

COMMUNITY GAMES & SINGAPORE NATIONAL GAMES 2012

FOOTBALL

TECHNICAL RULES & REGULATIONS

(as at 24 November 2011)

1. Rules

- 1.1 The tournament shall be administered in accordance with the Community Games & Singapore National Games 2012 Rules and Regulations.
- 1.2 The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the Laws of the Game as promulgated by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) and published by Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA, <http://www.fifa.com>), and the rules and regulations of the Football Association of Singapore (FAS, <http://www.fas.org.sg>).

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 All participants shall be Singapore Citizens, Singapore Permanent Residents (PRs) with Singapore Blue Identity Card, or non-Singapore Citizens residing in Singapore with the following passes:
 - a) Student's Pass;
 - b) Long Term Pass;
 - c) Dependant's Pass;
 - d) Work Permit;
 - e) S Pass; and
 - f) Employment Pass.
- 2.2 Participants are allowed to represent only one Cluster and they must reside in that Cluster. The validity of the participant's residential eligibility is at the point of registration. Please refer to Annex of the General Rules and Regulations for the listing of Clusters.
- 2.3 If a participant were to register for more than one sport, the first confirmed address shall be used throughout the games.
- 2.4 The checking for Cluster boundaries is available on the web at <http://pa-online.pa.gov.sg/NASApp/sim/AdvancedSearch.jsp>

Non-Singapore Citizens

- 2.5 Registration of non-Singapore Citizens (including Singapore PRs) is up to 20% of the team size.

National and Professional Athletes

- 2.6 For the Women's Open category, registration of National players is up to 20% of the team size.
- 2.7 For Men's Open and Men's Masters, all players from the National Team, S-League and Prime League shall be ineligible and may not be registered with any team playing in Community Games and Singapore National Games 2012.

3. Team Composition

- 3.1 The team composition shall consist of a minimum of 15 participants and up to a maximum of 20 participants for Men's Open (11-a-side) and Men's Masters (11-a-side), and a minimum of 9 participants and up to a maximum of 12 participants for Women's Open (7-a-side). **Among the participants in each team, there must be representation from at least two ethnic groups in a team; and at least one participant per team staying in HDB estate and at least one staying in non-HDB estate.**
- 3.2 The age eligibility and the list of the three events are as follows:

List of Events	Age	Team Size	
		Min	Max
Men's Open (11-a-side)	≥ 17	15	20
Men's Masters (11-a-side)	≥ 40	15	20
Women's Open (7-a-side)	≥ 17	9	12

- 3.3 The age of the participant shall be taken as at 1 January 2012.
- 3.4 For Men's Open (11-a-side) and Men's Masters (11-a-side):
- 3.4.1 If the registered team has 19 or less participants, the number of non-Singapore Citizens (including Singapore PRs) who can be registered is three participants per team.
- 3.4.2 If the registered team has 20 participants, the number of non-Singapore Citizens (including Singapore PRs) who can be registered is four participants per team.

3.5 For Women's Open (7-a-side):

3.5.1 If the registered team has nine participants, the number of non-Singapore Citizens (including Singapore PRs) who can be registered is one participant per team and the number of National athletes who can be registered is one participant per team.

3.5.2 If the registered team has 10 or more participants, the number of non-Singapore Citizens (including Singapore PRs) who can be registered is two participants per team and the number of National athletes who can be registered is two participants per team.

Composition of Participants in Field of Play

3.6 The participants in the field of play for each team could comprise up to 20% of non-Singapore Citizens (including Singapore PRs) and up to 20% of National athletes (National athletes applicable for Women's Open only).

3.7 For Men's Open (11-a-side) and Men's Masters (11-a-side), the participants in the field of play for each team could comprise up to two non-Singapore Citizens (including Singapore PRs).

3.8 For Women's Open (7-a-side), the participants in the field of play for each team could comprise one non-Singapore Citizen (including Singapore PR) and one National athlete.

3.9 The participants in the field of play for each team should also have representation from at least two ethnic groups; and at least one participant per team staying in HDB estate and at least one staying in non-HDB estate.

4. Format of Play

4.1 In league/round-robin format, points will be awarded as follows:

Win - 3 points
Draw - 1 point
Loss - 0 point

4.2 The ranking of each team in each league/round-robin group will be determined as follows, in the given order:

4.2.1 Greatest number of points obtained in all matches;

4.2.2 Goal difference in all matches;

4.2.3 Greatest number of goals scored in all matches.

- 4.3 If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows, in the given order:
- 4.3.1 Greatest number of points obtained in the matches between the teams concerned;
 - 4.3.2 Goal difference resulting from the matches between the teams concerned;
 - 4.3.3 Greatest number of goals scored in all matches between the teams concerned;
 - 4.3.4 Drawing of lots by the Organisers.
- 4.4 The Organisers have the right to reschedule the matches of any group(s) if such matches are deemed to affect the result of the other matches concerned. In these incidences, the matches may be rescheduled to be played simultaneously at two different venues.

Mode of Competition (Men's Open and Men's Masters)

- 4.5 The duration of every match in the Group Stage shall be two halves of thirty minutes, with an interval of 10 minutes.
- 4.6 In an elimination match, if the match ends in a draw after normal full time, the winning team shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the rules of FIFA.
- 4.7 Player(s) who receives two yellow cards during the competition shall automatically be suspended for the next match after he receives the recent yellow card.
- 4.8 A player dismissed (i.e red card) from any match by the referee shall automatically be suspended for the next match.

