

# MARCH ZONAL FOOTBALL COMPETITION 2022 COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS – FOOTBALL

# 1. Rules

1.1 The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the 4-a-side Football rules and regulations.

S/N	Category	Venue	Eligibility	
1.	U9 Mixed	Our Tampines Hub	Born in year 2013, 2014 & 2015	
2.	U12 Mixed	Our Tampines Hub	Born in year 2010, 2011 & 2012	
3.	U15 Boys	Jurong East Stadium	Born in year 2007, 2008 & 2009	
4.	U15 Girls	Jurong East Stadium	Born in year 2007, 2008 & 2009	
5.	U18 Boys	Jurong East Stadium	Born in year 2004, 2005 & 2006	
6.	U18 Girls	Jurong East Stadium	Born in year 2004, 2005 & 2006	
7.	U10 Mixed	Farrer Park Field	Born in year 2012, 2013 & 2014	

#### 2. Categories & Eligibility

- 2.1 Competition shall be subjected to requirements stipulated under the latest Safe Management Measures advisory issued by SportSG. Competition may be postponed, suspended, or cancelled following the guidelines of the advisory.
- 2.2 For the **ALL Categories**, participants who are aged 16 years old and below (born in or after 2006) must obtain parental/legal guardian consent for their participation in the tournament. Information on consent forms will be provided accordingly.
- 2.3 If a participant is found to be registered with more than one (1) team in the same tournament for a particular sport after the registration closing date, the participant will be disqualified from the competition. No substitution or replacement of such participant will be allowed.

## 3. Event Venue & Schedule

3.1 The competition for the different categories will be held at different venues as stated below. Competition dates and timings are tentative and may subject to changes.

Format*	Date*	Timing*	Venue*	Categories*
	20 March 2022	8am to 9pm	Our Tampines	Mixed U-9
			Hub	Mixed U-12
4 v 4	26 March 2022	11am to 10pm	Jurong East	Boys & Girls U-15
	27 March 2022	11am to 10pm	Jurong East	Boys & Girls U-18
	27 March 2022	8am to 12pm	Farrer Park	Mixed U-10

\*The above format, date and timing may change and are subjected prevailing Safe Management Measures (SMMs).

## 4. Competition Format

4.1 The teams participating in the competition shall be divided into groups (Number of teams per group and number of groups depend on the number of registered teams). An internal, randomised draw will be conducted for the purpose of determining the placement of the teams in the groups.

- a) All matches in a group are played under the league system whereby each team will play once against each of the other teams in its group (single round-robin).
- b) Three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw, and zero (0) point for a loss.
- c) The ranking of teams in each group shall be determined as follows:
  - (i) Greater number of points obtained in all group matches.
  - (ii) If two or more teams are equal based on the above criterion, their place shall be determined as follows:
    - Greater goal difference in all the group matches
    - Greater number of goals scored in all the group matches
    - Greater number of wins in the group matches
    - Greater number of points obtained from the matches played between the teams concerned
    - Drawing of lots
- d) At the conclusion of the Preliminary Round, only the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) placed teams in each group shall qualify for the Knockout Stage and all other Participating Teams shall be eliminated from the Competition.
- e) The winner shall be the team that scores the greater number of goals in regulation time for each respective sub-category.
- f) In the event the scores are tied after end of regulation time in the knockout stage, the winner shall be determined by penalty kicks. Sudden death penalty kicks will commence when both teams are still tied after each team has taken 3 penalty kicks
- g) Medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd,</sup> placed teams.

## 5. Walkover and Withdrawal

- 5.1 A team that fails to turn up with a minimum of four (4) players, in two (2) minutes after the scheduled kick-off time will deem to have given a walkover. The team receiving the walkover shall be awarded three (3) goals and three (3) points.
- 5.2 If a team withdraws during the competition, all their remaining fixtures shall be deemed walkovers with three (3) goals and three (3) points awarded to their opponents.

#### 6. Registration of Teams

- 6.1 Teams are allowed to register a maximum of five (5) players.
- 6.2 Teams must register one (1) Team Official or Team Manager who will handle player registrations prior to a match.
- 6.3 Team Managers/Coach are not allowed to enter the playing area. Strictly only eight (8) players in total are to be on the field due to safe measures.

## 7. Player Verification

7.1 All players are required to bring along their NRIC, FIN Card, Student Pass, or any valid proof of identification for verification by the competition official.

#### 8. Technical Regulations

- 8.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the standard 4-a-side Football Rules and Regulations as slated out by the football governing body.
- 8.2 Each game shall be played in two (2) halves of six (6) minutes with one (1) minute break in between. The organiser reserves the right to alter the timing of the games.
- 8.3 All matches shall be played at an outdoor field/4 a-side equivalent venue.
- 8.4 Size 5 ball will be used for all matches.
- 8.5 Playing area will be 40m by 30m.
- 8.6 Goal Post will be 1.8m by 1.2m.
- 8.7 In the event, a player gets injured during the game and cannot continue to play, the opponent team will have to withdraw a player as well to maintain the same number of players for each team. This is <u>not mandated</u> and is out of good will. Note that the withdrawn player can be substituted back into the game.

# 9. Match Official

9.1 Respect towards the match official must be always exercised. Any form of abuse towards the referee will be severely dealt with. Any persons/teams who are found to be abusive or disrespectful to the match officials may face the possibility of disciplinary action such as docked points and disqualifications from the tournament.

All decisions made by the referee is <u>FINAL</u>. No appeal against the referee's decision shall be allowed and entertained.

#### 10. Awards and Prizes

10.1 Medals will be awarded to the top three (3) of all Categories and/or sub-categories respectively.

#### 11. Protest

11.1 Any protest made by a team shall be put in writing to the Tournament Organising Committee after the match, so that the Organising Committee will decide on the protest. Administration fee will be imposed and is not refundable.

#### 12. Disclaimer

- 12.1 Sport Singapore reserves the right to cancel, postpone or change the venue, date and/or time of the Football competition for all categories at its discretion due to inclement weather, facility problem or any other situation deemed as appropriate.
- 12.2 Sport Singapore and their partners and/or agents will not be held responsible for any claims arising out of any death or injury, damage, or loss, suffered, or caused while attending this competition, and this includes all costs and expenses incurred due to such claims.