

Philippine National Games 2015

TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

I. **NAME OF COMPETITION**

- a. The Competition shall be called: "Philippine National Games (PNG) - Football"

II. **MANAGEMENT**

- a. The Competition shall be organized and managed by the Philippine Football Federation in collaboration with the Philippine Sports Commission.

III. **PARTICIPANTS**

- a. Participants in the Tournament shall be those who are Members of the Philippine Football Federation or delegate teams from the different LGUs
 - i Men's Category - **Men's U-19 (18 yrs. old & below) Born 1997**
 - ii Women's Category - **Open age group**
- b. Teams after confirming their participation and for any reason withdrawing subsequently will automatically not be invited to participate in the next staging of the Philippine National Games.

IV. **AWARDS**

- a. Certificates of Participation and medals shall be awarded to the Winning Team.
- b. In addition, special awards, Most Valuable Player (MVP), Best Mid-Fielder, Best Defender and Top Scorer awards will be given.

V. **REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS**

- a. Each team shall register a Team Roster of not more than twenty-five (25) players, with a copy of the registered player's passport or Birth Certificate, not later than 25

May 2015 before the commencement of the tournament (Form 1). Such registration shall be submitted to the PNG Games Secretariat.

- b. A maximum of four (4) designated officials for the Competition can be registered for each team at the Team Managers' Meeting before the commencement of the competition.
- c. Final Registration of Players & Officials for the Competition and Final Match.
 - i. Final registration of twenty-three (23) players will be registered at the 1st Team Managers' Meeting which will be held one day before the commencement of the competition.
 - ii. Only eighteen (18) players from the final list of twenty-three (23) players can be registered for each match in the Elimination Round of the Regional Finals.
 - iii. A player listed on the final list of eighteen (18) maybe replaced only in the event of serious injury up until one day before the kick-off of his team's first match after PFF has received a detailed medical assessment and only after the acceptance and confirmation by the PFF appointed Medical doctor. The appointed Medical doctor shall issue a certificate stating that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the Philippine National Games. Upon approval, the participating Member Association / LGU shall immediately nominate a replacement from the preliminary list of players and inform PFF accordingly. PFF shall not be responsible for any cost due to a player replacement including airfares.
An injured Goalkeeper can be replaced at anytime from the preliminary register list of players and must fulfil all the above medical requirements.
- d. Only natural born Filipino players are eligible to participate in this competition in accordance with the Regulations Governing the PNG and certified by their PFA and their concerned LGU.

NOTE: The National Team members are required to participate.

VI. COLOURS AND NUMBERS OF TEAM

- a. Participating teams must declare the first and second colours of their respective teams and they are obliged to use these colours for all their matches.
- b. To avoid clash of colours, uniform colours to be worn by teams for matches shall be determined at the Team Managers' Meeting whose decision is final.
- c. 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 (if available), the colours must be changed, whereby the spare outfit may be used

as a whole or in combination. In this instance, Team A (Home Team) shall have preference over Team B in the choice of colours.

- d. 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 (one) jersey of different colours for the first choice goalkeeper and two (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.
- e. Players shall wear registered numbers on their jersey (back and front) and shorts. Numbers on jersey in contrasting colours shall be 25cm in height at the back and 10cm in height in the front, while the numbers on shorts shall be 10cm 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 (one) to 35 (thirty-five) in figures universally used, with the first goalkeeper's number being 1 (one).
- f. The players' surname shall also be shown in contrasting colour on the back of the shirts above the number (7.5cm in height).
- g. 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 20cm² on the shirt and 12cm² on the shorts and the sock. The emblem of the **Provincial Football Association** may also be worn on the shirt.
- h. Any and all form of advertising on other garments or equipment (T-shirts, track suits, jackets, wristbands etc.) or on other material and accessories (kit bags, beverage containers, plastic bottles, etc) belonging to players, goalkeepers, team officials etc. is allowed inside and outside the stadium during official training sessions and match days and during official Press Conferences.
- i. The tournament logo may be displayed on the right sleeve of the player's jersey.
- j. Any breach of the rules regarding advertising will be subject to sanction by the Tournament Disciplinary Committee.

VII. LAWS OF THE GAME

- a. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as promulgated by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.

