

## PCU GAMES 2024

### Football – Laws of the Game

- A. Each team needs to be present at the sports venue minimum **1 hour before** the start of the match. Please consult your team guide for the departure time at your hotel or hostel.
- B. Only players that are or were active students at the participating universities or university colleges in the academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 are able to compete.
- C. All Soccer matches shall be played in accordance with the most recent FIFA/IFAB regulations ([www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com) or [www.theifab.com](http://www.theifab.com)), as amended and advised by the PCU Committee. In any dispute, the English text will be regarded as decisive. Please take attention to following points:
- 1. Match duration**  
The duration of each Soccer game is 2 x **25** minutes.
  - 2. Half time interval**  
The half time interval shall last 5 minutes.
  - 3. Referee Sheet**  
A maximum of 20 players are to be filled out on the Referee Sheet during a match.
  - 4. Referee**  
The referee's decisions are final. Protest will not help! Have respect for the referees. (Verbal) violence against referees will not be tolerated and will be sanctioned.
  - 5. Bench**  
The bench consists of maximum 11 players fielded, 9 substitutes, a coach and assistant coach, a doctor and physiotherapist. A translator may be present behind the bench. All persons on the bench have to be mentioned on the Referee Sheet. Persons who are not on the Referee Sheet are not allowed on the substitution bench or in the neutral zone where only officials are allowed. Players not on the Referee Sheet should be wearing a different colour of shirt.  
All substitute players sitting on the bench must wear **bibs**.  
A maximum of 5 substitutes per team are allowed to warm up at the same time.
  - 6. Substitutions**  
Players may be substituted without restriction and on an ongoing basis, upon approval of the referee. Before the substitution is requested, the substitute player must be ready at the center line. At every substitution the substitute player will **hand** his bib to the player being replaced.
  - 7. No extra time**  
In case of a draw no extra time will be played.  
Only during Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and Finals, penalties will be taken.  
If penalties cannot be taken, decision will be made by allotment, by the Arbitration Commission in the presence of the representative of both teams.

8. **Protection**  
The compulsory equipment of each player comprises also the use of **shinguards**. Playing without shinguards will not be allowed by the referees. Also jewelry and piercings must be taken off.
9. **Forfeit**  
In case of a forfeit or a refusal to play, the result of 0-5 is acknowledged to the opponent. If a team forfeits or refuses more than one (1) game in the same championship it will be taken out of the tournament and all match results of that team will result in 0-5 result for the opponent.
10. **Misconduct**  
Any player or any delegation member who commits an act of gross unsporting misconduct during the tournament, shall be reported in writing to the Rector/Chancellor/Director/Head of her/his Institution. Furthermore the organization can exclude them from PCU Games in the future.
11. **Team Colours**  
All first named teams in the fixture will be deemed the “Home” team and therefore will play in their colours. It is the responsibility of the away team to change into a different colour.
12. **Suspension**  
A player who is given 2 yellow cards during the same game, receives a red card and is suspended for the remaining time of that match. He will also be suspended for the next match.  
When a player receives a direct red card, the player is immediately suspended for the remaining time and for (at least) the following match (depending on the decision of the Arbitrary Commission).  
Any given card (red / yellow) received during preliminary rounds is taken in account during the quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals. A 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow card for the same player in different matches will lead to a one-match ban for the next game.  
A player who is sent off may not re-enter the game in progress or may not sit on the substitute’s bench.  
If the foul is considered to be severe, the Arbitration Commission can decide to exclude a player until the end of the competition. This final decision (exclusion for more than one game) will always be taken in the presence of at least 2 members of the Arbitration Commission.
13. **Ranking System**  
The following system shall be applied in order to determine the ranking or qualification:
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| 1st | 3 points for a win / 1 point for a draw / 0 points for a defeat                   |
| 2nd | Better goal difference  |
| 3rd | Higher number of goals scored   |
| 4th | Mutual result   |
| 5th | Penalty kicks if the circumstances allow so                                       |
| 6th | If a winner still cannot be appointed; the winner will be determined by allotment |