



**AFF BEACH SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP 2019
CHONBURI, THAILAND
13 – 17 NOVEMBER 2019**



TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. NAME

- 1.1. The Tournament shall be called “AFF Beach Soccer Championship 2019”.

2. MANAGEMENT

- 2.1. The Tournament shall be organized and managed by The Football Association of Thailand in collaboration with the Asean Football Federation.

3. PARTICIPANTS

- 3.1. Participants in the Tournament shall be those who are Members Associations of the Asean Football Federation affiliated to the Federation Internationale de Football Association and any other Member Associations invited by the Asean Football Federation Council.
- 3.2. Member Associations after confirming their participation and for any reason withdrawing subsequently will be dealt with by the AFF Council with a maximum fine of USD10,000.

4. TROPHY

- 4.1. A trophy called “Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Cup” shall be awarded to the Champion Team.

5. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 5.1. Each team shall register not more than twenty-five (25) players. Such registration shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Hosting Member Association, i.e. The Football Association of Thailand and a copy to Asean Football Federation with a copy of the registered player’s passport not later than twenty-one (21) days before the commencement of the tournament, i.e. on or before Wednesday, 23 October 2019.
- 5.2. Each team shall register a maximum of five (5) officials not later than twenty-one (21) days before the commencement of the tournament, i.e. on or before Wednesday, 23 October 2019.
- 5.3. At their own cost, each team can nominate up to an additional five (5) officials, who will receive the same access to all competition areas.

- 5.4. Fourteen (14) players from the preliminary list of twenty-five (25) players will be registered at the Managers' Meeting, which shall be held one day before the commencement of the tournament.
- 5.5. A player listed on the final list of Fourteen (14) players may only be replaced only in the event of serious injury up to one day before the kick-off of his team's first match after AFF have received a detailed medical assessment and only after the acceptance and confirmation by the AFF appointed Medical doctor. The AFF appointed Medical doctor shall issue a letter of consent stating that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the tournament. Upon approval, the participating Member Association shall immediately nominate a replacement from the preliminary list of twenty-five (25) players and inform AFF accordingly. AFF shall not be responsible for any costs incurred due to a player replacement including airfares.
- 5.6. Only players who are bona fide nationals of the country they represent are eligible to participate in this competition in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes.
- 5.7. Documentations for the registration of players are, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Copy of valid passport containing full name, passport number, date of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality (group passport will not be accepted);
 - ii. Copy of national ID, if applicable;
 - iii. Copy of birth certificates (if requested);
 - iv. Passport-size coloured photo (taken within 3 months prior to the submission of the registration).
- 5.8. Failure to submit the duly completed Team's Registration (Players and Officials) by the deadline will be subjected to being sanctioned by the Asean Football Federation with a fine of USD10,000, be disqualified from the tournament and may be referred to the AFF Disciplinary & Ethics Committee for further sanctions.
- 5.9. The final registered players (14 players only) and officials (maximum 10 officials only) will be issued with Accreditation Cards authorised by the Asean Football Federation. Should a card be misplaced, the relevant Participating Team shall be required to pay USD500 as a replacement production fee.

6. **TEAM COLOURS AND NUMBERS**

- 6.1. Participating Teams must declare the first and second colours (second colour must be completely different from the team's first colour) of their respective teams and they are obliged to use these colours for all their matches. To avoid clash of colours, colours to be worn by teams for matches shall be determined at the Team Managers' Meeting.
- 6.2. All teams are obligated to bring along their first and second colours to every match. If in the opinion of the Match Commissioner and the Referees, the colours of the two opposing teams clash or it deemed necessary for television purpose, the colours must be changed, whereby the spare outfit may be used as a whole or in combination.

- 6.3. Goalkeepers must be provided with jerseys of different colours contrasting with those of the two teams bearing their registered numbers (e.g. there shall be at least two No. 1 jersey of different colours for the first-choice goalkeeper and 2 jerseys of different colours for the reserve goalkeeper). Under no circumstances will goalkeepers be allowed to play in jersey bearing numbers different from that were originally registered.
- 6.4. Players shall wear registered numbers on their jersey (back and front) and shorts. Numbers on jersey in contrasting colours shall be 25 cm in height at the back and 10 cm in height in the front, while the numbers on shorts shall be 10 cm in height in the front of the shorts (below right). Any team found guilty of allowing players to play in jerseys with numbers other than those registered shall be subject to disciplinary action including fines. Numbers should range from 1 - 25 in figures universally used, with the first goalkeeper's number being 1.
- 6.5. The players' surname shall also be shown in contrasting colour on the back of the shirts above the number (7.5 cm in height).
- 6.6. Any form of advertising on the outfit during this tournament shall be strictly forbidden. The authorized trademark of the manufacturer shall be allowed to appear only once on the shirt, once on the shorts and once on the socks. The trademark may be used alone as a logo or in combination with the names of the manufacturer but shall not exceed 20 cm² on the shirt and 12 cm² on the shorts and the sock. The emblem of the National Association may also be worn on the shirt.
- 6.7. The players' outfit must be approved by AFF. This should also apply to the goalkeepers' gloves, on which the trademark shall not exceed 5 cm².
- 6.8. Any form of advertising is forbidden on clothing worn by players and officials when they are at training grounds, in the hotel or during their free time. Advertising is also not permitted on tracksuits or other clothing worn by the players and delegation officials who are on the field of play and/or its surroundings.
- 6.9. Any breach of the foregoing contained in Article 6 will be subject to following sanction by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee:
 - i. USD5,000 (1st offence)
 - ii. USD10,000 (Repeated offence)
 - iii. Further infringement will result in more severe sanctions

