

## Technical Regulations - Football

### 1. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The technical committee will be composed of the ICSD Technical Director for Football and members appointed by the Organising Committee:

----- - ICSD Technical Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ - FIFA Representative  
\_\_\_\_\_ - FIFA Representative  
\_\_\_\_\_ - Sports Liaison Officer  
\_\_\_\_\_ - Deaf Representative

### 2. PROTEST COMMITTEE

----- - ICSD Technical Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ - FIFA Representative  
\_\_\_\_\_ - FIFA Representative  
\_\_\_\_\_ - Sports Liaison Officer  
\_\_\_\_\_ - Deaf Representative

### 3. EVENTS

Team tournament competition will be conducted for men and women.

### 4. PARTICIPANTS

#### 4.1. Age Eligibility

There is no age limit for either male or female athletes to participate at international level in football and the National Federation should obtain parental authorisation for athletes 16 years and under (born 1997 or after).

**4.2.** Each National Federation may enter one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team. Participation in the Summer Deaflympics is limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) men's teams and sixteen (16) women's teams.

**Men Teams (16):** XXX (2012 World Champion) -

**Women Teams (?):** XXX (2012 World Champion) -

#### 4.3. Number of Players

Each team may have a maximum of 23 players.

**4.3.1.** Each national federation that qualifies for the final competition shall enter 23 players (three of whom shall be goalkeepers) numbered from 1 to 23. The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the official player's list. A goalkeeper shall wear the number 1.

**4.3.2.** The list of 23 players (showing the full last name(s), every first name, popular name, date of birth and passport number and country) shall be submitted to the Secretariat, using the official form for this purpose, no later than 14 (fourteen) full days before the opening match in the final competition. Only these 23 players (except in the case of force majeure recognized by the Organising Committee for the Summer Deaflympics will be permitted to compete in the final competition.

**4.3.3.** A listed player may only be substituted in the event of serious injury leading up to 24 hours before his team's first match, after ICSD has received a detailed medical assessment in the official languages (English), and only after acceptance and confirmation by the Sports medical Committee that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the competition. The national federation shall then immediately nominate the substitute and inform ICSD accordingly.

**4.3.4.** 23 players shall be included in the starting list for the match (11 selected players and 12 substitutes.) Up to maximum of three of the substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any during the match.

**4.3.5.** The Organising Committee will publish the official lists of 23 players from each country on paper to be handed out to all countries at the first Technical meeting. This information shall include the players' shirt numbers, family names, first names and the names of the team coaches/managers (including background staff).

**4.3.6.** Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible or suspended player will forfeit the match. Victory and three points and/or a score of 3-0 will be awarded to the opposing team, or greater, depending on the score of the match.

**4.4.** Male and Female - The provisions of this code apply to the male and female gender, regardless of the choice of words and expressions.

## **5. REGISTRATION**

**5.1.** The deadline for preliminary registration for team sports is .....

**5.2.** The deadline for final registration for team sports is ..... except for teams still playing in qualifying rounds. Such teams have to confirm their participation immediately after having completed the qualifying rounds.

**5.3.** The final registrations with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than ..... Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

**5.4.** No changes or additional entries will be accepted after .....

## **6. VENUES**

### **6.1. Competition Venue**

The Football events will take place at the following stadiums:

### **6.2. Training Venue**

The training venues are available at .....

## **7. SCHEDULE-**

### **7.1. Competition Schedule**

Refer to the competition schedule on the Games website.

### **7.2. Training Schedule**

Refer to the training schedule on the Games website.

## **8. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **8.1. Technical Organisation**

ICSD is responsible for the technical organisation of the Football competitions.

### **8.2. Competition Rules**

The Football competitions will be conducted in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game (version 2007/2008). In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

**8.2.1.** Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with Deaflympics Regulations, General Technical Rules – Summer Deaflympics, and this Football Technical Regulations.

**8.2.2.** Technical questions related to competition rules shall be resolved according to the FIFA Rules and Regulations.

Only athletes who comply with the Deaflympics Regulations are entitled to take part in the Deaflympics Football competitions.

### **8.3. Competition Equipment**

All equipment used during competitions will comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

#### **8.3.1. Footballs**

The footballs chosen for the preliminary and final competitions shall conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three quality standard designations licensed by FIFA: 'FIFA Approved', 'FIFA Inspected' or 'International Matchball Standard'. The competition official match balls will be NIKE T90 Omni series - T90 OMNI AFC SC1426-123.

### **8.3.2. Goals and Nets**

The goals and nets will comply with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## **8.4. Competition Clothing**

**8.4.1.** Each team shall wear its official colours as identified on the official entry by ..... If the two teams colours might cause confusion, team A of the official match schedule shall be entitled to wear its official outfit and team B shall use its reserve outfit or, if necessary, a combination of the official and the reserve outfit; ICSD - Technical Committee decides the matter.

