



وزارة الرياضة
Ministry of Sport



Licensing Regulations for Sports Academies



Article 1: Definitions

The following words and phrases, wherever mentioned in these Regulations, shall have the meanings given next to each of them, unless the context requires otherwise:

The Ministry: The Ministry of Sport.

Minister: The Minister of Sport.

Regulations: These Licensing Regulations for Sports Academies.

Sports Academies: Any commercial entity registered under a commercial registry with the Ministry of Commerce and holding a license from the Ministry to practice the activity.

Sports and Recreation Education: The operation of any educational activity in the field of sports and recreation, having a relevant federation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). Such education includes football, volleyball, baseball, basketball, table tennis, handball, cricket, gymnastics, horse riding in schools or academies, swimming, martial arts, yoga or any other sports or recreational education.

Concerned Federation: Any of the sports bodies with legal personality to which the State provides financial and moral aid to enable them to achieve their goals in accordance with the laws of the International Olympic Committee and the continental and sports federations.

License: The license issued to a Sports Academy by the Ministry after the applicant meets the requirements contained in these Regulations.

Licensee: A Sports Academy that has obtained a license from the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

Competent Department: The General Department of Licensing or its representative.

Competent Committee: The committee competent to consider objections to the decisions of the Competent Department, referred to in Article 12.

Article 2: Objectives and Scope of the Regulations

These Regulations aim to establish the supervisory framework for the relationship between the Ministry and the licensed entities to ensure improved services provided and motivate the private sector to invest in sports, thus contributing to an enhanced level of sports practitioners among the various



groups of society. These Regulations also aim to specify the requirements and procedures for licensing Sports Academies, enabling them to provide sports and recreational education and discover talents in various sports at an early age, along with regulating the obligations of Licensees, without prejudice to the Concerned Federation's competence to regulate the technical requirements of its game and supervise its related matters, including the status of official players.

Article 3: General Provisions

1. Subject to the regulations and powers of other relevant authorities, the Ministry – in its capacity as the organizer of the sports sector in the KSA – shall be competent to issue the necessary licenses and approvals for Sports Academies to provide sports and recreational education.
2. Sports Academies may only provide sports and recreational education after obtaining the necessary license from the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of Articles 4 and 5 hereof.
3. Obtaining a license or approval shall not be deemed an exemption from obtaining any other necessary licenses or approvals from other relevant authorities, or from complying with the provisions of any other relevant laws or regulations.
4. A Licensee may apply to the Ministry to open another geographically defined branch of the Sports Academy, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 hereof.

Article 4: License

A license to provide sports and recreational education shall be issued to the applicant after meeting the conditions set out in Article 5 hereof.

Article 5: License Conditions

Subject to the provisions of the Foreign Investment Law, for a Sports Academy to obtain a license to provide sports and recreational education, the following conditions must be met:

1. Sign the relevant forms and declarations requested by the Ministry when applying for a license.
2. Provide a copy of the commercial register issued by the Ministry of Commerce, which includes any sports and recreational education activities in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
3. Provide proof of the legal capacity of the applicant, as follows:



1. A copy of the ID card, if the applicant is the owner of the entity.
2. A copy of the ID card and memorandum of association or document containing the powers to apply for a license, if the applicant is the entity's manager.
3. A copy of the ID card and a valid power of attorney given under the relevant laws, if the applicant is a person other than the entity's owner or manager.

Article 6: Obtaining the Approval of the Concerned Federation

1. The Licensee must meet the technical requirements of the Concerned Federation in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations and obtain the approval of the Concerned Federation for the activity to be licensed within 24 months of obtaining the license. The Ministry may extend this period if there are reasons that the Ministry deems necessitate such extension.
2. If the Licensee does not comply with the conditions set forth in Article 1 hereof, the Ministry may suspend or cancel the license granted thereto, subject to the provision set out in Article 9 hereof.

Article 7: Procedures for Applying for a License

1. The application to obtain a license shall be submitted through the Ministry's website in accordance with the guide issued by the Ministry in this regard.
2. A Licensee may apply to renew the license issued to it for a similar period during the last three (3) months of the validity period of its license after submitting evidence that it has fulfilled the requirements set out in Article 6 hereof (Obtaining the Approval of the Concerned Federation), without prejudice to any of the obligations set out in Article 8 hereof (Obligations of the Licensee).

Article 8: Obligations of the Licensee

1. Comply with all relevant regulations and laws.
2. Comply with all regulations, requirements and instructions issued by the Saudi Arabia Olympic Committee and the Concerned Federation in all related technical aspects of the game in accordance with the relevant laws.
3. Comply with all templates, including, but not limited to, templates of player contracts, administrative regulations, and bylaws that the Ministry or the Concerned Federation may issue.



4. Comply with all instructions, circulars, terms and conditions that the Ministry and the Concerned Federation may issue from time to time.
5. Provide all documents or information that the Ministry may request from time to time, including any information about the entity's funding and any additional information about donations or financial assistance that may be received by the Licensee or the applicant entity during the license period.
6. Send a notification to the Ministry in any of the following cases:
 - (a) Any changes to the information and documents provided to the Ministry by the Licensee in order to obtain the license within 10 working days from the date of the change.
 - (b) Any changes to the Licensee's memorandum of association, articles of association or commercial register.
7. Place the name and logo of the Academy on all official correspondence issued thereby.
8. Provide the Ministry with all required information in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
9. Not assign its license to others nor dispose of it in any other way except after obtaining prior approval from the Ministry.

