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**RULES
& REGULATIONS**

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Eligibility Criteria

1. All participating players should be 16 years and above as on 1st Sept 2018, the date for the FSWC Shanghai
2. All participating players should be amateur players. Any player who has a physical contract with any club at any level cannot participate in the tournament. If a player plays for a club without contacts, he is still considered to be an amateur player & can participate.

THE BALL

The regulation size 5 ball will be used i.e. 22 cm in diameter.

THE PLAYERS

1. The maximum squad limit is 8 and the minimum squad limit is 5.
2. The minimum age to participate in the league is 16 and above.
3. No player can be registered to more than one team in the same league tournament.
4. Players may not transfer their registration to a team in the same league during the course of a tournament.
5. The basic equipment or kit players are required to wear includes a shirt (Jersey's not mandatory), shorts, socks, footwear.
6. Headgear and shin guards is not a required piece of basic equipment, but players may choose to wear it to protect themselves from injury.
7. Players are forbidden to wear or use anything that is dangerous to themselves or another player, such as jewelry or watches.
8. The goalkeeper must wear clothing that is easily distinguishable from that worn by the other players and the match officials.
9. It is advisable that the goalkeeper wears specialist gloves for keeping.

THE REFEREE

1. The referee is the person responsible for enforcing the Laws of the Game during the course of a match.
2. He or she is the final decision-making authority on all facts connected with play, and is the only official on the pitch with the authority to start and stop play and impose disciplinary action against players during a match.

THE DURATION OF THE MATCH

1. The league matches will consist of two periods of 10 minutes each.
2. 1 minute break to be provided between two periods for the league stages.
3. Quarter/Semifinals and finals will consist of two periods of 10 minutes each.
4. 2 minute break to be provided between two periods for the Quarter/Semifinals and finals.
5. The referee is the official timekeeper for the match, and may make an allowance for time lost through substitutions, injured players requiring attention, or other stoppages.
6. The duration of stoppage time is at the sole discretion of the referee.

THE BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

1. The ball remains in play from the beginning of each period to the end of that period, except when:

a. The ball leaves the field by entirely crossing a goal line or touch line (this includes when a goal is scored) or
b. Play is stopped by the referee (for example when a foul has been committed, a player is seriously injured, or the ball becomes defective).

2. The Law specifically notes that the ball remains in play if it rebounds off a goal frame, corner flag, referee or assistant referee, assuming that they are on the field of play at the time.

3. When the ball is in play players may play the ball, contest the ball, and goals may be scored. Players are liable to punishment for committing either fouls or misconduct. Substitutions are not allowed whilst the ball is in play.

Here Ball A, B, C are in play. Ball D is out of play.



FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

1. The referee may consider serious and/or persistent offences to be misconduct worthy of an official caution or dismissal from the game.
2. A yellow card is shown by the referee to indicate that a player has been officially cautioned. The player's details are then recorded by the referee. A player who has been cautioned may continue playing in the game; however, a player who receives a second caution in a match is sent off (shown the yellow card again, and then a red card) meaning that he must leave the field immediately and take no further part in the game.
3. A direct red card will result in an immediate sending off and one match suspension.
4. Misconduct of extreme nature will lead to suspension of the team from the league. The nature of misconduct will be decided by officials of "India Football Tour" and legal action will be taken if necessary.

STANDARD GAME RULES

Standard game rules like throw-ins, free kicks, corner kick, penalty kick etc. remain the same. The referee is the final authority for decisions on-field.

1. Teams receive three points for a win and one point for a draw. No points are awarded for a loss.
2. There is no substitution limit. Substitution Method: "Flying substitution" (all players but the goalkeeper enter and leave as they please; goalkeeper substitutions can only be made when the ball is out of play and with a referee's consent).
3. In case of absence of a team, the opposition will receive three points and 2-0 score. The team absent will be docked 3 points and may lead to suspension.
4. Teams are ranked by total points, then goal difference, and then goals scored.
5. The top 2 teams from each group qualify for the quarterfinals stages. Post quarterfinal stages all matches will be on knockout basis.
6. If points are equal, the goal difference and then goals scored determine the winner. If still equal, teams are deemed to occupy the same position.
7. If there is a tie for the championship or for qualification to the next stage, a play-off match decides rank.
8. Any team playing an unregistered or suspended player will have 2 points deducted from their league total per suspended or unregistered player. Players playing whilst suspended will have a further three match ban added to the end of their current suspension.
9. All teams must be on the park and ready to begin the match at the appointed kick-off time. If a team is more than 5 minutes late their opponents may claim the fixture with a 2-0 win.
10. Minimum number of players to start match is 5, one of whom shall be a goalkeeper and minimum number of players to finish the match is 3.

FIXTURES AND SCHEDULING

1. By joining the India Football Tour, you agree that your team will be requested to play at any one of the suggested league times applicable to the league.
 2. Each league will officially commence once the minimum required number of teams for each league has been met.
 3. Matches may be played on public holiday weekends according to the fixture schedule.
- Should the pitch provider report pitch unavailability on a scheduled fixture slot then an alternative date or field will be suggested if possible.