7. TEAM BENCH AND TECHNICAL AREA

- 7.1. Up to a maximum of five (5) team officials and a maximum of nine (9) players (substitutes, injured or not playing) are allowed to sit on the team bench during the Match, provided they are in possession of the appropriate accreditation and access card.

- 7.2. All five (5) team officials on the team bench must possess valid accreditation card which shall always be worn during the match.
- 7.3. All players on the pitch and substitutes on the bench (14 players) must possess valid accreditation card which shall always be available for inspection whenever requested by Match Officials/AFF Officials. The accreditation cards shall also be available for inspection prior to the start of the match.
- 7.4. All persons on the bench must wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of the players and referees on the pitch. These kits must comply with the Equipment Regulations contained in Article 6.
- 7.5. Team 'A' shall occupy the left-hand side bench and Team 'B' shall be on the right-hand side as viewed from the Fourth Official Bench.
- 7.6. Individuals serving suspension, non-playing Players and Team Officials who are not listed in 'Officials on the Team Bench List' are not permitted to enter the Field of Play and/or sit on the team bench. They may sit at the designated area in the stand for Team Delegation.

8. FIFA BEACH SOCCER LAWS OF THE GAME

- 8.1. All matches shall be played in accordance with the FIFA Beach Soccer Laws of the Game as promulgated by the International Board and published by FIFA.
- 8.2. In the case of conflicting interpretation of the FIFA Beach Soccer Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.

9. MODE OF COMPETITION

9.1. One Round League Group Competition

- 9.1.1. Participating teams shall play one round league competition.
- 9.1.2. Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a draw and none (0) for a defeat.
- 9.1.3. Ranking shall be determined by the greater number of points obtained in all the matches.
- 9.1.4. The 1st ranked team shall be declared as Champions, 2nd ranked team shall be declared as Runners-up and 3rd ranked team shall be declared as 3rd Placed Team of the tournament.
- 9.1.5. If two or more teams tie on points, their position will be determined as follows:
 - i. goal difference resulting from the group matches;
 - ii. greater number of goals scored in the group matches;

- iii. result of the direct match between the teams concerned;
- iv. Kicks from the penalty mark if the teams concerned are still on the field of play;
- v. the lowest score using Fair Play Criteria (**Appendix 1**)
- vi. the drawing of lots

9.1.6. The Tournament Committee has the right to reschedule the final matches of any group/groups if such matches are deemed to affect the result of the other matches concerned, they may be rescheduled to be played simultaneously in two different venues.

10. DURATION OF PLAY

10.1. The duration of every match shall be three (3) equal periods of twelve (12) minutes, with a three (3) minutes interval between each period of play as stipulated in the FIFA Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

11. REFEREES

11.1. Only FIFA Registered Beach Soccer Referees shall be appointed to referee in the Tournament.

12. REFEREES' REPORTS

12.1. Referees' Reports shall be made in the forms provided and such reports shall be handed to the Secretary of the Local Organizing Committee or his representative not later than three hours after the termination of each match.

12.2. The AFC/AFF Report forms should be completed by the Referee and forwarded to the General Coordinator who will subsequently fax to AFC/AFF.

13. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES, APPEALS AND PLAYERS CAUTIONED OR DISMISSED FROM FIELD OF PLAY

13.1. Disciplinary measures

13.1.1. All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the current AFF Statutes, AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code and any relevant AFF circulars.

13.1.2. The AFF may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the Member Associations thirty (30) days before the first Match of the Competition at least.

13.1.3. All participating players agree to:

- a) Respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;

- b) Behave accordingly; and
- c) Refrain from doping

13.2. **Good Conduct**

13.2.1. Member Associations are liable for the improper conduct of:

- a) any member of its Team official Delegation; and/or
- b) Any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Competitions.

13.2.2. For any violation, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may issue any sanction listed in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

13.3. **Cautions and Expulsions**

13.3.1. All matters relating to cautions and/or expulsions, including the carrying forward of cautions between stages of the Competition, shall be undertaken in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code except where expressly set out below and pursuant to any disciplinary circulars issued therein.

