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FITB COMPETITIONS RULES REGULATIONS

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1. Overview of FITB Competitions Rules & Regulations

This document governs the guidelines to organize a FITB Type A or B competition.

FITB competitions, which are ranked, are for national teams and the age group national teams only. In order to align to the FITB Ranking system, currently only matches involving the Men and Women, Youth (M18) & Junior (M15 & M12) categories will be ranked.

2. Structure of FITB Competitions

2.1 Objectives:

- To promote friendship and interaction - to let every team play with every other team if possible.
- To ensure the quality of matches & care for players' well being – to have a maximum of 2-3 matches per day, whenever possible.

2.2 The number of participating teams shall determine the competition structure:

(1) 8 or more teams – Groups A & B (Round Robin + Playoff + Ranking)

(2) 5 to 7 teams – Single Group (Round Robin + Playoff + Ranking)

(3) 2 to 4 teams – Single Group (Round Robin)

Note: If there is any withdrawal of teams after the draw is completed, the following will apply:

(A) If the difference of the total number of teams in each group is not more than 1, there shall be no re-draw.

Example - Group A has 6 teams, Group B has 6 teams. A team from Group B withdraws, leaving Group A with 6 teams and Group B with 5 teams.

(B) If 1 team withdraws causing an imbalance of 2 between both groups, there shall be a re-draw using the same format.

Example – Group A has 6 teams, Group B has 5 teams. A team from Group B withdraws, leaving Group A with 6 teams and Group B with 4 teams.

(C) If 2 or more teams from the same group withdraw, causing an imbalance of 2 between both groups, there shall be a re-draw using the same format.

Example – Group A has 6 teams, Group B has 6 teams. 2 teams from Group B withdraw, leaving Group A with 6 teams and Group B with 4 teams.

(D) If any team withdraws, causing the total number of teams to drop below the minimal number of teams required for the particular structure, the appropriate new structure shall be applied.

Example – 1 team withdraws, causing the total number of teams to go below 8 teams in that category. The competition structure for 5-7 teams - Single Group (Round Robin + Playoff + Ranking) shall be applied.



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3. Draw Format of FITB Competitions

3.1 Draw Format

3.1.1 Format A: 8 or more Teams – Groups A & B (Round Robin + Playoff + Ranking)

- (1) The 1st and 2nd placed teams from the last edition of this competition shall be seeded and randomly drawn into Group A and Group B.
- (2) The 3rd and 4th placed teams from the last edition of this competition shall be seeded and randomly drawn into Group A and Group B.
- (3) All other teams shall be drawn randomly.
- (4) Teams from the same continent (as defined by IOC) shall be separated into both groups as evenly as possible through a random draw.
- (5) The top 2 teams of each group shall progress to the Semi Finals. Group A 1st shall play Group B 2nd while Group B 1st shall play Group A 2nd.
- (6) The winners of both Semi Finals shall play in the Final while the 2 remaining teams shall play for the 3rd/4th position.
- (7) The remaining teams in Group A shall play with the corresponding placed team from Group B for their final ranking position.
- (8) The odd numbered last placed team (if any) shall not play any further match after the group stage.

3.1.2 Format B: 5 to 7 teams – Single Group (Round Robin + Playoff + Ranking)

- (1) All teams shall be drawn randomly.
- (2) The top 4 teams shall progress to the Semi Finals. The 1st placed team shall play the 4th placed team while the 2nd placed team shall play the 3rd placed team.
- (3) The winners of both Semi Finals shall play in the Final while the remaining 2 teams shall play for 3rd/4th position.
- (4) The 5th placed team shall play the 6th placed team for their final ranking position.
- (5) The 7th placed team shall not play any further match after the group match.

3.1.3 Format C: 2 to 4 teams – Single Group (Round Robin)

- (1) All teams shall be drawn randomly.
- (2) The position of the teams in their group shall be their final position.

3.2 Definition of Stages of Competition

3.2.1 Round Robin Stage – all teams within the group shall play each other once.

3.2.2 Playoff Stage – the top 4 teams shall play in the semi finals, followed by the final and 3rd/4th playoff.

3.2.4 Ranking Stage – the remaining teams shall play their corresponding teams (see above format) to determine their final position for the competition if applicable.

4. Teams of The Host Country

4.1 As host country, they shall be entitled to register a maximum of two teams for each category.

4.2 The teams shall be named after their country name only, followed by the alphabet “A” and “B”. Example - Switzerland A and Switzerland B

4.3 The host country shall determine the composition of their team A and B, whether they are from her cities, states or provinces etc.

4.4 Team A shall be recognized as the official team representing the host country and eligible to progress to the knock out stage if they qualify.

4.5 Team B shall be recognized as the guest team and shall play no further matches after the group stage, regardless of their position in their group.

4.6 Team B shall not be ranked and hence will not play any ranking match. (3.2.4)

4.7 Matches with the host Team B will be considered for the purpose of determining the positions of all the teams in the group.

