government accepted identity card of each player 75 minutes prior to kickoff for the away and 60 minutes for the home team. In the case of no EFAF Observer being present the head game official will carry the above identity check.

Identity documents must be a passport or a government accepted document, which includes photograph, date of birth and nationality. Players without Identity documents will **NOT** play – driver licence is no valid ID-document.

Only those players who are eligible to play for their club's (**senior-**) team and registered as a licensed player in the (**senior-**) team are eligible. The teams have to prove that each player is registered and licensed by their national federation/association. A player registered for the teams 60-man roster will lose his eligibility for the Eurobowl tournament in the year of that competition, if transferring or playing for any other team under the EFAF member federations after the march 31<sup>st</sup> roster-deadline.

Exceptions to the above provisions may be granted if a former team player has been playing for another team in other competitions than an EFAF competition and is registered and licensed in his original team who is competing in the tournament. Application for an exception in the above-mentioned case shall be forwarded to the EFAF office at the latest one month before the game. The decision made by EFAF is final and no appeals may be lodged against such decision.

Violation of this regulation can lead to the teams or players disqualification and/or of a fine of no more than € 2.500,00

## § 8 EFL/EUROBOWL and EFAF CUP Tournament Format

On or before December 15<sup>th</sup> the year prior the tournament EFAF should issue a final EFL/Eurobowl and EFAF Cup Tournament Schedule.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Host Team \_\_\_\_\_ Vs. Visitor Team \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Game \_\_\_\_\_

## § 9 Organisation– Responsibilities

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Tournament Director and/or outside organisation to serve as organiser and/or promoter of the tournament.

The EFAF Director of Officiating shall appoint and assign and be responsible for all matters concerning the officiating of the competition (**further information in § 12 and § 15**). Game Observers will be appointed by the EFAF Tournament Director. If no Game Observer is appointed two weeks prior to the game, the Head Referee automatically takes over the Game Observers obligations. The Game Observer will be the official representative of EFAF and have the responsibility to control player identifications and eligibility, the field/arena and the security measures (**further information in § 13**). Infractions of the Competition Regulations shall be reported to the EFAF Game Observer who will take necessary action at the game site and forward a game report to Tournament – Director.

The EFAF Game Observer will take a copy of the EFAF game regulations and the Game Observer Form with them to the game. Game Observers duty is to return completed Game Observer Form and Head Coaches report form (§ 7) to EFAF Tournament Director **within 24 hours of the game**.

The teams are responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials, members, and of any person fulfilling a position or function on behalf of the team.

The games may be played either on the ground of the home team or on another ground in the same or in another city of that country. If the game is being played in another city the venue is subject to approval by EFAF. Game fields must be nominated 60 days prior to the Competition. A subsequent change of venue, the host/home team is responsible to pay the additional cost incurred by the visiting team. All venue changes must be sanctioned by EFAF and must be no later than 7 day's prior to game date.

### Game Results:

The home teams have to call the EFAF Tournament Director maximum two hours after the game ends to report final score/quarter score/spectators amount.

Home-designated team must e-mail the result of the game and a short press release (about one page in English language) with statistics (statistics as a duty for EFL/Eurobowl Competition and EFAF Cup - **and for all others from 2010 season on -**) by the day following the game, 6pm CET, to the EFAF Tournament Director.

**Failure to call or to send in the game result and the scorers or the press release or the statistics in English language on time will incur a € 100 fine for the first offense – for each further the fine will be doubled.**

The organising team or federation shall be responsible for order and security before, during and after the game. The team/federation may be called to account for incidents and also may be penalised. The organising team/federation shall in all cases indemnify EFAF, so far as legally possible free from legal responsibility in respect of all claims for damages caused by the organisation of the game. The organisers of the games must take out necessary insurance, and in particular third party liability. If a team does not own the stadium, the realm of responsibility must be clarified with the stadium owner.

## **§ 10 Program of Fixture**

The dates for the games in the Competitions shall be **agreed and approved by** EFAF tournament director and be presented with the final schedule. EFAF will co-ordinate the game dates with the teams and their national federation in accordance to the dates mentioned in § 9.

The location and hour of kick-off of the game shall be confirmed in writing by all hosting teams to EFAF tournament director at the latest 30 days prior to the game. EFAF tournament director will approve the location and kick-off time for games not confirmed within the deadline. Teams who do not follow such a ruling are deemed to be refusing to play and will be subjected to a fine according to § 3.

## **§ 11 Laws of the Game**

The games shall be played in conformity with the NCAA rules of the year prior the tournament with the following specified exceptions:

The game time is 48 minutes divided into 4 x 12 minute quarters (game and seconds clock see § 13 5.4.).

