

Tribunal Arbitral du Sport



Court of Arbitration for Sport

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FOOTBALL – AFC CUP 2018

THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) DECLARES LAO TOYOTA FOOTBALL CLUB ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2018 AFC CUP

Lausanne, 17 January 2018 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has issued its decision in the arbitration procedure between the Laotian club Lao Toyota Football Club and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

The appeal filed on 22 December 2017 by Lao Toyota FC against the decision issued on 13 December 2017 by the AFC Entry Control Body has been upheld and the decision issued by the AFC Entry Control Body is set aside.

Some time ago, Lao Toyota FC was suspected of match-fixing and an investigation conducted by the AFC resulted in the suspension of many Lao Toyota FC players. However, the club itself was eventually cleared of any infraction by the AFC Disciplinary Committee in February 2017.

As a consequence of today's CAS ruling, Lao Toyota FC is now eligible to participate in the 2018 AFC Cup.

The CAS Panel in charge of this matter has issued its decision, without the grounds. The full Arbitral Award, with the grounds for the Panel's decision, will notified to the parties in due course.