

# **PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2007- SOCCER 5s @ NATIONAL STADIUM**

Date : 2, 3, 9 and 10 June 2007  
Time : 9 am to 9pm  
Venue : National Stadium

## **TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The main objective of the tournament is to promote the game of soccer through sportsmanship, fair play and competition. The Tournament rules are intended to support these objectives. Every participant including the manager, coach, captain, parent, official or supporter is expected to behave in a manner that brings credit to their team and the game. Doing so will add to the enjoyment of everyone.

### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 All games shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game observed by the Football Association of Singapore (FAS) and the Organising Committee.
- 1.2 A player can only register for one Age category.
- 1.3 Players who have registered in the Age group categories are allowed to participate in the Men's Open Category provided that players are also registered under that category.
- 1.4 The Organising Tournament Committee will act as final on-site authority for interpretation of applicable tournament rules and regulations, code of conduct and rules for all matters arising that require immediate resolution at the site of the competition.

### **2. Team Eligibility**

- 2.1 All participating teams must be registered with the Tournament Committee.
- 2.2 Each player must be registered for only one team in each category. In the event of a dispute concerning player/s' eligibility, the decision of the Committee shall be final.
- 2.3 Participating teams are required to complete the team sheet provided.
- 2.4 Team Line-up shall be limited to a maximum of seven (7) players per game.
- 2.5 The Team Manager shall be responsible to ensure that the registered players are ready and fit to play based on the competition fixtures or as advised by the Pitch Marshals.
- 2.6 All FAS registered National, S-League, Prime League and Centers Of Excellence players are not eligible to participate.

### **3 Tournament System**

- 3.1 The Preliminary Rounds will be played on a Group Double Knockout system.

3.2 The Second and Final rounds will be played Group Single Knockout system. The best four teams from the Second Round will proceed to the Final Round.

3.3 Any other format to be decided by the Organising Tournament Committee

#### 4. Registration of Teams

4.1 Each team is allowed to register a min of 5 and a max of 7 players.

4.2 The team manager, will be allowed to play only if he is registered as a player.

4.3 All participants must complete the declaration form. Participants who are below 21 years of age as at *1 Jan 2007* (those born in 1986) must complete the declaration form, which must be signed by their parent and be kept by the team manager.

4.4 The organiser reserves the right to repudiate the registration of any team or participant(s) or disqualify the team, at its discretion.

#### 5. Official Registration

5.1 The official registration form duly completed with the prescribed entry fees should be submitted by Monday, *21 May 2007* to the organiser.

5.2 The declaration form(s), if applicable, should be submitted to the organiser on the tournament day before the first match.

5.3 Late or incomplete submission of the official registration form and declaration form will result in rejection of their entry for participating in the tournament.

#### 6. Category

6.1 The registration for this Five-A-Side soccer challenge is limited to 500 teams on a first-come, first serve basis. There will be 4 categories:

Category	Age Group	Competition Dates	Entry Fee / Donation
Men Open	No age limit	2,3,9,10	\$300.00
Ladies Open	No age limit	2,3,9,10	\$80.00
Boys Under 19 as of 1 Jan 07	19 and below (born on or after 1 Jan 1988)	2,3,9,10	\$80.00
Boys Under 14 as of 1 Jan 07	14 and below (born on or after 1 Jan 1993)	2,3,9,10	\$80.00
All categories	Grand Finals	Jun 10	

6.2 All donations will be tax exempt and the entry fees collected will be channeled to President's Challenge Charity 2007

## 7. Awards and Prizes

- 7.1 Cash Awards, Trophies, products vouchers and sports products will be given to the top 4 teams in each category.

### **Cash Awards**

Category	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Consolations Prizes
Men's Open	\$800	\$600	\$400	\$200	5 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup>
Ladies Open	\$300	\$200	\$150	\$100	5 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup>
Boys Under 19	\$300	\$200	\$150	\$100	5 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup>
Boys Under 14	\$300	\$200	\$150	\$100	5 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup>

- 7.2 Lucky Draw Prizes: 10 products vouchers / sports products

- 7.3 All participating teams will receive event Jerseys/ T-shirts.

