[IT] Amendment of Football League Regulations

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Following a strong debate on the regulations approved by the Italian Football League last August, concerning interviews and reports broadcast on radio and television for the 1999/2000 football season (Regulations of the Lega Nazionale Professionisti of 5 August 1999, see IRIS 1999-9: 14), on 29 November 1999 the League reached an agreement with the main Italian TV and radio associations, the Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni (Italian Communications Authority) acting as a mediator, in order to amend some of the provisions.

The most relevant amendments concerning radio broadcasting (Regolamento per l'esercizio della cronaca radiofonica per la stagione sportiva 1999/2000) are the following:

- Authorised broadcasters are allowed altogether 18 minutes of reporting (instead of three) for each day of the Serie A and Serie B tournaments football matches.

The allotted time must be split into windows of three minutes maximum and each half of the match may be reported by a maximum of three windows.

- During the 18 minutes of free reporting, live transmission is allowed;

- Interviews with players are still allowed only 20 minutes after the end of the match, but may be transmitted without time limits;

- Interviews with viewers are allowed between the first and the second half.

The TV broadcasting regulation (Regolamento per l'esercizio della cronaca televisiva per la stagione sportiva 1999/2000) has been amended as follows:

- Authorised broadcasters are now allowed four minutes of reporting instead of three) for each day of the Serie

A and Serie B tournaments football matches, if more than one relevant matches are played;

- Audiovisual recordings may be transmitted without limit until 12 p.m. of the second day after the match, instead of maximum three times until 3 p.m. of the day after;

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- The general prohibition on audiovisual recordings and interviews with the viewers during the matches has been deleted: the new regulation allows them between the first half and the second.

No change has been made with regard to the procedural requirements.

Regolamento per l'esercizio della cronaca radiofonica per la stagione sportiva 1999/2000, come da accordo stipulato il 29 novembre 1999 con il coordinamento aer-anti-corallo a seguito della mediazione della autorità per le garanzie nelle comunicazioni.

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