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President of the United Arab Emirates

Federal Law No. (8) of 2014
Concerning Sports Facilities and Events Security

We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates,

- Having reviewed the Constitution,
- Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 Concerning the Competencies of Ministries and the Powers of Ministers, as amended;
- Federal Law No. (12) of 1976 on the Police and Security Force, as amended;
- Federal Law No. (3) of 1987 Promulgating the Penal Code, as amended;
- Federal Law No. (35) of 1992 Promulgating the Penal Procedures Code, as amended;
- Federal Law No. (37) of 2006 on the Private Security Companies;
- Federal Law No. (2) of 2008 on the National Societies and Associations of Public Welfare;
- Federal Law Decree No. (7) of 2008 on the General Authority of Youth and Sports Welfare and Operating Entities;
- Federal Law Decree No. (3) of 2009 on Weapons, Ammunitions and Explosives; and
- Subject to the presentation by the Minister of Interior, and approval of the Council of Ministers and of the Federal National Council; and ratification of the Federal Supreme Council;

Have enacted as follows:

Chapter I
Definitions and General Provisions

Article (1)

In the application of this Law, the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings set against each, unless the context otherwise requires:

- State:** means the United Arab Emirates,
Ministry: means the Ministry of Interior,
Minister: means the Minister of Interior,
Competent Authority: means one of the police general headquarters in any Emirate, being concerned with securing Sports Facilities and Events,
Competent Entity: means any entity concerned with the engineering matters of the facilities and buildings in each Emirate,



Sports Facilities:	means the buildings, governmental or private, used in the management and implementation of Sports Facilities,
Sports Events:	means every Sports Activity or Event held in a Sports Facility or a place intended for holding such Activities and Events,
Organizing Entity:	means every natural or legal person that holds a Sports Event in a place intended for this purpose,
Private Security Companies:	means the companies licensed in accordance with the aforesaid Federal Law No. (37) of 2006,
Private Security Companies' Personnel:	means the security personnel working for Private Security Companies,
Facility Security Officer:	means the security employee appointed by the Sports Facility for rendering the security service to the Facility in accordance with the provisions of this Law,
Event Security Officer:	means the security employee appointed by the Organizing Entity for rendering the security service to the Sports Event in accordance with the provisions of this Law,
Police Observer:	means a police and security person in charge of security supervision of the course of action of Sports Events,
Sports Facilities Security:	means securing safety of places and facilities intended for the various types of sports, including their buildings, equipment and frequenters, which are used for management and implementation of sports events, be these government or private, against internal and external dangers and threats,
Sports Event Security:	means provision of the means of safety and security for each Sports Event conducted in a Sports Facility or in a place intended for such activities,
Sports Audience:	means the persons who watch sports events inside a Sports Facility and within the spatial area surrounding it.

Article (2)

The provisions of this Law shall apply to all Sports Facilities and Events, be local or international, held in the State.

Article (3)

This Law aims to:

1. Keep security at the Sports Facilities and Events, in particular in respect to establishing the rules of protection of the Sports Audience inside the Facilities and during Sports Events.
2. Regulate the actions and elevate the behavior of Sports Audience.

Article (4)

For Sports Events to be held in the Emirate, the consent of the Competent Authority shall be obtained.

If sports events are to be held in more than one Emirate, the Ministry's consent shall be obtained.

Article (5)

In coordination with the Organizing Entities and the Sports Facilities, the Ministry and the Competent Authority shall establish necessary plans for securing Sports Facilities and Events.

Chapter II Sports Facility and Event Security Officer

Article (6)

Each Sports Facility and Organizing Entity shall appoint a Security Officer for each Sports Facility and Sports Event, following approval by the department concerned with Private Security Companies' affairs, and in accordance with the conditions set forth in the Executive Regulations of this Law.

Article (7)

A Sports Facility Security Officer shall be competent to the following affairs:

1. To keep security and safety of a Sports Facility.
2. To undertake security and protection tasks.
3. To carry out security search of individuals and vehicles at the entry points and follow up the materials admitted into the Sports Facility in coordination with the Police Observer.
4. To establish detailed plans of emergency and evacuation operations, fire preventive measures, etc. and make necessary exercises on a periodical basis following approval by the Competent Authority.
5. To prepare security and safety records of the Facility.
6. To review records in coordination with the Event Security Officer and the Police Observer during the event.
7. To undertake any other competencies as determined by the Executive Regulations.

Article (8)

A Sports Event Security Officer shall be competent to:

1. To coordinate with the Facility Security Officer in performing the security measures of the venue of the Sports Events and the accesses and exits thereto.
2. To provide necessary safety supplies to the venue of a Sports Event in coordination with the Police Observer, including the securing of a playground against all perils and the securing of access points in emergency cases.
3. To take part in facilitating traffic in all the roads leading to the venue of a Sports Event and the securing of vehicle parks in coordination with the Police Observer.
4. To coordinate with all participant entities in the Sports Event to maintain security and make a success of the security aspect of the Event.
5. To coordinate evacuation and emergency plans with the Facility Security Officer and the Police Observer.
6. To undertake other competencies stipulated in Article (7) of this Law if the Sports Events are held outside the Sports Facilities.

Article (9)

1. The Sports Facility Security Officer and Sports Event Security Officer shall comply with all instructions and orders issued by the Police Observer in relation to the security of Sports Events.
2. The Police Observer shall hold accountable any person who violates the security measures including the Sports Facility Security Officer, the Sports Event Security Officer or the Private Security Companies' Personnel, in accordance with the stipulations of the Executive Regulations of this Law.

