

ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

TENDER NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLY OF FOOTBALLS FOR AIFF EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS FOR THE 2026-27 SEASON

DISCLAIMER

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- This RFP is not an agreement and is neither an offer nor invitation by AIFF to the prospective Bidders (as defined herein) or any other person. The purpose of this RFP is to provide the Bidders with information that may be useful to them in the formulation of their Bids pursuant to this RFP. This RFP does not claim to contain all the information each Bidder may require. Each Bidder should conduct its own investigation and analysis and should check the accuracy, reliability and completeness of the information in this RFP and obtain independent advice wherever necessary.
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- AIFF also accepts no liability of any nature whether resulting from negligence or otherwise howsoever caused arising from reliance of any Bidder upon the statements contained in this RFP. AIFF may, in its absolute discretion, but without being under any obligation to do so, update/ amend and/or supplement the information in this RFP. Such updates/amendments and/or supplements to this RFP will be communicated by way of email to eligible parties, where such parties have paid the necessary fees payable to access this RFP and any amendments thereto.
- The issue of this RFP does not imply that AIFF is bound to select a Bidder, or to appoint the Selected Bidder (as defined herein), as the case may be, and AIFF reserves the right to reject all or any of the Bidders or Bids (as defined herein) without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- The Bidder shall bear all its costs associated with or relating to the preparation and submission of its Bid including but not limited to preparation, copying, postage, delivery fees, expenses associated with any demonstrations or presentations which may be required by AIFF or any other costs incurred in connection with or relating to its Bid. All such costs and expenses will remain with the Bidder and AIFF shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for the same or

for any other costs or other expenses incurred by a Bidder in preparation or submission of the Bid, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Selection Process (as defined herein).

- No commitment, contractual or otherwise whatsoever, shall arise from the RFP process until the Contract (as defined herein) is executed by the duly authorised signatory of AIFF and the selected Bidder as set out under this RFP.

1. INTRODUCTION, PURPOSE AND INVITATION

All India Football Federation (“AIFF”) is the governing body for football in India and is responsible for governing, regulating and conducting football activities and competitions in India. This Request For Proposal (“RFP”) is being issued for supply of footballs for AIFF events and competitions during the 2026-27 season, as more specifically described in Annexure D appended hereto (“Events & Competitions”).

1.1 AIFF requires footballs for its events and competitions during the 2026-27 season, in accordance with the quantities, categories and specifications set out in this RFP.

1.2 With reference to the above, AIFF is desirous of engaging a Bidder for the supply of footballs for AIFF events and competitions during the 2026-27 season, which shall be administered through the BEC.

1.3 The RFP document will be available at <https://www.the-aiff.com/>. All applicants can download the RFP from the Website and shall not tamper with or modify it.

1.4 Interested parties with impeccable record, meeting the Eligibility Criteria contained herein, may submit their Bids for selection, complete in all respects by way of email to legal@the-aiff.com.

1.5 Filled-in Bids with all credentials and other documents in support of the Eligibility Criteria must be submitted before the Bid Due Date specified in Clause 4 below. Incomplete Bids and Bids received by AIFF after the last date and time of submission may not be accepted by AIFF.

1.6 Upon selection of a Bidder by AIFF as the Selected Bidder, AIFF and the Selected Bidder shall enter into a detailed agreement incorporating the provisions of this RFP and the successful Bid (“Contract”).

1.7 The Bidders acknowledge that all requirements relating to the supply of footballs awarded to the Selected Bidder under the Contract shall be subject to AIFF’s directives and applicable rules/regulations, as amended from time to time.

1.8 AIFF intends to appoint a supplier to provide footballs of suitable quality for such events. In consideration of the supply of footballs, AIFF may permit the Selected Bidder to identify itself as the “Official Football Supplier” specifically for the competitions mentioned in Annexure D hereto or such other designation as may be approved by AIFF, subject to the limited rights expressly granted under the Contract.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this RFP and the associated documentation, the following terms shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, have the following meanings:

