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COMPETITION MANUAL

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Technical Committee

The 2014 Micronesian Games Football Technical Committee shall consist of two representatives from the host Country/Territory, one representative from each of the competing Countries/Territories, all with voting rights, and a representative (or their nominee) from the International Federation. The Technical Committee may add other members but without voting rights. The Technical Committee shall elect its own chairperson.

The Technical Committee shall ensure that the Micronesian Games football competition is conducted in accordance with the technical rules and regulations of the Federation Internationale de Football Associations (FIFA), as well as to oversee the competition schedule and rule on any and all protests brought to its attention.

Technical Committee Meeting

It is proposed that the Football Technical Committee Meeting be held on Thursday, July 24th at 10am.

Competition Venue

The Micronesian Games Football competition will be held from Friday, July 25th to Wednesday, July 30th. The games will be played at the Pohnpei Track and Field (formally known as PICS Track and Field, located next to PICS High School (Games Village).

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Final schedule to be announced determined on number of teams.

1. GROUP STAGE (Four Teams - Draft Schedule)

Friday July 25	9am – A vs B	4pm – C vs D
Saturday July 26	9am – B vs C	4pm – A vs D
Sunday July 27	9am – A vs C	4pm – B vs D

In the Group Stage, three points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and none for a loss. The two teams with the most points will play for the Gold medal and the two teams with the lowest points will play for the Bronze medal.

2. FINALS

Monday July 28 th	4pm	Bronze Medal Match
Tuesday July 29 th	4pm	Gold Medal Match
	6pm	Medal Ceremony

THIS SCHEDULE ASSUMES THAT THERE WILL BE FOUR TEAMS IN THE TOURNAMENT. IF THERE ARE A GREATER OR LESSER NUMBER OF TEAMS, A NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED.

The final schedule will be approved at the Technical Committee meeting.

The proposed team for each letter is as follows;

A. Pohnpei – B. Chuuk – C. Yap – D. Palau

Player Eligibility

In order to be eligible to compete at the Micronesian Games, an athlete must comply with one of the following criteria:

(1) The athlete must have been born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council -- that is, Palau, Guam, the CNMI, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, or Kiribati -- and must have lived in any of those states, countries, or territories for a period of three years up to and including the start of the Games; OR

(2) The athlete must be the child of at least one parent, or two grandparents, who were born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above), without regard to residence; OR

(3) The athlete must have resided in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above) for a period of seven years up to and including the start of the Games, AND, resides in the state, country, or territory for which the athlete will compete, as of the start of the Games, without regard to ancestry.

The temporary absence of an athlete from the territory of a member of the Micronesian Games Council for purposes such as education, sports, training, military service, and health care, or other legitimate absences of a similar kind, are not considered as interrupting a previously-established residency.

In addition, athletes must:

- (a) Complete all necessary entry and participation forms;
- (b) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by any relevant authority;
- (c) Comply with all relevant rules and regulations of the Micronesian Games Council, the MGC Constitution, and the World Anti-Doping Code.

It is the responsibility of each participating state, country, or territory to ensure that all competitors comply with these requirements.

These requirements apply only to athletes. There are no eligibility requirements for coaches or technical officials.

Entries by name must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the Games. Late entries will not be accepted. At the close of entries, the Pohnpei Organizing Committee will communicate a list of all named competitors to each competing state, country, or territory. Each competing state, country, or territory will have ten days to challenge the eligibility of a competitor. A \$50 bond is required for each challenge. The bond is refundable if the challenge is successful, but is forfeited if the challenge is unsuccessful.

The burden of proof of eligibility is on the sponsoring state, country, or territory, rather than the challenging state, country, or territory. In the event of a challenge, the sponsoring state, country, or territory must submit documents proving eligibility.

Challenges to athlete eligibility are made to the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board, not to the Pohnpei Organizing Committee, which will refer them for decision by a Disputes Tribunal, consisting of three persons appointed by the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board. All challenges to eligibility shall be decided at least 10 days prior to the start of the Games. The decisions of the Disputes Tribunal are final and may not be appealed.

A state, country, or territory whose athlete is successfully challenged and is deemed ineligible to compete will be liable for a penalty in the amount of \$100. Failure to pay the penalty means that the state, country, or territory will not be allowed to compete in the sport in which the ineligible athlete was registered.

The contents of this section are a summary of the relevant provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution. While every attempt has been made to assure the accuracy of this

summary, in the event of any inconsistencies between this summary and the provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution, the provisions of the Constitution shall be controlling.

Roster Composition

In accordance with the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) Rules of Senior Competition, the Organizing Committee is allowing a maximum of 16 players and 2 coaches for the football competition.

Individual Entries

Fully completed Entry by Name Forms for each potential competitor must be received from the participating countries by June 19, 2014.

Final Entries

The names of competitors finally entered for each event shall be confirmed to the Organizing Committee within 12 hours of arrival for the Games or at the Delegation Registration Meeting but before the first Technical Committee Meeting of each sport in which there are entries.

Only those competitors whose names appear on the Entry by Name Forms shall be eligible for final nominations.

When a competitor is injured after being included in the Final Entry by Name Forms, a substitute may be nominated on production of a medical form certified by a doctor designated by the Games Organizing Committee provided this nomination is made before midnight preceding the opening event of the tournament in which the injured competitor would have taken part.

The substitute's name must have been entered in the Entry by Name Forms of that sport.