No game can end with a tied score (NCAA Tie-breaker) with the exception in a home and away format a game can end in a tie.

Team – ranking in groups, for round-robin-systems and for knock-out-systems played in two games (e.g. home and away game).

If two or more teams have won an equal number of games, the team with the highest difference between scored points and allowed points will be ranked best.

If two or more teams show the same “point difference”, the ranking follows the number of scored points.

If two or more teams show the same “point difference” and have scored the same number of points, the ranking follows the number of points allowed.

If two or more teams show the same “point difference” and the same number of scored and allowed points, a coin-toss will decide the ranking. Exception: in the home and away format a NCAA Tie-breaker will be played instead of the coin toss immediately following the second game.

Player Ejection: Any player ejected from the game will not be eligible to play in their team’s next game in this competition.

The **official method of communication** for all EFAF Competitions is **via e-mail or fax**. All teams must have access to e-mail service or they will be determined ineligible for competition.

The **official language** for all EFAF competitions is **English** as per EFAF Statutes Article 19.

## **Uniforms and Colours of the Team**

- 1) Team players uniform have to be identical, same coloured and in good condition including helmet, jersey, trousers, T-shirts and socks. Failure: Fine of not more than € 2.500,00. Players who don't fulfil these above mentioned rules are not allowed to play according to the game rules.
- 2) Teams are obliged to have two complete sets of player jerseys: Its home colour and white jersey for away games (Alternative light- coloured jersey). Failure: Fine of not more than € 2.500,00.
- 3) Advertisement on the game uniforms is permitted, (further information in § 19).

## **§ 12 EFAF Minimum Game Requirements** (requirements are an integral part of the regulations)

Host Teams Minimum game requirements for all games involving international clubs or representative teams.

Game Balls: Only approved game balls to be used. a minimum of 3 game balls, pump, pressure gauge and towels to be provided to the game officials at least 60 minutes before kick off, in wet weather, please have as many game balls as possible.

Equipment and personal: Down marker and chain set (10yd only) to be of good standard. (Home team to supply 3 persons 14 years or older at least 20 minutes before the kick off)

Ball persons: Home team to supply 2 persons 14 years or older at least 20 minutes before the kick off.

Teams to wear completely contrasting coloured shirts (Visiting team changes if necessary).

Teams and game officials: are to have separate changing rooms, game officials changing room to be adequate in size for the number of officials assigned to the game.

Game management has to assist game officials at the game (hazards on field etc.).

Medical facilities to meet minimum requirements and reported to the head referee at least 30 minutes before kick off,

- 1) A qualified medical practitioner must be present at the game at all times.
- 2) An ambulance crew must not be the sole medical personnel present, if the ambulance should leave it should be replaced within the shortest time possible.
- 3) A first aid kit including a suitable (preferably inflatable) set of limb splints must be available.
- 4) A Medical Doctor or an equivalent ambulance crew has to be present at the duration of the whole game.
- 5) **If the above ( 1) – 4) requirements are not reached then the game will be suspended.**

### **Head Coaches report form:**

Every club has to hand over the Head Coaches report form with the 45-men roster to the EFAF Game Observer two-hours before kickoff of the game (§§7, 9).

### **Videos:**

The home team has to send a game video to the EFAF Director of Officiating within 7 days of the game; this video is for assessment of the officials only.

**A fine of € 150,00 per event** – for each further the fine will be doubled - be imposed by the EFAF to enforce this procedure – **one Head Coaches report form and one Video per game.**

### **Guidelines for Video/camera person:**

- No Cheerleader shots.
- Camera not too far away that the officials cannot be recognised.

- Keep the tape running throughout all the game even on penalty administration.

The Referee will report all breaches of the above requirements to the EFAF Director of Officiating who will then notify the appropriate league/country.

### **Expenses-travel and accommodation:**

Prepaid travel, accommodation and breakfast to be paid by National federation/association/league in case of default.

Per-diem to be paid to all foreign game officials working the game (not chain crew/ball persons) per-event € 60,00.

### **Assignments:**

All games between teams from different countries will only use EFAF Game Officials.

## **§ 13 Arena and Field**

The EFAF BoD may refuse to permit games to be played in arenas, which do not measure up to international standards, by which it means that the ground must be in good condition as to both the playing surface and the facilities. The stadium must conform to the security prescriptions of the competent civil authorities. The teams taking part in the EFAF club competitions must ensure that the stadium they use undergoes a periodic safety check. The games can be played in daytime or evening but then, only on grounds equipped with appropriate floodlights.

In order to guarantee the safety of the players and the game officials, the hosting team shall provide for an access to the field ensuring safe entry and exit

An adequate number of ground staff and security personnel shall be present in order to ensure the regular course of the game. No spectators are permitted in the area between the stands and the sidelines.

