

1. Definition of a Professional League/Club

2. Criteria for Participation in the New ACL 2009
Minimum Requirement (2009)

Participating MAs must meet the criteria and minimum requirement



Participating MAs are decided

3. 10 Assessment Items/ Calculating Method for the Assessment

Number of participating clubs for each MA are decided

Priority of 10 items

1.	Organisation:	20
2.	Technical Standard:	100
3.	Attendance:	100
4.	Governance/ Soundness:	50
5.	Marketing/ Promotion:	20
6.	Business Scale:	100
7.	Game Operation:	20
8.	Media:	20
9.	Stadia:	20
10.	Clubs:	50

Total points:	500
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Criteria

Based on the meeting during the official visits, the survey sheet, and submitted documents, the AFC ProLeague Ad-Hoc Committee determined whether the criteria were met and categorised the Member Associations from A to D.

SEE FINAL ASSESSMENT CHART 1

Commercial entity

		2008												2009												2010			
		Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.			
West																													
JORDAN	By 1 September	→																											
SYRIA	By 31 August	→																											
SAUDI ARABIA	By 15 December 2008	→																											
KUWAIT	By 15 December 2008	→																											
BAHRAIN	not received																												
QATAR	By 15 December 2008	→																											
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Before June 2008	→																											
OMAN	Under examination																												
IRAN	By 15 December 2008	→																											
UZBEKISTAN	Under examination																												
INDIA	By 30 September 2008	→																											
East																													
THAILAND	By 15 May 2008	→																											
VIETNAM	By 2010	→												→															
MALAYSIA	not received																												
SINGAPORE	By 15 May 2008	→																											
INDONESIA	By 1 October 2008	→																											
AUSTRALIA	Meet the criteria																												
CHINA	Meet the criteria																												
KOREA REPUBLIC	By 15 December 2008	→																											
HONG KONG	By 15 December 2008	→																											
JAPAN	Meet the criteria																												

Final assessment – Categories

Category

A: Meet the criteria

	Japan
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B: Ensured to meet the criteria by 1 October 2008 (commercial entity of clubs by 15 December 2008)

Jordan	Indonesia
Saudi Arabia	Australia
Kuwait	China PR
UAE	Korea Rep.
IR Iran	
India	

C: Not ensured to meet the criteria by 1 October 2008 (commercial entity of clubs by 15 December 2008)

Syria	Thailand
Qatar	Vietnam
Uzbekistan	Singapore

D: Do not meet the criteria









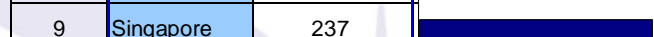
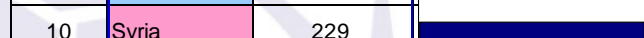

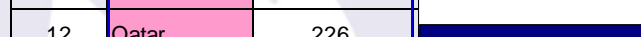
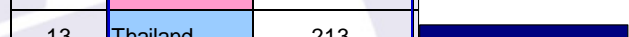
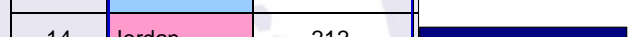
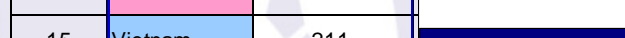
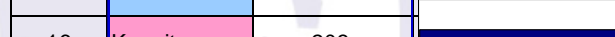
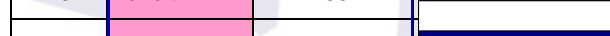

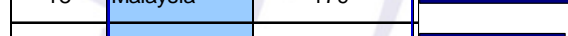
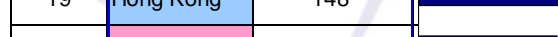
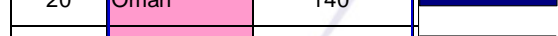
Bahrain	Malaysia
Oman	Hong Kong

Final assessment - Points

Assessment of 10 items (Full points:500 point)