4.8 In the event of Format B or C, the match between Team A and B shall be played first to prevent any conflict of interest.

5. Points System of FITB Competitions

5.1 The Tchoukball Charter recognized that both participating teams in a match are co-competitors rather than opponents, hence the below scoring system seeks to recognize the effort of both teams.

5.1.1 The winner receives 3 Match Points (MP). The losing team receives 1 Match Point (MP).

5.1.2 In a drawn match, both teams will receive 2 Match Points (MP) each.

5.1.3 In the event a team concedes a walkover, they shall be considered to have lost the match 0-30 and receive 0 Match Point (MP). The winning team shall get 3 Match Points (MP).

5.1.4 In addition, the Team Manager will have to submit a written explanation to FITB concerning their walkover. Depending on the mitigating factors, further disciplinary actions may be taken against the country, team and/or players involved.

6. In the event of a Tie at Round Robin Stage

6.1 At the end of the Round Robin stage, if there are two or more teams that share the same Match Points (MP) within the group, their position in the group shall be decided as follows:

6.1.1 The result of their head to head match; the team that wins ranks higher.

6.1.2 The number of Points Scored (PS) minus the number of Points Lost (PL) in all matches within these teams; the team with the higher Point Difference (PD) ranks higher.

6.1.3 The number of Points Scored (PS) in all matches within these teams; the team with the higher Point Scored (PS) ranks higher.

6.1.4 The number of Points Lost (PL) in all matches within these teams; the team with the lower Point Lost (PL) ranks higher.

6.1.5 The number of Points Scored (PS) minus the number of Points Lost (PL) in all matches within this group; the team with the higher Point Difference (PD) ranks higher.

6.1.6 The number of Points Lost (PL) in all matches within this group; the team with the lower Point Lost (PL) ranks higher.

6.1.7 The number of Points Scored (PS) in all matches within this group; the team with the higher Point Scored (PS) ranks higher.

6.1.8 In the event that two teams cannot be separated using the above criteria, a rematch will be played if (1) the time allows and (2a) it is needed to determine a team to proceed to the next stage or (2b) it is needed to determine the top 3 positions.

6.1.9 In the case of a three-way tie, the tournament technical committee shall have a meeting to decide. The final option will be a coin toss to determine who ranks higher.

7. Eligibility of Players:

7.1 Citizenship Eligibility

7.1.1 The passport shall be used as proof of a player's citizenship. The actual copy must be presented for registration before the competition.

7.1.2 All non-citizen players shall provide documentation to prove that they are permanent resident of the country, for a minimum of 3 years before the first day of competition to be eligible to represent the country.

7.2 Age Eligibility

It will be based simply on the year and not the date of birth.

Open Men & Women category : At least 15 years and older

M18 category : Born in the Year of event minus 18 and after
Example WYTC2013 = Born in 1995 and after to be eligible for M18.

M15 category : Born in the Year of event minus 15, and after
Example WYTC2013 = Born in 1998 and after to be eligible for M15.

M12 category : Born in the Year of event minus 12, and after
Example WYTC2013 = Born in 2001 and after to be eligible for M12.

7.3 Each player shall play for 1 team only during each competition.

7.4 The boys shall not play in the girls' category and vice versa.

7.5 Any player found to have breached the above eligibility rules shall be disqualified from all official appointment – player, manager, coach etc for all FITB competitions for 3 years from the day of offence.

NOTE: Teams fielding any ineligible players on the bench or in any matches during the competition will have these matches declared a walkover 0-30. The team will be asked to provide a written statement to FITB and may face further disciplinary action.



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8. Team Composition during Match

- 7.1 Each team shall have 7 players and up to 5 reserve on the team bench.
- 7.2 Only registered players and up to 3 registered officials are allowed on the team bench.
- 7.3 All officials shall be attired differently from the registered players at the team bench.
- 7.4 Only players whom are present at the start of the lineup shall be eligible to play in the match. Players whom are absent or late shall not be eligible and not allowed on the team bench.
- 7.5 Players' jersey numbers and attire shall strictly adhere to Tchoukball Rule 4.3.

9. Size of Playing Area

- 9.1 All matches of all categories shall be played on playing area according to Tchoukball Rule 1.
- 9.2 The FITB TC may approve a playing area that is outside the above requirement due to special circumstances.

10. Duration of Match

- Open Men & Women matches – 3 periods of 15 minutes, maximum 5 minutes interval
- M18 matches – 3 periods of 12 minutes, maximum 5 minutes interval
- M15 matches – 3 periods of 12 minutes, maximum 5 minutes interval
- M12 matches – 3 periods of 10 minutes, maximum 5 minutes interval

11. Size of Match Ball :

- Open Men – size 3 official competition ball
- Open Women – size 2 official competition ball
- M18 category – size 2 official competition ball
- M15 category – size 2 official competition ball
- M12 category - size 1 official competition ball

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