The official representatives of the EFAF and at least four representatives of the visiting team and its national federation shall be seated in the best category seats. An adequate number of complementary and paying tickets, to be fixed by mutual agreement, shall be reserved for the visiting team. An adequate number of seats shall be put at the disposal of the local and foreign representatives of press, radio and television.

### ***1. FIELD***

- 1.1. Field surface  
Field surface has to be either natural or artificial grass.  
Other surfaces are not permitted.
- 1.2. Size (*appendix A*)  
Field size:  
*Length 120 yards/ 109,728m*  
*Width 53,33 yards/ 48,768m*

On written application EFAF may allow games to be played in shorter fields. In these cases the field will be adjusted from the middle. The midline cannot be less than 45 yards from both end zones.

*Minimum measurements*

*Length: 110 yards/ 100,58m*

*Widht 49,33 yards/ 45,11m*

1.3. *Paintings (Appendix A)*

Field Markings: Full NCAA marking preferred. End zones must be 10yds deep. If the field must be shortened then adjust field from the center. Posts must be on the end line and padded. Field paintings must in minimum include sidelines, end zones and yard lines every 10 yards as described in appendix A.

1.4. *Caution area*

To guarantee the safety of players there must be 5 meters caution area around the field from both sidelines and end zones. All obstacles must be removed from this area.

**2. Stadium**

2.1. Surroundings

Game field must be located in a closed area or inside a stadium where events can be organized so that public access can be limited to the area.

2.2. Stances

Games are possible to be organized only on grounds that have a stance for minimum of 1.000 spectators.

**3. Public Services**

3.1. Public facilities

Inside the stadium there must be sufficient amount of service to the general public including but not limited to food and beverage sale as well as toilets.

3.2. Public Announcer and PA system

In all games there has to be a public announcer serving the public. PA system has to be sufficient to make the music and announcements to be heard in the all areas of stances. The PA system has to include a cordless microphone for the referee.

3.3. Floodlights

Stadiums need to have sufficient floodlights in games that are subjected to be played under darkness.

**4. Locker rooms**

4.1. Teams and officials

Inside the stadium there needs to be locker rooms with direct and safe path to the field. At least one separate locker room for each team and one

separate for the officials. Locker rooms need to be sufficient in size to fit for 40 players on both teams and one for officials sufficient to fit a 7-man crew. Locker rooms have to be equipped with showers.

#### 4.2. Dope testing

Inside the stadium grounds there has to be one extra room that can be reserved for dope testing.

### 5. *Game accessories*

#### 5.1. Field markers

In all games the game field must include yard markers every ten yards in minimum having (G, 20, 40, 50, 40, 20, G).

In each corner of the end zone there has to be a pylon app 45cm in height

#### 5.2. Chain

In all games a 10-yard chain and a down marked with 1, 2, 3, 4 signs must be available. Game organizer must also have an extra chain or tools to fix the chain in case it is broken during the game.

#### 5.3. Goal posts

Field must include Y- or H- goal posts at both ends of the end zone. Goal post must be padded with sufficient soft material to avoid players colliding with goal posts.

#### 5.4. Game clock and 25 second clocks (no 40 second clocks)

At all games, EFL starting from 2010, all others from 2011 on, there has to be a visible game clock and 25 second clocks. The visible clock will be the official time unless the referee decides otherwise.

