



SAUDI ARABIAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION
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**Organizational and technical requirements for commercial clubs
to participate in the 2021 Saudi Football Federation
Championships**



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Participation requirements:

- 1- Obtaining a commercial club license from the Ministry of Sports according to the requirements of commercial club licenses.**
- 2- Fulfilling the technical requirements of the Saudi Football Association.**
- 3- Obtaining membership in the Saudi Football Association by paying the annual membership fee of (10,000) ten thousand riyals to be paid annually to the account of the Saudi Football Association.**
- 4- Acknowledgment of the commitment to abide by the statute and articles of the Saudi Arabian Football Federation.**
- 5- Acknowledgment of full compliance with the rules, regulations and calendar of the Saudi Football Association and the Ministry of Sports.**
- 6- Full respect for the game and its laws issued by the International Football Association Board.**
- 7- Respect and observance of the principles of integrity, fair play and proper sporting behavior.**



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8- A full acknowledgment that sports disputes are referred to the competent judicial or arbitration bodies of the Federation, the Sports Arbitration Center or the International Court of Sports (CAS), in which recourse or litigation before ordinary courts is prohibited.

Club rights:

- 1 - Participation in competitions and activities that the Federation participates in.**
- 2- Participation in continental and regional tournaments if qualified for them.**
- 3- The right to all the advantages and financial prizes offered by the Federation for participating in its tournaments.**
- 4- Participation in the meetings of the General Assembly in the event that he becomes one of the members specified in the articles of association.**



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Participation plan:

Season	The beginning of the participation of commercial clubs in the championships of the Saudi Federation
2021-2022	Kingdom Championship for Regions (Zone Qualifiers)
2022-2023	Higher Division Championship (if qualified)
2023-2024	Higher Division Championship (if qualified)

The Saudi Football Association studies the pros and cons at the end of each season to approve the continuation of the time plan, amend it, or amend and add some conditions, if necessary, with the concerned authorities.



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Sharing mechanism:

1- Commercial clubs are treated as government clubs in participating in the regional championships (regional league) even if they qualify for higher leagues.

2- The participation of the commercial club in the first team in the first category tournaments.

3- The club has the right to create teams of lower age groups with the completion of their technical conditions and to participate in them in the championships of the Saudi Federation.

4- The eligibility of the players, their registration and their transfers will be according to the registration system in the Saudi Federation, where a card will be issued to the player showing the name of the club for the sports season in which the player participates.



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- 5- The participation of new clubs after the start of the implementation of the project will start from the lower level (currently the third), and its membership must be ready at least two months before the start of the sports season in which it will participate.**

- 6- In the event that the club obtains the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Cup, it is bound by all the criteria of the Asian license before its participation in Asia.**

- 7- The club shall bear all its expenses and expenses in matches played outside its home.**

- 8- The club shall bear all operational expenses for holding the match on its territory, including the costs of attending the ambulance and industrial security, except for the rewards of the referees and the match observer.**

- 9- The club is fully responsible for the readiness of its stadium for the matches that are held on its territory.**



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Technical requirements for commercial clubs

Training facility:

- 1 - An indoor training center and at least an outdoor playground are available throughout the year for the team and are suitable for training and take into account all security and safety factors.**
- 2- Administrative building.**
- 3 - Two changing rooms for players and rooms for coaches and a sufficient number of toilets and shower rooms.**
- 4 - A medical room equipped with first aid.**

Official match facility:

- 1- A main stadium within the club's area/city to hold matches in one of the legal sizes approved by FIFA (Annex 5), provided that the mass capacity of the stadium is as follows:**
 - A. Second and third division clubs: (1000) spectators at least.**
 - B. First Division Clubs: (3000) spectators at least.**



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C. Pro League clubs: (5000) spectators at least

2 - At least two dressing rooms (one for each team) connected to a sufficient number of toilets and shower rooms.

3- Suitable rooms for referees and match observers.

4- Support services, including fixed and mobile points of sale, toilets for the public, and places for people with special needs.

5- Providing first aid services in the field.

6 - Availability of adequate security and safety factors for players, match officials and the public.