13.4. **Protest**

13.4.1. A protest is an objection of any kind to any matter that has a direct effect on matches and any matters related to breach of these Regulations of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

13.4.2. Unless otherwise stipulated, to be considered valid, protest shall be:

- a) Submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner within two (2) hours of the end of the Match in question;
- b) Followed up with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, sent to the Secretariat of the AFF Disciplinary Committee at legal@aseanfootball.org within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the Match;
- c) Accompanied by non-refundable fee of USD500 submitted to the AFF bank account within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the match.

13.4.3. No protest shall be lodged relating to the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected to play. Such decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal, unless expressly otherwise stipulated in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

13.4.4. Should AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee determine that a protest is unfounded or irresponsible, it may impose a fine.

13.4.5. If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded. Following the completion of the final Match of the Competition, all protest shall be disregarded.

13.4.6. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall make decisions on protest. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may transfer a protest to the Tournament Committee for its decision if it is deemed to be purely operational in nature.

14. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

14.1. The Tournament Committee shall consist of a Chairman and two members. The Match Commissioner shall chair the Tournament Committee. The Members shall be the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee and the Referee Assessor.

14.2. All decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be final.

14.3. The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for:-

14.3.1. Tournament match scheduling, which shall include dates, kick off times and venues.

14.3.2. Ensuring that matches are played in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game and in conformity with these Regulations.

14.3.3. Decisions in cases of force majeure.

15. REFEREES ASSESSOR

15.1. The AFF shall appoint a Referee Assessor who shall be responsible for the daily appointment and assessment of the Referees.

15.2. The Referee Assessor shall appoint the Referee for all matches to officiate in this tournament.

16. SECURITY COMMITTEE

16.1. The Organising Federation shall form a Security Committee whose Chairman shall be a security officer holding a high position in the Police Force of the country.

16.2. Each participating team shall include a high-ranking police officer to accompany the team and he/she shall be a member of the Security Committee.

16.3. The Security Committee shall follow all guidelines, rules and regulations and measures recommended by FIFA to ensure there is security on and off the field at all times.

16.4. The Organising Federation shall be responsible to provide security arrangements to all participants, officials and referees to prevent violent incidents. Such security

arrangements shall cover the stadium and its vicinity, the training grounds, hotels, games village, etc.

17. WITHDRAWALS, WALKOVERS AND ABANDONED MATCHES

- 17.1. Participating teams shall play every match.
- 17.2. If, through the fault of any participating team, a match cannot take place or be played in its entirety, the Tournament Committee shall declare the match to be forfeited awarding victory and resultant three (3) points to the opposing team as well as the score 5-0, or more, if the opposing team has already achieved a higher score.
- 17.3. All cases related to withdrawals, walkovers and abandoned matches will be dealt with by the Tournament Committee. The decisions of the Committee regarding these matters are final.

18. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- 18.1. The interpretation of these rules and all matters not provided for shall be dealt with by the Tournament Committee in consultation with the Asean Football Federation whose decision shall be final.

19. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- 19.1. In the event of any disagreement in the interpretation of these rules, the Asean Football Federation will be the final authority on all technical regulations.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

1. OFFICIAL REPORT FORMS

- 1.1. The Hosting Member Association shall submit a Report Form, List of Players and Referee's Report to FIFA/AFC and AFF within 48 hours after the completion of each match.
- 1.2. A detailed statement of accounts showing the gross receipt and the amount deducted for government or municipal taxes must be sent to the AFC Secretariat duly completed, within 30 days of the tournament. Levy is payable to FIFA and AFC in accordance with their regulations.
- 1.3. The Referees Assessment forms must be completed by the member-in-charge of Referees after each match and sent to AFC/AFF Secretariat within 24 hours.
- 1.4. The designated Match Commissioner's Report Form as well as the Match Data Sheet including results and cases of cautions, expulsions and serious incidents (if any) shall be completed and transmitted to the AFC/AFF Secretariat immediately after the match. The originals must be posted to the Secretariat afterwards.

2. **COMPETITION REPORT**

- 2.1. The Organizing Member Association shall send a report of the Tournament to the General Secretaries of AFC and AFF within 30 days of the completion of the tournament. The report may be brief, but shall be as complete as possible and shall contain necessary items such as names of competing countries, names of referees and assistant referees, the difficulties met with the recommendations offered for the benefit of future tournaments.