Please note that team shirts predominantly of black colour are forbidden, as it will clash with the referee's uniform.

**8.4.2.** In addition to the official outfit, each team shall have a reserve outfit (reserve colours), which shall also be declared on the entry form. The colours of the reserve outfit (shirt, shorts and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colours of the official outfit (shirt, shorts and socks). The reserve outfit shall also be taken to every match.

**8.4.3.** Throughout the final competition, each player shall wear the number allotted to him on the official players' list. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the outfits (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and possibly television viewers. These numbers shall be between 25cm 35cm in height in the centre of the back of the shirt, between 10cm and 15cm in height on the front of the shirt in any position at chest level, and between 10cm and 15cm in height in any position on the front of either leg of the shorts.

**8.4.4.** The national federation's emblem may also be worn as a badge on the shirt.

**8.4.5.** With the exception of the manufacturer's trademark, no kind of identification of sponsors or any other third party or slogans of a political, commercial, religious or racist nature or any others slogans are permitted on any garments or equipment of players and goalkeepers (shirts, vests, shorts, thermal shorts, socks, gloves, caps, underwear etc.) in the entire pitch area.

**8.4.6.** The manufacturer's authorized trademark may be used once as a graphic logo or name, or graphic logo and name combined (in accordance with the Deaflympics Regulations).

### **8.5. Draw**

The draw for [teams](#) participating in the preliminary round of the men's and women's tournament was held on .....

## **8.6. Competition Plan**

### **8.6.1. Preliminary Round**

**Men:** The participating sixteen (16) teams will be divided into four groups of four (4) teams each. During the preliminary round, each team will play the other teams in its group.

**Women:** The participating eight (8) teams will be divided into two groups of four (4) teams each. During the preliminary round, each team will play the other teams in its group.

### **8.6.2. Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and Classifications**

**Men:** After the preliminary round the 1st and 2nd placed team of each group shall play quarterfinals: (A1 v C2) (B1 v D2) (C1 v A2) (D1 v B2).

The winners of the quarterfinals will play semi-finals: (A1/C2 v D1/B2) (B1/D2 v C1/A2). The losers of the quarterfinals will play for the 5th to 8th places.

The teams placed 3rd and 4th in the groups will play for the places 9th to 16th.

**Women:** After the preliminary round the 1st and 2nd placed team of each group shall play semi-finals: (A1 v B2) (B1 v A2).

The teams placed 3rd and 4th in the groups will play for the places 5th to 8th.

### **8.6.3. Finals**

The winners of the semi-finals will play for 1st and 2nd places, the losers for 3rd and 4th places.

### **8.6.4. Classification of Teams**

1. The system of competition shall be similar to the league system, each team playing a match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw and no point for each match lost.
2. Ranking in each group shall be determined as follows:

- a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
- b) goal difference in all group matches;
- c) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- d) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- e) goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- f) greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- g) drawing of lots by the Deaflympics Organising Committee.

**8.6.5.** Each match shall last 90 minutes (two periods of 45 minutes), with an interval as laid down in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

**8.6.6.** If the result of a match in the quarterfinals, semi-finals or the finals at the end of the prescribed time is a draw, and if extra time must be played, this must always consist of two periods of 15 minutes each, with an interval of 5 minutes at the end of the prescribed time, but

not between the periods of extra time. If, with extra time played, the match is still a draw, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the provisions as laid down in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## **8.7. Officials**

### **8.7.1. Referees**

Allocation of 4 officials per match (a referee, 2 assistant referees and a fourth official) to conduct the matches shall be made by the technical committee. Where possible, referees shall be in possession of an FIFA international referee license valid for ..... However, referees with National or State accreditation may be used. A copy of all referee's qualification shall be submitted to the ICSD Football Technical Director a minimum of 14 (fourteen) full days before the first Technical meeting.

**8.7.1.1.** If the referee or one of his assistants is prevented from carrying out his duties before or during a match as a result of injury, indisposition etc... s/he shall be replaced by the fourth official.

**8.7.1.2.** At the conclusion of each match, the referee shall fill in an official match report form and he shall hand it over to the tournament director of the competition at the venue immediately after the match.

On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences before, during and after the match in as much detail as possible such as:

- a) Misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion
- b) Unsporting behaviour of officials, supporters and any person acting on behalf of a national
- c) Any other incidents.

**8.7.1.3.** All referees and assistant referees shall use a flag (and a whistle at their discretion) to indicate the commencement or restart of play, to stop or delay play due to an infringement or injury, or to indicate that time has expired in the half. The flag is an important tool for the referee along with verbal, body and eye communication.

