

## **Rules on Permission for Special Cheering**

NPB shall specify the rules concerning special cheering (hereinafter referred to as the “Rules”) based on the provisions of Article 9 of the Provisions of the Game Watching Contract (hereinafter referred to as the “Provisions”) as follows.

### **Article 1 (Purpose)**

1. These Rules specify the standards and procedures for permission for cheering by a group that organizes spectators or leads them (hereinafter referred to as “Group Cheering”).
2. Other than the cases based on these Rules, NPB shall not permit cheering in a way specified in each item of Paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the Provisions.

### **Article 2 (Application for permission)**

1. A group that wishes to carry out Group Cheering shall submit an application form for permission designated by NPB to NPB and shall obtain the permission of NPB in advance.
2. A group that wishes to submit an application for permission specified in the preceding Paragraph shall describe the following items in the application form for permission designated by NPB, and shall submit it to NPB after its representative affixes his/her signature and seal to it.
  - (1) Group name
  - (2) Name of the representative
  - (3) Contact information of the group
  - (4) Number of members in the group (including persons who are always involved in Group Cheering; the same shall apply hereafter)
  - (5) A name list indicating the name, address and contact information of the group members
  - (6) Cheering form
  - (7) Any other matters requested by NPB
3. If a group that wishes to submit an application for permission based on this Article belongs to an associated organization, such group shall submit to NPB a document describing the name(s) of each cheering group that comprises the associated organization, the name(s) of the officers of the associated organization and any other matters requested by NPB.
4. A group that wishes to submit an application for permission based on this Article shall submit to NPB, together with the application form for permission, a document guaranteeing that none of the members of its group fall under the provisions of Article 3 of the Provisions, that it will comply with the provisions of the Provisions and these Rules, that it will not engage in simultaneous cheering for multiple club teams and

that each of the members of its group shall conduct their activities with the recognition that they are cheering leaders that serve as a role model for general spectators.

5. A group that wishes to submit an application for permission based on this Article shall not make a false statement or non-statement in the application form for permission, any attachment to the application form for permission or any other related documents.
6. If there arises a change in the matters described in the application form for permission or its attachment(s) after its submission based on this Article, the group shall promptly submit such change to NPB in writing.
7. NPB may set the detailed rules of the application procedures for permission based on this Article as appropriate.

### **Article 3 (Personal Information)**

1. The name list and any other personal information obtained concerning these Rules (hereinafter referred to as "Name List, etc.") shall be used for the purpose of judging the cause of Article 3 of the Provisions concerning the group, understanding and managing the circumstances of cheering, operating the Provisions and these Rules, and any other related matters.
2. All the information described in the Name List, etc. shall be jointly used within the scope of the purposes specified in the preceding Paragraph by NPB, leagues and club teams comprising NPB and the Stadium Manager concerning the games which these parties are related to.
3. In addition to other cases permitted in laws and regulations, NPB shall supply the Name List, etc. to security companies and others, within the scope necessary for achieving the purpose specified in Paragraph 1, such as NPB, leagues and club teams comprising NPB, Stadium Manager and any third party entrusted by NPB or the Stadium Manager.
4. In addition to the provisions of this Article, NPB shall manage the Name List, etc. according to the Rules to Protect Personal Information specified separately by NPB.

### **Article 4 (Permission)**

1. NPB shall, based on the application for permission specified in Article 2, permit Group Cheering to a group that, according to the judgment of NPB, it is appropriate to admit Group Cheering, based on the requirements and procedures specified by NPB, from among the groups to which none of the causes in each item of Article 5 applies.
2. Any group that submits an application for permission to NPB as specified in Article 2 shall not provide or offer to provide money or gifts or other benefits to the staff, etc. of NPB or carry out any act that may cast doubt on the fairness of the application procedures for permission, concerning such application procedures for permission.

3. Concerning a group to which any of the causes specified in Article 5 applies, taking into consideration the time such cause occurred, the contents of such cause, the situation of the members concerning such cause and any and all other circumstances, NPB may permit Group Cheering to such group if NPB judges that it is appropriate to do so.
4. If NPB judges that it is necessary to do so in order to make a judgment for Paragraphs 1 and 3, concerning a group that submits an application for permission, NPB may permit Group Cheering experimentally for a particular game only or games during a particular period only.
5. The permission specified in Paragraphs 1 and 3 shall be granted every fiscal year of league championship games by specifying a period.

#### **Article 5 (Cause for disqualification)**

If any of the causes listed in the following items applies to a group, such group cannot be granted the permission specified in Paragraph 1 of Article 4.

