

# St. Mary's SportsFest – Rules and Guidelines

## FOOTBALL

### **Team Registrations – 8 aside Tournament**

- Each Team will play with only 8 players (including goal-keeper). Rotating substitutions will apply during all matches from the center line only.
- Only players registered will be permitted to participate i.e.; a **total of 12 players per team**. In the event of any serious injuries and the player cannot continue with the tournament, Replacements will be considered with prior **written notice** given to the organizing team. (Minimum 1 week before the team's next game).
- There will be **NO REFUND OF FEES** for teams that confirm participation and then cancel their participation when the tournament starts. **REFUND OF FEES** will be provided to those teams that **DO NOT GET AN ENTRY INTO THE TOURNAMENT**.

**All teams have to submit the registration forms duly signed by the team Captain / Manager for the entry to the tournament to be complete.**

- **A general TEAM BRIEFING will be held toward the end of August and will be notified.**
- It is **MANDATORY FOR THE TEAM MANAGER AND CAPTAIN** to attend the briefing.
- **REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AT THE SPORTS FEST OFFICE**

### **Before Game time**

- Teams must report **15 mins** before their scheduled game; The Referee will call each team onto the pitch **only twice**, any team not adhering to the rules and failure to be on the pitch will result in forfeit of the game i.e. the opponent will be given a walk over. **3 points and 2 goals** will be awarded to the team that is present. **The game will not be rescheduled**. All fixtures will start as per the scheduled timings.
- **All team prayers should be conducted before entering the football pitch, There will be a collective group prayer after which the match will commence.**
- A minimum of **5 players** per team are compulsory to be on the ground in order to start the game. No additional time will be considered.
- **Match fixtures with timings will be intimidated in advance for Sports Fest (No change in schedule will be entertained)** along with the detailed games rules and guidelines. Last minute changes (i.e. less than 3 days to Match Day) will be informed via Email/Personal Txt to the Captain/Team Representative
- **Only team players and 1 team manager (STRICTLY)** will be allowed onto the grounds. Team Players and/or their supporters caught smoking / littering / speaking foul language / hand gestures etc. **will be fined AED 100/- and the Team will forgo the match** (or as decided by the referee/organizing committee). **Team Managers / Captains will be held accountable for the behavior and conduct of their respective teams as well as supporters.**
- Team members must come in uniform for all the games. In the event of a clash between the playing teams, the organizers will provide you with reflectors or bibs. This will be based on a toss between the 2 teams. **There will be no dressing/un-dressing on the field before or after the game. Players caught in violation of this will not be allowed to play the game/next game.**
- **Players will not be allowed under any circumstances to change their jerseys numbers during the tournament except in case of replacement of players.**

- **All Jerseys will have clearly visible and printed numbers on the jerseys. No paper stickers or pen written numbers will be allowed.**
- **Team sheets will contain the original names of the players as per Emirates ID. NO NICKNAMES ALLOWED.**
- Any player wearing studs or spikes will not be allowed to play. The referee will check each player's shoes prior to game commencement. **Only astro-turf or regular turf shoes are permitted.**
- No food or snacks will be allowed on the grounds. Water provided will be consumed at the entry gate.
- **Players have to carry their original Emirates ID for all games and will be checked for entry to the ground**

### **During Game time**

- Total **playing time** per game is **15 minutes Straight**. There will be **no half-time** for league matches. Injury/stoppage time will be considered as extra time. If an injury warrants delaying the game at a crucial stage, there will be an immediate substitution for the injured player. Time format will change from the Knock-Out Stages onwards and the game time will increase and be divided into two halves accordingly.
- The OFFSIDE rule will not apply for the matches, i.e. **NO OFFSIDE during the entire game.**
- During a Penalty kick, the player can shoot only after the referee blows the whistle.
- Penalty Kicks will be of 3 steps. Third step is to shoot.
- Considering the small size of the field, the Goal-keeper can handle or hold the ball (**but not for more than 5 seconds**) only within his goal-area (**within the 6 meter bigger "D" Area**). **Goalkeepers will be warned for infringement of time. More than 2 times and the goalkeeper will be shown a yellow card.**
- There will be corner kicks, once the ball has crossed the goal-line. A Throw-In will be awarded in cases where the ball is placed out of bounds, i.e. beyond the side-lines. The Referee will decide in case of any ambiguity regarding sideline offenses.
- During the knock out stages, the **total playing time for each half would be 15 minutes each half.**
- During the knock out stages, in the event of a draw/tie, there will be **no extra time** provided. The game will move directly to penalty shoot-out.
- If the ball is knocked over the fence on any side of the ground, the player will be sent-off for the remainder of the game and no substitution can be made. The team will carry on with the remaining player's on-field.
- **The captain has to be in control of his team on field at all times and make sure the rules are followed.**