AGE LIMIT

1. The "India Football Tour" is open to all players above 16 years of age.
2. If a team does field a player younger than 18 years of age, the team admin must ensure he has obtained WRITTEN parents' consent. This consent must be produced with 48hrs notice if requested by "India Football Tour".

Example Parent Consent Form

Parental/Guardian Consent and Indemnity

I, _____, the Parent / Guardian of _____ do hereby consent to my child / ward participating in "India Football Tour". I also agree to unconditionally and completely indemnify "India Football Tour" for any claims, suits or actions that may be brought against "India Football Tour" arising from my child's participation in the league activities.

Name of Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT

1. Any team behaving badly during the competition (excessive protests about referee's decisions, clashes with rivals or with the organization) can be expelled from the tournament and their entry fee will not be refunded. "India Football Tour" has a very strict policy on non-violence on and off the field and any physical confrontation may lead to expulsion of players and/or teams. Team captains (and/or administrators) of the teams are responsible for the attitude and behavior of their players.
2. "India Football Tour" does not condone swearing at referees. Such incidents are considered un-sportsmen like, and the referees are instructed to dismiss players for such acts. This rule extends to players, officials and spectators who are not on the field of play. It is customary to shake hands with the opposing team and the referee at the end of the game.

3. Verbal or Physical Assault / Abuse against any employee of "India Football Tour" or the referee is not acceptable under any circumstance and may result in your team being suspended from the league without any refund.
4. Any player action determined to be unruly, destructive or detrimental to the tournament by the referee can result in suspension from the tournament. If the decision is challenged, "India Football Tour" committee will launch an enquiry into the action in question after which a decision will be made. The cost to appeal such an incident is INR 500, which will be refunded if the appeal is sustained.
5. "India Football Tour" books pitches from other private bodies. Non-compliance with their rules and regulations could result in loss of our pitch booking directly, which could result in the cancellation of the "India Football Tour". These venues tend to have caretakers at the pitches who are watching the games. They will report back to the pitch provider regarding any teams that breaks the rules.
6. "India Football Tour" will not tolerate any damages caused to any equipment owned by "India Football Tour" or property and equipment of the rented location. Players will be suspended from the league along with having to pay for damages caused.
7. We abide by a strictly "No-Smoking" policy anywhere inside the premises if the pitch located within a school. In case of other venues and stadium locations, smoking will still not be permitted on the pitch and its immediate surroundings. If anyone is smoking in the stadium compound, feel free to also ask the opponent / manager to request the player to put out his/her cigarette immediately. Any citation against a player for smoking, the player will immediately be suspended from "India Football Tour" activities for 3 games (first offense), a repeat offender will be suspended permanently. In addition the team will lose 1 league point for failing to control their player.

GENERAL RULES

1. "India Football Tour" will not assume responsibility in case of theft or damage to property, injuries or other actions of the public authorities or organization transport due to strikes.
2. "India Football Tour" is not responsible for the injuries or damages that the participants cause to themselves or to other participants during the competition.
3. "India Football Tour" does not guarantee quality of play as the teams participating in the league are private entities and cannot be controlled by "India Football Tour".
4. If matches are abandoned due to unavoidable circumstances (natural disasters, strikes etc, we will try our best to re-schedule these matches at a later date but there is no guarantee.
5. All teams are advised to have their players insured both on and off the field.
6. In the interest of safety, all players are required enter the playing area with the required kit. Should a player enter the field of play without the required kit, the referee, or the opposition, can request the player in question to leave the field of the play until required attire are worn. Players are required to wear shoes (studs, shin guards, stocking advised and the appropriate attire.
7. Players bleeding from wounds are required to leave the field of play until the bleeding has stopped. Players are not allowed to wear blood stained clothing, as this constitutes continuing danger to participants.
8. Any team behaving badly during the competition (protests about referee's decisions, clashes with rivals or with the organization) can be expelled from the tournament. Team leaders of the teams will be responsible for the attitude and behavior of their players towards referees, opponents, public, organization and facilities.
9. Where the "India Football Tour" Rules do not cover a specific situation, the "India Football Tour" Committee will seek to apply existing rules consistently to the new situation.


EQUALITY POLICY


The aim of this policy is to ensure that all Teams and their players / officials participating in "India Football Tour" are treated fairly and with respect and that the "India Football Tour" is equally accessible to them all. "India Football Tour" is responsible for setting standards and values to apply throughout the tournament at every level. Football belongs to and should be enjoyed by everyone, equally. Our commitment is to confront and eliminate discrimination whether by reason of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability and to encourage equal opportunities.

Equality at "India Football Tour" means that in all our activities we will not discriminate, or in any way treat anyone less favourably, on grounds of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability. It means that we will ensure that we treat people fairly and with respect and that we will provide access and opportunities for all members of the community to take part in, and enjoy, our activities. And it means that we will not sanction any action, or lack of action, which might disadvantage a member compared to other people for any reason related to the list above. "India Football Tour" will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimization of an individual (which for the purposes of this policy and the actions and sanction applicable is regarded as discrimination). This includes sexual or racially based harassment or other discriminatory behavior, whether physical or verbal. "India Football Tour" commits itself to the immediate investigation of any claims of discrimination on the above grounds and where such is found to be the case, a requirement that the practice stop and sanctions be imposed, as appropriate.

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