7- Obtaining the stadium approval from the Technical Affairs Agency at the Ministry of Sports in the event that the stadium is owned by the club or rented, but in the event that official matches are held on the facilities of the Ministry of Sports, it is not necessary to obtain the approval.

1- Appointing a specialized technical staff who holds the Asian training licenses or its equivalent, according to the grade of the team in which he plays (Annex 2, 3, 4).

2- When contracting with the coach, he must submit his data and testimony to the technical committee to issue the card for practicing the profession that enables him to be with the team in the matches.



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3- Full commitment to the regulations of the Technical Committee for the work of coaches, certainly when the contract with a team is terminated, not to work with any other team in the same season, as well as regarding the issuance of professional practice cards.

4- In the event that the club has age groups, a head coach, assistant coach and guard coach should be appointed, preferably their own fitness coach.

5- The ratio of the number of coaches to the number of players must not be less than 18/1.

Administrative staff:

1 - Appointing a full-time CEO to be responsible for managing the club's business and administrative affairs.

2- Appointing a financial manager to be responsible for the club's financial affairs.

3- Appointing a media director to be responsible for media affairs, communication sites and public relations for the club.

4- Appointing a general technical director to supervise all technical aspects in case there are aged groups (Annex 1).



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Medical staff:

From the Medical Specialties Authority and according to the requirements and regulations of the Medical Committee of the Saudi Football Federation.

Club project and support services:

- 1 - Develop a club strategy that explains its medium and long-term development goals and plans.
- 2- In the event that the club has aged groups, development and educational program must be developed for the aged groups.
- 3- Develop a club program for social responsibility and community contribution.
- 4- Providing the appropriate kits for players and coaches for training and matches.
- 5- Providing appropriate means of transportation for the players.
- 6- Providing training aids and modern technologies.



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Table (1) Training license standards for coaches working in the sectors of the age groups in all clubs for the sports season 2021/2020

	Training character	Buds	juniors	Youth	Trade academies and clubs
1	Technical Director	A	A	A	A
2	The coach	C	C	B	C
3	Coach assistant	C	C	C	C
4	Fitness coach	Specialized Certificate in Fitness Training			
5	Goalkeeper coach	Goalkeeper training certificate			
6	Video Analyzer	Specialized Certificate in Technical Analysis			



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Table (2) Training license criteria for coaches working in the first team of the second and third division clubs for the sports season 2021/2020

	Training character	Certificate
1	The coach	A
2	Coach assistant	B
3	Fitness coach	Specialized Certificate in Fitness Training
4	Goalkeeper coach	Goalkeeper training certificate
5	Video Analyzer	Specialized Certificate in Technical Analysis

Note: - The training capacity (the trainer) is allowed to work with the training license (8), provided that a work experience as a trainer of less than (5) years is attached.



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Table (3) Training license criteria for coaches working in the first team of the Prince Mohammed bin Salman Professionals Cup for the sports season 2021/2020

	Training character	Certificate
1	The coach	PRO
2	Coach assistant	A
3	Fitness coach	Specialized Certificate in Fitness Training
4	Goalkeeper coach	Goalkeeper training certificate
5	Video Analyzer	Specialized Certificate in Technical Analysis
6	Youth development manager	A
7	Technical advisor	A

Note:

The two training capacities (Youth Development Manager) and (Technical Advisor) are among the requirements for obtaining the Asian license for the clubs participating in the AFC Champions League.



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Table (4) Training license criteria for public coaches, the first team of the Saudi Professional League for first-class clubs, for the sports season 2021/2020

	Training character	Certificate
1	The coach	A
2	Coach assistant	B
3	Fitness coach	Specialized Certificate in Fitness Training
4	Goalkeeper coach	Goalkeeper training certificate
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Table (5) Table of Football Fields Sizes

Dimensions of football fields according to the football law 2021-2020

	Limit	Line of Contact length	Goal line length
Regular sizes	Minimum	90m (100 yards)	45m (50 yards)
	Maximum	120m (130 yards)	90m (100 yards)
International matches	Minimum	100m (110 yards)	64m (70 yards)
	Maximum	110m (120 yards)	75m (80 yards)
local stadiums	Applicable limit	105m (115 yards)	68m (73 yards)