Mode of Competition (Women's Open)

- 4.9 There shall be no offside rule.
- 4.10 The duration of all matches shall be two halves of seven minutes each with no breaks in between turnaround.
- 4.11 Time keeping for each game will be at the sole discretion of the Referee in charge of that particular game.
- 4.12 Kick-in will be taken in place of the throw-in. Ball must be placed on the sideline before kicking. Players cannot score directly from a kick-in.

- 4.13 A player can only score after passing through the halfway line.
- 4.14 Only the goalkeeper is allowed inside the “D area”. There shall be no interference with goalkeeper inside the “D area”.
- 4.15 Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed during the match. Substitutions can be made only when the ball has left the field of play or during play stoppage. **IMPORTANT:** All substitutions **MUST** take place at the **HALFWAY** sidelines. The substitute **MUST** wait until the player is at the team bench sideline of the field **BEFORE** entering the field of play. **Any player substituted during the match is not allowed to return to the match.**
- 4.16 If the player is shown a red card by the referee, she will be suspended from the subsequent two matches. Player(s) who accumulate two red cards (direct or indirect) will be banned from the remaining of Community Games 2012 and Singapore National Games 2012.
- 4.19 Player(s) who accumulate three yellow cards will be suspended for one game. Thereafter, player(s) accumulating four yellow cards will be suspended for another game. Player(s) accumulating five yellow cards will be banned from the remaining of the competition.

Abandonment of Matches

- 4.20 If a match is abandoned, the Organisers shall decide whether the match results at the time of abandonment is valid or a replay shall be organised while taking sporting and organising consideration into account.
- 4.21 All matches will be officiated by FAS Referees and their decision on all matters shall be final.

5. Walkover

- 5.1 A team shall concede a walkover if the composition of its participants in the field of play fail to meet the team composition criteria as stipulated in point 3 of this Technical Rules and Regulations.
- 5.2 For Men’s Open (11-a-side) and Men’s Masters (11-a-side), a match may not start or continue if either team consists of fewer than seven players. If a team fails to turn up and be ready at the pitch 15 minutes after the scheduled time o of play, the team shall concede a walkover.
- 5.3 For Women’s Open (7-a-side), a match may not start or continue if either team consists of fewer than five players. If a team fails to field five players at the scheduled time of play, it will be given two minutes to gather its

players. Failing which, the referee will call off the match and the team shall concede a walkover.

- 5.4 In the event of a walkover, the team present on the field will be awarded three game points (for league/round-robin match) and a victory margin of 3-0.
- 5.5 If, through the fault of any participating team, a match cannot be played in its entirety, the match will be forfeited. The opposing team will be awarded three game points (for league/round-robin match) and a victory margin of 3-0, or more, if the opposing team has already achieved a higher score.

6. Disqualification

- 6.1 Individual or team may be disqualified in the event of fielding ineligible player or unruly conduct of player.
- 6.2 The Organisers reserve the right to disqualify team(s)/participant(s) at their discretion and take further disciplinary action that could be in the form of a fine and/or term ban in Community Games 2012 and/or Singapore National Games 2012.

7. Equipment and Attire

- 7.1 Participating teams must declare their first and second colours of their jerseys and they are obliged to use these colours for all matches. Goalkeeper must wear a jersey of different colours with those of the two teams.
- 7.2 In the event of a clash of jersey colours, the “away team” (i.e the second-named team) shall have to change into another set of colour jerseys. Otherwise the team will have to don the bibs provided by the Organisers.
- 7.3 Any player(s) found wearing jerseys with unregistered numbers shall be subjected to disciplinary action. Numbers should range from 1 – 35, with the first goalkeeper’s number being 1.
- 7.4 Players must wear shin guards during matches throughout the tournament. Players found not wearing shin guards will not be allowed in the pitch.

8. Reporting

- 8.1 Participant(s) must bring along and produce either his/her valid Singapore pink or blue identity card, valid passport, student pass with NRIC number or driving license for verification at every match. Failing which, he/she will not be allowed to compete in the match.

- 8.2 Participant(s) who are non-Singapore Citizens residing in Singapore must bring along and produce one of the following valid passes:
- a) Student's Pass;
 - b) Long Term Pass;
 - c) Dependant's Pass;
 - d) Work Permit;
 - e) S Pass; and
 - f) Employment Pass.
- 8.3 The team manager, assistant team manager or coach of the team shall undertake to submit the players' identity cards and team line-up sheet to the presiding Tournament Official 15 minutes before the scheduled time of play.

9. Tournament Jurisdiction

- 9.1 The Organisers reserve the right to interpret or amend the rules and regulations of the tournament at any time. Notifications of such changes will be posted on the tournament website. All participants are advised to visit the tournament website frequently for any notices or changes to draws or schedules.
- 9.2 In the event of any dispute arising over any player, the match shall be played under protest and the Organisers shall determine the matter on receipt of the protest.
- 9.3 While reasonable precautions will be taken, the Organisers, their servants and agents will not be responsible or in any way liable for any death, disability, personal injury, loss of property or any other loss howsoever arising from any cause whatsoever at any time during the course of this tournament.
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