



MULTISPORT RULEBOOK

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MATCH RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Open age division eligibility:
 - a. Mixed Open - Has not participated in PFL, Copa Paulinho Alcantara Cup, AIA 7s Div 1, National team **for the year 2023.**
2. Open substitutions - players may go in and out of the field with permission from the Referee.
3. Match format is 7 v 7 game
4. To start a game, a team should have the minimum of 5 players
5. Size of ball is size 5 official size
6. Match will be a default if the team has less than the minimum required players. 3 points will be awarded to the complete team present in the match schedule.
7. A team that is reduced to less than the minimum due to suspensions during the match automatically forfeits its match. The score for this will be 0-3 in favor of the opponent. If the goal difference is greater than 3 at the time of the forfeiture, the higher score will remain.
8. At least two (2) female players are in the field.
 - a. If there are no female players available, team can play with 5 male players.
9. Teams are given maximum of 2 minutes to be in the playing area when their schedule is up. If the team has less than minimum players to start, the match will be default.
10. A goal scored directly from the kick-off WITHOUT a 2nd touch is allowed.
11. A goal scored directly from a goal kick WITHOUT a 2nd touch is allowed.
12. A goal scored directly from a throw-in is NOT allowed.



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13. Pass back to the goalkeeper is allowed. 6 second rule applies.

14. Sliding tackles to challenge an opponent are not allowed.

a. Goalkeepers are permitted to slide to save the ball as long as there are no potential threats close by and they do it safely, sensibly, and without using undue power.

b. Slide tackles to block a shot will be allowed provided that there are no opponents nearby that may be harmed.

c. Free kicks for slide tackles:

Direct free kick or penalty kick if the tackle is done to challenge the opponent with contact.

Players committing a careless and reckless slide tackle may be given a yellow or direct red card, especially if the slide tackle has contact and may harm the opponent.

15. Penalty spot is 7 yards from the goal line.

16. A player given a yellow card may be asked by the match official to step out of the field for a 2 minute cool-off period. He or she may be substituted.

17. All yellow cards are accounted even in the next rounds.

18. A player, coach or team manager who got booked 2 yellow cards in the **same match** will **have to leave** the playing field.

19. A player, coach or team manager who gets a **straight red card** will **have to leave** the playing field.

20. A player who has accumulated 2 yellow cards in a different match will be suspended in their next match schedule. If the same player gets another yellow card after serving suspension is **not allowed** to participate in the team's remaining games.

21. Items not covered here shall follow the rules set by the FIFA Laws of the game, including newly implemented rules.

22. If a ball goes out of bounds and affects the other playing field or game, the affected game continues without interruption.



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Field Size: 50 x 35m

1. The following point system for match results will be followed:

a. 3 points for a win.

b. 1 point for a draw.

c. 0 points for loss.

d. Should 2 teams tie on the points, the following criteria will be followed to break the tie (in order of priority):

i. Goal difference.

ii. Greater number of goals scored.

iii. Results of a match between tied teams (win over the other) iv. Penalty kicks if the tied teams are still in the field of play v. Drawing of lots (coin toss).

2. All games will play for 15 minutes running time. No extra time will be given.

3. Teams in each bracket will play against each other for rankings.

4. Rank 1 and 2 teams of each bracket will cross over for the semi finals and finals to play for the Cup Division. (*This will vary depending on the no. of teams per age group.)

a. Cup Division Semi Finals :Rank A1 vs Rank B2 and Rank A2 vs Rank B1.

b. Cup Division Finals: Winners of the Cup Semi finals games will advance to Cup Finals Game.

c. Cup Division Battle for 3rd: Losing Team of the Cup Semi finals game will advance to Cup Finals Game.

5. Rank 3 and 4 teams of each bracket will cross over for the semi finals and finals to play for the Plate Division. (*This will vary depending on the no. of teams per age group).

a. Plate Division Semi Finals: Rank A3 vs Rank B4 and Rank A4 vs Rank B3

b. Plate Division Finals: Winners of the Cup Semi finals games will advance to Cup Finals Game.



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- c. Plate Division Battle for 3rd: Losing Team of the Cup Semi finals game will advance to Cup Finals Game.
6. If teams end in a draw for semi-finals and finals, players must be in the field after the final whistle for the penalty shootout.
7. If a penalty shootout takes place, 3 kickers per team are assigned. If it's still a draw, other players will take the penalty until a winner is identified.
8. Teams who fail to qualify for the next round will have no games afterwards.



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MATCH OFFICIALS

1. The Match Commissioner and field referees are external from the organizers and are designated to decide on all match-related matters as well as eligibility of players, uniform, defaults, sanctions and suspensions, yellow and red cards, player and team conduct. He will be assisted by field coordinators. All referees will be reporting to him/her.
2. The Match Commissioner, his coordinators, and the referees, have been asked by the organizers to strictly enforce the rules of the tournament, with priority being given to the safety of all players.
3. The referee's calls during the match are final and cannot be overruled by the Match Commissioner, field coordinators or by the organizers.
4. Arguing with referees may be a cause of suspension by the Match Commissioner and tournament organizers after investigation.
5. All concerns regarding the tournament will be reviewed and decided on by the Match Commissioner cooperation of the teams and of the organizing committee.
6. The organizers will only decide on matters related to the organization of the tournament and registration of teams. All match-related matters will first be decided upon by the Match Commissioner.
7. In cases of protest, only the team captain, team manager may discuss with the referee, the Match Commissioner, or his coordinators.
8. Players and coaches who disrespect the tournament officials and organizers may be suspended or disqualified from the tournament.



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CAUTIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

1. The Referees will be strict with the conduct of players, coaches and team staff; hence they may issue a yellow or red card immediately to avoid any injuries or untoward incidents.
2. The Referee may also issue a red card to and send off team members and team staff on the sidelines for misconduct, as provided for by new FIFA rules. Individuals given a red card should leave the playing field.
3. Yellow and red cards are carried over up to the semi-finals and finals.
4. A team may not replace a suspended player from 2 yellow cards or from a direct red card suspension.
5. Rough and unruly players will be immediately sanctioned by the Referee and may be sent out of the game.
6. Players who get involved in a fistfight or a brawl will immediately be sent off and escorted to the security office or police station. These players will be suspended and may be disqualified from the rest of the tournament.
7. The event organizers, match commissioner or referee may forfeit a match if two opposing teams get involved in rough play or violent conduct. The score for this forfeiture will be 0-0.
8. The event organizer, match commissioner, referee may directly suspend players and team officials disrespecting the rules of the tournament, opponents, referees and other tournament officials.
9. Teams and players with unruly conduct will be disqualified from the tournament and may not be allowed to join future tournaments.



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PROTESTS AND SANCTIONS

1. Any kind of protest should be reported to tournament officials immediately after the match, and should be formalized in writing with supporting evidence.
2. A team guilty of falsification of documents and fielding semi-pro and pro league players will forfeit all of their games, thus giving the win record to the opposing team.
3. Tournament officials may entertain verbal protests, but only formal protests will be processed for proper action.
4. Only the Team Captain, Coach or Manager may represent the team in discussing with the Referee or Tournament Officials.
5. All protests will be reviewed and decided upon by the Tournament Committee.