

17. FUTSAL

17.1 GENERAL TERMS

The Futsal tournaments shall be organised in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of the "Fédération Internationale de football association" (FIFA) applicable to Futsal. In any dispute, the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by the Executive Committee in agreement with the Organising Committee and the CTI. The competitions shall last eight (8) days and include:

- One (1) men's tournament
- One (1) women's tournament

The tournament shall take place indoors.

Each country is authorised to enter a maximum of nineteen (19) persons: a maximum of fourteen (14) and a minimum of ten (10) competitors and five (5) officials per tournament.

Each country may enter:

- One (1) men's team of fourteen (14) players (5 effectives and 9 substitutes)
- One (1) women's team of fourteen (14) players (5 effectives and 9 substitutes)

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC.

17.1.1 Competition Format, Classification

The system of play will be the league system, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat.

The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:

- a) Greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
- b) Goal difference in all group matches;
- c) Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- d) Greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- e) Goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- f) Greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- g) Drawing of lots by the local Organising Committee.

The two teams finishing first and second in each group is qualify for the 2nd phase.

If the finals level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played (two periods of five minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from penalty mark according to FIFA rules

17.1.2 Disciplinary Sanction

In general the following will apply:

A red card will receive a minimum of one game suspension. An accumulation of two yellow cards will receive a one game suspension. Single yellow cards will be cancelled after the first phase of games and will not be carried forward into the second phase.

17.1.3 Protests and Appeals

Any protest of a sport or disciplinary nature must reach the CTI through the referee or match commissioner within one (1) hour of the completion of the game.

A Head of Delegation or his deputy may file a protest against the decision of the CTI. This protest must be submitted in writing to CISCA in accordance with the regulations of the FIFA or FISU technical regulations. Such protest must be accompanied by the regulatory FISU deposit of 50 EUR, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.

17.2 PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

The countries participating in the Futsal tournament shall pay a deposit of EUR 5,000 per team to guarantee registration (Art. 5.4.4).

This deposit shall be paid to FISU at the latest five (5) months prior to the start of the Championship; failing this, the entries shall not be taken into consideration.

Further to the confirmation of payment by FISU, the Technical Delegates shall determine the teams who are to take part in the event, considering both the results achieved in the previous FISU WUC and the FIFA futsal ranking. Continental distribution shall also be taken into account.

The draw shall take place during the inspection visit. The seeding procedure shall follow the same principle as the selection criteria (FISU and FIFA futsal ranking). The top eight (8) teams of the previous WUC edition shall be seeded; further to this ranking, the FIFA ranking shall be used, with special attention on the continental distribution of the groups.

17.3 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

17.3.1 Nomination and costs

Referees shall be appointed jointly by FIFA and the FISU Technical Delegates. The participating delegations shall bear their costs of travel, board and lodging in proportion to the number of teams registered (from two (2) days before the opening ceremony to one (1) day after the closing ceremony).

Other costs are referenced in the FISU – FIFA partnership agreement.

The Organising Committee shall announce the exact sum shortly after the closing date for nominative entries (one (1) month before the beginning of the World University Championship).

The Organising Committee shall provide local referees to act as timekeepers and reserve referees.

17.3.2 Number of technical officials needed

There shall be as many referees as participating teams.