

Rules and Regulations

FIFA rules and regulations will apply to the tournament

Tournament Guidelines

1. The tournament will be a round robin format, wherein the winner of each group will advance to the next round(s) of play
2. Teams will abide by FIFA rules regarding competition, no exception.
3. Random drawings/selection will occur to determine group assignments on July 4. There will be 18 -20 teams participating in tournament play of 2009.
4. Disciplinary actions will be as follows:
 - a. Red card – one game suspension which extends into the next year’s competition if received in the final game.
 - b. Two yellow cards – one game suspension
 - c. Three consecutive yellow cards in different games will result in suspension from preceding game
 - d. Ejected players will leave the sidelines immediately and escorted by the field marshal to the spectators side of the field
 - e. Ejected players number will not be worn in preceding games

Registration

All teams must officially register by May 30th. Registration fee is \$500 to participate in tournament. Each team must submit a roster of no more than twenty two (22) players. Teams must submit an eighteen (18) player roster before each game to the field marshal in alphabetic order with names and assigned numbers. Each roster must also show coaches and assistant coaches no more than three (3) team officials (two coaches and trainer) on the sidelines of each game. Each player must have a pictured identification card to participate in the tournament. An identification card includes the following: Driver’s license, passport, or state identification card to be eligible to play. Each player will be photographed and assigned an ID number before participating in the tournament. A player pass will be provided as a means to enter areas restricted to the general public during the tournament

Team Eligibility

The tournament is considered men’s open wherein the age limit for participants will be 17 years old and above. Team managers must present identification for each player when registering the team on September 4, 2009. Each player will be officially registered to

participate in tournament games with the signed completion of a liability waiver thereupon be eligible. All players and teams must be in good standings with the State of Ohio and the United States of America.

Uniform and Equipment

Home teams will be the first team listed on the schedule. Tournament will provide game balls. Player's shirt numbers must match number on game time roster and throughout the tournament. Shin guards are mandatory. Referee decisions of equipment compliance are final.

Laws of the Game

All games will be played under international (FIFA) rules with exceptions as follows:

Duration of games – First round games will be sixty (60) minutes. Second and third round games will be eighty (80) minutes. The final game will be ninety (90) minutes along with the consolation game (if any). During games referee on the field will determine stoppage time beyond established game time only in the final game. There will be no stoppage time added to any game except the final game. However, in the event of a tie at the end of the allotted time in the semi-final and quarter final games there will be no extra time allotted thus penalty kicks will determine a winner.

Substitution: Teams will be allowed unlimited substitution during the game. However, substituted players can return only once in the first half and can reenter only once in the second half. Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee – Before a goal kick, before a throw-in, at half time or before the start of any overtime, as well as in case of an injury.

Standings and tie breaks procedure

In the first round group winners will be determined by the FIFA point system in order to advance to the second and third rounds of play or quarter final and semi-final games. Three points for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss. In addition, in the event of tie breaks during first round games group winners will be decided first by goal difference, second by least amount of goals scored against and third by number of yellow cards. In the event of a tie at the duration of quarter final and semi-final games penalty kicks per FIFA rules will determine the winner. Only in the final game will extra time be added. That time allotted will be 20 minutes (two ten minute halves).

Failure to show for a scheduled game will result in a forfeit

A minimum of seven players constitutes a team. A fifteen minutes grace period will be extended beyond the scheduled kick off time before a forfeit is declared. The score of a forfeited game shall be 3 – 0. Failure to complete a match or a team leaving the field during play may constitute a forfeit and may be disqualified from further tournament games. The tournament directors reserve the right to decide on all matters concerning a forfeit.

Match and Score Reporting

Upon completion of each match the referee will turn over score cards to the Field Marshal who will be responsible for reporting the score to head quarters. Scores and standings will be posted at head quarters at the venue where matches are being played as well as on the tournament website. Field Marshals will report ejections to head quarters immediately. All questions or issues must be directed to the tournament committee.

Protest and Disputes

Any protest must be presented in writing to the tournament Headquarters within one hour of the completion of the game. A protest committee will consider all protest. Referee judgment cannot be considered as basis for protest. Referee decisions are final. Decisions made by the committee are final and may not be appealed.

Standards of Conduct and Sportsmanship

All participants, players, coaches, referees, spectators and tournament officials will be expected to maintain the highest ethical and moral standards of conduct during the tournament. All spectators must be on the opposite side of the field from the teams within the designated areas. Coaches will remain in their designated areas; failure to do so will result in a yellow or red card at the discretion of the referee. There shall be a fourth official on the sidelines to maintain control of substitutions and monitor sideline activities. There shall be no dissent towards the referees and officials. Questioning a referee in a dignified and respectable manner is not considered dissent. Abuse of referee will not be tolerated. Violation of this policy may result in forfeiture of the game and or expulsion from the tournament. No substitution will be permitted for an ejected player during the remainder of the match in progress. Anyone fighting will be automatically ejected from all tournament games. The referee's decisions are final regards to game situations. Petitions to question referee on the field decisions are not permitted. Teams are responsible for cleaning team designated areas at the completion of each match.

Comments on the registration process are possible in writing at any time prior to the start of tournament play.

Waiver of Liability

We are pleased you have chosen to participate in the Pan African Nations Cup tournament. Although we try to make games as safe as possible, there is no way to totally eliminate the possibility of an injury to a person participating in the tournament. As a non-profit organization, TVSA, its volunteers and officers, employees, tournament officials/organizers or agents, including the Santos Futbol Club, cannot reasonably assume the financial responsibility for an injury that a person might sustain at a game or tournament event.

We encourage you to observe a few obvious precautions. All players should not participate if he is ill or wearing improper attire. No jewelry (i.e. pierced ear or nose rings, watches, necklaces, bracelets, rings, etc.) can be worn while playing.

To permit your participation in the tournament you attest that:

“I hereby consent to participate in the Pan African Nations Cup tournament. I agree to hold the City of Columbus, the City of Westerville, the Northern Columbus Athletic Association, Tri-Village Soccer Association, Santos Futbol Club, The Ohio State University and its officials, the tournament officials and all other volunteers, employees, and agents harmless for any personal accidents or injuries while participating in any PANCC (Pan African Nations Cup Committee) sponsored events, or games.”

Player's Signature

Date

Print Player's Name

Date