

FOOTBALL

GENERAL RULES

Every football game begins with a toss. The two team captains meet in the middle of the pitch with the match referee. The captain of the winning team (toss winner) chooses which goalpost to pursue in the first half.

The venue will be DTS ground with standard dimensions.

Each team consists of 11 players (1 goalkeeper and 10 outfield players), Squad strength- 15(11 playing and 4 substitute) Substitutions can be made at any time of the match with each team being able to make a maximum of 4 substitutions per side. In the event of all substitutes being made and a player having to leave the field for injury the team will be forced to play without a replacement for that player.

Every player must wear a shirt, shorts, socks, football studs, and proper shin protection according to the rules. They may also choose to wear headgear, though it is not mandatory. No metal ornaments, amulet, bracelets are allowed to wear during the match. Nails should be properly cut to avoid injury. Players without jersey number are not allowed to play in the match. Violation of any rule by any player will not be tolerable.

Duration of league match – 50 minutes, 2 halves each of 25 minutes.

Duration of final match – 60 minutes, 2 halves each of 30 minutes.

Duration of break after 1st half- 5 minutes. If the game needs to head to extra time as a result of both teams being level in a match then 20 minutes will be added in the form of two 10 minute halves after the allotted 50 minutes.

If teams are still level after extra time then a penalty shootout must take place. (5 penalty shoots for each team). In case of league match each team is awarded by one point.

Each game must include one referee and two assistant referee's (linesmen). It's the job of the referee to controls the match in cooperation with the other match officials. acts as timekeeper, keeps a record of the match and provides the appropriate authorities with a match report, including information on disciplinary action and any other incidents that occurred before, during or after the match.

Winners will be decided on the basis of number of goals. The team scoring most number of goals will be declared as winning team. The whole ball must cross the goal line for it to constitute as a goal. No player is permitted to use their hands or arms to touch the ball, except the goalkeepers. In case the ball is being touched by

the hands of any player except the goalkeeper then 'HAND' will be called and foul will be given. The goalkeeper has the same restrictions on handling the ball as any other player outside the penalty area. If the goalkeeper handles the ball inside their penalty area when not permitted to do so, an indirect free kick is awarded but there is no disciplinary sanction.

For fouls committed a player could receive either a yellow or red card depending on the severity of the foul; this comes down to the referee's discretion. The yellow is a warning and a red card is a dismissal of that player. Two yellow cards will equal one red. Once a player is sent out then they cannot be replaced. The opposition team of the player who committed the foul is given a free kick as punishment.

OFFSIDE RULE- Offside can be called when an attacking player is in front of the last defender when the pass is played through to them.

Teams should arrive at the indicated premises not later than 15 minutes before the start of the match. If a team arrives for a match later than the prescribed time limit, the present team will be awarded a 3-0 result victory over the absent team. If both teams fail to arrive at the field before prescribed time of their match and time limit, the match will be declared as a draw with 0-0 score, henceforth points will be divided.

Coach cum player rule is applicable in the whole tournament.

The organizers reserve the right to forfeit games or disqualify teams from the Competition as a whole in front of incidences of indiscipline, poor sportsmanship, or behavior threatening the continuation of the tournament from either players or supporters. The normal rules of FIFA apply for the whole of the tournament.

Important Note:

RULES AND SCHEDULE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME & THE FESTIVAL. THE FINAL DECISION IN ALL MATTERS RESTS WITH THE VRIDDHI TEAM.