

2. GENERAL RULES

2.1 Operator's Decision or Determination

If any circumstance arises which is not provided for by these Rules, it shall be subject to the Operator's decision or determination.

2.2 Discretion

When in these Rules the Operator is to decide or determine an issue:

- (a) The decision or determination shall be made in the absolute discretion of the Operator; and
- (b) The Operator shall be under no obligation to give reasons for its decision or determination; and
- (c) The Operator's decision or determination shall be final.

2.3 Betting Facilities

- (a) The Operator will provide facilities at or by which prospective Backers may tender Football Bets and at which Betting Tickets may be presented for the payment of Dividends and/or Refunds.
- (b) The extent of such facilities will be determined by the Operator and may be modified from time to time without notice.
- (c) A person who uses or applies to use, where appropriate, such facilities is deemed to have accepted such terms and conditions, as amended from time to time, as the Operator may determine shall apply to such facilities.
- (d) The facilities provided shall not extend to the making of Football Bets by any means of distance communication unless otherwise specifically provided in these Rules.
- (e) The times at which the facilities provided shall be open to the public will be determined by the Operator.

- (f) The types of Betting available at each facility and the times at which any particular type of Football Bets may be made will be determined by the Operator.
- (g) The Operator may choose at its discretion to offer live Betting in relation to certain Football Bets on a particular Match during the Play Time or the half time break.
- (h) The Operator may use such of the facilities of the Club as may be agreed between the Operator and the Club for the purpose of accepting and processing Football Bets.

2.4 Betting Procedures

- (a) The Operator will determine the types of Betting to be conducted for any Match.
- (b) The Operator will determine the Unit Bet for any particular type of Football Bets.
- (c) All Football Bets must be made and settled in the Currency.
- (d) All Football Bets must be paid by or through the following means:
 - (i) Cash
 - (ii) Cash Voucher
 - (iii) Betting Account;
 - (iv) Electronic Funds Transfer
- (e) No Valid Football Bet may be withdrawn by a Backer.

2.5 Betting Restrictions

- (a) The Operator may without giving any reason decline the whole or any part of a Football Bet tendered by a Backer.

- (b) The Operator's liability (if any) in respect of any declined Football Bet or part of a Football Bet shall be limited to a Refund of the money tendered and received by the Operator in respect of such Football Bet or part of a Football Bet.
- (c) For All Up Betting the Operator may limit the amount of any Dividend entitlement that may be carried forward and tendered as a Football Bet on any other Match.
- (d) Any decision by the Operator under Rule 2.5(c) shall be binding on the Backer who shall have no claim against the Operator for any Dividend entitlement which would have arisen but for the limitation.

2.6 Betting Tickets – Format

The Operator will decide the format of a Betting Ticket and will direct which form of Betting Ticket shall be used for any particular Football Bet.

2.7 Betting Tickets – Charge

The Operator may decide whether or not any charge shall be made for a Betting Ticket.

2.8 Betting Tickets – Completion

When completing a Betting Ticket, the following provisions apply:

- (a) The Betting Ticket should be marked with a blue ball-point pen.
- (b) Each selection must be marked with a vertical stroke "|" which must be entirely within the margins of the box provided.
- (c) The Betting Ticket must not be folded.
- (d) No alteration or correction may be made on the Betting Ticket.

2.9 Betting Tickets – Validity

- (a) Notwithstanding any information that may be recorded on a

Betting Ticket, a Football Bet will only become a Valid Football Bet when it has been included in the Computer Record.

- (b) The eligibility for a Dividend or Refund of any Football Bet evidenced by a Betting Ticket shall be determined by reference to the Computer Record of the Football Bet in question to the exclusion of anything written or marked on the Betting Ticket and to the exclusion of any information printed thereon by the Betting Terminal.
- (c) It is the sole responsibility of a Backer to ensure that the Betting Ticket issued to him correctly records all the details of the Football Bet(s) tendered by him.
- (d) Once a Betting Ticket has been issued to a Backer, it will not be exchanged for any reason.

2.10 Betting Tickets – Loss and Defacement

- (a) The Operator may refuse payment to any Backer who cannot produce a Betting Ticket or who produces a Defaced Ticket.
- (b) Without prejudice to Rule 2.10(a), no Dividend or Refund will be paid on a Betting Ticket unless it can be identified by its unique serial number.
- (c) A request by a Backer to identify a lost Betting Ticket or a Defaced Ticket must be made within 7 days after the Betting Day on which the relevant Match was held. The Operator is under no obligation to accede to the request of the Backer but if it does so, it may levy such charge as it deems fit.
- (d) Notwithstanding any identification of a lost Betting Ticket or a Defaced Ticket, the Operator may withhold payment thereon until 60 days after the Betting Day on which the relevant Match was held.

2.11 Betting Tickets – Voidance

- (a) The Operator may without giving any reason at any time

declare void any Betting Ticket notwithstanding that the Football Bet thereon has been included in the Operator's Computer Record and notwithstanding that a Dividend may already have been declared.