### 6. *Security*

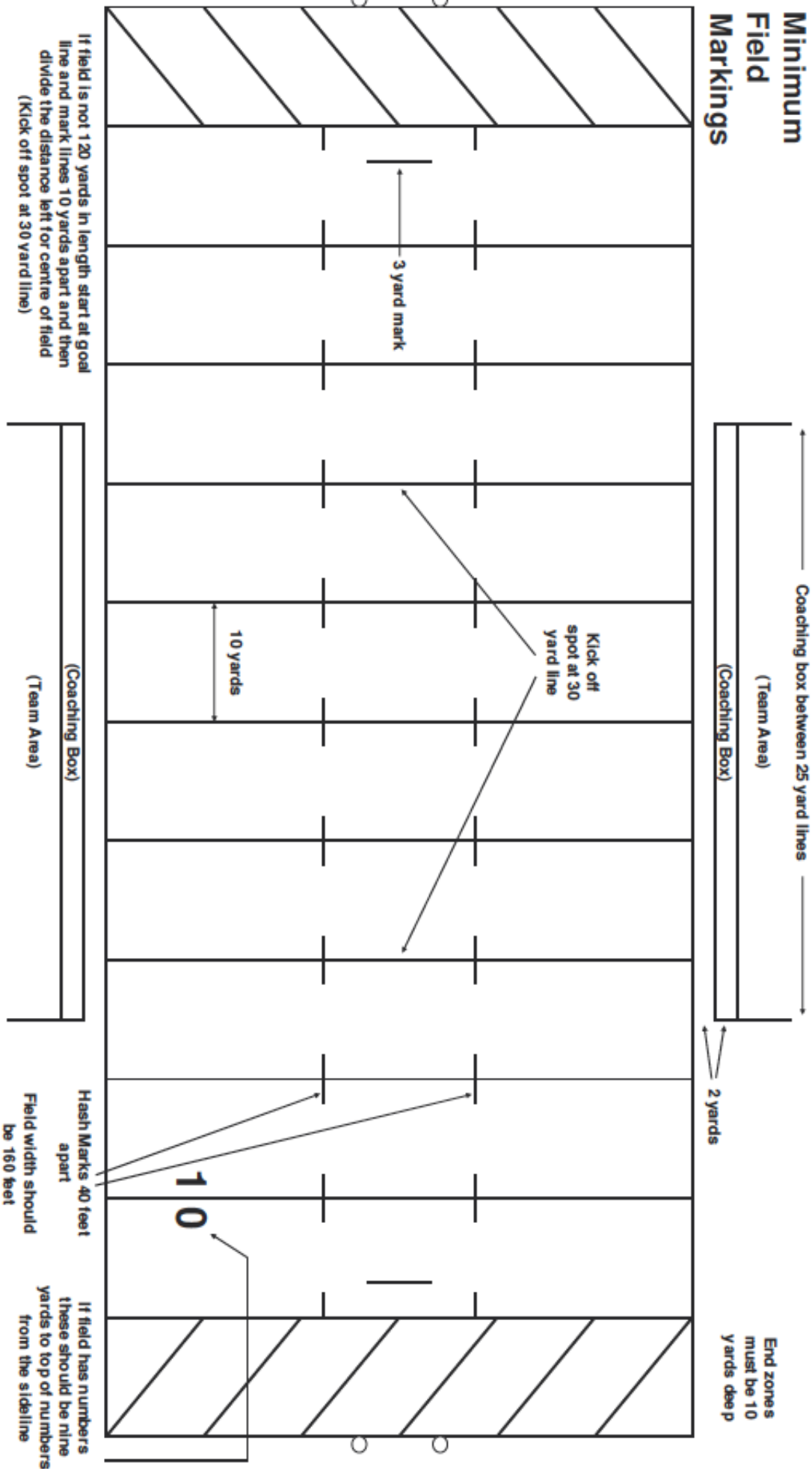
#### 6.1. Personnel

Game organizer must have enough security people available to guarantee the safety of the players and officials.

#### 6.2. Locker room security

Game organizer must have security over the locker room area avoiding unauthorized personnel in team or officials locker room.

APPENDIX A



## **§ 14 Unfitness of Grounds**

If the national federation/ host team concerned considers the ground unfit for play, they are responsible to have the ground inspected by an EFAF game official, if the ground is deemed unfit the host team shall inform the visiting team and game officials prior to their departure, otherwise the home team shall be responsible for their travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses. If any doubt arises as to the fitness of the ground after the visiting teams departure from home, the head game official shall determine at the ground itself whether or not it is fit for play.

If the ground is subsequently deemed unfit all attempts should be made to secure an alternative suitable venue or the game shall be played on the following day unless reasons beyond control impede such a game-taking place. If the game cannot take place, the travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses of the visiting team, as well as the costs of the organiser, shall be divided between the two teams in equal parts.

In the event that the game does not take place it shall be rescheduled in accordance with the tournament schedule or the result shall be decided by the flip of a coin. The same provisions apply if a game is abandoned for the same reasons.

The head game official can abandon a game before the expiration of the statutory playing time or during overtime because of reasons of Force Majeure. His decision is final and the game will end with the existing score of points.

## **§ 15 Game Officials**

The Chairman of the EFAF Officiating Committee shall designate the head game official on behalf of the EFAF Board of Directors. Financial belongings, accommodation read for example §§ 4, 12.

Only officials whose names are included in the EFAF official's list shall be appointed. Additionally, two or three officials (EFAF Director of Officiating decides) from each country shall be appointed. One shall be appointed as a substitute Head game official.

All game officials shall arrive at the venue: home team residents: 3 hours prior kick-off – foreign officials 6 hours prior kick-off.

If the game officials have not arrived in good time before the kick-off of the game, the substitute(s) shall take charge of the game. Games played under these circumstances shall be valid, and no protests shall be accepted. If the head game official, before or during a game, becomes unfit and is unable to continue to officiate, he shall be replaced by the substitute.