- a. "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person: (i) any other Person which owns at least 50% (fifty per cent) of the share capital, equity interest or membership interest of such Person; (ii) any Person in which such Person owns at least 50% (fifty per cent) of the share capital, equity interest or membership interest; (iii) any Person in which at least 50% (fifty per cent) of the shares or membership interest are owned by the ultimate parent company of such Person; or (iv) any other Person that Controls, is Controlled by or is under common Control with such Person. The term "Control" shall mean the power to determine the policy and affairs of an entity, whether by virtue of voting rights, right to appoint a majority on the board of directors of an entity, by contract or otherwise;
- b. "AIFF" shall mean the All India Football Federation;
- c. "Applicable Law" means the laws and any other instruments having the force of law in India for the time being and any other applicable laws, rules and regulations;
- d. "BEC" shall mean the Bid Evaluation Committee constituted by AIFF for the purpose of evaluation and shortlisting of Bids;
- e. "Bid" or "Proposal" means an offer submitted to AIFF in response to this RFP for supply of footballs and for securing the limited rights in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this RFP;
- f. "Bidder" shall mean any entity which submits a Bid to AIFF in response to this RFP, in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria laid down in this RFP;
- g. "Bid Documents" shall have the meaning prescribed to it in Clause 3.10(a);
- h. "Bid Due Date" shall mean the date on which all Bids must be submitted in response to this RFP and shall be as specified in Clause 4 below;
- i. "Contract" shall have the meaning prescribed to it in Clause 1.8;
- j. "Eligibility Criteria" shall have the meaning prescribed to it in Clause 9;
- k. "Financial Year" or "F.Y." shall mean the financial year consisting of 12 (twelve) months, commencing from the first day of the month of April and ending on the last day of the month of March of the succeeding year;

- l. "Force Majeure Event" shall mean an event or circumstance which is beyond the reasonable control and foresight of a party and which makes a party's performance of its obligations impossible, and includes but is not limited to wars, acts of terrorism, civil riots, hostilities, public disorder, epidemics, pandemics, fires, acts of God, or governmental restrictions and actions, and acts and decisions of regulatory and sports authorities;
- m. "Football Requirements" shall mean the detailed specifications, quantities and categories of footballs required by AIFF for the 2026-27 season, as specified in Annexure D / Schedule of Requirements;
- n. "GST" shall mean the goods and services tax as levied under Applicable Law;
- o. "Letter of Award" or "LoA" shall mean the letter issued by AIFF to the Selected Bidder communicating acceptance of its Bid;
- p. "Person" shall mean and include an individual, an association, a corporation, a firm, a partnership, a joint venture, a venture capital fund, a trust, an unincorporated organization, a joint stock company or other entity or organization, including a government or political subdivision, or an agency or instrumentality thereof and/or any other legal entity;
- q. "Pre-Bid Conference" shall have the meaning prescribed to it in Clause 5;
- r. "RFP" means this Request for Proposal comprising the tender document along with its annexures and any corrigendum, addendum or clarification issued by AIFF in relation thereto;
- s. "Selected Bidder" means the successful Bidder with whom AIFF enters into the Contract;
- t. "Selection Process" shall mean the process set out in this RFP for the submission, evaluation and consideration of Bids, and the identification and selection of the Selected Bidder, including all incidental activities and requirements in connection therewith;
- u. "Supply Offer" shall mean the part of the Bid submitted by the Bidder setting out the quantity, category, specifications, estimated value, delivery schedule and replacement/warranty support in respect of the footballs proposed to be supplied by the Bidder;
- v. "Technical Bid" shall mean the part of the Bid submitted by the Bidder demonstrating the technical qualifications of the Bidder and evidencing the Bidder's qualification for appointment as the Selected Bidder for supply of footballs under this RFP and/or the Contract;

- w. “Term” shall mean the period commencing from the effective date of the Contract and continuing until completion of the 2026-27 season, unless terminated earlier or extended by AIFF in writing;
- x. “Website” shall mean the website of AIFF accessible at the following URL:
<https://www.the-aiff.com/>.

2.2 Interpretation

- a. any reference to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa;
- b. any reference to the masculine, feminine or neuter shall include each other;
- c. references to a “Clause” or “Clauses” refer to the relevant Clause or Clauses of this RFP, unless otherwise stated;
- d. the annexures form part of this RFP and shall have the same force and effect as if expressly set out in the body of this RFP; and
- e. in the event of any difference or dispute with respect to the interpretation of any term of this RFP, the interpretation of AIFF shall be final and binding.

3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE BIDDER

3.1 Scope

The Selected Bidder shall supply footballs for the “Events & Competitions”. In this regard, the Bidder may choose to bid for supplying footballs for all the Events and Competitions or for certain specific Events and Competitions only. The BEC shall have the authority to select as many Bidders in order to fulfil their requirements as prescribed in Annexure D.

The scope shall include:

- a. supply of match footballs and/or training footballs as specified by AIFF;
- b. delivery of footballs at locations specified by AIFF;
- c. compliance with technical and quality standards specified by AIFF;
- d. submission of samples for AIFF’s approval prior to final supply;
- e. replacement of defective or non-compliant footballs; and
- f. compliance with AIFF’s instructions.

The quantity, category and specifications of footballs required shall be as specified by AIFF in Annexure D. AIFF may increase or decrease the requirement depending on the actual number of events, teams and matches.