AFC Member Associations	Total	1. Organisation	2. Technical standard	3. Attendance	4. Governance/ Soundness	5. Marketing & Promotion	6. Business Scale	7. Match Organisation	8. Media	9. Stadia	10. Clubs
Points	500.0	20	100	100	50	20	100	20	20	20	50
Jordan	211.8	16.6	51.2	33.1	12.5	15.0	1.9	20.0	15.3	3.2	43.0
Syria	228.8	17.6	49.1	66.0	12.5	10.4	7.0	13.3	11.5	8.6	32.8
Saudi Arabia	359.0	17.4	78.8	60.3	50.0	9.6	42.8	20.0	17.5	20.0	42.7
Kuwait	203.3	16.4	34.6	30.6	12.5	11.5	24.9	16.7	14.2	5.8	36.1
Bahrain	138.6	17.0	46.4	2.4	12.5	11.3	2.3	13.3	6.3	1.0	26.1
Qatar	226.4	16.7	46.4	42.2	16.7	11.5	17.8	20.0	15.8	6.9	32.5
UAE	349.3	17.1	53.7	47.5	39.6	18.1	77.4	20.0	15.3	14.7	46.0
Oman	139.9	16.9	42.1	20.9	12.5	6.3	0.2	6.7	6.2	7.1	21.1
IR Iran	336.4	19.5	69.6	55.3	47.9	14.4	42.4	20.0	12.6	9.2	45.4
Uzbekistan	228.7	18.2	59.5	41.4	12.5	8.8	8.1	20.0	13.6	7.3	39.3
India	199.1	16.6	23.1	44.6	12.5	13.3	3.9	20.0	16.0	10.7	38.5
Thailand	212.5	18.2	33.0	26.3	35.4	14.2	3.2	20.0	9.0	12.0	41.2
Vietnam	210.7	17.0	26.9	41.1	35.4	13.1	4.7	20.0	11.8	4.2	36.5
Malaysia	178.8	17.1	19.4	41.2	12.5	8.5	2.5	20.0	11.4	15.8	30.3
Singapore	237.1	15.3	40.5	38.1	6.3	18.3	39.4	20.0	10.1	2.8	46.3
Indonesia	286.5	18.5	24.4	69.2	41.7	15.2	25.1	20.0	14.9	12.7	44.9
Australia	306.0	13.0	51.3	76.2	12.5	18.8	28.2	20.0	16.7	20.0	49.4
China PR	414.8	19.1	61.5	70.1	38.5	17.5	100.0	20.0	18.1	20.0	50.0
Korea Rep.	438.0	15.4	94.8	64.5	38.5	17.5	98.5	20.0	19.7	20.0	49.0
Hong Kong	148.0	15.6	30.9	32.8	12.5	8.3	2.2	6.7	8.3	1.0	29.8
Japan	470.1	19.5	82.4	88.2	50.0	20.0	100.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	50.0

Final assessment - Ranking

Ranking	MA	Total points	
1	Japan	470	
2	Korea Rep.	438	
3	China PR	415	
4	Saudi Arabia	359	
5	UAE	349	
6	IR Iran	336	
7	Australia	306	
8	Indonesia	287	
9	Singapore	237	
10	Syria	229	
11	Uzbekistan	229	
12	Qatar	226	
13	Thailand	213	
14	Jordan	212	
15	Vietnam	211	
16	Kuwait	203	
17	India	199	
18	Malaysia	179	
19	Hong Kong	148	
20	Oman	140	
21	Bahrain	139	

Final assessment – East & West

West			East		
Ranking	Point	MA	Ranking	Point	MA
			1	470	Japan
			2	438	Korea Rep.
			3	415	China PR
4	359	Saudi Arabia			
5	349	UAE			
6	336	IR Iran			
			7	306	Australia
			8	287	Indonesia
			9	237	Singapore
10	229	Syria			
11	229	Uzbekistan			
12	226	Qatar			
			13	213	Thailand
14	212	Jordan			
			15	211	Vietnam
16	203	Kuwait			
17	199	India			
			18	179	Malaysia
			19	148	Hong Kong
20	140	Oman			
21	139	Bahrain			

Participating MAs/clubs

The participating MAs and the number of clubs have been decided according to the below factors:

1. Criteria
2. Point ranking
3. 16 clubs from east and 16 clubs from west
4. *Implementation of play-off
5. Number of teams in the top division
6. * Reference figure



*Implementation of play-off

➤ Basic concept

- Offer opportunities to many MAs and clubs to participate, by creating linkage between ACL and AFC Cup
- Motivate MAs that do not meet all criteria as well as unspecified majority of clubs
- If clubs from variety of countries / attractive market participates, it will attract the TV broadcasters and sponsors and as a result, it will enhance the value of ACL

Facilitate the development of league / clubs in the country if the play-off will be implemented

Participating MAs/clubs

*Reference figures

➤ West (15 slots)

Saudi Arabia	359pt	$15 \times 359 \div 1,658 =$	3.25
UAE	349pt	$15 \times 349 \div 1,658 =$	3.16
IR Iran	336pt	$15 \times 336 \div 1,658 =$	3.04
Jordan	212pt	$15 \times 212 \div 1,658 =$	1.92
Kuwait	203pt	$15 \times 203 \div 1,658 =$	1.84
India	199pt	$15 \times 199 \div 1,658 =$	1.80
total: 1,658pt			

