

# ***ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION***

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## **5<sup>th</sup> GIRLS (U-17) SUB-JUNIOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP** **2008-2009**

# ***R E G U L A T I O N S***

## **PREAMBLE**

The **5<sup>th</sup> GIRLS (U-17) SUB-JUNIOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2008-2009** is a Championship of the **All India Football Federation**.

It will be played in the following manner:

1. Preliminary qualifying league.
2. Quarter Final League.
3. Semi-finals: knock out.
4. Finals.

The AIFF Executive Committee has designated the Uttaranchal State Football Association as the organizing Association for the **5<sup>th</sup> GIRLS (U-17) SUB-JUNIOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2008-2009**

The India Football Association shall set up an Organizing Committee for the conduct of this Championship.

The Organising Association and the Organising Committee for the **5<sup>th</sup> GIRLS (U-17) SUB-JUNIOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2008-2009** is subject to the control and supervision of AIFF, which has the last word on all matters relevant to this Championship.

These Regulations and the current Constitution and Regulations of the AIFF, regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of the organising Association, the participating teams, the concerned State Associations and parties involved in the preparation, organization and hosting of the **5<sup>th</sup> GIRLS (U-17) SUB-JUNIOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2008-2009**

The **5<sup>th</sup> GIRLS (U-17) SUB-JUNIOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2008-2009** will be played at **Haldwani, Uttaranchal** from the **9<sup>th</sup> of August 2008**.

**ART. 1: PARTICIPANTS**

1. For the development of Women's Football, all member Associations are expected to participate in the Championship.
2. Each State Association is allowed to enter only one team.
3. The State Association, which fails to participate in the Championship after confirmation will be fined rupees ten (Rs. 10.000/-) thousand and will be liable for further disciplinary action.

**ART. 2: MODE OF COMPETITION**

The Championship will be played on league cum knock out system.

1. **PRELIMINARY QUALIFYING LEAGUE ROUND**

Depending upon the entries received, teams will be divided into eight groups with equal number of teams in each group. Preliminary qualifying round league will be played on a single leg league bases. The top team from each group will qualify for the quarter final league round. (Eight teams)

2. **Quarter Finals**

Eight teams qualified from the preliminary qualifying league round will be divided in to two groups of four teams each. The winner and the runner up team from each group will qualify for the semi-finals.

**Note: If there are only two (2) teams in a pool due to last minute withdrawal or non-arrival of teams, or due to disciplinary action, two matches between the two teams shall be played to decide the winner. In case of tie, the rules as mentioned in Art. 9-2 shall be applicable to decide the group winner.**

3. **Semi-finals** – Will be played with the following system.

a) Winner – Group “A” V/S Runner-up – Group “B” (X)

b) Winner – Group “B” V/S Runner-up – Group “A” (Y)

5. **Finals** – The Finals will be played between Winners of Semi-finals (X) and  
Winners of Semi-finals (Y)

**Note: The teams who have lost the semi-final matches will be jointly placed in the third position in the championship**

**ART. 3: COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

1. The date of first match of the team in the Championship will be informed **AT LEAST TWENTY (20)** days before the commencement of the Championship.
2. The detailed fixtures will be informed **AT LEAST TEN (10)** days before the start of the Championship.

**ART. 4: ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

1. A Player is eligible to play in the Championship provided she fulfils all the following conditions:
  - a) She is a bona fide resident of the State she represents.
  - b) She is duly registered with the State Association she represents.
  - c) She shall have born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1993 and not later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 1995.

**ART. 5: PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY**

1. The following shall be submitted as proof of the date of birth of the player.

**EITHER:**

- a) the SSLC certificate
- b) an extract from the School register duly filled up as per the pro-forma enclose
- c) if both the above certificates are not available, the birth certificate issued by the Registrar of Births and Deaths, countersigned by the Honorary Secretary of the concerned State Association.

**N.B.:** All certificates shall be submitted in original with a photocopy attached. The original certificates will be returned to the team Manager after verification. The AIFF observer/match commissioner reserves the right to refer any player, who seems to be overage, to medical committee, who will examine the player and if necessary, take **MRI** (Magnetic Resonance Image) for ascertaining the correct age. The findings of the medical committee shall be final and binding on all the participants.

**ART. 6: SANCTIONS**

1. Players, who do not produce a birth certificate as prescribed in Art.5 above shall not be allowed to take part in the Championship.
2. Players, who are found overage shall not be allowed to participate in the Championship.
3. Traveling, daily and any other allowances will not be paid to the players, who are found to be overage or who do not submit the proper documents as listed in Art.5 above.
4. Any team found to have four or more over-aged players shall be scratched from the tournament. They will not be paid their traveling and other allowances.