The EFAF Official's game report form shall be signed before the game by the head Coach and the game management in charge of the teams. After the game the head game official shall complete the official game report form, sign it and forward it to EFAF Director of Officiating within 24 hours after the game.

The report shall include as much information as possible about all occurrences before, during, and after the game, such as:

- a) Misconduct of players, leading to reprimands or expulsion.
- b) Unsportsmanlike behaviour of officials, members, supporters, and of any person fulfilling a duty on behalf of a team.
- c) Any other noticed incidents.

## **§ 16 Anti-Doping Regulations**

The WADA Anti-Doping Code, the IFAF Anti Doping Code and the EFAF Anti Doping Regulations are in effect.

## **§ 17 Disciplinary Measures**

In case of a violation of the EFAF Rules & Regulations, the EFAF shall impose sanctions to the player and/or officials and/or the team that may include one or more of the following.

- Reprimand
- Fine of not more than € 25.000,00
- Disqualification/suspension/expulsion

The national federations/association concerned shall be informed of any sanctions imposed and shall undertake to ensure that the disciplinary measures imposed by EFAF are carried out. It is at the discretion of the national federations/association to impose further sanctions at a national level.

EFAF Disciplinary Regulations are in effect during both the qualification and the final tournament.

## **§ 18 Protests and Appeals**

No protest against decisions regarding entries, venues, kick-off time, scheduling of the games and its provisions concerning the eligibility of the players shall be considered.

No protests may be lodged against decisions by game officials regarding the game rules. Protests on the game day concerning matters other than those above shall be preceded by a written declaration presented to the head game official. Such protests shall also be forwarded to the EFAF office in writing within 24 hours from the end of the game.

A protest fee of € 500,00 shall be sent to an EFAF account within five days of the game and shall be refunded if the protest is approved. Protests and protest fees that are not lodged within the time limits shall not be considered. In case of a protest, all the documents submitted to EFAF shall be presented to the other party (or parties).

An appeal shall be forwarded to EFAF in writing within one week after the decisions. Appeals not lodged within the time limit shall not be considered. An appeal fee is Euro 1.000,00 and shall be refunded if the protest is approved.

No appeals shall be made against the following sanctions:

- a) Reprimand and fine of not more than € 500,00
- b) Suspension/expulsion of not more than two games

The guilty party shall pay the expenses arising to EFAF from protest or an appeal, respectively, either in whole or in part.

National federations/association, teams, clubs or members of clubs may not bring before a court of justice disputes with EFAF, regarding the EFAF Rules & Regulations.

All EFAF Appeal- and Protest Regulations are in effect!!

## § 19 Advertisement

Advertisement on player uniforms shall be permitted on the following terms.

a) Only the name of the sponsor, or his trademark, shall be accepted as advertisement. The original colour of the uniform shall be clearly visible and the advertisement shall not have an offensive design and colour.

b) EFAF shall have the right to place an advertisement on the left arm of the participating teams' uniform, for a tournament sponsor. EFAF shall notify the teams not later than the end of February whether EFAF shall use this right.

c) Publicity affixed on game officials is the property of the EFAF Officiating Department.

d) The EFAF has an exclusive right to 10 meters of arena signs in each end zone and one free page in the official game program in all the games in the tournament. This right has to be notified to the organiser of the game or hosting team not later than the end of January in each year of the tournament.

e) At all the games in the tournament the logo for the EFAF shall be visible to the spectators in the stadium.

If in any country there are more restrictive advertisement regulations, or a complete prohibition of publicity, these shall supersede these regulations.

Violations of this regulation may lead to an imposition of a fine of no more than EURO 10.000,00. EFAF hereby waives and disclaims all responsibilities arising from disputes between the organiser and any third party.

## § 20 Television and Publishing Issues

a) EFAF is the **exclusive** holder of **television (including through Internet) and radio broadcast** rights, irrespective, as well as any other use and distribution by whatever audio-visual and sound broadcasting media.

b) Provided that the principle laid down mentioned in § 1 is observed, EFAF agrees to the transmission of the games by television (closed circuit & cassettes included), sound broadcast and the cinema for the games others than mentioned in § c) here below.

All games, which shall be transmitted by television (including Internet TV), closed circuit, broadcast by radio stations or shot by film producers, shall be covered by a written contract. The EFAF is entitled to be informed of the contents of such contract.

c) If the said broadcasting, transmission or reproduction are intended for another country, the holder of the right as defined above may grant authorisation only on condition that it has first obtained the consent of the federation of the receiving country. This shall apply to transmissions, which are live, deferred, whole or partial, as well as to possible repeats. These provisions do not affect the following.