➤ East (15 slots)

Japan	470pt	$15 \times 470 \div 1,916 =$	3.68
Korea Rep.	438pt	$15 \times 438 \div 1,916 =$	3.43
China	415pt	$15 \times 415 \div 1,916 =$	3.25
Australia	306pt	$15 \times 306 \div 1,916 =$	2.40
Indonesia	287pt	$15 \times 287 \div 1,916 =$	2.25
total: 1,916pt			

Decision Process

1. 4 slots for MA with more than 300 points
2. 1 slot for MA with less than 300 points
3. 1/3 of clubs in the league is the maximum number of slots which can be provided
4. Distribution of the slots according to the reference figure



Participating MAs/clubs

Category	West									East								
	Ranking	Point	MA	Number of participation clubs			Reference	Number of teams in top division		Ranking	Point	MA	Number of participation clubs			Reference	Number of teams in top division	
				ACL	Play-off	AFC cup		1/3	Total				ACL	Play-off	AFC cup		1/3	Total
A										1	470	Japan	4	0	0	3.68	6	18
B	4	359	Saudi Arabia	4	0	0	3.25	4	12	2	438	Korea Rep.	4	0	0	3.43	4.3	(13)
	5	349	UAE	4	0	0	3.16	4	12	3	415	China PR	4	0	0	3.25	5.3	16
	6	336	IR Iran	4	0	0	3.04	6	18	7	306	Australia	2	0	0	2.40	2.7	8
	14	212	Jordan	1	0	1	1.92	3.3	10	8	287	Indonesia	1	0	1	2.25	6	18
	16	203	Kuwait	1	0	1	1.84	2.7	8									
	17	199	India	1	0	1	1.80	4	12									
C	10	229	Syria	0	1	1		4.7	14	9	237	Singapore	0	1	1		3.7	(11)
	11	229	Uzbekistan	0	1	1		5.3	16	13	213	Thailand	0	1	1		5.3	16
	12	226	Qatar	0	1	1		3.3	10	15	211	Vietnam	0	1	1		4.7	14
D	20	140	Oman	0	0	2		4	12	18	179	Malaysia	0	0	2		4.3	13
	21	139	Bahrain	0	0	2		4	12	19	148	Hong Kong	0	0	2		3.3	10

Participating MAs/clubs

West			
	ACL	Play-off	AFC Cup
Saudi Arabia	4 clubs		
UAE	4 clubs		
IR Iran	4 clubs		
Jordan	1 club		1 club
Kuwait	1 club		1 club
India	1 club		1 club
Syria		1 club	1 club
Uzbekistan		1 club	1 club
Qatar		1 club	1 club
Oman			2 clubs
Bahrain			2 clubs
AFC Cup 1st / 2nd place		1 club	
Total	15	4	10

East			
	ACL	Play-off	AFC Cup
Japan	4 clubs		
Korea Rep.	4 clubs		
China PR	4 clubs		
Australia	2 clubs		
Indonesia	1 club		1 club
Singapore		1 club	1 club
Thailand		1 club	1 club
Vietnam		1 club	1 club
Malaysia			2 clubs
Hong Kong			2 clubs
AFC Cup 1st / 2nd place		1 club	
Total	15	4	8

Participating MAs/clubs

- 1) MAs participating directly in the new ACL must fulfil their commitment, which is to meet all criteria by the deadline**
- 2) MAs participating from the play-off must fulfil their commitment by the deadline**
- 3) Participating Club should meet the competition regulation**

Next step

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| ■ 20 May 2008 | Decision by the AFC Pro-League Ad-Hoc Committee |
| ■ 29 July 2008 | Approval by the AFC Executive Committee |
| ■ October 2008 | Confirmation at the official visit
(If the criteria are met) |
| ■ 25 November 2008 | Final decision by the AFC Pro-League Ad-Hoc Committee |
| ■ 26 November 2008 | Final approval by the AFC Executive Committee |
| ■ 15 December 2008 | Final confirmation by the submitted documents
(If the clubs changed their status to commercial entity) |
| ■ 7 January 2009 | Draw for the teams participating in new ACL |

