



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Afghan Gold Cup Indoor Soccer Tournament

## Rules and Regulations:

### General Rules:

All games will be played in accordance with FIFA rules and regulations, except with the following amendments/conditions:

1. First round and Quarter-Final games will be 20 minutes each half with 3 minutes break. Teams will be awarded points as follows:

- 3 points for a win;
- 1 point for a tie;
- 0 points for a loss.

2. If two teams are tied in points, the team with the following statistic(s) will qualify to the next round in this order:

1. Highest goal difference	4. Count of Red Cards
2. Goals Against	5. Count of Yellow Cards
3. Goals Forward	6. If still tied, 2 penalty kicks per team

3. Semi-Finals and the Final game will be 25 minutes each half with 5 minutes break:

- In the case of a tie, there will be straight penalty shootouts.

4. In the event of a forfeit, the game will be scored 3-0 against the forfeited team or the team that does not show up for their game.

5. If both teams forfeit or do not show up, there will be no score and no points awarded to either teams.

### Players:

Each team is allowed a total of **12 Afghan players**. A list (Roster) of the participating players should be submitted on the day of Coaches meeting prior to the start of the tournament. Each team / club must have a coach or manager in order to participate in the tournament. \*The coach or manager is not allowed to play, unless he lists his name on the roster.



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## **Substitution:**

Each team is allowed to make unlimited substitutions.

## **Kick-off:**

The referee will wait no more than 5 minutes for the belated team. After that, the game will be awarded a victory (3-0) to the opposing team. As stated in the FIFA rules, any team with a total of 4 players (1 goalie, 3 field players) is considered enough and the game can proceed.

## **Players' behavior:**

Each team will be held accountable for the actions of the players that they include on their team list (Roster).

## **Uniform:**

All teams must have proper Jerseys with numbers. Each Team is required to have **alternate jerseys or pennies**. Home teams are listed first on the game schedule. Home teams will be required to change uniforms in the event of a color conflict or must rent a set of 12 pennies for \$20.00 per game from CASA or the game will not start.

## **Referees:**

All the referees in this tournament will be from Ontario Soccer Association. Players are not allowed to argue with referees' decisions. **Referees' decision is the final decision.**

## **Security and Safety:**

**CASA has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY ON FIGHTING. Any player that retaliates or participates in any fights during the Games and Tournament shall be banned for the entire ongoing tournament and the next event.**

## **During the Game Rules:**

Only the Manager and the players can sit on their team benches, **nobody else will be allowed**. In such an event that there are other people sitting on the benches, the game will be stopped and the Referee will give those people 2 minutes to leave the area. If failure to



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do so, the game will not continue and the result will be awarded a victory (3-0) to the opposing team.

## **Discipline:**

The standard FIFA rules apply. That is, if a player is red carded; he will not be able to play in the on going game and the next game. Or if a player receives two yellow cards in two consecutive games, he will not be able to play the following game. The cards will be carried over to play-offs.

In case, where a player is sent off for bad behavior and/or fighting, the members of the organizing committee will make further decisions. Only the captain or the coach of the involved team can approach this committee regarding the incident. No players shall approach the committee or the organizers!!!!

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Verbal threats can also be considered fighting and it is up the discretion of the referee and/or the organizers.

## **Tournament Registration Fee:**

There is a fee of \$600 CAD to participate in this tournament and the deadline is Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**PLEASE ENCLOSE APPLICABLE PAYMENT WITH THE APPLICATION.**

**Space is limited, Register early.**

Please pay Cash/Certified Cheques payable to **Canadian Afghan Sports Association.**