3. **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Organizing Committee shall provide the following:

3.1. **AFF Delegation and Match Officials**

- 3.1.1. Accommodation in a good hotel – two days before the commencement of the tournament and one day after the assignment.
- 3.1.2. Rooming arrangements for appointed AFF Officials and Match Officials are as follows:
 - i. AFF Officials - Single rooms
 - ii. Match Officials - Twin sharing rooms
- 3.1.3. Meals three (3) times a day of international buffet style with sufficient quantity. Halal food or specific dietary requirements should be catered for.
- 3.1.4. Laundry - 6 pieces per day (no dry cleaning)
- 3.1.5. Internal transportation for training, matches and sightseeing as follows:
 - i. Head of Delegation and Match Commissioner to be provided with a car each.
 - ii. General Coordinator and the AFF Secretariat to be provided with a Van.
- 3.1.6. Free medical treatment including approved hospital facilities
- 3.1.7. Secretariat rooms for AFF Officials at the hotel and at the stadium to be fully equipped with the following equipment:
 - i. Two (2) laptop/computers with internet connection
 - ii. One (1) laser printer connected to both computers
 - iii. One (1) scanner connected to both computers
 - iv. Photocopy machine 2 unit (1 at hotel & 1 at stadium)
 - v. Fax and phone with IDD line (1 at hotel & 1 at stadium)
 - vi. White board
 - vii. Stationeries
 - viii. Sim cards

- 3.1.8. A meeting and briefing room for the Referees in the hotel equipped with whiteboard and stationery together with audio-visual equipment (DVD/VCD/video player, TV and/or LCD projector).
- 3.1.9. Four (4) sets of match recording (CD/DVD/USB) to be made available latest the following morning of the match for distribution as follows:
 - i. Two (2) playing teams
 - ii. AFF
 - iii. Referee Assessor/Match Officials
- 3.1.10. Host Association will provide insurance cover for the duration of the tournament including repatriates.
- 3.1.11. The Hosting Member Association shall also be responsible for the costs of the medical treatments for all members of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials from their arrival until their departure.

3.2. Teams

- 3.2.1. Good accommodation – two days before the commencement of the tournament and one day after the team’s last match.
- 3.2.2. Rooming arrangements for each team are as follows:
 - i. Officials & Players - 1 single room & 9 twin sharing rooms
 - ii. Equipment room - 1 empty room for equipment storage
 - iii. Total: 11 rooms for each team
- 3.2.3. Meals three (3) times a day of international buffet style with sufficient quantity. Halal food or specific dietary requirements should be catered for.
- 3.2.4. A light snack on team’s match days.
- 3.2.5. Laundry - 4 pieces per day (no dry cleaning).
- 3.2.6. Internal transportation for training, matches and sightseeing. A car to be made available for the Team Manager.
- 3.2.7. Ample supply of water, ice and refreshments for the teams during the match, during training and at the hotel.
- 3.2.8. A briefing room in the hotel equipped with white board and audio-visual equipment (DVD/VCD/video player, TV and/or LCD projector) throughout the duration of the tournament.

3.2.9. The respective Member Associations must conclude the necessary general insurance policies for their players and officials whilst the Host Association will provide insurance cover for the duration of the tournament including repatriates.

3.2.10. The Hosting Member Association shall provide free medical treatment, including hospital facilities for injuries and emergencies incurred and sustained during the tournament as follows:

- i. Out-patient treatment (non-admission to hospital);
- ii. Minor surgeries (e.g. suturing);
- iii. Radiological investigations (x-rays); and
- iv. Emergency treatment

However, the Participating Teams shall be responsible for the cost of the following treatments:

- i. Hospitalisation (admission to hospital)
- ii. Surgical operations not provided in Article 3.2.10; and
- iii. Specialised investigative procedures (e.g. MRI, C-Scan)

4. DOPING CONTROL

4.1. Doping Control tests, if necessary, will be carried out in accordance with the procedure as set out by FIFA.

5. TROPHY

5.1. The Hosting Member Association to provide the following trophies for the championship:

- i. Fair play trophy (as mentioned below)

5.2. AFF will provide the following medals for the championship:

- i. Challenge/Champions trophy
- ii. Individual medals for Champion, Runner-up and 3rd place (19 medals of each)
- iii. Commemorative memento for officiating Match Officials in the final match (4 pieces)

6. FAIR PLAY

6.1. In every match of this competition, fair play should be actively promoted through the Fair Play flags, cards, posters, etc.

6.2. The Hosting Member Association will present a Fair Play Trophy to the best team, which will be picked by the Tournament Committee based on marks allocated in the FIFA Guidelines for choosing the Fair Play Winner.

Appendix 1: Determining the Ranking in a Group using Fair Play criteria

1. Each Participating Team shall be awarded points for receiving red and yellow cards as indicated below:
 - i. per yellow card: one (1) point;
 - ii. per red card (as a consequence of two yellow cards): three (3) points;
 - iii. per red card (direct): three (3) points; and
 - iv. per yellow card followed by a red card (direct): four (4) points.

2. The Participating Team receiving the least number of points shall be ranked highest. The remaining Participating Teams shall be ranked in descending order.