- (1) A group that a group member who falls under any of the items of Article 3 of the Provisions belonged to or was involved in before, or belongs to or is involved in now;
- (2) A group that a group member who has been ordered to leave the stadium in a game hosted by NPB or an organization other than NPB belonged to or was involved in before, or belongs to or is involved in now;
- (3) A group that a group member who violates any of the items of Article 8 of the Provisions or is likely to do so belonged to or was involved in before, or belongs to or is involved in now;
- (4) A group that a group member who does not comply with the conditions specified by NPB or the instructions of the staff, etc. of NPB or is likely not to do so belonged to or was involved in before, or belongs to or is involved in now;
- (5) A group that a group member who engages in cheering for multiple club teams simultaneously;
- (6) In cases where the group belongs to an associated organization, a group which belongs to an associated organization whose present or past officer, staff, operational manager or any other person in a similar position falls under any of the causes listed in each item of Article 3 of the Provisions;
- (7) In cases where the group belongs to an associated organization, a group which belongs to an associated organization whose present or past officer, staff, operational manager or any other person in a similar position violates any of the items of Article 8 of the Provisions or is likely to do so;
- (8) In cases where the group belongs to an associated organization, a group which belongs to an associated organization whose present or past officer, staff, operational manager or any other person in a similar position has been ordered to leave the stadium at a game hosted by NPB or any organization other than NPB;

- (9) In cases where the group belongs to an associated organization, a group which belongs to an associated organization whose present or past officer, staff, operational manager or any other person having a similar position does not comply with the conditions specified by NPB or instructions of the staff, etc. of NPB, or is likely not to do so.
- (10) Considering the actual circumstances of cheering, situation of the organization and any and all other circumstances of the group, a group that cannot be recognized to cheer for the game sincerely and also cannot be recognized to actively cooperate with NPB in game management.
- (11) A group which has reasonable reasons to be unrecognizable as appropriate to permit Group Cheering.

#### **Article 6 (Conditions, etc. for permission)**

1. Concerning the permission specified in Article 4, NPB may add conditions that, according to the judgment of NPB, are appropriate at the time of granting the permission or at a later date.
2. If NPB judges that it is appropriate to do so, concerning groups that were granted the permission specified in Article 4 (hereinafter referred to as “Permitted Groups”), NPB may permit keeping seats in a certain area, and in addition, permit cheering specified in item (1), (2) or (4) of Paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the Provisions, to the extent that NPB judges it to be appropriate, to ensure that the cheering of the Permitted Groups are conducted smoothly and orderly.
3. NPB may change the conditions specified in Paragraph 1 of this Article and the contents of the permission specified in the preceding Paragraph as appropriate.

#### **Article 7 (Revocation of permission)**

If it is found that any of the Permitted Groups is a group that falls under Article 5 or any of the Permitted Groups or their members violate the Provisions or these Rules, or if NPB judges that it is necessary to do so, NPB may revoke the permission even if it is within the permitted period or suspend the effects of such permission for a certain period of time.

#### **Article 8 (Nature of the permission)**

1. The judgment of permission, etc. based on Articles 4, 6 and 7 is based on the sole discretion of NPB and no person shall have the right to be granted permission based on these Rules, and in addition, no person shall raise any objection to or dispute the permissibility, revocation of the permission, the contents and conditions of the permission or any and all other matters based on these Rules.
2. NPB shall not announce the reasons concerning the judgment of the permission, etc. based on Articles 4, 6 and 7.

## **Article 9 (Professional Baseball Organized Crime Group Exclusion Measures Conference)**

If NPB judges that it is necessary to do so, NPB shall judge the permission, etc. based on Articles 4, 6 and 7 through consultations with the Professional Baseball Organized Crime Group Exclusion Measures Conference.

## **Article 10 (Compliance with the Rules, etc.)**

1. Permitted Groups and their members shall, under the recognition that they are cheering leaders serving as role models for general spectators, avoid any disputes with the managers, coaches, players, staff, etc. of the Host Organization, shops and any other stadium-related persons, any other cheering groups and spectators, actively cooperate in the smooth progress of the game and the safe and peaceful watching of the game by other spectators and exert their utmost efforts to cheer in a manner so that they can obtain the understanding of spectators who do not belong to such groups.
2. Permitted Groups and their members shall not provide or offer to provide the staff, etc. of NPB with money or gifts or any other benefits, or conduct acts that may cast doubt on the fair operation of these Rules.
3. Permitted Groups and their members shall not abuse the permission based on these Rules nor shall they carry out any acts that may raise suspicion of abuse.
1. Permitted Groups shall have their members comply with the Provisions, these Rules and the conditions applicable to the permission based on these Rules.

## **Article 11 (Consultations and reporting)**

1. At the request of NPB, any of the Permitted Groups shall report matters concerning their cheering methods and manners, the status of participation by its members in cheering and other matters, consult with NPB about cheering methods, etc. and actively cooperate with NPB to achieve the purposes of the Provisions and these Rules.
2. If a Permitted Group recognizes that its members fall under the cause specified in Article 3 of the Provisions or its members violated Article 8 of the Provisions, such Permitted Group shall promptly report such fact to NPB in writing.
3. In addition to the preceding two Paragraphs, the Permitted Groups shall report on any matters requested by NPB in a form designated by NPB.

## **Article 12 (Relationship with the Provisions)**

1. These Rules shall be an integral part of the Provisions.
2. The terms defined by the Provisions shall have the same meaning in these Rules unless the context clearly requires otherwise.