Article 9: Violations and Penalties

1. The Ministry may adopt the necessary corrective measures to deal with any violation or issue instructions to correct a violation, setting a specific deadline for such, or undertake any other measures the Ministry deems necessary.
2. Without prejudice to any more severe penalty or punishment stipulated in any other law, the Ministry may, if the Licensee violates the provisions of these Regulations, impose one or more of the penalties provided in Cabinet Resolution No. 248 dated 9/5/1440 AH, as amended by Cabinet Resolution No. 95 dated 5/2/1442 AH, as detailed in the table of violations and penalties, which are as follows:
 - a. A fine not exceeding fifty thousand Saudi Riyals.
 - b. Temporary suspension or cancellation of the license issued by the Ministry. Licensees whose license has been cancelled may not reapply for a license until twelve (12) months after the date of cancellation.
3. Each of the following acts is considered a violation of the provisions of these Regulations:



- a. Practicing the activities mentioned in the Regulations without obtaining a valid license from the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
 - b. Breaching any of the Licensee's obligations under the Regulations.
 - c. Violating any of the declarations made by the Licensee when applying for a license.
4. The table of violations and penalties shall be updated by a decision from the Minister in accordance with the requirements of the public interest.
 5. The fine imposed on the Licensee for the first time may be doubled in the event of a repeat violation, provided that it not exceed the maximum limit of the fine referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of the second paragraph of this Article.
 6. If the Licensee commits the same violation twenty-four (24) months after the date it first committed the violation, it shall not be considered a repeat violation, but rather as a first-time violation.
 7. In the event of multiple violations resulting from one act only, the penalty shall be imposed on each violation separately according to the table of violations and penalties.
 8. The Ministry may not impose any penalty on the violator if more than three (3) months from the date on which the violation was confirmed have passed, unless the violation is ongoing.
 9. The Ministry shall notify the violator in writing of the penalties imposed on it, their type and amount, and the penalty that will be imposed on it in the event of a repeat violation.
 10. A statement of sanctions shall be produced for each Licensee, in which the type of the violation it committed, the date on which it was committed and the penalty imposed thereon shall be written down. This statement shall be kept in the file assigned thereto.

Article 10: Oversight

1. Subject to the competencies of other government agencies, the Ministry and the Concerned Federation may oversee persons, entities, establishments and activities related to the implementation of these Regulations.
2. The Ministry and the Concerned Federation may perform the necessary oversight of the licensed entities through the officials of the Ministry and the Concerned Federation to achieve this purpose.
3. The Oversight Division – or the relevant officials of the Concerned Federation – shall report the results and recommendations to the



Competent Department at the Ministry to impose appropriate penalties or fines in accordance with the table of violations and penalties referred to in Article 9.

4. The competent persons at the Ministry shall maintain the confidentiality of information and not disclose it to third parties except in accordance with the laws and regulations.
5. The Ministry's officials may verify the financial and administrative reports of the applicant entity or Licensee.
6. The Ministry may request that it be provided with the title deed of the premises, the lease contract or any other agreement in this regard.

Article 11: Complaints

1. Complaints arising from the application of the Regulations shall be received, examined, studied, verified, and settled amicably. Complaints shall be received through the Ministry's website or by sending them to the designated postal address or by delivering them to the employee responsible for receiving beneficiaries' complaints.
2. The department concerned with receiving complaints shall forward them to the Competent Department, if verified as correct, to be reviewed, and the appropriate action shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
3. The complainant shall attach to their complaint the following documents:
 - (a) Natural persons must attach a copy of the national ID card for Saudis and citizens of other Arab Gulf Countries, a copy of the residence permit for non-Saudis, or a copy of the passport for those residing outside the KSA.
 - (b) Legal persons must attach a copy of the commercial register. The complaint must be signed by the authorized person.
 - (c) A copy of a valid power of attorney and the national ID of the legal attorney.
 - (d) A copy of the documents supporting the complaint.

Article 12: The Committee Competent to Consider Objections

1. A committee shall be formed by a decision of the Minister consisting of three members, one a representative of the legal division, to review the objections to violations and penalties issued by the Competent Department.
2. The decisions of the committee referred to in this Article may be challenged before the competent court inside the KSA according to the relevant laws.



3. The Minister shall approve the rules regulating the work of the committee mentioned in this Article.

Article 13: Final Provisions

1. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, the Ministry may instruct the Licensee to prepare and present its annual financial statements.
2. The Licensee may not claim to represent the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in any way whatsoever except after obtaining the prior consent of the Ministry and the Concerned Federation for such.
3. These Regulations shall come into force on the date of their publication.
4. The Ministry shall have competence to amend and interpret the provisions of these Regulations. It has the right to make decisions on all matters not provided for herein in accordance with the requirements of the public interest.