### **Reasons for being Sent off**

1. Attacking attempt on goal (head or feet) leading to the ball, being knocked over the fence/ground.
2. A deliberate attempt or defending clearance leading to the ball being knocked over the fence/ground.
3. Defensive clearance from the Goal Keeper – Team decides on a player to be sent off in place of the Goal Keeper.

**Note – A player will not be sent off if the ball deflects off the player or bounces over the fence.  
During corner kicks player will not be sent off for a deflection clearance.**

## **Fouls and Cautions**

**The Referee's decision is FINAL.** Any un-warranted argument/disagreement with the Match Referee will result in a Yellow Card caution or a direct Red Card to the player arguing; as per the Referee's discretion.

If the goalkeeper (inside the penalty / "D" area), touches the ball with his hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him by a team-mate (**back pass**) an **indirect free kick** is awarded to the opponents outside the "D" Area, based on the referee's decision.

A player is cautioned and shown the **yellow card** if he is guilty of; unsporting behavior, or shows dissent by word or action, or persistently infringes the laws of the game, or delays the restart of play, fails to respect the required distance as instructed by the referee during free-kick (direct or indirect), or substitutes without the referee's permission, or changes places with the goal-keeper without the referee's permission, or removing his shirt / baring his chest, or caught smoking. Any unnecessary arguing with the referee will also lead to a Yellow Card.

**Fouls, resulting in a 2nd caution / YELLOW card shown to the same player, during the game will result in the player getting shown a RED card & the player is 'sent-off' for the rest of the match & will miss the next match as well.**

A serious foul, resulting in a **Direct RED card** shown to the player by the Referee, will result in the player getting 'sent-off' for the rest of the match & this player will **'miss' his next 2 matches** as well.

A player is shown the red card & sent off, if he is guilty of; serious foul play, or violent conduct, or spits at any person, or uses an offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or uses gestures or denies the opposing-team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball or denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal - an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick, ALL as per the Referee's discretion.

Cards are carried through all group stage matches. Any player who receives two (2) red cards during the tournament will take no further part in the Sports Festival. No replacements will be considered either. During the knock out stage of the tournament all cautions issued to any player will be wiped out.

**Incase of arguments onfield. No substitutes or manager will be allowed to rush onto the field. A direct red card could be shown to offending players.**

**Teams that cause excess problems on field and off field will be disbarred from the tournament the next year.**

**Any debatable fouls will be discussed between the referees on pitch and decisions will be taken.**

## **Scoring and Ranking**

The system of play shall be a league system, each team playing every other team in the group **once**, with points to be awarded as follows: **Win 3 pts; Draw 1pt; Loss 0 pts**

The rankings of the teams in each group shall be determined in the following manner:

1. Higher number of points obtained in the group matches
2. Superior goal difference;
3. Higher number of goals scored;
4. Higher Number of wins

If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied in the order given to determine their rankings:

1. Higher number of points obtained in the group matches played among the teams in question
2. Superior goal difference from the group matches
3. Higher number of goals scored in the group matches

**Top two teams from each group would qualify for the next round.**

## NOTE

The organizing committee, reserves the right to **DISQUALIFY/ REFUSE ENTRY** to **ANY TEAM/PLAYER** for previous transgressions that fails to up-hold the spirit of the game and abuses the sanctity of the premise they are playing within. If a team player/members' continuously argue with the referee, display inappropriate behavior or use any abusive language within the premise they are playing in, the entire team will be disqualified.

**DO NOT PLAY THE GAME WITH INTENT TO HARM OR INJURE. PLAY WITH SPORTSMANSHIP AND RESPECT FOR YOUR OPPONENT PLAY THE BEAUTIFUL GAME, FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME.**

**Incase of Any further enquiries regarding the games please contact the below persons.**

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