Those events, which are the property of EFAF and subject to a direct contract between EFAF and a television or radio, company are:

- a) The Eurobowl and the EFAF Cup Final and all other Finals
- b) The playoffs of the tournaments

- c) A weekly promotional program covering EFAF football and the EFAF competitions to be broadcast on a date decreed by EFAF.
- d) Since the original television broadcast and relays of the games of this tournament should not compete with other football games being played in the country of origin of the game and in the countries where the broadcast is relayed respectively, teams, national federations and their affiliated organisations are obliged to include in all their contract for the ceding and use of TV rights the wording in § 20 in these regulations. The national federations concerned are responsible for the observation of these provisions.
- e) EFAF recommends the participating teams to exchange videotapes from the tournament games.
- f) Each home team shall record the Eurobowl game on a video and forward a copy to EFAF within seven days of the game, free of charge. Violation of Section f) leads to a fine of € 150,00 per event – fine doubles (Sent by Registered mail for proof of postage).

## **§ 21 Specified SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL Conditions (§ 21 valid also for EFL Quarter-Finals)**

1.EFAF hereby assigns to the hosting Team without limitation the rights to organise, promote and seek and obtain sponsorship for the Semi-final or Final.

2.If more than 7.500 tickets are sold at the semi-final the hosting Team will pay an extra sanction fee of € 0,35 per sold ticket 7.500 tickets (plus value added tax if applicable). If more than 7.500 tickets are sold at the final the hosting Team will pay an extra sanction fee of € 0,70 per sold ticket above 7.500 tickets (plus value added tax if applicable).

3.The hosting Team shall be entitled to sell contract promote and otherwise receive all payments from and receipts received from the Semi-final and Final and any other payments there from subject only to the liability to pay or discharge the costs contained within the schedule annexed to this Agreement and the other terms contained within this Agreement and the hosting Team shall be authorised and free to retain all sponsorship monies and television rights promotion Monies or contract Monies for its own use are occasioned and received.

4.The hosting Team shall:

- organise and package the Semi-final or Final Game be responsible for the payments contained in the

Schedule hereto and shall discharge and pay all costs and expenses in connection with the staging holding and performance of the Semi-final and Final;

- demonstrate the ability to organise and promote, via sub contracts with promoters, finances and facilities to host such an event.

- organise and promote in accordance with the specifications contained within the Schedule the Semi-final and Final on the terms therein contained;

EFAF shall ensure that the participants in the Semi-final and Final are those parties so qualified to compete in the same by virtue of qualification in the Championship Tournament and shall ensure so far as reasonably practicable that such teams so qualified are acceptable for participation and shall deliver or procure the delivery of the said teams to the venue of the Semi-final and Final in accordance with the provisions herein save that the EFAF shall be prevented from so doing due to circumstances beyond its control arising from national international or local civil military or attributable to force majeure. EFAF and the hosting Team agree that it is not within the responsibility of EFAF if a finalist refuses to contest the Semi-final or Final. In this event, the

hosting Team will receive rights, which EFAF has through the agreements with the participating teams in the Championship Tournament to cover costs.

Should the Semi-final or Final not take place due to force majeure, it shall be re-staged with no penalty to be paid by either party. The Semi-final and the Final will then take place at a time to be mutually agreed (re-staged Semi-final and Final). The re-staged game has to take place on the same weekend the game was originally set in another stadium. The teams has to make sure that they make their travel arrangements not leaving the city of the game before 6 pm on Sunday. In these case the re-staged game can take place on Sunday to be finished latest 3 pm. Any change of game day, kick-off and game location has to be confirmed by EFAF. If both teams, their respective national federation and EFAF agree the re-staged game can take place on any other weekend possible. In this case every team has to cover its own costs (travel, accommodation, etc) by itself. If re-staged game can not take place on the same weekend as originally scheduled and there will be no agreement about another date no game will be played and the winner will be decided by coin toss. No penalty to be paid by either party.

Should the game not take place in the event of one of the qualified finalist teams not being able to play, due to force majeure, both parties are discharged from their obligations under this Agreement. Each party bears in this case their own costs and payments already made shall be refunded.

5. The hosting Team shall receive and be entitled to promote market and merchandise the Semi-final and Final and shall be entitled to retain all Monies in receipt thereto subject only to the discharge of the costs of organising the Semi-final and Final including but not limited to the expenses more particularly described in the Schedule annexed hereto. The hosting Team shall be entitled to produce and sell final merchandise. The hosting Team is allowed to sell all merchandising rights of the tournament including a name giving sponsoring like e. g. Ford-Eurobowl or Wilson European Youth Championship.

6. The hosting Team shall not be authorised to contract in the name of or on behalf of the EFAF or any successor to it without the express written sanction first received from the EFAF as appropriate and will contract in all respects for the promotion and production and organisation of the Tournament and the Final in its own capacity and shall be responsible to all parties to whom it shall contract directly and not by way of any third party assignment.