Important

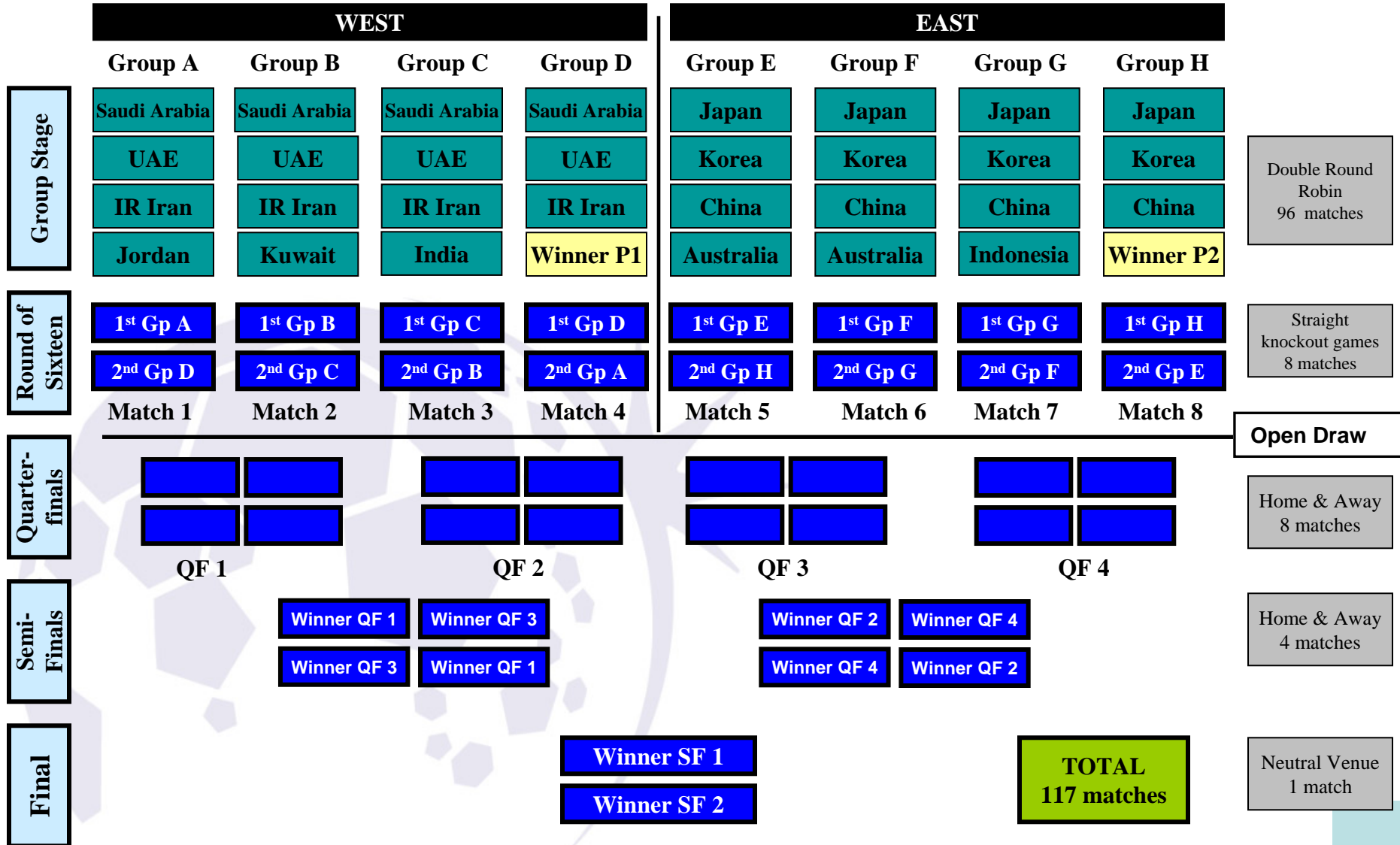
■ 25 November 2008 Final decision by the AFC Pro-League Ad-Hoc Committee

1. If MAs participating directly in the new ACL do not fulfill their commitment, which is to meet all criteria (except for the commercial entity of the clubs) by 1 October 2008, such MA can not participate in the new ACL.
2. If the MAs participating from the play-off do not fulfill their commitment by 1 October 2008, such MA can not participate in the play-off.

■ 15 December 2008 Final confirmation by the submitted documents

If MAs participating directly in the new ACL do not change their clubs' legal status to commercial entity by 15 December 2008, such MA can not participate in the new ACL.

Format of competition



Format of competition

WEST

EAST

TOTAL - 6 MATCHES

Participate in ACL: P1

Participate in ACL: P2

1.Syria

AFC Cup

2.Uzbekistan

3.Qatar

1.Singapore

AFC Cup

2.Thailand

3.Vietnam

- ◆ Winner of play-off (1 team from each region) will participate in ACL
- ◆ Loser of play-off (3 teams from each region) will participate in AFC Cup