3.2 Conflict of Interest

- a. A Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest (“Conflict of Interest”) that affects the procurement process. Any Bidder found to have a Conflict of Interest shall be disqualified. In the event of disqualification, AIFF shall be entitled to cancel the bid, without prejudice to any other right and/or remedy that may be available to AIFF under the RFP and/or the Contract or otherwise.
- b. Without limiting the generality of the above, a Bidder shall be deemed to have a Conflict of Interest affecting the procurement process, if:
 - i. the Bidder or its Affiliate and any other Bidder or its Affiliate have common controlling shareholders or other ownership interest, other than holdings by banks, insurance companies, pension funds or public financial institutions;
 - ii. a constituent of such Bidder is also a constituent of another Bidder;
 - iii. such Bidder or its Affiliate receives or has received any direct or indirect subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt from any other Bidder or its Affiliate, or has provided any such subsidy, grant, concessional loan or subordinated debt to any other Bidder or its Affiliate;
 - iv. such Bidder has the same legal representative for purposes of this Bid as any other Bidder;
 - v. such Bidder or its Affiliate has a relationship with another Bidder or its Affiliate, directly or through common third parties, that puts either or both of them in a position to have access to each other’s information about, or to influence, the Bid of either or each other;
 - vi. such Bidder or any Affiliate thereof has participated as a consultant to AIFF in the procurement process;
 - vii. such Bidder or its Affiliate has any person associated with it who is a member of AIFF, or related to the AIFF elected members.

3.3 Fraud and Corrupt Practices

- a. The Bidders and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisers shall observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement process and subsequent to the issue

of the LoA and during the subsistence of the Contract. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, or in the LoA or the Contract, AIFF may reject a Bid, withdraw the LoA, or terminate the Contract, as the case may be, without being liable in any manner whatsoever to the Bidder or Selected Bidder, if it determines that the Bidder or Selected Bidder has, directly or indirectly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice, false statement, misrepresentation, restrictive practice in the procurement process or has violated the terms of the Bid. In such an event, AIFF shall be entitled to cancel the Bid without prejudice to any other right or remedy that may be available to AIFF under the RFP and/or the Contract, or otherwise.

- b. If a Bidder or Selected Bidder is found by AIFF to have directly or indirectly or through an agent engaged or indulged in any corrupt practice, fraudulent practice, coercive practice, undesirable practice or restrictive practice during the procurement process, or after the issue of the LoA or execution of the Contract, such Bidder or Selected Bidder shall not be eligible to participate in any tender or RFP issued by AIFF for a period of 2 (two) years from the date of such finding by AIFF by way of a judicial mechanism prescribed under the AIFF Constitution.
- c. For the purposes of this Clause 3.3, the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them:
 - i. “Corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the actions of any person connected with the procurement process;
 - ii. “Fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation or omission of facts, suppression of facts or disclosure of incomplete facts in order to influence the procurement process;
 - iii. “Coercive practice” means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any person or property to influence any person’s participation or action in the procurement process;
 - iv. “Undesirable practice” means establishing contact with any person connected with or employed or engaged by AIFF with the objective of canvassing, lobbying or in any manner influencing or attempting to influence the procurement process, or having a Conflict of Interest; and
 - v. “Restrictive practice” means forming a cartel or arriving at any understanding or arrangement among Bidders with the objective of restricting or manipulating a full and fair competition in the procurement process.

3.4 Bid Preparation Cost

- a. The Bidders shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the Bid. AIFF will not be responsible or liable for any costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the Bid and/or Bid process.
- b. All papers submitted with the Bid are neither returnable nor claimable.

3.5 Right to Accept and Reject Any or All Bids

- a. Notwithstanding anything contained in this RFP, AIFF reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the procurement process and reject all Bids at any time without any liability or obligation and without assigning any reason.
- b. AIFF reserves the right to reject any Bid if: (i) at any time, a material misrepresentation is made or discovered; (ii) the Bidder does not respond to requests for supplemental information required for the evaluation of Bids within the stipulated time period; or (iii) the Bidder does not adhere to the formats provided in the annexures to the RFP while furnishing the required information/details.
- c. Misrepresentation or improper/incorrect response by the Bidder may lead to disqualification of the Bidder. In the event of any misstatement or misrepresentation including any falsification or inflation of data, being discovered or detected in the information furnished/documents submitted by the Bidder in response to this RFP or at any later stage or in the event of any contravention by the Bidder of any condition or criterion stipulated by AIFF under this RFP, AIFF shall have the right to terminate or cancel the appointment/engagement of the Bidder, and nothing shall be payable or be paid by AIFF to the Bidder as damages or penalty.

3.6 Amendment of the RFP

- a. At any time prior to the Bid Due Date, AIFF may modify this RFP by way of issuance of an addendum/corrigendum. Such amendments shall be uploaded on the Website and shall form an integral part of this RFP. It shall be the sole responsibility of the prospective Bidder to check the Website from time to time for any amendment to this RFP.
- b. AIFF may, at its discretion, extend the Bid Due Date by way of communication published on the Website.