7. EFAF warrants that EFAF has the right to utilise license prescribe or otherwise authorise the use of the name Championship and shall use its best endeavours to obtain the right to authorise assign and otherwise give lawful authority to the hosting Team to use the said name EURO BOWL and EFAF Cup for the purposes of the Tournament together with the authority for the hosting Team to authorise assign or otherwise give authority to third parties as it shall contract within its absolute discretion, to utilise the said name without limitation. EFAF authorises assigns and passes such right and title which it has in the name EURO BOWL and EFAF Cup to the hosting Team for the duration of this Agreement as extended. EURO BOWL is a trademark of AMERICAN FOOTBALL VERBAND DEUTSCHLAND (AFVD). AFVD has allowed EFAF to use the trademark. This right can be revoked by AFVD at any time. In that case the Team is not anymore allowed to use the trademark. The Team will have no right to claim compensation from EFAF.

8.(a) EFAF grants to the hosting Team the right for the hosting Team to reproduce such team colours logos, mascots, badges and other team identifications of whatsoever type for the purposes of promoting the Finals save that the hosting Team may not at any one time utilise solely any one participating team colours, logos, mascots, badges or otherwise and that a minimum of the same for two teams must appear at any one time from the merchandise advertisement promotions or other materials produced by the hosting Team and that such right shall be utilised only in connection with the Tournament or Final name and/or logo badge design or other identification but the same shall not

exclude the production and sales merchandise film TV and promotional rights in connection with the Tournament and the Finals.

8.(b) EFAF shall procure that the hosting Team have the right (but not the obligation) to affix advertising patches to the right (looking from the front) shoulder of each participating team shirt and if so exercising that right shall procure and send to each participating team 45 patches for so affixing to the shirts to arrive at the participating teams not less than 14 days prior to the commencement of the Final.

8.(c) EFAF shall have the right (but not the obligation) to:

To affix advertising on the shirts of the Game Officials such right to be exercised in conjunction with EFAF by notice to the hosting Team.

8.(d). Participating teams and EFAF shall ensure that no publicity advertising or other material produced affixed or displayed by it or them in connection with the European Championship Final shall promote advertise or otherwise enhance the sale or other supply of, prescribed drugs, or other matter or material of an improper nature (including but not limited to pornographic material)

9). The hosting Team shall be responsible for but not limited to the following specified organisational costs, duties and tasks:

A. EFAF officials and VIP's invited by EFAF:

**Semi-final and EFL Quarterfinal:**

For EFAF: 20 VIP seats on the 50-yard line with access to the VIP hospitality area.  
10 seats on the 50-yard line without access to VIP hospitality area

**Final:**

For EFAF: 30 VIP seats on the 50-yard line with access to the VIP hospitality area.  
15 seats on the 50-yard line without access to VIP hospitality area

This includes all the tickets for participating EFAF member federations with exception of the national federation of the hosting Team and EFAF is responsible of allocating the tickets to the member federations.

For purposes of security, EFAF is responsible for supplying the hosting Team with the names and functions of the recipients for VIP tickets.

The Tournament trophy to be presented by the EFAF president to the winning team.

To secure the necessary number of passes to the Championship site and field for the EFAF officials, to have two EFAF representatives invited to any official Championship press conference and that a minimum of six EFAF representatives are invited to any pre-game reception organised by or on behalf of the hosting Team.

EFAF will supply the hosting Team a list of names and functions for the purpose of issuing passes not less than 14 days prior to the commence of the Finals.

B. Accommodation (each: two nights stay in a double room including breakfast hotel category Novotel, Marriott) for EFAF:

**Semi-final and EFL Quarter-final :**

EFAF BoD 2 rooms  
EFAF Eurobowl Tournament Director: 2 rooms

**Final:**

EFAF BoD 6 rooms  
EFAF Eurobowl Tournament Director: 2 rooms

Instead of providing accommodation EFAF may request the organizer to pay an additional sanction fee of 100 EUR per room and night (plus VAT if applicable if necessary). That additional sanction fee may only be requested for those EFAF Executives and staff members, which are staying at those games overnight.

**Hosting Team Costs:**

Trophies and medals for the participating teams of the final, in accordance with EFAF regulations;  
Trophy for the winning team of the final  
Trophy for the Runner up of the final  
MVP trophy for the Final and Semi-final

The hosting Team is responsible to provide and pay for the 56 gold and 56 silver medals with the possibility to order extra medals on demand of the teams on costs of the teams of the final.  
Souvenir medals for all game officials of the final.