## 8 Reporting for Teams

- 8.1 All Team managers must report to the tournament Control Tent on the scheduled day of play.
- 8.2 The tentative reporting time for teams will be at 8.00am. The team manager shall undertake to submit their players' identity cards and team line-up form to the presiding Official at least 1 hour before the scheduled time of the match. Failure to do so may render the team to be disqualified from the tournament.
- 8.3 All players MUST bring along his/ her identity cards, driving licence, passport or bus /student pass /documents (with photos) for verification, failing which he/she will not be allowed to compete in the tournament.
- 8.4 Players who are 16 years of age or below (those born on or after *1 January 1991*) MUST bring their student card for verification, failing which he/she will not be able to compete in the championship.

## 9. Game sheets and Referee's reports

- 9.1 All games sheets and referee's reports must be returned to the Tournament Secretariat/Control tent or to the Pitch marshals in-charge soon after the completion of a game.
- 9.2 The Referee for the match and the captain from the winning team must sign the game sheet.

## 10 Duration of Games

- 10.1 All Matches will be two halves of 5 minutes each. There is no break at the half time interval. Teams will switch sides at half time.

## 11. Extra Time Rules for semifinal or final game

- 11.1 In the event of a tied semifinal or final game, the following procedure will determine the winner.
- 11.2 Two 2-minute extra times will be played for semifinal or final game. At the end of extra time, the team scoring the most number of goals wins.
- 11.3 If still tied, best of three penalty kicks by five players of each team who are currently on the playing pitch. Only players on the field at the end of overtime are eligible to take penalty kicks.
- 11.4 If still tied, sudden-death penalty kicks will be taken by the team until an outcome is decided.

## 12. Substitution

- 12.1 There is no limit to the number of players' substitutions during a game but a substitution can only be made according to F.I.F.A (Flying substitutions-for the 2 registered players)
- 12.2 Substitution: No substitutions will be allowed for a player sent off from the field of play for misconduct (red card or 2 yellow cards within the same game). The player that was sent off is not allowed to re-enter the game. The Disciplinary Panel may subject him to disciplinary review.

## 13. Failure to Show

- 13.1 A team shall be allowed a 1-minute period of grace after schedule kickoff time before it is considered to have failed to show.
- 13.2 In the event of a failure to show, the offending team shall forfeit the game.
- 13.3 A minimum of four players constitutes a team and the game will be started if a team has at least that number of players.
- 13.4 A grace period may be allowed only if there are less than four players. If both teams fail to show, the Tournament Committee will make a ruling.
- 13.5 Teams shall be prepared to kickoff 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the Final round games. Kickoff times may be changed at the discretion of the Pitch Marshals/ Tournament Committee.

## 14. Abandoned Games

- 14.1 The Tournament Committee will review the circumstances of any team that abandons (quits) a game before it is completed and decide whether or not the team shall forfeit the game and/or be subject to any further penalty.

## 15. Disqualification

- 15.1 Teams will be disqualified if they fail to report to the Officials before the start

of the match, unless they have valid reasons, wherein the decision of the presiding Official will be final.

15.2 Team may be disqualified for submitting ineligible players.

16 Forfeited games

16.1 At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, teams that abandon (quit) a game fail to show up or otherwise forfeit a game will be subject to dismissal from the tournament and all entry fees shall be forfeited without appeal.

16.2 All opponents of a team, which has forfeited a game, will be awarded a win and three points in preliminary standings. The game shall be recorded as a 1-0 win.

17 Extraordinary Weather

17.1 In the event of bad weather only the Tournament Committee may cancel the game; the tournament committee has the authority to change the duration of the games or any function of the tournament.