3.7 Acknowledgement by Bidders

- a. It is desirable that the Bidder submits its Bid after verifying the availability of data, information and/or any other matter that it considers relevant.

- b. It would be deemed that by submitting the Bid, the Bidder has made a complete and careful examination of the RFP, accepted the RFP in totality, received all relevant information requested from AIFF, examined the scope of work, accepted the risk of inadequacy, error or mistake in the information provided, satisfied itself on all matters necessary for submitting an informed Bid, acknowledged that it does not have a Conflict of Interest unless disclosed, acknowledged that it has considered all Applicable Laws, AIFF constitution and AIFF rules and regulations, and agreed to be bound by the undertakings provided by it.
- c. The Bidder acknowledges that this RFP, the Contract and all rights granted hereunder shall always be subject to and conform with the AIFF Constitution (as in force) and applicable FIFA/AFC and/or AIFF regulations, from time to time.
- d. AIFF shall not be liable for any omission, mistake or inadvertent error on the part of the Bidder in respect of any of the above or on account of any matter arising out of or relating to this RFP or the Selection Process.

3.8 Preparation and Submission of Bids

- a. No Bidder shall submit more than one (1) Bid.
- b. The Bid and all related correspondence and documents shall be written in the English language. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the Bidder with the Bid may be in any other language, provided they are accompanied by an English translation. For interpretation and evaluation of the Bid, the English language translation shall prevail.
- c. The currency for the purpose of stating estimated value in the Bid shall be Indian Rupees (INR).
- d. Submission of non-compliant Bids will result in the Bid being disqualified for being non-responsive.

3.9 Format and Signing of Bids

- a. The Bidder shall prepare electronic copies of the Technical Bid and Supply Offer separately.
- b. The Bidders shall provide all information as per this RFP and in the specified formats. AIFF reserves the right to reject any Proposal that is not in the specified formats.
- c. If the Bidder intends to provide additional information for which specified space in the given format is not sufficient, it may be furnished in duly stamped and signed PDFs.

3.10 Submission of E-Bid/Bid

- a. Each Bidder satisfying the Conditions of Eligibility shall, if it wishes to Bid, submit password-protected PDF versions of the Technical Bid and Supply Offer simultaneously (together referred to as the “Bid Documents”) by way of email to legal@the-aiff.com. Failure to supply any relevant information and/or any material deficiency may lead to disqualification of such Bid under this RFP. AIFF reserves the right to require any Bidder to submit additional information, for the sake of completeness.
- b. The Bidders shall send to AIFF by email on or before 17:00 hrs IST on the Bid Due Date, a PDF version of the Bid Documents duly filled in and completed, initialled on each page, signed where appropriate by a duly authorised representative of the Bidder and scanned along with attested scanned copies of all supporting documents and papers.
- c. All Bid Documents must be delivered to AIFF as part of one (1) email and no further documents will be accepted after the above-mentioned time and date. Such email shall contain two “.zip” files containing the Technical Bid and the Supply Offer, respectively. In addition, the Bidder shall share a separate email with a list of the documents forming part of the Bid Documents mapped with the relevant passwords, which email shall be sent to legal@the-aiff.com on or before 17:00 hrs IST on the Bid Due Date.
- d. Once submitted, no Bid shall be subsequently amended without the prior written consent of AIFF, which consent AIFF may withhold at its discretion.

3.11 Late Submission

The time at which the email is received by AIFF shall be used to determine the time of submission. Once the Bid Due Date and time is over, the Bidder cannot submit its Bid. The Bidder must start the Bid submission well in advance so that the submission process occurs smoothly. The Bidder shall be solely responsible if its Bid is not submitted in time due to any problems/faults not attributable to AIFF.

3.12 Withdrawal and Resubmission of Bid

- a. At any point in time, a Bidder may withdraw its Bid before the date on which the Bid Documents are opened by AIFF, by way of an email sent from the address using which the Bid Documents were submitted to AIFF.
- b. No Bid can be resubmitted after the Bid Due Date.

3.13 Contacting AIFF

From the time the Bids are open to the time the Contract is awarded, if any Bidder wishes to contact AIFF on any matter related to its Bid, it shall do so in writing. Any effort by the Bidder to influence any officer/office bearer of AIFF in relation to Bid evaluation or contract award decisions may result in rejection of the Bidder's Bid.

3.14 Right to Vary Scope of Work

AIFF may, at any time during the RFP process or during the Term, make changes within the general scope of work/ Schedule of requirements. The Selected Bidder shall comply with such changes, subject to the terms of the Contract.

3.15 Language of Bid

The Bid submitted by the Bidder and all subsequent correspondence and documents relating to the Bid, exchanged between the Bidder and AIFF, shall be written in English language. However, the language of any printed literature furnished by the Bidder in connection with its Bid may be written in any other language, provided the same is accompanied by an English translation and, for the purpose of interpretation of the Bid, the English translation shall prevail.

