

AASA CUP 2024

Soccer Tournament

May 23rd to May 27th
New Overpeck County Park,
199 Challenger Road, Ridgefield Park, NJ

Afghan American Sports Association <https://www.aasanj.com>

Rules and Regulations

All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA rules, with certain exceptions specified by AASA detail in the subsequent pages.

Registration:

- A team registered in AASA may not have more than 27 registered active players dressed up for a game at one time.

Breakdown of Team Roster.

Teams Must pick 1 of the 3 options

1. All Afghans from USA plus one of the following options.
 2. 3 non Afghans and one International Afghan (any combination of the two is acceptable as long as the total number these two is not more than 4 and the number of non Afghan is not more than 3.
 3. Only 5 international Afghan players. No non Afghan players.
- Proof of Afghan Identity as well as residence is required when subject to question.
 - Students on student visa need to show college ID. Proof of current status as a student. Offer Sheets, commitment letters or letter of intent is not sufficient proof to play in the tournament.
 - Note: Canadian Teams – Any Afghan Outside of Canada will be considered as international Afghans.
 - A written acknowledgment/commitment of team participation is required by May 5, 2024.

Registration of players:

For purpose of player registration, the following is required:

1. Full legal name.
2. Driver License
3. All players are required to have their picture ID before the start of game.

Registration Process:

The AASA registration fee is due on May 22, 2024. All registration and fees are to be submitted to an AASA officer. Registration fee is \$1,500.00 (non-refundable).

General Information:

Each team is scheduled 3 games minimum. AASA is not responsible for any player's injury and expenses of the participating teams. The registration fee is non-refundable in case of cancellation of the games.

Yellow Cards:

Based on the guidelines by FIFA, a player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he/she commits any of the following offences.

- Un-Sportsman like behavior
- Dissent by word or action
- Delaying the restart of play (deliberate time-wasting)
- Not respecting the referees or official's decisions

Red Cards:

- Serious foul play
- Physical contact
- Abusive language or gestures
- Receiving two consecutive yellow cards in the same match
- Assaulting/threaten referees
- All judgment of the referee is final

Consequences:

- A player who has received a red card is required to leave the field immediately and must take no further part of the current game (cannot be replaced with another player in this match), and the next scheduled game, in any round.
- Based on the referee report and the nature of the call will result in the red card, AASA officials will decided on a further punishment or disciplinary action against the player.

Substitutions:

- Unlimited substitutions.
- Substituted players may re-enter the game
- No substitution in corner kicks and penalty shots
- Team in position prior to throw in and prior to goal kick
- Both team are allowed to substitute any number of players after a goal has been scored and/or half time
- Substitution of injured player, when referee calls an injured player time out.

Uniform requirements:

- Each team must have two different colored sets on uniforms
- Players must have permanet numbers on the back of their jersey
- Two players cannot have the same number on the jersey
- Uniformity in team shirts, such as coloring, and pattern is required
- In the event that two teams have the same/similar color jersey, home team must make adjustment to their uniform. (Different Color jersey with same numbers)
- Shin guards are mandatory.
- No metal cleats and jeweler will be allowed during match
- No player may participate in the game with a cast or any other dangerous medical device
- Metal brace MUST be padded and covered

Coaches:

- Coaches and spectators will not be permitted behind the goals
- Coaches are responsible of the behavior of their fans
- Coaches are subjected by FIFA and AASA rules and regulations.

Penalty Shootout:

- Only players on the field at the final whistle may participate
- Choice of first kick is awarded by coin toss-winner kicks first
- Kickers may shoot only once, no rebound score
- If winner still has not been decided the shoot out goes into sudden death mode
- No player may kick a second time until all players of the team get a shot, including goal keeper

Forfeit:

- A team will be allowed a fifteen (15) minute grace period b before kick-off time. After the 15 minute time, the match will be awarded to their opponent (3 Goals, 3 Points)
- Minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team.

Conducts not be tolerated by team players, coaches, and/or spectators include:

- Abusive or degrading language
- Physical threats or assault
- Behavior induced by alcohol or the influence of controlled substances
- Support or encouragement of poor sportsmanship, including harassments of less skilled players
- Harassment of Referees
- Entering the field except for substitution
- Attempt to dispute referee's decision
- Out of control spectators

Points:

In the preliminary games:

- Three (3) Points for win
- One (1) point for tie
- Zero (0) points for a loss
- Forfeited game, expulsion from Tournament

Factors for Advancing to 2nd Round:

- (1) Number of points
- (2) Goals Differential
- (3) Goals Scored
- (4) Goals Received
- (5) Head to Head
- (6) Red Card

If teams remained level, last resort: Coin Toss.