VIII. **MODE OF COMPETITION**

The Philippine National Games shall consist of two (2) stages as follows:

- a) Regional Eliminations (format of competitions will depend on the number of teams participating)
- b) National Finals (Regional champion teams plus Men's U-23 team)
 - i. Elimination Round – Should there be more than eight (8) entries per division, participating teams will be grouped (depending on the number of entries) into 4 or 5 teams per group and will play a 'SINGLE ROUND' within their respective groups. Top teams per group will move up to the Group Stage to play 'SINGLE KNOCK-OUT'. Winners will play in the 'SEMI-FINAL STAGE', should there be more than two (2) groups, to determine who will play in the FINAL MATCH.
 - ii. Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a draw and (0) none for a defeat.
 - iii. The Top Team per group will qualify for the Final Elimination Round Match.
 - iv. Ranking in each group shall be determine as follows:-
 - i. Greater number of points obtained in all the group matches;
 - ii. Goal difference in all the group matches;
 - iii. Greater number of goals scored in all the group matches. If two or more teams are equal on the basis on the above three criteria, the place shall be determined as follows:-
 - iv. Result of the direct match between the teams concerned;
 - v. Kicks from the penalty if the teams concerned are still on the field of play;
 - vi. Drawing lots by the Organising Committee for the PNG 2015-16.
 - v. The Organising 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.

IX. **DURATION OF PLAY**

- a. The duration of every match shall be ninety (90) minutes, divided into two (2) halves, each of forty-five (45) minutes, with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes. The interval may only be extended with the consent of the Referee.
- b. Whenever there is an extension of time, no player shall be allowed to leave the field of play unless consent has been given by the Referee.

X. **SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS**

- a. Not more than six (6) players may be substituted during a match, including extension time from the list of named reserves, who must be declared before the commencement of each match.

XI. **SUBSTITUTE BENCH**

- a. During matches, only seven (7) players and four (4) designated officials will be allowed on the substitutes' bench.

XII. **MEDALS**

- a. Only twenty-two (22) medals will be presented to the champion and Runner-up teams at the presentation ceremony – eighteen (18) for players and four (4) for officials.
- b. Special awards shall also be given out.

XIII. **REFEREES ASSESSOR**

The appointed Referees Assessor will be responsible for all matters pertaining to refereeing in the competition.

XIV. **REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES**

- a. Only FIFA / PFF Registered Referees and Assistant Referees shall be appointed to referee in the Tournament and they will be paid the approved rates of payment.

XV. **PLAYERS CAUTIONED OR DISMISSED FROM FIELD OF PLAY**

- a. A player who received two (2) cautions during the competition shall automatically be suspended for the match following the match in which he received the second caution.
- b. A player dismissed from the field of play by a Referee shall automatically be suspended for the next match and shall remain suspended until his case has been decided by the Disciplinary Committee.
- c. Single yellow card received in the Elimination Round competitions will not be carried forward to the Final Match.
- d. Suspension from red card offences and double yellow cards in two (2) different matches will be in force throughout the tournament.

XVI. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- a. A Disciplinary Committee shall be formed consisting of a Chairman and four (4) members.
- b. The Chairman shall be the Head of PFF Competitions Department and four (4) others who may take part in the discussions or vote when the relevant item is being adjudicated.
- c. All members of the Disciplinary Committee including the Chairman, shall NOT be members of the PNG Organising Committee.
- d. The Disciplinary Committee shall meet within 24 hours of the end of the match.
- e. The Disciplinary Committee shall deal with the following:-
 - i. In case of players being dismissed from the field of play.
 - ii. Any misconduct by an official or player, which has been reported to or come under the notice of the committee.
 - iii. Any written request or a complaint on disciplinary matter made by the manager of a participating team. Such a written request or complaint shall be handed to the Secretary of the PNG Organising Committee within three (3) hours of the incident. Any other matter will be dealt with by the Tournament Committee.
 - iv. The Disciplinary Committee may only suspend a player from taking further part in the matches of the Tournament. If more severe action is deemed necessary, the Provincial Football Association to which the player belongs must be informed and any further action shall be the responsibility of the Philippine Football Federation.
 - v. All decisions of the Disciplinary Committee on questions of fact shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal, judicially or otherwise.

XVII. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- a. The Tournament Committee shall consist of a Chairman and two (2) members. The Match Commissioner shall chair the Tournament Committee. The Members shall be the Chairman of the PNG Organising Committee and the Referee Assessor.
- b. All decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be final.
- c. The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for:-
 - i. Tournament match scheduling, which shall include dates, kick off times and venues.
 - ii. Ensuring that matches are played in accordance with the Laws of the Game and in conformity with these Regulations.

- iii. Taking any disciplinary action, including the imposition of fines and/or penalties, in accordance with these regulations and Article 33 of the FIFA Statutes, except those referred to the Disciplinary Committee by these Regulations.
- iv. Decisions in cases of force majeure.

XVIII. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- a. PFF shall appoint an Appeals Committee consisting of a Chairman and two PFF Members. The PFF General Secretary shall chair the Appeals Committee.
- b. Members of the Appeals Committee shall NOT be members of the PNG Organising Committee or the Disciplinary Committee.
- c. The Committee will deal with all appeals, protests, etc. arising from the tournament and also has the jurisdiction to hear appeals against decision of the Disciplinary Committee. All decisions of the Committee shall be final.