3.16 Eligible Goods and Related Services

All goods and related services to be supplied under the Contract shall have their origin in India or any other country with which India has not banned trade relations. The term "origin" used in this clause means the place where the goods are produced or manufactured or from where the related services are arranged and supplied.

4. **BID SCHEDULE**

| S. No. | Information | Dates |
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| 1 | Publishing of RFP online | 30.06.2026 |
| 2 | Last date for submission of written queries for clarification, if any. Bidders that intend to attend the Pre-Bid Conference shall also confirm their intention to attend the Pre-Bid Conference by the same date. | 03.07.2026 |
| 3 | Date of Pre-Bid Conference | 06.07.2026 |
| 4 | Issuance of response to written queries | 07.07.2026 |
| 5 | Last date for Bid submission ("Bid Due Date") | 13.07.2026 |
| 6 | Opening of Technical Bids | 14.07.2026 – 11 AM |
| 7 | Technical Presentation by Bidders | 14.07.2026 – 3 PM |

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| 8 | Opening of Supply Offers | 14.07.2026 – 4.30 PM |
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5. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

- 5.1 AIFF may conduct a pre-bid conference on the date specified in Clause 4. The purpose of the conference shall be to provide Bidders with information regarding this RFP and discuss queries raised by Bidders.
- 5.2 Any clarifications and all information must be sought by email only at legal@the-aiff.com. No queries shall be entertained after the scheduled date and time mentioned in Clause 4, unless notified otherwise by AIFF.
- 5.3 Any clarification issued by AIFF in response to queries raised by prospective Bidders shall form an integral part of this RFP and may amount to an amendment of the relevant clause(s) of this RFP.

6. RIGHTS TO BE GRANTED

- 6.1 AIFF does not intend to grant broad commercial rights under this tender. The rights granted to the Selected Bidder shall be limited to the football supply arrangement under this RFP and the Contract.
- 6.2 Subject to AIFF's prior written approval and the Contract, the Selected Bidder may be permitted to:
- identify itself as "Official Football Supplier for (*name of competition*)" or such other designation as approved by AIFF;
 - use AIFF's name/logo only for approved promotional material;
 - brandings on boards (two), in centralized competitions, as more fully described in the Contract, and
 - refer to the supply arrangement in its marketing or corporate communication, strictly with prior written approval of AIFF.
- 6.3 No sponsorship, title, broadcast, merchandising, ticketing, hospitality, player image, digital or other commercial rights shall be deemed to be granted unless expressly agreed in writing by AIFF. No right shall be deemed to have been granted unless expressly approved by AIFF in writing.

7. SUBMISSION OF BID

- 7.1 All documents are to be submitted by the Bidder as password-protected PDF or scanned copies on or before the Bid Due Date. The Technical Bid and the Supply Offer shall be attached to the email as separate files, and there shall be no reference to the Supply Offer or its contents in the Technical Bid.
- 7.2 The bids shall be valid for forty-five (45) days from the last date of submission of the bids. The validity of such bids may be extended upon such requests for extending the validity being made in writing by the AIFF.
- 7.3 The Bids shall be submitted in two parts:

A Technical Bid

- a. profile of the Bidder;
- b. certificate of incorporation / registration document;
- c. PAN and GST certificate, wherever applicable;
- d. authorisation letter, if the Bidder is not the manufacturer;
- e. details of experience;
- f. details of footballs proposed to be supplied;
- g. technical specifications and product catalogue;
- h. sample details, if required by AIFF;
- i. undertaking regarding non-blacklisting; and
- j. undertaking regarding compliance with tender terms.

B Supply Offer

The Supply Offer shall not be treated as a financial quote payable by AIFF. It shall specify the value, quantity, category and specifications of footballs proposed to be supplied by the Bidder in consideration of the limited rights to be granted by the AIFF.

The Supply Offer shall contain:

- a. estimated value of footballs proposed to be supplied;
- b. delivery schedule;
- c. replacement/warranty support; and

- d. any additional supply support offered by the Bidder.

7.4 The Bidder shall not submit a vague or NIL offer.

8. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Bidder must satisfy the following conditions:

- a. The Bidder should be a company, partnership firm, LLP, proprietorship firm or other legally recognised entity registered in India or otherwise legally permitted to carry on business in India.
- b. The Bidder should be a manufacturer or authorised supplier/distributor of footballs.
- c. The Bidder should have valid PAN and GST registration, wherever applicable.
- d. The Bidder should have prior experience in supply of footballs/sports equipment to sports federations, leagues, clubs, schools, universities, government bodies or reputed private entities.
- e. The Bidder should not have been blacklisted by any Central Government, State Government, public authority, sports federation or public sector undertaking.
- f. There should not be any criminal proceedings or conviction against the Bidder or its key managerial persons in relation to fraud, corruption, cheating, misrepresentation or similar offences.
- g. The Bidder shall submit only one Bid. If more than one Bid is submitted by the same Bidder, all such Bids may be rejected.

9. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The footballs supplied shall comply with the specifications prescribed by AIFF, in Annexure D.

The indicative requirements are as follows:

| Particular | Requirement |
|-------------------|--|
| Type | Match footballs / training footballs, as specified by AIFF |
| Quality standard | As specified by AIFF |
| Branding | As approved by AIFF |
| Packaging | Properly packed and delivered in usable condition |
| Delivery location | As specified by AIFF |

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| Replacement | Defective / non-compliant footballs to be replaced by Bidder |
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AIFF may require Bidders to submit samples. Approval of samples by AIFF shall be mandatory before final supply.

10. EVALUATION OF BIDS

10.1. Prior to the evaluation of the Bids, AIFF will determine the substantial responsiveness of each Bid to the RFP. For purposes of these clauses, a substantially responsive Bid is one which conforms to all the terms and conditions of the RFP including Eligibility Criteria without material deviations. However, AIFF may waive minor deviation and /or minor irregularity and/or minor nonconformity in the Bid.

10.2. AIFF shall constitute the BEC consisting of at least three (3) members, which shall evaluate the Bids on the basis of technical eligibility, delivery capability and overall suitability.

Indicative evaluation parameters may be as follows:

| S. No. | Parameter | Marks |
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| 1. | No. of Events & Competitions being supplied under this RFP | 40 |
| 2. | Delivery capacity and logistics support | 30 |
| 3. | Past performance / Experience in supply of footballs and/or other sports equipment/ client credentials | 30 |
| | Total | 100 |

10.3. AIFF shall not be bound to select the Bidder offering the highest quantity or highest estimated value of footballs. AIFF may select the Bidder whose offer is considered most suitable having regard to quality, specifications, delivery capability, replacement support, past experience and overall benefit to AIFF.

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT

11.1. Before the expiry of the Bid's validity period, AIFF will notify the Selected Bidder in writing, by way of email, that its Bid has been accepted by AIFF. AIFF may simultaneously issue a Letter of Award to the Selected Bidder.

11.2. Upon issuance/signature of the Letter of Award, AIFF may share the draft Contract with the Selected Bidder. AIFF and the Selected Bidder shall complete negotiations and execute

the Contract within fifteen (15) days from the date of issue of the draft Contract, or within such other period as may be specified by AIFF. Failure to comply shall entitle AIFF to cancel the award.

- 11.3. Failure of the Selected Bidder to sign the Contract or supply the footballs in accordance with the approved specifications and timelines shall make the Selected Bidder liable for such further action as may be available to AIFF under the Contract and Applicable Law, including without limitation providing the cost of procuring replacements.

12. CONSIDERATION AND SET-OFF

It is expressly clarified that AIFF shall not be required to make any monetary payment to the Selected Bidder towards the supply of footballs under this RFP or the Contract.

13. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 13.1. Information relating to the evaluation of Bids as part of the Selection Process and recommendations concerning awards made by the BEC shall not be disclosed to Bidders who submit Bids or to other persons that are not officially concerned with the process, until signing of the Contract.

- 13.2. The undue use by any Bidder of any information related to the Selection Process may result in rejection of its Bid and blacklisting by AIFF. The Selected Bidder and its representatives shall not, either during the Term or after expiration of the Contract, disclose any proprietary information or confidential information relating to AIFF without the prior written consent of AIFF.

- 13.3. All information and documents furnished by the Bidder will be treated as confidential by AIFF/BEC and shall not be disclosed by AIFF/BEC to any other party, or otherwise used, other than: (a) for evaluating the Bids submitted; or (b) as required by Applicable Law.

14. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party shall be liable for failure or delay in performance of its obligations to the extent such failure or delay is caused by a Force Majeure Event. The affected Party shall promptly notify the other Party and take reasonable steps to mitigate the effect of such event. Timelines for performance may be extended only to the extent affected by the Force Majeure Event.

15. INDEMNITY

- 15.1. The Bidder shall, at its own cost and expense, defend and indemnify AIFF against all third-party claims arising out of or relating to the performance of obligations under the Contract,

breach of Contract, defective products, false representation, breach of Applicable Law, or infringement of intellectual property rights, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or industrial design rights, arising from the actions of the Bidder in India or internationally. The Bidder shall expeditiously meet and defend any such claims upon being notified of the same by AIFF.

- 15.2. If AIFF is required to pay compensation to a third party attributable to the actions of the Bidder, or otherwise on account of any wrongful actions attributable to the Bidder, the Bidder shall fully reimburse AIFF thereof, including all expenses and court and legal fees in relation to such claims.