Chapter III

Obligations of the Sports Facilities and Organizing Entities of Sports Events

Article (10)

The Sports Facilities and the Organizing Entity shall enter into contract with a Private Security Company to provide security and order in the course of conducting the Sports Events, by means of the Private Security Companies Personnel contracted with. These Personnel shall, in respect of undertaking their duties, be under supervision of the Sports Facility Security Officer and the Sports Event Security Officer, as per the promulgations of the Executive Regulations of this Law.

Article (11)

The Sports Facilities and Organizing Entity shall select the qualified Private Security Companies' Personnel and familiarize them with the safety and security measures and requirements as well as the measures of security and protection of the Sports Facilities and Sports Events in coordination with the Police Observer.

Article (12)

The Sports Facilities shall:

1. Allocate special spaces for very important persons (VIPs), disabled persons and the elderly, and facilitate access to and exit from the same.
2. Spread awareness of playgrounds security to players, audiences and security coordinators in collaboration with the Organizing Entity.
3. Provide a system for direct communication with the Sports Audience.
4. Keep safety and security records for all matches.
5. Set up fire protective measures, in collaboration with the Competent Entity and the concerned entities.

Article (13)

The Sports Facilities and the Organizing Entity shall develop a program or guide of the administrative and organizational aspects to be adopted during Sports Events following approval of the same by the Competent Authority, and the same shall be periodically updated as per relevant circumstances and events.

Article (14)

The Sports Facilities or the Organizing Entity, as the case may be, shall provide all equipment and tools necessary for the security of Sports Facilities or Sports Events, and shall qualify the human resources to be required for conducting and management of the Sports Events in coordination with the Police Observer.

Article (15)

The Sports Facilities and the Organizing Entities shall comply with the safety and security requirements to be set forth by the Executive Regulations of this Law to the extent that conforms to the international standards.

Article (16)

The competent entity shall, in coordination with the Competent Authority, determine the engineering standards of the Sports Facilities and the technical requirements for holding the Sports Events.

Chapter IV Sports Audience Obligations

Article (17)

The Sports Audience shall comply with the following obligation:

- a. They shall not enter onto the playground itself or the spatial area of the Sports Event without permission.



- b. They shall not take with them or acquire any prohibited or dangerous substances particularly fireworks to the Sports Facility or to the place where the Sports Event is held. The Executive Regulations shall determine the types and nature of such substances.
- c. They shall not breach the conditions governing the carrying or acquiring of weapons in the Sports Facility or during the holding of the Sports Event. Such conditions shall be issued by a resolution issued by the Minister.
- d. They shall not commit, participate in, instigate or attempt to commit acts of violence.
- e. They shall not throw any substances or liquids of any type towards any other audience fan or towards the area surrounding the playground or the playground itself.
- f. They shall not utter or write any insulting language or make any gestures that would be insulting or make any statements of racial nature during the holding of the Sports Event.
- g. Sit in the allocated spaces.
- h. Not use the playground for political purposes.

Chapter V

Penalties

Article (18)

Any person who breaches any provision of clauses (a, b, c, g) of Article 17 shall be sentenced to an imprisonment term of at least one month and not exceeding three months, and a fine of at least five thousand Arab Emirates Dirhams and not exceeding thirty thousand Arab Emirates Dirhams, or either penalty.

Article (19)

Any person who breaches any provision of paragraphs (d, e, f, h) of Article 17 shall be sentenced to imprisonment and a fine of at least ten thousand Arab Emirates Dirhams and not exceeding thirty thousand Arab Emirates Dirhams, or either penalty.

Article (20)

Any person who breaches any provision of Articles (4), (6), (10), (11), (13), (14) and (15) of this Law shall be sentenced to a fine of at least ten thousand Arab Emirates Dirhams to not exceeding five hundred thousand Arab Emirates Dirhams.

Article (21)

Any person who obtains an approval for holding a Sports Event through fraud and deceit shall be sentenced to a fine of at least five hundred thousand Arab Emirates Dirhams and not exceeding one million Arab Emirates Dirhams. Furthermore, he shall be obligated to pay the monetary amount of the costs resulting from such approval. The court may disqualify him from practicing that activity for at least two years.

Article (22)



Utilization of Sports Events for committing any of the offences stipulated in the Penal Code or in any other law shall be an aggravating circumstance.

Article (23)

The penalties stipulated in this Law shall not prejudice any severer penalty stipulated by any other law.

Article (24)

1. The Minister shall issue a resolution that defines the rules of behavior and discipline of the Sports Audience during the attendance of Sports Events.

2. The Council of Ministers shall issue a regulation of the administrative violations and fines related to the application of the provisions of this Law. A fine amount shall not exceed five thousand Arab Emirates Dirhams per each violation.

Article (25)

The Council of Ministers shall issue the Executive Regulations of this Law, and the resolutions required for enforcing its provisions within six months from the effective date of this Law.

Article (26)

The sports facilities and the organizing entity shall adjust their respective legal conditions as per the provisions of this Law and its Executive Regulations within a period not exceeding one year from the effective date of this Law. This duration may be extended for a similar period pursuant to a resolution passed by the Minister and up to a maximum of two extensions.

Article (27)

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and go into effect as of the day next to its date of publication.

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Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
President of the United Arab Emirates

This Law has been issued in the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi:

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