- (b) A declaration that a Betting Ticket is void shall be published by a notice being displayed on the notice board at the Operator's Headquarters and on the notice board at the Betting Location at which the Betting Ticket was issued. Any such notice shall be displayed for a period of not less than 24 hours from the time of the declaration.
- (c) Subject to Rule 2.16 all Football Bets so declared void will be refunded.

2.12 Betting Tickets – Search of Official Record

- (a) A request by a Backer for a search of the Official Record to locate his Football Bet(s) must be made within 7 days after the Betting Day on which the relevant Match was held.
- (b) The Operator is under no obligation to search the Official Record to locate a Backer's Football Bet(s) but if it does so, it may levy such charge as it deems fit.

2.13 Rescheduled, Cancelled or Void Match

- (a) If a Match is re-scheduled to an earlier time, all Football Bets accepted by the Operator before the starting time of the Match shall remain valid.
- (b) Subject to Rule 2.3(g), if a Match starts before the Operator closes Betting on the Match, the Operator may declare void and refund all Football Bets on such Match or may declare void and refund those Football Bets on such Match that were accepted after the Match started.
- (c) If the Match Venue of a Match is changed in any way other than that as set out in Rule 2.13(d), the Operator may declare void and refund all Football Bets on such Match.
- (d) Football Bets on a Match for which the Match Venue is

changed from one neutral venue to another will stand unless the Match shall become a Void Match.

- (e) If either the Home Team or the Away Team is different from the one stated in the Schedules of Matches, the Operator may declare void and refund all Football Bets on such Match.
- (f) If a Match is required to be played behind closed doors or subject to other special conditions, the Operator may declare void and refund all Football Bets on such Match.
- (g) Unless the Operator shall decide otherwise, all Football Bets on a Void Match will be declared void and refunded, provided that the decision of any particular association or panel in declaring a Match to be Void Match shall not be binding on the Operator whose determination regarding the Football Bets on such Match shall be final.
- (h) Subject to Rule 3.8(b)(viii) in relation to First Scorer Football Bets, in case of All Up Betting, all Football Bets on a Void Match will stand and the odds for all possible outcomes on the Void Match shall be considered as "1".

2.14 Match Result

In determining the winning selection of each Football Bet type of a Match, the Official Score declared by the referee immediately upon the conclusion of such Match at the end of the Play Time shall be the final result notwithstanding that the Match result may subsequently be altered by whatever means.

2.15 Maximum and/or Minimum Stake and Maximum Dividend

- (a) The Operator may impose a maximum or minimum unit stake amount or total stake amount, or a maximum Dividend amount payable, on each Betting Ticket and/or each Football Bet and/or each Football Bet type for a Backer.
- (b) The Operator may impose a maximum total stake amount that a Backer may invest in any one Betting Day.
- (c) The Operator may impose a maximum Dividend amount

payable to a Backer in any one Betting Day.

- (d) Where the Operator decides or determines that a Backer or a group of Backers acting together in placing Football Bets has exceeded any one or more of the limits stated in Rules 2.15(a), 2.15(b) and 2.15(c) in any manner, the total Dividend (if any) payable to that Backer or group of Backers shall be limited to one single maximum Dividend amount.
- (e) For the avoidance of doubt, in respect of Fixed Odds Football Bets, if the winning stake of a Valid Football Bet multiplied by the Fixed Odds recorded in the Operator's Official Record for such Valid Football Bet exceeds the maximum Dividend imposed by the Operator on each Betting Ticket and/or each Football Bet and/or each Football Bet type and/or for each one Betting Day, the Backer is only entitled to receive the relevant maximum Dividend imposed by the Operator at the time such Football Bet is placed in respect of his Football Bet.
- (f) Any limit stated in Rules 2.15(a), 2.15(b) and 2.15(c) may be changed by the Operator from time to time at its sole and absolute discretion without prior notice.

2.16 Dividends or Refunds – Payment

- (a) Winning Tickets or claims for Refunds must be presented for payment at a Betting Location on any Betting Day within 60 days after the Betting Day on which the relevant Match or the last Match in the case of an All Up Football Bet was held.
- (b) If a Dividend is not collected within 60 days after the Betting Day on which the relevant Match was held or a Refund is not collected within 60 days after the Betting Day on which the event giving rise to the Refund occurred, the Dividend or the Refund shall be forfeited and disposed of by the Operator in such manner as it deems fit.
- (c) The Operator may pay a Dividend or Refund in Cash, by cheque or Cash Voucher as it may determine.
- (d) The Betting Ticket must be surrendered to the Operator before

the payment of any Dividend or Refund.

- (e) Each Betting Ticket upon which a Dividend or Refund has been paid becomes the property of the Operator.
- (f) If the Computer Record shows that a Dividend or Refund has been paid in respect of any Football Bet, it shall be conclusive evidence that payment has been made.
- (g) The Operator will pay a Dividend or Refund to the person presenting the Betting Ticket corresponding to the Computer Record. The Operator will not be concerned as to the division of the Dividend or Refund among those claiming an interest in the Betting Ticket.
- (h) The Operator shall be under no obligation to pay a Dividend or Refund within any specific time.