### **8.7.2. Appointment**

The Organizing Committee shall appoint an appropriate number of referees, scorers, timekeepers, etc.

## **8.8. Withdrawal**

**8.8.1.** If a team withdraws after the Summer Deaflympics have begun or is disqualified during the group matches, the group must continue without this team or a replacement. The matches played by the team concerned will not be taken into consideration and all scores and points earned will be rescinded.

**8.8.2.** If a team does not report for a match – except in cases of force majeure recognised by the Deaflympics Organising Committee - or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of a match, the team will be considered as having lost. The match and three points will be awarded to its opponents with a score of 3-0 or more if, in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team has already reached a higher score at the time the guilty team leaves the field.

## **9. PROTESTS**

### **9.1. Procedure for lodging a protest**

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance to the FIFA Laws of the Game and will be managed by the Football Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing in English on the Official Deaflympics Protest Form. The form must be given to the ICSD Technical Director with USD \$50 within 30 minutes after official posted results.

The ICSD Technical Director will decide whether the protest is sporting related or eligibility related. The Football Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the ICSD Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of USD \$50 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

### **9.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest**

The Football Protest Committee will meet in the Technical Directors office in Taipei Municipal Stadium at a time decided upon by the chairperson of the committee.

- The ICSD Technical Director will be the chairperson of the committee.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible to book the meeting room and interpreters.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will contact all committee members to inform them of the meeting time and location.
- The ICSD Technical Director will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.

The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible for informing Games Headquarters GHQ and the ICSD Technical Director will be responsible for informing ICSD Executive Committee about the protest and also the outcome of the protest.

## **10. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS**

### **10.1. Hearing Aids**

The use of any hearing aid/amplification or external cochlear implant parts are not permitted within the restricted zone area.

#### **10.1.1. Restricted Zone Area**

The restricted zone area is in effect from the time athletes enter on the match zone (pitch) during the warm-up and competition period.

### **10.1.2. Violation and Penalty**

When this rule is violated, the match shall immediately be stopped and the offending team shall lose by 0-3. Refer to [Audiogram Regulations](#), *Article 6: VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES*.

### **10.2. Medical Control**

Refer to [General Technical Rules - Summer Deaflympics](#), *Article 4 - CONTROL AND SANCTIONS*.

## **11. TECHNICAL MEETING**

### **11.1. Date and Location**

The Football technical meeting will be held on .....

### **11.2. Attendance**

Each participating National Federation may be represented by two officials, of whom at least one must be deaf and, if necessary, an interpreter.

Each National Federation must bring two (2) sets of uniforms to the meeting for review and approval.

## **12. CAUTIONS**

A yellow caution (yellow card) is a warning from the referee to a player during a match to sanction unsporting behaviour of a serious nature.

A red caution (red card) is a sending off offence from the referee to a player during a match to expel a player from the match.

Two cautions received during the same match incur an expulsion (indirect red card) and, consequently, automatic suspension from the next match.

The two cautions that incurred the red card are wiped clean;

The following incur an automatic suspension from the subsequent match;

- two (2) yellow cautions received in the same match of the same competition.
- two (2) yellow cautions received in two (2) different matches of the same competition.
- one (1) yellow caution and one (1) red received in the same match of the same competition.
- one (1) red caution received in the same match of the same competition.

All cautions that incurred an automatic suspension from the next match are wiped clean after suspension.

The Disciplinary Committee (ICSD) may extend the duration of this suspension.

If an abandoned match is to be replayed any caution issued during that match shall be annulled. If the match is not to be replayed, the cautions received by the team responsible for causing the match to be abandoned are upheld and if both teams are responsible then all cautions are upheld.

If a player is guilty of serious unsporting behaviour as defined (direct red card), any other caution s/he has previously received in the same match is upheld.

A match suspension deprives the player or team official's rights to enter a team's dressing rooms and/or the area immediately surrounding the field of play, and in particular to sit on the substitutes' bench. The suspended player or team official is permitted only to a designated area behind the spectators or outside the stadium.

### **12.1. Carrying Over Cautions**

Cautions received during one competition are not carried over to another competition.

They are, however, carried over from one round to the next same competition. All cautions are carried through from the group matches to the knockout stages. The Disciplinary Committee may exceptionally depart from this rule before the start of a particular competition. This provision is subject to art: 10.2.

### **12.2. Cancellation of Cautions**

At the request of a confederation, the Disciplinary Committee may cancel cautions that have not resulted in a match suspension so as to restore the balance among several teams that have not played the same number of matches during the Qualifying competition (APDSC, CADS, EDSO and PANAMDES confederations.)

In any case, the committee may do this only once in any competition.

The Disciplinary Committee's decision is final.