**ART. 7: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS**

1. Each team shall consist of 20 players and 3 officials.
2. Duly filled up registration forms shall be submitted to the organisers, as soon as the team arrives at the venue of the Championship.
3. Recent photographs, preferably in colour shall be affixed to the forms.
4. One extra photo for each player shall be submitted to the organisers for affixing on the participation/merit certificate issue by the All India Football Federation.
5. If extra photos are not provided, the local organisers will take the photos and the cost will be debited to the concerned team's account during the settlement.
6. A team shall register only 20 players on arrival at the venue of the Championship and only these players shall be eligible to play. Extra players even if they are brought at the cost of the participating teams, will not be allowed to be registered.
7. Players who are disqualified from participating shall not be replaced by any other player or players.
8. The Hon. Secretary of the respective Association shall countersign registration form.
9. Among the three (3) officials one shall **compulsorily** be a **lady** and one **Physiotherapist or Doctor**, with a degree from a recognized University. If a **Physiotherapist or a Doctor** does not form a part of the team contingent, they shall be **paid allowances** only for **twenty (20) players' and two (2) officials** and **only two (2) officials** shall be **allowed** to **sit** in the **substitute's** bench.

**ART. 8: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS FOR MATCHES**

1. From the 20 names submitted, a maximum of 18 players shall be registered on the day of the match. (eleven first team players and seven substitutes)
2. Seven substitutes and three officials will be allowed to occupy the reserve bench.

**ART. 9: SUBSTITUTION**

1. Not more than three (3) players may be substituted during a match, from all the remaining reserve players, who must be declared before the commencement of the match.
2. Any player substituted cannot re-enter the game.

**ART. 10: DURATION OF THE MATCHES**

1. Each match shall last Eighty (**80**) minutes, comprising two periods of **FORTY(40)** minutes, with an interval of **FIFTEEN (15)** minutes in between from the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period.

**ART. 11: POINTS IN LEAGUE MATCHES AND SYSTEM TO BREAK A TIE**

1. In the league stage of the tournament, three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) for a draw and no points for a defeat.
2. The classification will be determined in the following bases.
  - a) Higher number of points
  - b) If points are equal, the team having a higher goal difference will be placed higher.
  - c) If the goal difference is the same, the team with the higher number of goals scored will be placed higher.
  - d) If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria then by the greater number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned. The team winning the match placed higher.
  - e) If still the winner cannot be decided, then the classification will be decided by taking lots.

**ART. 12: KNOCK OUT STAGE & EXTRA TIME**

1. In the knock out stage, if a match result is a draw at the end of the normal playing time, twenty (20) minutes extra time shall be played, consisting of two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes each, with an interval of five minutes at the end of the normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time. If no goal is scored in the extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner.

**ART. 13: ABANDONED MATCHES**

1. If a match has to be suspended as a result of incidents such as, walkout by the team, lack of order, spectators invading the ground the Organising Committee shall determine the action to be taken within twenty-four (24) hours of such incidents. All decisions taken by the Organising Committee shall be final and shall not be subjected to appeal.
2. If a match is abandoned due to natural conditions like bad weather, heavy rains or other conditions beyond the control of the organisers, only that part of the match, which remains to be played, shall be played on the day following the abandoned match. The local organisers in consultation with the Match Commissioner and the AIFF shall decide the time and venue of this match.

**ART. 14: LAWS OF THE GAME**

1. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.

**ART. 15: PLAYERS OUTFITS**

1. The basic compulsory outfits of a player shall consist of a jersey or shirts, shorts, stockings, shinguards and footwear. Shinguards, which must be covered entirely by the stockings shall be made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic, polyurethane or similar substance) and shall afford a reasonable degree of protection.

2. A player shall not wear anything, which is dangerous to another player.
3. If under shorts are used, they shall be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts. If under garments are worn, the colour of the sleeve should be the same main colour as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt.

**ART. 16: TEAM COLOURS/NUMBERS**

1. Teams must declare their first and second colours during the Manager's meeting and use these colours for all matches.
2. Teams are obliged to bring along their first and second colours in contrasting colours.
3. Players shall wear registered numbers on their jersey (back and front) and short. Number on jerseys, in contrasting colours shall be twenty five (25) cm high at the back and ten (10) cm high in front. The number on the shorts (below right) shall be ten (10) cm high in contrasting colours. The numbers on the jerseys and shorts shall be clearly visible. Goalkeepers shall wear colours contrasting with those of the two teams and the referee.
4. Any team found guilty of allowing players to play in jerseys with numbers other than those registered shall be subject to disciplinary action, including fines.
5. Numbers should range from 1 to 20 in figures universally used with the first goalkeeper's number being one (1)
6. In the event of clash of colours, lots shall be taken to decide which team shall wear their alternate set of jerseys. In this matter the Referees decision shall be final.

