

TECHNICAL RULES FOR

ISF WSC FOOTBALL

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"We are school sport"



The competition will be run according to current ISF and FIFA rules under the direction of the ISF Technical Commission for football.

Specific ISF regulations are:

- 1. a. The competition is open for school teams.
 - b. There will be a competition organised in the following categories:
 - school teams, boys
 - school teams, girls
 - c. Each country may enter only one team in each category.
 - d. The hosting country may take part with a 2nd team, if it is useful to fill up the groups.
- 2. All players of the school team must have been enrolled the same school since the beginning of the school year.
- 3. Students aged 18, 17 and 16 years on 31 December of the year of the World Schools Championship concerned can participate
- 4. Each team shall be composed of 18 players and 2 teachers (or 1 teacher/1 coach).
 - Each country must provide one referee per team.
 - All referees shall be in possession of a national (highest level) or international qualification. The referees cannot combine their position with other positions, like delegation leader, teacher or coach.
- 5. The players must be enrolled as full-time students at the school which they represent. They must be attending schools which provide a general education.

The following are not eligible to participate:

- a. pupils of vocational schools who only attend that school as a complement to their vocational training,
- b. school teams and pupils enrolled at schools which provide sports training without any general education,
- c. part-time (e.g. afternoon) sports schools which take pupils from a variety of schools for training in one or more sports,
- d. teams formed as part of clubs, companies, universities or other institutions.
- 6. Each participating team must be nominated officially by the organisation responsible for school sport and which is member of ISF.
- 7. Only players, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.
- 8. Mixed teams are not allowed.

9. System of the competition:

a. First part of the competition: qualification games in groups (all x all).

Points: win 3 / loss o / tie 1 both

Ranking system after group phase:

- 1. Points after all matches of group phase
- 2. Result of game between the two equal teams
- 3. Yellow cards (-1 point) and Red cards (-3 points) received in all matches of group phase
- 4. Goals difference after all matches of group phase
- 5. Goals scored in all matches of group phase
- 6. Draw
- b. Second part of the competition: classification games by a knock out system.

- c. The matches will last 2 x 30 minutes. Only the final for boys (1st and 2nd place) will last 2 x 40 minutes.
- d. In case of a tie score in classification matches there will be a 'shoot out' instead of penalty kicks. The following procedure will apply:
 - I. The players remaining on the field of play (same number in both teams) will go to the center circle. The referee will decide which goal will be used and will toss a coin for the choice of who goes first. The winner has the choice.
 - II. Both goalkeepers go to the goal, with the defending goalkeeper taking up a position on the goal line and the attacking goalkeeper standing behind the assistant referee in the field of play.
 - III. The first assistant stays in the center circle and controls that area. The referee takes up a suitable position between the center circle and the penalty area.
 - IV. The ball is placed on the edge of the center circle. The first assistant blows a whistle and the attacker has 10 seconds (15 for girls) to dribble the ball and shoot for goal. The first assistant will be responsible for timing and will blow a whistle when the 10 seconds is up. If the player shoots the ball in the 10th second, the time will be extended until the result is taken.
 - V. The normal laws of the game apply to the attacker and the goalkeeper. The goalkeeper may come outside the penalty area but cannot handle the ball. A foul by the goalkeeper will result in yellow card and the shootout will be restarted by the same attacker getting a second opportunity to score from the center circle.
 - VI. If the teams are still level after five attempts, sudden death will apply.

e. Sin Bin.

- I. A player who commits an offence which results in a caution (yellow card) will be sent to the sin bin for FIVE minutes actual playing time.
- II. The time will begin when the referee re-starts the game. The clock will be stopped when the ball is out of play.
- III. If the player sin-binned is the goalkeeper his / her place in the goal will be taken by an outfield player.
- IV. The player in the sin-bin may not be substituted while he / she is serving the five minutes.
- V. The Technical Commission table will be responsible for the timekeeping.
- VI. If the half time interval occurs during the sin-binning the player may not join his / her team.

f. Draw.

The draw will be a public event and participating teams may send observers at their own expense.

The group draw will take place during the second preliminary visit in the presence of the Official ISF delegate and the president of the ISF Technical Commission for football.

The draw will take into account results achieved in previous ISF football competitions and any other information relevant to ISF.

If after the draw one or more teams withdraw from the competition, the ISF Technical Commission for football may modify the draw in order to balance the number of teams in each group.

The Organising Country will publish the draw immediately on the ISF website and thereafter, as required, all alterations.

- g. The official competition ball.
 In bulletin 3 the OC shall communicate the mark of the official competition ball.
 Participating teams must bring their own balls for training and warming-up.
- h. The competition is led by national and international referees.

10. Prize-giving.

Each participant will receive a commemorative certificate.

The teams finishing first, second and third will rewarded with medals and trophies.

The "Joy of moving – Trophy" (Fair Play) will awarded to a delegation by the Disciplinary Commission following consultation with the ISF Technical Commission, the Organizing Committee and the delegations.