



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Afghan Gold Cup Indoor Tournament

## Soccer Rules and Regulations:

### 1. General Rules:

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

**1.1** 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.

**1.2** 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

**1.3** 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 and each team will take 3 penalty kicks and then if it is still tied it will go to sudden death where teams will choose 1 kicker at a time until a team wins.

**1.4** 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.

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

**1.6** Also, if a game is abandoned due to the actions of one team the game may be scored as a 3-0 default in the favor of the other team.

**1.7** All disputes throughout the tournament will be resolved by CASA's tournament/league organizers and its committee on site.

**1.8** The CASA organizers/directors reserve the right to expel any individuals from the tournament/league and the facility for any activity if it determines, while the activity is



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going on, that facility equipment or furnishings are being damaged. The party at fault will also be financially responsible for the damages.

**1.9** The CASA organizers/directors shall not be held accountable for any damaged, lost, or stolen items. All teams and players are responsible for all personal properties.

**1.10** The CASA organizers/directors reserve the right to suspend or expel any individuals from the tournament/league and the facility if it determines that the individual is endangering the health, safety or infringing on the rights of others.

**1.11** The CASA organizers/directors reserve the right to approve or deny acceptance of a team's or person's application to participate in the tournament/league.

**1.12** Any complaints about Referees and/or games must be put in writing (Complaint Form 101) and submitted to the CASA Soccer Committee or tournament/league organizers on site. Results of the game may not be changed. Only legitimate complaints will be entertained. Long protracted discussions or venting of opinions of Referees decisions will not be entertained. Any complaints from a team regarding the ineligibility of another team's player must be put in writing using "Complaint Form 101" that can be obtained from the CASA soccer committee/organizers and shall be signed and submitted to the committee.

**1.13** If a complaint from a team is arising during an ongoing game and it is regarding the ineligibility of another team's player, that team will have until the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> half of that game to write, sign and submit their complaint form.

### **2. Players:**

**2.1.** Any team, that has Non-Afghan player/s in their team, will forfeit any games which that player has played, no matter what stage in the tournament that team is.

**2.2.** Each team is allowed a total of **14 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.

**2.3.** If a player is to play, and that player is not on that team's given roster then that team will have to forfeit every game that player played for them.

**2.4 Government Issued Photo Identification:** Players are required to present to CASA, upon application to play and as an addition to their roster, one piece of government issued



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photo identification (driver's license, health card, etc.). We **do not** accept student card as a form of ID. Players unable to present government issued photo ID at any time during the tournament will not be allowed to participate in the tournament. Player ID is to be brought to every game. **No ID, No Game.**

**2.5** All players that are listed in the roster of each team must show up before their 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled game for a **Team Photo and ID checks** and at least play 1 game in 1<sup>st</sup> round.

**2.6** The tournament committee/organizers shall rule on all disputes with regards to player registration and eligibility, and the committee's decision will be final.

### **3. Substitution:**

**3.1** Unlimited substitutions shall be permitted. Substitutions are continuous during play and all players must enter and exit the field of play at the half line only when the player they are subbing is within 1 meter of the touch line nearest the team's bench.

**3.2** Substitution of goalkeepers must be reported directly to the referee, and made during a stoppage.

### **4. Kick-off:**

**4.1** 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.

**4.2** In the event of a delay in the start of a game, the referee may shorten each half to no less than 15 minutes per half; this is subject to the organizer's approval.

### **5. Players' behavior:**

**5.1** Each team will be held accountable for the actions of the players that they include on their team list (Roster), team officials and team spectators and is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent its players and spectators from abusing, threatening, poaching or assaulting organizers, officials, staff members, and/or players. Failure to control team players and spectators may result in suspension from the tournament/league and shall result in disciplinary measures with the **Toronto Police.**



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## **6. Uniform:**

**6.1** 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 \$10.00 per game from CASA.

**6.2** All players must wear shorts, stockings and shinguards. Goalkeepers are permitted to wear pants.

**6.3** Shinguards must be completely covered by the stockings and must be made of plastic, rubber or a similar suitable material and must provide a reasonable degree of protection.

**6.4** The use of shin guards is mandatory. **Outdoor cleats and jewelry are prohibited.** Only indoor shoes and turf shoes are permitted. All jewelries have to be removed before the start of the game.

## **7. The Start and Restart of Play:**

**7.1** A kick-off is a way of starting or restarting play:

- at the start of the match
- after a goal has been scored
- at the start of the second half of the match
- at the start of each period of extra time, where applicable
- directly from a goal kick
- directly from a corner kick
- directly from a kick-in

A goal may not be scored directly from the kick-off.

**7.2** All free kicks shall be classified as 'indirect'.

**7.3** If, while the ball is still in play, the referee is required to stop play temporarily for **any reason** not mentioned elsewhere in the Laws of the Game, the match is restarted with a dropped ball.

## **8. Referees:**

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



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## 9. During the Game Rules:

**9.1** Only the Coach, Manager and the players listed on a team's roster 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 do so, the game will not continue and the result will be awarded a victory (3-0) to the opposing team.

## 10. Discipline, Security and Safety:

**10.1** 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 player who receives the Red card must leave the team bench and viewing area immediately. The cards will be carried over to play-offs. Two yellow cards in one game is an automatic red card/ejection for that player and a 5 minutes team penalty. Yellow cards are 2 minutes team penalty but the referee sometimes may give a 2 minutes team penalty without giving a yellow card to that player.

**10.2** 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!!!!

**10.3** CASA has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY ON FIGHTING. Any player that retaliates or participates in any fights during the Games and tournament/league shall be banned for the entire ongoing tournament/league and may receive further suspension & monetary fines if the CASA soccer committee decides it is necessary.

**10.4** The CASA Soccer committee reserves the right to suspend and expel teams and/or players that who have acted in a manner that may be deemed dangerous to the facility and/or facility staff. Teams and players on teams instigating and/or participating in fights/brawls/theft may be immediately suspended and/or expelled from further play.

**10.5** Threatening or physically assaulting any CASA organizers/directors, staff, team player, referee, patron or any other person, whether or not causing injury, shall result in disciplinary measures with the **Toronto Police** and suspension for the entire ongoing tournament/league and may receive further suspension & monetary fines if the CASA soccer committee decides it is necessary.

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



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**10.7** The Canadian Afghan Sports Association has the right to levy monetary fines against players, teams or their officials where it is necessary to maintain a higher degree of control over the game of soccer. Teams may be required to pay bonds for current or future participation.

### **11. Tournament Registration Fees:**

**11.1.** There is a fee of \$650 CAD to participate in this tournament.

**11.2.** All registration fees are non-refundable. Teams cannot be officially registered to participate until registration fee has been fully received on or before the deadline. No payment results in disqualification. Absolutely, NO refunds are allowed.

**11.3.** The registration fee payment can be made by Cash/Certified Cheques payable to **Canadian Afghan Sports Association.**