**ART. 17: PROTESTS**

1. Protest, if any shall be lodged in writing with the Match Commissioner, within two (2) hours after the end of the match.
2. Protest shall be accompanied by a protest fee of rupees five hundred (Rs. 500/-).
3. If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be refunded.
4. No protest shall be lodged against the decision on points of facts taken by the Referee on the field of play.
5. Protest lodged on points of facts taken by the referee on the field of play, shall not be accepted

**ART. 18: DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

1. **DISCIPLINE**
  - a) Participating teams, players and officials are bound by the Disciplinary Code of FIFA and AIFF Disciplinary Regulations.

- b) Infringement of any of these regulations or any other regulations of the AIFF shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee of the AIFF.
- c) In deciding upon disciplinary measures to be taken, the Disciplinary Committee shall be guided by the provision of the regulations mentioned in Art. 18: 1. above.

**2. CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS**

- a) A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during the Championship shall automatically be suspended for the match following the match in which he receives the second caution.
- b) A player expelled from the field of play by the Referee shall be suspended for the next match unless otherwise determined by the Disciplinary Committee, which shall meet within twenty-four (24) hours of the match concerned.
- c) Cautions & Expulsions will be carried from one round to another round of the Championship

**ART. 19: DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

- 1. The Championship's disciplinary committee shall consist of the following:
  - a) The Match Commissioner
  - b) The Referee Inspector
  - c) A representative of host Association
- 2. The Disciplinary Committee shall deal with all the matters related to the discipline on and off the field of play
- 3. When taking decisions, the Disciplinary Committee shall refer to the report of the Referee and if necessary on the report of the Assistance Referee, Fourth official, and video evidence.
- 4. The Disciplinary Committee shall base its decisions on the **FIFA** Disciplinary Code and AIFF Disciplinary Regulations.
- 5. Members of the Disciplinary Committee shall not attend meetings of the Committee whenever:
  - i) the member in question is directly involved in the outcome of the matter
  - ii) if he is associated with any of the parties
  - iii) if he belongs to the same State as the party implicated

**ART. 20: APPEAL COMMITTEE**

- 1. The Appeal Committee shall consist of three persons nominated by the AIFF. The names of the members will be informed before the start of the Championship.
- 2. The Appeal Committee shall hear appeals lodged against decisions passed by the Disciplinary Committee.

3. The Appeal Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents and other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary Committee's file. However, the Appeal Committee may, if necessary, also resort to any further evidence (including television and video recording etc.), which it considers relevant.

**ART. 21: MATCH OFFICIALS**

1. **REFEREES**

Sufficient number of Referees shall be posted for supervision of the matches.

2. **MATCH COMMISSIONER**

A Match Commissioner shall be posted at each venue of the Championship, who shall be the guiding factor for all the matters connected with the championship and shall submit a report to the Federation with proposals and suggestions for improvement, if any. He shall advise the Referees Inspector in any matter connected with Referees affairs, if considered necessary.

3. **REFEREES INSPECTOR**

A Referees Inspector, if posted, shall be responsible for all matters relating to the management of Referees including day-to day posting, conduct of physical fitness test, pre-match discussions, postmortem of pervious day's officiating etc.

- N.B:**
- a) The Match Officials so appointed shall report at the venue of the Championship at least two (2) days before the start of the Championship.
  - b) The Referees shall not be given assignment for the matches, when their home State/Board team plays.

**ART. 22: FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

1. Free decent lodging with beds/mattresses with pillows and bedding and free boarding for the period commencing two days before the teams first match and one day after the teams last match for twenty (20) Players and three (3) Officials subject to actual arrival/departure.
2. Free Local transport from Railway/Bus station to the place of lodging and back.
3. Free local transport for matches and practice sessions.
4. Practice ground facilities.
5. Potable drinking water at place of accommodation and at the venue of the matches.
6. Sufficient water to meet the bath & toilet needs of the players and officials.
7. Free medical assistance, including hospitalization and cost of medicines. (only prescriptions and hospital authorized by the organisers will be considered)
8. Personal accident policy to all players, officials and match officials during their stay at the venue

**ART. 23: FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

**1. FOR HOST ASSOCIATION**

- a) A subsidy of rupees eight (Rs. 8,000/-) thousand per participating team.
- b) Rupees one hundred twenty five (Rs. 125/-) per person towards boarding of the teams
- c) Rupees one hundred and twenty five (Rs. 125/-) per person towards lodging of the teams.
- d) AIFF shall not be responsible for any loss incurred in staging the Championship.

