

INTER SCHOOL SAHODAYA SPORTS' COMPETITION

FOOTBALL

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **Rules Applicable:** The tournament shall be played as per the rules and regulations of all India Football Federation (AIFF). Host school will not participate in the same cluster.
2. **Eligibility:** Only bonafide students of the schools who have been on the rolls of the School from the beginning of the academic year or term shall be eligible to play in the tournament for the school team subject to below age criteria:
 - Under 14 Category - Born on or after 1.1.2005
 - Under 17 Category - Born on or after 1.1.2002
 - Under 19 Category - Born on or after 1.1.2000
3. **Documents:** The below mentioned documents are mandatory for all the participants to submit with the Organizing Secretary:
 - Duly filled (in BLOCK LETTERS only) Eligibility Form of each player.
 - Duly filled (in BLOCK LETTERS only) Summary Sheet.
 - The photograph of each player should be pasted and attested by respective Principals on the Eligibility Proforma.
 - There should be no over-writing on the Eligibility Proforma.
 - Photocopy of the Date of Birth Certificate issued by the State Government, duly attested by Gazetted Officer / Head of the Institution
 - Photocopy of the previous class Mark-sheet duly attested by Gazetted Officer / Head of Institution.
 - Eligibility Form of each player and the Summary Sheet must be signed by the Head of the Institution with the school seal.
 - A list of participants with Name, Class and Date of Birth, attested by the Head of the institution must be sent along with the Entry Forms.
 - All the supporting papers verifying the age of the player, etc. in original shall be carried personally by the Team Manager/Coach while reporting for participation.
 - Participating team must submit team photograph of size 8"x12" including Principal, Team Manager/Coach duly countersigned by the Principal of the school.
 - Every participants should have the Medical Fitness Certificate.
 - For students/player studying in class IX and above must provide CBSE registration number given in class IX if the school is affiliated to CBSE.
 - For student/player studying in class XI/XII must provide a photocopy of class X certificate issued by the board & attested by the Principal.
4. **Directive / Disqualification:** Any violation of the eligibility shall be severely punished with disqualification of the school in the year. However, scratching of a team at any stage shall not hamper the progress of the tournament. If any school found guilty of wrong documents / information will be debarred from all Sahodaya activities.
5. **Award of Cards / Expulsion:** Cards for caution and expulsion will be carried on from the 1st match to the final match:-
 - In case a player receives two yellow cards in the same match, it will be considered equivalent to a Red Card. The player will be suspended for the next match.
 - After two yellow cards in different matches, the player shall be automatically suspended for the next one match.

- If such a suspended player(s) is fielded in the next match, the result of that match will be given in favor of the opponent team and the opponent team will be awarded 3 points.

6. Abandoning of Match:

- Abandoning of a match will only be declared by the referee after clearance from the Tournament Chairman.
- The abandoned match will be played as a fresh match at the earliest possible on any field available at host school. The team escorts of other teams may be taken for officiating the match

7. Protests: Protest, if any, should be lodged with a documentary proof in writing to the Organizing Secretary within 30 minutes after the match is over accompanied with a fee of ₹500/- (in cash) (Refundable if the protest is upheld). The decision of the Chairman and Organizing Committee in all matters of dispute will be final and binding to one and all.

8. Carrying of Identity Cards: All coaches and managers of the participating teams will keep with them the School Identity Cards / Aadhar Cards / Date of Birth Certificates of all the players and Self which need to be produced before or during the tournament on demand, anywhere in the school campus.

9. Match:

- The matches will be played on knock out basis with preliminary round being played on league basis.
- The duration of the league matches shall be 20-30 minutes. Final stage shall be 30-30 minutes; in case of a draw, extra time 15-15 minutes will be played. If there is no decision in extra time, tie breaker rule will be applied.

10. Team Composition: The teams will consist of 18 players + 02(coach / manager).

11. Kit: All the teams shall be in proper kit as per the guidelines of AIFF. No player shall change / exchange his jersey once a number has been allotted to him. In case of clash of colors of uniform, it shall be decided by a toss of a coin as to which team will wear bibs.

12. Discipline:

- Participation in the matches will not be allowed in the absence of the team in-charge.
- The team in-charge will be responsible for the conduct of his/her team on and off the field. Any damage done to the property of school during the stay by any participant will have to be compensated for, by the team in-charge.
- Indiscipline on the part of any team/officials/players will be viewed seriously and disciplinary action will be taken by the Technical & Disciplinary Committee.
- Any unfair and unwarranted behavior from anyone concerned may invite suspension from the tournament.
- Consumption of liquor, tobacco, cigarettes is strictly prohibited inside the School Campus and is punishable offence. Any indiscipline on the part of any team will lead to its disqualification from the tournament and the team may be asked to leave immediately.

13. Reporting Time and Venue:

- Time and Venue of the matches will be subject to change to suit the prevailing conditions. Teams, in case of any change, shall be notified accordingly.
- The participating team or participants should report at the venue 30 minutes before the scheduled time of match.

- If a participating team or participant did not reach the venue within 30 minutes after the scheduled time, walk-over will be awarded to the opponent.

14. **Carrying of Flags:** Every participating school team will bring two flags (One to be hoisted and the other for the march past) for the opening and closing ceremonies, which they will hand over to the Organizing Secretary on arrival or meeting of Coaches and Managers and will be returned after the tournament.
15. All the teams must be in their school uniform during all the ceremonies.
16. Participation in the Opening Ceremony is compulsory for all the teams.
17. The decision of the Chief Referee and the Technical Committee will be Final and binding on all the players/teams.
18. No cell phones are permitted for the students in campus.
19. The participating team will be responsible for their belongings and are advised not to carry any expensive items with them.
20. The school will not be responsible for any loss, mishap, illness or accident, which occurs during the championship, nevertheless all the adequate measures will be taken.
21. Any team/player not fulfilling the above requirements before the commencement of the Tournament shall not be permitted to participate.
22. The Managers and Coaches of the participating teams must fulfill all the formalities and clear all the dues before their departure.
23. The Host School reserves the right to make changes if any, in the schedule but must inform participating teams well in time.