



Manukau United Football Club Inc.

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NATIONAL MASTERS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

20th SM SINGH & BILLY SINGH MEMORIAL CUP 2019

TOURNAMENT RULES

26th February – 3rd March 2019

Mangere Centre Park Sports Stadium

Robertson Road, Mangere Auckland

1. ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION

- 1.1 The National Masters tournament shall be competed for by teams invited and accepted by the Organising committee.
- 1.2 Overseas teams shall be at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 1.3 **Players must be or reach Over 35, 40, 45 or 50 years during the calendar year of 2019** to participate in their respective groups. Player ID must be submitted with the final registration in the form of a Birth Certificate, Passport or Drivers Licence. *I.e. Born Year on or before for Grade 35 – 1984, Grade 40- 1979, Grade 45 – 1974, Grade 50 – 1969.*
- 1.4 A maximum of eight teams will be accommodated in each group in the tournament with priority given to teams who pay the full registration fees and submit a completed registration form on a first come first served basis on or before the deadline.
- 1.5 Any team playing in the Tournament may register a maximum of Twenty Two (22) players and Three (3) Officials. *Any one not registered on the Team list will not be entertained in any sort by the organising committee.*
- 1.6 The acceptance of team entries is at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 1.7 **Team participation is open to any ethnicity.**

2. ENTRY FEES

- 2.1 Every team participating in the **National Masters Football Tournament** is required to pay an entry fee of \$NZ 25 per player or \$NZ 500 for a 22 player registrations. This should be paid no later than the stipulated date set by the Organisers direct to Manukau United.

3. TEAM COLOURS



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- 3.1 Each team shall register an alternative colour uniform in addition to its registered colours which is to be advised to the organisers during registration.
- 3.2 When colours of 2 competing teams are similar, the Team that has registered its colours first with the Organisers may use the original colours. In the event of a disagreement, the Organising Committee shall decide and its decision shall be final.
- 3.3 All jerseys shall be numbered.
- 3.4 Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other players and match officials.
- 3.5 The wearing of Shin Pads is compulsory.

4 .FORM OF COMPETITION

- 4.1 The **National Masters Tournament** shall be played in four categories consisting of Over 35s, Over 40s, Over 45s and Over 50s
- 4.2 The total number of teams participating shall be 8 per grade, the teams will be placed in two (2) pools of four (4).
- 4.3 Top 2 teams from each pool per Grade shall play Cup Semi- Finals and the Cup Finals.
- 4.4 Where the teams are less than 8 in a grade, the Organising Committee will decide on a more suitable format and onward qualifications into the knock out stages.

5.DURATION OF MATCHES

- 5.1 All matches shall be of 40 minutes duration with two spells of 20 minutes each and a 5 minute halftime break.
- 5.2 All matches shall commence at the appointed time.
- 5.3 If any team fails to take the field within five [5] minutes of the appointed time, the Referee having blown his whistle the second time at the end of the 5 minutes shall terminate the match and report this to the organising Committee. *Clause 7.1 will be applied in this scenario.*

6. REFUSAL TO COMPLETE A MATCH

- 6.1 No team shall be allowed to walk off the field of play during play time as a protest or otherwise. Any team failing to observe this rule shall be fined a minimum of five hundred dollars [\$500.00] and shall forfeit the points in favour of the opposing team and shall also be liable for further disciplinary action.

7 DEFAULT

- 7.1 In the event of a default the Organising Committee shall have powers to award the match to the team which is on the field and may take further disciplinary action against the defaulting team, provided however, for exceptional reasons acceptable to the committee, it shall have powers to order a replay.
- 7.2 In the event a default is awarded 3 points plus 2 goals shall be awarded to the recipient Team

8.0 MODE OF PLAY

- 8.1 The system of Pool play shall be a round robin with addition of points after the match against the other teams in the same category, with three [3] points for a win, one [1] for a draw and nil [0] for a loss, with the team scoring the highest points shall be the winner in the pool.
- 8.2 The sequence of qualifying criteria in each group shall be determined as follows:-
 - [a] number of points
 - [b] goal difference
 - [c] number of goals scored for
 - [d] score of direct encounter



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8.3 If after applying the above criteria any two or more teams are still equal in every respect, then the determination of the placing of the teams shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

8.4 The Cup finals shall be of 40 minutes duration and shall be played on a knockout system. In the event of a match resulting in a draw at the end of the prescribed time, the match shall be extended by a further period of 2 spells of 5 minutes each. If however, the match still ends in a draw at the end of the 2 spells of extra time then the match result shall be decided on Penalty Kicks as prescribed by FIFA.

9. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- 9.1 Each team must register no less than 15 and no more than 22 players and 3 officials, on or before the deadline for registration.
- 9.2 All registration should be on the prescribed forms together with an ID in the form of a valid Driver's Licence, Passport or a Birth Certificate.
- 9.3 A player shall only be registered in one team per category. Dual or more registrations in any category will disqualify the player from further participation in the tournament until resolved by the organising committee.

10. SUBSTITUTES

- 10.1 Rolling substitutes will be used. Up to seven substitutes may be used in any one match on a Rolling substitute format. The Substitution should only be from the list of 7 "substitute players" listed on the match sheet and furnished to the match officials prior to the commencement of the match.

11. PROTEST

- 11.1 All protests shall be made in writing stating the grounds of protest and lodged with the Secretary of the Organising committee within one hour of completion of the match to which it relates. All protests must be accompanied by a **non-refundable** cash fee of Two Hundred and Fifty [\$NZ250] dollars. No protest against any decision of a Referee in respect of the laws of the game shall be entertained.
- 11.2 Protest once lodged and receipted cannot be withdrawn.
- 11.3 When a protest is successful, the results of the particular match shall be quashed and the protesting team, provided it is the opposing team in the match shall be awarded the three [3] points and 2 goals. If in the event of hearing the protest the DC finds both teams guilty of any breach of the tournament rules then neither team shall be allowed any points or goals.

12. CAUTIONS / DISMISSALS

- 12.1 A caution recorded against a player automatically warrants a twenty **[\$20.00]** Dollars fine, which is to be paid by the Manager of the team concerned prior to the commencement of the team's next match.
- 12.2 Where two [2] cautions are recorded against a player he shall be deemed to have committed an offence which will necessitate an automatic suspension for the match immediately following his second caution.
- 12.3 A player who is sent off the field of play by the Referee shall be automatically fined \$50.00 and suspended for at least one [1] match and the Disciplinary Committee shall be entitled to impose further sanctions. Provided however, if there is a repetition of a send-off, there will be a suspension of the player for at least two [2] matches and a fine, which will be imposed by the DC.



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- 12.4 Where a caution has been recorded against a player during the round robin matches the same cautions (yellow card) shall not be carried into the finals. Where a send-off (Red Card) in the last round robin match is imposed, clause 12.3 shall apply.

13. RESERVE BENCH

- 13.1 Up to 10 members of a team may sit on the bench.
- 13.2 The 10 members should include 7 listed reserve players, The Manager, Coach and the team's Medical personal.

14. TEAM SLIP

- 14.1 Full and correct names of all registered players shall will be clearly written with registered jersey numbers on the team slips provided.
- 14.2 The completed team slips are to be handed to the match referee prior to the commencement of the match.

15. REFEREES

- 15.1 Referees have been appointed through consultation with AFF and their decisions shall be final and binding.
- 15.2 Disciplinary action will be taken against any player or team management if there is any misconduct reported against them by a referee.
- 15.3 Any verbal or physical assault of any official will be referred to the legal authorities and the said player/official banned for a minimum of 5 years.
- 15.4 Further action may be considered by the Disciplinary committee.

16. Trophies

- 16.1 Trophies competed for during the tournament are on annual rotational basis and needs to be returned to the organising committee at least 4 weeks prior to the next tournament.
- 16.2 Failure to honour the conditions of Clause 16.1, the Club/Team authorities shall be held liable and will be dealt with accordingly.
- 16.3 All Trophies competed for remain the property of the Organiser and any damages to the trophies will constitute compensation for either repairs or replacement.
- 16.4 Prize – money for each of the Grades will be reviewed and agreed upon prior to the Tournament which shall depends on the number of teams participating per Grade, other costs of tournament and any funding received.

17. GENERAL

- 17.1 All participating teams are to fully observe and comply with the above rules and decisions of the Organising Committee.
- 17.2 Matters not provided for under these rules shall be decided by the Organising Committee.
- 17.3 Where there is no specific provision under these rules, AFF and FIFA rules shall apply.
- 17.4 Any dispute in interpreting these rules shall be resolved by the Organising Committee.