16. DELIVERY AND INSPECTION

- 16.1 The Selected Bidder shall deliver the footballs within the timeline specified by AIFF.
- 16.2 Delivery shall be made at such venues/offices/locations as may be communicated by AIFF.
- 16.3 AIFF shall have the right to inspect the footballs at the time of delivery.
- 16.4 Any defective, damaged or non-compliant footballs shall be replaced by the Selected Bidder at its own cost.
- 16.5 AIFF may reject footballs that do not meet the approved sample or prescribed specifications.
- 16.6 Delivery shall be completed at the cost and risk of the Selected Bidder, unless otherwise agreed in writing by AIFF.

17. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, BRANDING AND USE OF AIFF MARKS

- 17.1 The Selected Bidder will ensure that there is no violation of intellectual property rights ("IPR") (including any third-party owned intellectual property right) or any other law in force while rendering the services/exercising the rights under this RFP and shall comply with the terms stipulated in the contract in this regard.
- 17.2 The Selected Bidder expressly acknowledges and agrees that all rights, title, and interest, including all present and future copyright and all other IPR, that is created as a result of the Selected Bidder exercising its Rights (collectively, the "**Works**"), whether completed or in progress, shall vest exclusively and absolutely in AIFF from the moment of creation, on a work-made-for-hire basis. To the extent any of the Works are not considered works-made-for-hire under applicable law, the Selected Bidder hereby assigns, with full title guarantee, by way of a present assignment of future rights, all such rights in the Works to AIFF, worldwide, in perpetuity and on a royalty-free basis. It is clarified that any IPR that is owned

by the Selected Bidder at the time of submission of its Bid under this RFP shall continue to be owned exclusively by the Selected Bidder.

17.3 The Selected Bidder shall execute all documents, confirmations, assignments, and instruments reasonably required by AIFF to perfect, record or give effect to the assignment contemplated herein, and shall provide such cooperation as may be necessary to enable AIFF to exercise its rights in the Works without restriction.

17.4 AIFF grants the Selected Bidder a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable, royalty-free licence, during the Term, and solely for the purpose of delivering its obligations herein, the right to use AIFF's IPR strictly in accordance with AIFF's brand guidelines and written instructions. Any use beyond the scope expressly authorised herein is prohibited.

17.5 The Bidder shall not use AIFF's name, logo, emblem or marks without prior written approval.

17.6 Any branding on footballs, packaging, publicity material or digital material shall require prior written approval of AIFF.

17.7 The Bidder shall not make any representation suggesting title sponsorship, event ownership, exclusive commercial partnership or broader commercial rights unless specifically approved by AIFF.

17.8 All rights not expressly granted shall remain reserved with AIFF.

18. **TERM**

18.1 The appointment shall be valid only for the 2026-27 season, unless extended by AIFF in writing.

18.2 The Selected Bidder shall have no automatic right of renewal or extension.

19. **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

19.1 AIFF reserves the right to amend, modify, cancel or withdraw this tender at any stage without assigning reasons. AIFF shall not be liable for to pay to the Bidder, any amount as damages or penalty in light of such amendment, modification, cancellation or withdrawal of the tender at any stage.

19.2 AIFF reserves the right to reject any or all Bids.

19.3 Submission of a Bid shall not create any right in favour of the Bidder.

19.4 The Selected Bidder shall execute a formal agreement with AIFF, failing which the AIFF may take recourse as specified in this RFP and under Applicable Laws.

- 19.5 The Bidder shall not sub-contract whole or any part of its responsibilities under this RFP without the prior written approval of the AIFF. Notwithstanding any permissible sub-contracting, the Bidder shall always remain primarily liable to AIFF for fulfilling its responsibilities under this RFP.
- 19.6 The Bidder shall comply with all Applicable Laws.
- 19.7 The Bidder shall be responsible for all taxes, duties, logistics costs, delivery costs and other expenses unless otherwise agreed.
- 19.8 AIFF's decision on technical suitability, quality, eligibility and final selection shall be final and binding.
- 19.9 Any dispute shall be subject to the jurisdiction of courts at New Delhi, unless otherwise agreed in the Contract.

ANNEXURE A

GENERAL UNDERTAKING

(To be submitted on the letterhead of the Bidder)

We, [Name of Bidder], hereby undertake that:

- a. the information submitted by us is true and correct;
- b. we have not been blacklisted by any Central Government, State Government, public authority, sports federation or public sector undertaking;
- c. there are no criminal proceedings or convictions against us or our key managerial persons in relation to fraud, corruption, cheating, misrepresentation or similar offences;
- d. we shall comply with all terms of the RFP and the Contract;
- e. we shall supply footballs as per the approved specifications and timelines;
- f. we shall not use AIFF's name/logo without prior written approval; and
- g. we understand that AIFF reserves the right to reject our Bid without assigning reasons.