Competition Rules and Regulations

The 2014 Micronesian Games Football competition will be conducted in accordance with the Federation of International Football Associations Rules and Regulations. The Technical Committee may agree upon exceptions.

The Micronesian Games Council shall have complete control of the direction and control of the Games as stated in the Micronesian Games Charter and By-Laws; provided, however, that the International Federations of those sports on the program, in association with the Technical Committee, shall have technical control of the organization of their respective sports in accordance with the IF Rules. In cases of disputes, the Micronesian Games Council decision shall be final.

The FIFA Rules and Regulations will be strictly adhered to.

Competition Procedures

Duration of Matches

Each match shall last 90 minutes – two equal periods of 45 minutes each with an interval of 15 minutes.

In the event of a match in the Knockout Stages resulting in a draw, the match shall be extended by a further two periods of 15 minutes each with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.

If at the end of extra time the match is still a draw, penalty kicks shall be taken from the penalty spot as prescribed by FIFA to determine the winner.

Reporting Time

Teams shall report to the COM-FSM Soccer Field no later than one hour prior to their schedule game time.

Warm-ups

Teams shall be allotted 15 minutes of on-field practice (warm-up) prior to the start of their scheduled game. In the event of a game in progress, on field warm-up time will be limited to seven minutes apiece. The visiting team shall take on-field warm-up first, followed by the home team. A Field Specialist will be assigned to monitor and enforce warm-up times.

Team-sheets

Team-sheets shall be submitted to the press box 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. It will be mandatory that the original team-sheet be given to the referee. Team-sheets, in duplicate, shall also be provided to the referee's assistant. Late changes should be avoided as much as possible.

However, in the event that such changes are necessary due to injury, no-show or other unforeseen circumstances, any such late change(s) should be reported immediately to the press box prior to the start of the game.

Player Substitution

All player changes must first go through the fourth official and it is his responsibility to inform the referee of such changes. Per Official Football Rules, once a substitution has been announced, the substitution may not be cancelled.

Red and Yellow Cards and Suspensions

Any player who receives a red card during a game will be suspended for the next match in the competition. Red card suspensions are carried over from the Group Stage into the Knockout Stage but yellow cards cannot multiple yellow cards in separate games do not carry a suspension.

Equipment and Sports Clothing

Each team shall wear its Country's colors as declared on the Entry by Name Form.

In addition to the official team outfit, each team shall be in possession of a spare outfit in colors contrasting with those of the official outfit, and which shall be taken to every match.

If, in the opinion of the Tournament Director, the colors of the two opposing teams might lead to confusion they shall be changed, either using the spare outfit or a combination of both.

All players must wear shin-pads and boots with appropriate studs to be checked and verified by the referee's assistant.

The goalkeeper's outfits shall be in colors contrasting with those of the two teams.

The players shall wear numbers on their jerseys and the numbers to be worn by each player shall be the same as stated on the official list of players submitted on the list furnished or as substituted at the first Technical Committee meeting.

Resolution of Ties

In case of a tie for position in the final team standing, a tie will be resolved by following, in order, the procedure set out below:

- Goal difference
- Number of goals scored
- Score of direct encounter

Make Up Games

In the event of a waterlogged pitch or other circumstances causing the cancellation of a game, or in the event that one game is abandoned as a draw, that game shall be played as per Official Football Rules on the next available date. Statistics for a game declared a tie will be counted.

In the event that a makeup game needs to be played, the time of the game shall be determined by the Competition Manager, IBF Delegate, and Referee Director with the advice from the Tournament Director.

Protests and Appeals

The Technical Committee will address questions relating to any violation of the rules.

Protests against incidents occurring during the match shall be directed at the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed. Such protests shall be confirmed in writing by the head of the delegation and handed to the Tournament Director at the match or within two hours of the end of the match.

Protests against the state of the pitch, the markings, installations (goals etc) or the footballs shall be made to the referee before the start of the match.

No protests may be made against the referee's decisions on point of play, such decisions being final.

A manager who wishes to make a protest against a red or yellow card issued to a player must make this clear immediately after the final whistle.

Appeals Committee

There shall be established an Appeals Committee for the Games in accordance with Article VII of the Micronesian Games Bylaws. Members of this Committee shall consist of five

representatives from participating countries. The Appeals Committee shall decide on all matters of a non-technical nature. The Appeals Committee shall meet regularly throughout the Games.

Pitch dimensions

The football pitch shall be per FIFA regulations.

Substitutes' bench

The substitutes' bench is located set back from the sideline around the halfway line. They are well ventilated with windows on the sides and an open back side covered only with cyclone wire.

Ice and Water

Ice and bottled water will be provided to each team during competition.

Practice/Training Schedule

Teams will be provided with a training schedule for both before and during competition upon arrival. The Tournament Director will be responsible to disseminate the training schedule.

Competition Venue Medical Services

An appropriate level of medical services will be provided at each competition venue for athletes, teams and technical officials.

Doping Control

Athletes are advised that random drug testing will be conducted for the duration of the 2014 Micronesian Games.

It is the responsibility of the athlete to check the status of all medications and refrain from using prohibited substances. Any athlete that tests positive for a prohibited substance will be disqualified from the 2014 Micronesian Games.

Media

The media, to include personnel from the various newspaper outlets, television and radio stations, will be seeking audience with athletes and team officials before, during, and after each game and we encourage everyone to cooperate with the media.