**C. Game officials costs:**

The hosting Team shall provide for the game officials for the game, nominated by EFAF, not less than 14 days prior to the commencement of the game and in default of such nomination the hosting Team shall nominate and in either case each nominee shall be required to be approved by EFAF (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld). The hosting Team shall supply all transportation for the officials from their country of residence to their hotel and to and from the game sites, one night accommodation and 3 meals/day. Payment includes a per event of 60 EURO.

**D. Stadium and playing field costs:**

Including but not limited to:

Marking the field, installation of goal posts, security, necessary insurance, microphone for the referee, ambulance, plus medical practitioner, clean up after the game, provision of water or Gatorade or equivalent thirst extinguisher for teams officials and entertainment, provision of yard markers, chains and equipment required for the field and a 3 man "chain crew"

**E. Television:**

To make all necessary efforts to get the best possible television coverage of the game.

To arrange a game video of the game free of charge to be used by EFAF for its own promotional needs and by the EFAF Officiating Department for evaluation.

The away team shall have the right to video games from such areas the hosting Team shall designate in the stadiums for training and non-commercial purposes only.

All television rights shall belong to EFAF.

In respect of all television rights any profit that is made will belong to EFAF.

Any TV broadcaster who broadcasted a game with the permission of EFAF has the obligation to supply EFAF of the game with a PAL, BETA-SP copy of the program after the broadcasting of the

program and at the latest within three weeks after the game. The hosting Team shall ensure this clause is included in any broadcasting agreement.

#### F. Advertising & sponsorship

EFAF has the right to sell limited publicity borne on the game officials, one spot each (maximum total two). On the publicity borne on the game officials EFAF will notify the hosting Team latest four weeks before the game. Any publicity sold by EFAF will belong to EFAF.

EFAF receives the exclusive right to 10 metres of arena signage and the flag of EFAF shall be hoisted in the Stadium. It is the responsibility of EFAF to provide the hosting Team with a flag not less than 15 days prior to the Semi-final or Final. EFAF has to notify the hosting Team of the use of the 10 meters signage four weeks before the game.

The hosting Team shall be responsible for all advertising and ticketing with regard to the Semi-final and Final. EFAF shall receive one free page in the official program for its own use.

#### G. Merchandise & trademarks

All copyrights, trademarks, designs and models remain the unique property of EFAF. Any use of the above-mentioned rights developed under this Agreement remains under the beneficial ownership of EFAF, unless requested or stated by EFAF (in writing).

#### H. Protection of rights:

The hosting Team shall protect the reputation and goodwill of EFAF, its symbols and its competition. EFAF shall protect the name, reputation and goodwill of the hosting Team and its symbols.

The hosting Team shall not affect the rights of any of the participating individuals, clubs or federations.

The hosting Team shall do its best not to cause or permit the symbols of EFAF to be used in any manner contrary to public policy or which impairs or jeopardises the good name, goodwill, reputation or image of the EFAF and the Tournament.

#### I. Co-operation:

The hosting Team shall liaise with EFAF regularly on all issues arising from the activities of the hosting Team and adhere to all mutually set deadlines based on organisational necessities. EFAF shall liaise with the hosting Team regularly on all issues arising from the activities of EFAF and its affiliated American football clubs and associations under this Agreement and adhere to all mutually set deadlines based on organisational necessities.

EFAF shall be solely responsible for the provision of the away team, in default of which all fees payable to EFAF by the hosting Team under this Agreement will be null and void and refunded by the trustee of the escrow account into which the sanctioning fee has been deposited in accordance with Clause 4 F) of the Regulations.

Penalty fees received by EFAF from the teams are the sole property of EFAF, except in the event a team refuses to play or, by its actions, disrupts the final or a semi final or a quarterfinal, causing financial damages to the hosting Team, and, is deemed by EFAF to be in breach of EFAF's general rules and regulations or specifically EFAF Championship Rules and Regulations, and thereby issued, in accordance with paragraph 7, a fine, the amount of said fine is payable to the hosting Team up to

the amount of EUR 25.000. In the event that legal action is required, EFAF will in consortium with the hosting Team co-operate to secure compensation for the losses incurred.

#### J. Press Work

The hosting Team has the obligation to organize a press conference latest a week before these games to introduce the participants and these games to the public. EFAF shall be invited to that press conference and will be part of the podium.

The hosting Team has the obligation to organize a press conference latest 30 minutes after the end of the game (at final games after the victory ceremony) at the stadium venue. EFAF will be allocating the chief press officer, which will be the moderator of the press conference. Both Teams have the obligation to take part at those press conferences.

#### **§ 22 Force Majeure**

EFAF has the right to make decisions in all matters concerned in the tournament if the circumstances are unforeseen and has not been provided in these regulations.

Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.

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