**2. FOR TEAMS**

- a) Free lodging and boarding during the teams stay at the venue of the tournament, starting from two (2) days before the first match and ending one (1) day after the last match, subject to actual date of arrival and departure and for the actual number of persons accompanying the team (maximum 23 persons, 20 player's and 3 officials)

**Note: In the event the teams do not like to avail the lodging and boarding provided by the organisers as mentioned above, they can make their own arrangements. They shall be reimbursed rupees one hundred twenty five (Rs. 125/-) per person, per day towards boarding allowance and rupees one hundred twenty five (Rs. 125/-) per person, per day towards lodging allowance, for the actual number of persons accompanying the team. (maximum of twenty three (23) person, twenty (20) players and three (3) officials)**

- b) The local team shall be paid allowances as per Art.23/2 above.
- c) Teams shall be reimbursed sleeper class Rail fare (on concessional bases), on production of actual tickets and reservation slip. (concession forms will be issued by AIFF) If for some reasons only nineteen (19) persons are allowed to travel on concessional bases, to and fro 2<sup>nd</sup> class sleeper rail fare will be reimbursed for the remaining four/three (4/3) persons only.
- d) Ordinary Class Bus fare shall be reimbursed to the participating teams where their Headquarter is not connected with Rail, on production of actual ticket.
- e) Journey allowance of rupees hundred and fifty (Rs. 150/-) only (to be reckoned up to and from zero hour) shall be paid to the actual number of persons traveled with the team (maximum 23 persons) from their headquarter to the place of Championship to avoid overlapping of DA on the day of departure and arrival (for actual number of days traveled). If the journey involves less than twelve (12) hours, to be taken into account from Railway/Bus scheduled departure, the journey allowance not exceeding rupees seventy five (Rs.75/-) per Player/Official shall be reimbursed.

- f) Accommodation, boarding allowances and rail fare/bus fare reimbursement shall be paid only for the actual number of players and officials accompanying the team, subject to a maximum of twenty-three (23) persons. (twenty players and three officials)

**2. MATCH OFFICIALS AND OTHER AIFF OFFICIALS**

**1. REFEREES**

- a) AC 3-tier rail fare to and fro.
- b) Rs. 200/- during journey, per day.
- c) Rs. 500/- daily allowance.
- d) Rs. 200/- incidental charges, lump sum.
- e) Free decent accommodation different from the players and team officials.
- f) Free medical facilities.
- g) Appropriate internal transport for the duration of the tournament.

**2. Match Commissioner, Referees Inspector and other AIFF Officials**

- a) AC 3-tier rail fare to and fro.
- b) Rs. 200/- during journey, per day.
- c) Rs. 600/- daily allowance.
- d) Rs. 200/- incidental charges, lump sum.
- e) Free decent accommodation different from the players and team officials.
- f) Free medical facilities.
- g) Appropriate internal transport for the duration of the tournament

- NOTE:**
- 1. Local Referees/MC/RI deputed by the AIFF shall be paid Rupees Five/six hundred per day, only on the days they officiate the matches.
  - 2. For match officials and other AIFF officials the benefits are limited to two (2) days before the start of the championship and one (1) day after, provided the officials stay till the end of the Championship.
  - 3. The teams and other officials shall have to make its own arrangements for stay beyond these days.

**ART. 24: INFORMATION**

- a) **All participating member Associations are responsible for all information provided on their players. Any information found to be fraudulent will subject the offending member Association to sanctions as provided in the AIFF Disciplinary Regulations. Further, if the fraudulent information has resulted in the member Association fielding ineligible player/s, the case will be treated as provided for in Art. 6 of these regulations.**

**ART. 25: MISCELLANEOUS**

1. The AIFF reserves the right to alter, amend, remove from and/or add to these rules as and when necessary.
2. In case more than one team claiming to represent any State Association and insist upon participating in the championship, the **AIFF** shall (in the absence of an order of Court of Law) be at liberty to scratch the team/s at their discretion and proceed with the conduct of the championship with the remaining teams in the list of fixtures.
3. Organisers shall provide an ambulance equipped with first aid revival equipment and a qualified doctor shall be on duty for all the matches of the Championship.
4. All commercial, broadcasting and other rights of the tournament belong to the AIFF or its duly authorized nominee.
5. Members infringing, any of the above rules may be debarred from playing for one year or more as the **AIFF** may decide.
6. The teams shall insure their players and officials.
7. AIFF shall in no way be responsible for any loss or injury that may take place during the team's journey, stay and participation in the Championship
8. In the event of any dispute regarding interpretation of these regulations the decision of the **AIFF** shall be final and binding.

**ART. 24: GENERAL**

1. The All India Football Federation shall decide on all cases and events not covered by these regulations and their decision shall be final

for **ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION**

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