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Alcoholic beverages and drugs of any kind are not allowed at the premises.

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All teams are responsible for the actions of their own team member and supporters.

Teams are required to take necessary precautions to prevent threats and acts of violence toward referees, assistant referees, officers, and players.

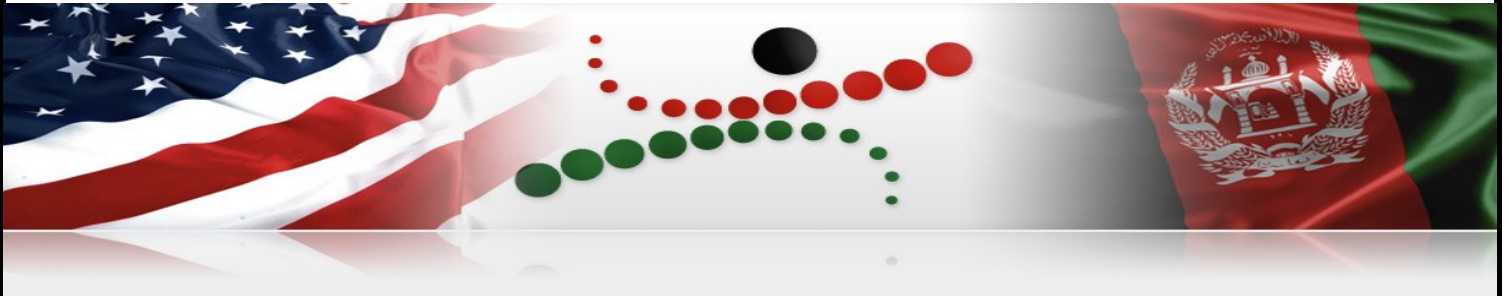
TEAMS ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR PLAYERS BEHAVIOUR AND PHYSICAL ATTACK OR ASSAULT ON REFEREES, IT'S CONSIDERED A CRIMINAL ACT, AND WILL BE REPORTED TO OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES. AASA WILL PURSUE THE CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST OFFENDING INDIVIDUALS. IF AN ASSAULT OCCURS DURING A GAME THE GAME WILL BE STOPPED. THE AASA COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE WHAT FURTHER ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN. AASA COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE THE SUSPENSION OR CONTINUATION OF THE GAME. (ONLY AASA COMMITTEE). TEAMS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO INTERFERE WITH THE DECISION. PLAYERS CAN OBTAIN THE NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM THEIR COACH OR MANAGER. THE PLAYER (S) THAT HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT WILL BE BANNED FOR THE REST OF THE TOURNAMENT.

IF ANY VERBAL/PHYSICAL FIGHT OCCURS THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN IT WILL BE BANNED FOR THE REST OF THE TOURNAMENT, NO MATTER WHAT THE CASE IS. TEAMS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO REQUEST A SPECIFIC REFEREE FOR THEIR GAME. TIMES FOR THE GAME ARE DECIDED BY AASA. TEAMS THAT ARE VISITING FROM OTHER STATES MUST TAKE PROPER TIME ARRANGEMENT TO THE GAMES.

- Referees have the authority to shorten the game time as required to meet field time limitation or offer water breaks due to weather condition.
- Unregistered players will not be permitted to play.
- No team will be allowed to add players to the rosters after May 19, 2024, 9:00 PM Eastern time.
- All games are played with running clocks
- The referee may stop the clock for serious injury
- 1st round games 80 minutes plus injury time
- knockout round games are 90 minutes plus injury time
- knockout Round ties will go to two 10 minutes half and the penalty kicks if necessary. No golden Goal.

ALL REFEREE DECISIONS ARE FINAL ON **THE FIELD**

These are the rules of the AASA tournament. We will do our best to serve all teams and their fans to the best of our ability. We wish all of the participating teams a pleasant experience. Thank you for your participation.



Acknowledgement

I _____ acknowledge that I have received and read all the rules and regulations of AASA Cup 2024 Soccer Tournament and accept all of its contents.

Team Name:-----

Name of Representative-----

Signature-----