18. Player Uniforms and Equipment

18.1 All players must wear shin guards and their jersey number must be displayed clearly on the back of their jersey.

18.2 Each player on a team shall have a different number and this number must coincide with the player's name and number as shown on the game sheet. If team's colors clash, the home teams will change colors.

18.3 The home team is the first team listed on the schedule. At the tournament committee's discretion, a team that does not observe the colors change or shirt requirement of the rule may forfeit the game.

19. Field Supervision

19.1 Players and team official will be stationed at the designated area on one side of the field. The tournament committee shall assign person acting in the capacity of a Pitch Marshal.

19.2 NO individual with an injury that requires a cast or splint of any kind shall be allowed to play in the tournament

20 General

20.1 The Tournament Committee will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part.

20.2 The tournament committee reserves the right to decide on all matters.

20.3 The team manager or captain shall undertake the responsibility of ensuring

the eligibility of their runners competing in this championship. Failure to do so may render the team to be disqualified.

20.4 There shall be no replacement of players, if player/s are found to be ineligible.

## 21. Discipline

21.1 The Tournament Discipline Panel shall determine all discipline matters.

21.2 A player receiving the second caution (yellow card) of the tournament or a red card shall be subject to discipline and is suspended from the game immediately, subsequent to the game in which the offence occurred.

21.3 The Tournament Discipline Panel may, where justified, suspend any player/official, dismissed during, or after a game, from all further participation in the tournament. In the case of player/s that assaulted a referee, the player/s, team and team official/manager may be suspended from of the tournament.

21.4 Use of an ineligible player will result in an automatic forfeiture of the game.

## 22. Process of Appeals and Protests

22.1 Protest and Appeals relating to the game maybe made to the Tournament Discipline Panel located at tournament secretariat/control tent. Protest and Appeals must proceed within 10 minutes following the game in which the infraction occurred and must follow the procedure as outlined.

22.2 Protests with regard to the fielding of ineligible players must be made in writing together with the protest fee of \$50.00 and lodged with the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee on the spot on the same day within 10 minutes after the match.

22.3 The manager is required to complete the protest and appeal case form appealing the infraction and /or suspension detailing the reason (s) for the appeal PLUS Singapore Fifty Dollars- (\$50.00) cash must accompany the appeal form.

22.4 If the appeal is, upheld payment will be refunded in full. In the event of the protest being dismissed, the fee will be forfeited and donated to President's Challenge Charity.

22.5 In the event of any dispute arising over any players (s) and or any team, the game shall be conducted under protest, and the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee shall determine the matter on receipt of the protest in writing, together with the prescribed fees.

22.6 Referee decisions are not grounds for Appeal.

22.7 The decision arising from any protest shall be final.

22.8 No protest/appeal will be entertained after the presentation of prizes.

### 23. First Aid / Medical Coverage

23.1 Each participating team shall be responsible for their first aid and medical coverage.

23.2 In the event of a participant being injured especially when bleeding occurs, he or she must be removed from the pitch to be attended to immediately.

### 24. Supplementary Rules

24.1 Team managers are to ensure that their participants registered are to represent one team in this competition.

24.2 The team manager is responsible for the proper control and good conduct of their players and supporters. If an appeal is made to any of the above persons and it is not heeded, the Organising Committee reserves the right to take disciplinary action against the team. All teams are urged to participate in the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.

24.3 In the event of a need for disciplinary action to be taken against any participant or team, the Disciplinary Committee shall make a decision and impose punishment as it deems fit.

24.4 While all reasonable precautions will be taken, the Organiser, its servants sponsors 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 championship.

24.5 In the event of any question or matter arising out of any point, which has not been expressly provided for in any of the rules governing this championship, the decision of the Organising Committee will be final.

24.6 The Rules and Regulations as depicted above are current at the time of printing. The Organising Committee reserves the right to add, delete and/or vary the said Rules and Regulations at any time as it deems fit.

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