

The World Bank Soccer Club

Best Foot Forward

CHARITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT



TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Field of Play

1. The size of the playing field is approximately 50 yards long by 30 yards wide on a grass field.
2. Out of bounds rules will be enforced. However, kick-ins will be utilized instead of throw-ins.

The Ball

1. The ball will be a regulation size 5 ball.

Number of players

1. There will be 6 field players and NO goalkeeper. (See Team Rosters.)

Size of the Goals

1. The goals will be 6 feet wide by 4 feet tall.

Substitutions

1. Substitutions may be made at any time during the game.
2. All substitutions must take place at midfield.
3. There will be unlimited substitutions. Substitutions will be made on the fly. However, if the referee deems that too many active players are on the field at any given time, he will assess an indirect free kick to the offending team.

Referees

1. A one-man system will be utilized.
2. The referee will enforce the rules of the game as stated by FIFA.
Except:
 - **No goals may be scored from a player's own half of the field.**
 - **The defending players cannot position themselves and remain in their own marked penalty area before the ball enters the area.**
 - **The offside rule will not be observed other than in the cases when an offending player enters the marked penalty area of the defending team before the ball enters the area.**
3. The referee will keep the official time on the field.
4. The referee will assess a 1 minute penalty for those infractions that he deems necessary.
5. The referee may stop the game clock when he sees fit to do so.

Issuance of 1 or 2 Minute Penalties

1. The issuance of 1 minute penalties will be made by the referee at his discretion.
2. When a 1 minute penalty is assessed, the offended team will have a man advantage or a power play. The team being assessed the 1 minute penalty will play a man short until the 1 minute expires. A goal scored by the team with a man advantage will negate the remainder of the 1 minute penalty.
3. A player issued a yellow card will also receive a 1 minute penalty.
4. If a player receives a red card, he will no longer be allowed to participate in the tournament and the team will receive a 5 minute penalty. The team being assessed the 5 minute penalty will play a man short until the 5 minutes expire or a goal is scored by the team with a man advantage.
5. If a player receives 3 yellow cards during the length of the tournament he will no longer be allowed to participate in the event.

Duration of Game

1. The duration of games will be 25 minutes long with a continuous clock.
2. The game clock will only stop at the referee's discretion.
3. The referee will keep the official time on the field.

4. There will be no time outs allowed.

Forfeited Games

1. Any team who fails to show for a scheduled match will forfeit the game to the opponent. The result will be tallied as a 3 to zero win for the opponent. The team forfeiting the match will receive a 3 to zero loss.

Disqualified Players or Teams

1. The organizing committee reserves the right to disqualify any individual player or a team for any ungentlemanly conduct, unfair play or very physical play.
2. If a team is disqualified, it will NOT be refunded the registration fee and the remaining games will be forfeited.

Fouls

1. Aggressive play will NOT be permitted.
2. All fouls will be issued a direct free kick.
3. The opposing players must give 5 yards between them and the ball.
4. Free kicks must be taken from the point of the infraction. If the infraction is committed by the defending player within his own penalty area, a penalty kick shall be awarded and a yellow or red card will be issued to the player who committed the infraction (See Penalty Kick and Issuance of 1 and 2 Minute Penalties.)

Kick-Offs

1. A kick-off is an indirect free kick.
2. The ball does not have to be played forward it may be passed backward.
3. The team listed first on the schedule will kick off.

Kick-Ins

1. Kick-ins will take place when the ball crosses entirely over the touchlines.
2. A goal may NOT be scored directly from a kick-in. It is an indirect free kick.
3. When the ball crosses the end line for a goal kick, a player must kick the ball back into play from within the penalty area.

Stoppage of Play

1. Failure by a team to put the ball into play within five seconds, as signaled by the referee, shall result in a possession turnover to the opponent.

Penalty Kick

1. A penalty kick shall be awarded when a defender commits a foul within his own penalty area.

2. A penalty kick is a kick taken from the center mark into an undefended goal. When penalty kick is awarded during the regulation time, the ball is considered “dead” after the penalty kick. The game will resume with either a kick-off in case of a goal or a goal kick in case of a miss.

Team Rosters

1. A team may carry as many as 10 players on their roster.
2. Prior to the start of the tournament one team roster shall be submitted to the tournament organizes with printed names and jersey numbers of all players.
3. All rosters are final at the start of each team’s first match.
4. All rosters must be fully completed and a waiver signed by each player prior to the teams first match.
5. If a team fails to submit its roster and waiver forms to the score table prior to the team’s first match, that team shall forfeit the first match.

Point System

1. Teams will receive 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.
2. If teams are tied with points after the group tournament, the winner will decided by:
 - Goal difference in all group matches, if remained tied:
 - Greater number of goals scored in all group matches, if remained tied:
 - The result of the head-to-head match, if remained tied:
 - Drawing of lots by the Organizing Committee.
3. In case of a tie during the elimination rounds, the game will be decided on a penalty-kick shootout. (See Penalty Kick.)

Group Games and Elimination Rounds

1. Each team is guaranteed to play at least 3 group games.
2. The number of teams that will qualify for the elimination rounds from each group will depend on the total number of teams in the tournament and will be announced and clarified at the meeting of the team captains to be held on a Thursday prior to the tournament day.

PLEASE NOTE:

IN CASE OF ANY DISPUTES, THE DECISION OF THE REFEREE IS FINAL.