2.17 Dividend Rounding and Minimum Dividend

- (a) In respect of Fixed Odds Football Bets, the Dividend on each winning Football Bet shall be rounded up or rounded down to the nearest 10 cents.
- (b) For Multi-Match HaFu and Double HaFu Score, the Dividend declared on each Unit Bet shall be rounded up or rounded down to the nearest \$1. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Dividend of less than the Unit Bet plus \$1 shall be declared.
- (c) Any saving or deficiency arising from such Dividend rounding or payment of the minimum Dividend shall be credited or debited respectively to the Dividend Rounding Account or any account as the Operator shall determine.

2.18 Dividends and Refunds – Validity of Claims

- (a) The Operator may make such enquiries as it considers appropriate to determine if a claim made for a Dividend or a Refund is a valid claim.
- (b) The Operator reserves the right to correct obvious errors either

before or after a Match. In cases of incorrect Fixed Odds and/or Handicap, the Operator shall settle each affected Football Bet by reference to the correct prevailing Fixed Odds and/or Handicap at the time when that Football Bet was accepted.

- (c) Notwithstanding any prior declaration that a Football Bet and/or Betting Ticket is void, upon receipt of a claim for payment of a Dividend the Operator may make such enquiries as it considers appropriate to determine how the Football Bet became to be declared void. Any such enquiries shall not confer upon the holder of a Void Ticket any right to be paid a Dividend.

2.19 Closure of Bet Type

The Operator may close any type of Betting conducted for any Match or tournament at any time without giving any reason.

2.20 Staff – Assistance

Any Staff who helps a Backer to complete a Betting Ticket shall not be liable, nor shall the Operator be vicariously liable, to the Backer or any other person or persons in respect of any actual or alleged failure by the Staff to comply with the Backer's wishes.

2.21 Staff – Betting

- (a) No Staff shall:
 - (i) act as an agent of any Backer; or
 - (ii) tender a Football Bet or seek to receive payment of a Dividend and/or a Refund personally or with the assistance of a third party.
- (b) A Football Bet made in contravention of Rule 2.21(a) may be declared null and void. Any Dividend or Refund resulting from such Football Bet shall be applied to discharge any money due by the Staff concerned to the Operator, and any residue amount thereof shall be forfeited.

2.22 Juveniles or Persons in School Uniform

- (a) No person under the age of 18 years or in school uniform shall:
 - (i) tender a Football Bet or seek to receive payment of a Dividend and/or a Refund; or
 - (ii) enter any Betting Location unless authorised by the Operator.
- (b) If it is established that a Backer is under the age of 18 years, the Operator may declare void the Football Bet(s) of such Backer and forfeit any Dividend or Refund which may otherwise have been payable to such Backer.

2.23 Authority of Persons in Charge

The person in charge of a Betting Location shall have authority:

- (a) to refuse to accept any amount tendered by a person for a Football Bet without giving a reason; and
- (b) to cause to be removed from the Betting Location any person without giving a reason.

2.24 Equipment Failure or Fault

- (a) In the event of breakdown of any equipment used by the Operator for processing Football Bets, the Operator may declare such Dividends or order such Refunds in respect of any Valid Football Bets as it may determine.
- (b) If due to equipment failure or fault a Backer's Football Bet cannot be included in the Operator's Official Record, the Operator's liability (if any) is limited to crediting the Backer's Betting Account with the amount of the stake amount previously debited for the Football Bet concerned.
- (c) If after a Backer's Football Bet has become a Valid Football Bet, the Operator's equipment breaks down, fails, is damaged or destroyed or if the Official Record is damaged or destroyed, the Operator's liability (if any) is limited to refunding the stake

amount of the Football Bet concerned regardless of how the breakdown, failure, damage or destruction was caused.

- (d) If due to equipment failure or fault no Betting Ticket is printed after a Backer has tendered a Football Bet through a Self-Vending Terminal (whether by deducting the stake amount from a Cash Voucher or from a Dividend due on a Winning Ticket or from the balance of a Betting Account through the use of an Electronic Shroff Card), the eligibility of such Football Bet for a Dividend or a Refund will be determined by reference to the Official Record.
- (e) In the event of an equipment failure or fault specified in Rule 2.24(d), the Backer must immediately report the same to the Operator.

2.25 Application of Betting Rules

The provision of the Betting Rules relating to Betting Account, Telephone Betting, Customer Input Terminal, Electronic Funds Transfer, Cash Vouchers, Electronic Shroff Card and Internet Betting shall be deemed incorporated in these Rules with the necessary adaptations for Football Bets.

2.26 Exclusion of Liability

In the implementation of these Rules, the Operator shall assume no liability for any loss, whether direct or indirect, suffered by a Backer or any other person or persons as a result of the willful or negligent act or omission of the Operator, its employees, agents or contractors, including the employees of such agents or contractors, or any other person or persons.

2.27 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

These Rules are governed by the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and each Backer shall submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.