For [Name of Bidder]

Authorised Signatory: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

ANNEXURE B

Information regarding any Conflict of Interest

[To be forwarded on the letterhead of the Bidder (to be submitted by each member in case of Consortium)]

1. Are there any activities carried out by the Bidder or its Affiliates, which are of a conflicting nature as mentioned in Clause 3.2 of this RFP? If yes, please furnish details of such activities along with your Technical Bid.
2. If no, the Bidder (each member in case of Consortium) shall certify the absence of any Conflict of Interest in the following format:

To,

President,
All India Football Federation,
Football House,
Sector -- 19, Phase 1,
Dwarka, New Delhi -- 110 075

Subject: Absence of Conflict of Interest

I/We hereby declare that I/our firm, our associate/group firm, am/is not indulging in any activities that can be termed as conflicting activities under Clause 3.2 of this RFP. I/We also acknowledge that in case of misrepresentation of the information, our Bid shall be rejected, or the Contract shall be terminated by AIFF with immediate effect.

Signature:

Name (in full):

Name of Organization:

Title:

Date:

ANNEXURE C

Declaration of Fit and Proper Person

[To be forwarded on the letterhead of the Bidder / each Consortium Member]

To,

President,
All India Football Federation,
Football House,
Sector -- 19, Phase 1,
Dwarka, New Delhi -- 110 075

I hereby submit our Bid in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the award of Rights under Package [to be inserted by issuer] of this RFP and the Contract to be signed by us.

I have understood the requirements that constitute a *Fit and Proper Person* under this RFP, and declare that we are not in violation of any of the conditions prescribed under Clause 8.2 of this RFP and can be construed to be a *Fit and Proper Person* for the purposes of this RFP. I understand that in case of any adverse finding by AIFF, it reserves the right to accept / reject the Bid, and that all decisions of AIFF in this regard shall be final and binding.

Signature:

Name (in full):

Name of Organization:

Title:

Date:

ANNEXURE D

SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS

The quantity, category and specifications of footballs shall be as specified by AIFF. The following format must be used for the Football Requirements:

| Balls Requirements 2026-27 | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---|
| S.NO | Tournament Name | Balls Per Teams / Group | Teams | Quantity | Standard | Starting Month | Delivery Timeline |
| Leagues' | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Indian Football League 2 | 30 | 8 | 240 | FIFA Quality Pro | 01-02-2027 | At least Fifteen Days Before the Tournament |
| 2 | Indian Football League 3 | 15 | 24 | 360 | FIFA Quality Pro | 15-08-2026 | |
| 3 | U-14 Youth League | 10 | 300 | 3000 | FIFA Basic | 01-08-2026 | |
| 4 | U-16 Youth League | | | | FIFA Basic | 01-08-2026 | |
| 5 | U-18 Youth League | | | | FIFA Basic | 01-08-2026 | |
| NFC's | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Sub- Junior Boys NFC | | 36 | 970 | FIFA Basic | 10-10-2026 | At least Fifteen Days Before the Tournament |
| 7 | Junior Boys NFC | | 36 | | FIFA Basic | 25-08-2026 | |
| 9 | Junior Girls NFC | | 36 | | FIFA Basic | 10-09-2026 | |
| 10 | Santosh Trophy | | 38 | 1168 | FIFA Quality Pro | 19-11-2026 | |
| 11 | Senior Women`s | | 38 | | FIFA Quality Pro | 01-02-2027 | |
| 12 | U-20 Championship NFC | | 36 | 80 | FIFA Quality | TBC | |
| 13 | AIFF Men Beach Soccer Championship | 10 | 20 | 200 | FIFA Beach Specific | TBC | |
| 14 | AIFF Futsal Club Championship | 250 | 20 | 250 | PU Futsal | 01-05-2027 | |

Balls Requirements 2026-27

| S.NO | Tournament Name | Balls Per Teams / Group | Teams | Quantity | Standard | Starting Month | Delivery Timeline |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Camps' | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Men (U-15, U16, U-19, U-23, Senior) | | 5 | 400 | FIFA Quality Pro | | Quarterly |
| 16 | Women (U-16, U-19, Senior) | | 3 | 240 | FIFA Quality Pro | | |
| 17 | Women (U-17 WC) | | 1 | 80 | FIFA Quality Pro | | |
| International | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Intercontinental Cup | | 4 | 120 | FIFA Quality Pro | | Quarterly |
| 19 | International Friendlies World Cup Qualifiers | | 8 | 160 | FIFA Quality Pro | | |
| Other Activities | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Beach Soccer Development | N/A | | 80 | FIFA Beach Specific | | Quarterly |
| 21 | Marketing & Fan Activities | | | 50 | FIFA Basic | | |
| 22 | Grassroots Activities | | | 100 | FIFA Basic | | |