



REGULATIONS

BACHPAN U-13 GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2017-18

The BACHPAN U-13 GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2017-18 is a tournament of HIMACHAL PRADESH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

These Regulations and the current Constitution and Regulations of the HPFA, regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of the organising Association, the participating teams, the concerned District Associations and parties involved in the preparation, organization and hosting of the BACHPAN U-13 GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2017-18.

The Organising Association/Academy/Club/s and the Organising Committee/s for the BACHPAN U-13 GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2017-18 is subject to the control and supervision of HPFA, which has the last word on all matters relevant to this Tournament.

PARTICIPANTS

Teams of the following are eligible to participate in this tournament

Affiliated District teams

Academies affiliated and registered with HPFA

Clubs affiliated and registered with HPFA

Schools

In the event any team does not participate / withdraw from the tournament, HPFA reserves the right to replace it by another team and may impose disciplinary sanctions on the withdrawing team.

TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

- a) The tournament shall consist of two phases:
 - 1. Phase One -- Pre-qualifiers (League system)
 - 2. Phase Two – Semi-final & Final (Knock-out System)
- b) PHASE ONE - Pre-qualifiers (League system)

Teams from district, clubs and academies will be divided in different groups.

- c) Phase TWO - Semi-final & Final (Knock-out System)



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Top four teams from above pre- qualifier (league system) will qualify for the semi-finals and final.

(i) Only one-legged Semi-Finals will be played

(ii) Winner of Semi Final 1 and Semi Final 2 will play in the one-legged final

(iii) Winner of the Final will be the winning team of BACHPAN U-13 GRASSROOT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2017-18.

WITHDRAWAL & PENALTY

1. If a participating Team/s withdraws after entering or does not report for the match at any stage of the Tournament, except in cases of force-majeure recognized by HPFA, or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium/match venue before the end of the match, the Team shall:

i. Be considered to have withdrawn from the Tournament.

ii. Have all its matches cancelled and considered null and void (all points, goals scored and goals against will not be counted and taken into consideration when deciding the ranking in the group)

iii. Be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or loss suffered by the other participating Teams, the HPFA and HPFA commercial.

iv. Be disqualified from taking part in the next edition of the Tournament (and its qualifying Tournaments, if any)

v. Be referred to the HPFA Disciplinary Committee

vi. The HPFA Executive Committee may impose additional sanctions and fines depending on the gravity of the situation.

vii. All decisions of HPFA in this regard are final and binding and are not appealable

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

1. The date of first match of the team in the Tournament will be informed at least Seven (7) days before the commencement of the Tournament.



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2. The detailed fixtures will be informed at least two (2) days before the start of the Tournament.

SANCTIONS

1. Players who do not produce Original birth proof as prescribed in the U 13 -- Player Registration Guideline, shall not be allowed to take part in the tournament.
2. Players who are found overage shall not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
3. Travelling, 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 the U 13 -- Player Registration Guideline.
4. If any registered Player of a team is found over-aged, the whole team will be disqualified and the team will not be permitted to participate in the Tournament. No daily allowance and Railway fare will be paid. Further sanctions may also be imposed by the HPFA Disciplinary Committee

ORGANISING MATCHES FOR PHASE-1 & ORGANISING COMMITTEE/S AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PHASE 2

Phase-1

- a) To be organized as per the HPFA youth Competition – Operation Manual

Phase-2

- a) The organising committee/s shall be appointed by the HPFA in consultation with the host Association.
- b) The organising committee shall be responsible for organising the Tournament in accordance with the HPFA Constitution and these regulations.
- c) The HPFA or the organising committee/s may if necessary appoint one or more sub-committees to deal with various organizational matters.
- d) The organising committee/s shall supervise all the arrangements of the Tournament.
- e) The organising committee shall entirely be responsible for the safety and security of the players, officials, media and spectators.



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- f) The organising committee shall conduct periodical safety checks on the stadium/match venue and shall provide the HPFA with a safety certificate at least 7 days before the Tournament starts.
- g) The organising committee shall guarantee law and order as well as safety in the stadium/match venue, equipment belonging to the HPFA, its agents, media, etc, in collaboration with the relevant authorities.
- h) The organising committee shall provide adequate insurance cover to all the players, teams, match officials and spectators.
- i) The organising committee shall provide all the necessary medical facilities, including fully equipped ambulances (two nos), at the venue and in hospitals situated at a distance of less than 5 kms from the match venue. The organising committee shall be fully responsible for all medical arrangements during the Tournament.
- j) The organising committee shall assist the teams in securing accommodation at the venue of the Tournament.
- k) The organising committee shall provide the stadium/match venue, the facility areas, corridors, staircases free from all advertisements.
- l) The HPFA appointed agents, broadcasters, sponsors, shall have unhindered access to display, sell and promote their products, in a manner that they deem fit.

DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- 1. On entering the tournament the participating Teams automatically undertake:
 - a) To observe the BACHPAN U 13 GRASSROOT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2017-18 Regulations, the HPFA Youth Competition – Operation Manual & the U-13 – Player Registration Guideline
 - b) To abide by the rules and regulations of the HPFA and the BACHPAN U-13 GRASSROOT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2017-18 and by the decisions of the HPFA Youth competition Committee (including that of using and wearing the playing and practice kits whenever these are supplied by the HPFA or its sponsors and or use of Tournament sponsor Logo's on the players outfits of the team) and the BACHPAN U-13 GRASSROOT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2017-18 organising committee.



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- c) To accept all administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the BACHPAN U-13 GRASSROOT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2017-18
- d) To accept all arrangements regarding the local Organization made by the local organising committee.
- e) To accept the use, records and broadcast of the images of teams, players and officials that may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the teams in the BACHPAN U-13 GRASSROOT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2017-18
- f) The HPFA right to use and/or sub-license, names and images of teams, its players and officials shall be exclusive in respect of, or in connection with, the filming, recording, broadcasting and any other forms of transmission, broadcast in connection with this Tournament.
- g) To comply with the Laws of the game issued by the IFAB and published by FIFA
- h) To observe the principals of Fair Play.
- i) To accept all the arrangements made by the Organising Association in agreement with the HPFA.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- a) All participating Teams shall provide ample insurance cover to their players and officials, including injury, accident and health during the Tournament and teams travel. In the event of any injury to a player or a team official during a match, the responsibility of the home team / organising committee will be to take the injured player/official to the nearest hospital as soon as possible and the entire cost of his medication/doctors fee has to be borne by the club whose player gets injured.
- b) The participating teams shall also be responsible for the behavior of the members of its delegation (officials and players) and any person carrying out duties on behalf of the team or any office bearer of the team (club).
- c) To give a medical certificate as specified by HPFA before the start of the Tournament from a qualified doctor that the registered players are fit to play competitive football.



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d) To attend and participate in all official activities and events such as team managers meeting, Media conference, other media activities etc. organized by HPFA or the Organising Association in accordance with guidelines and/or instructions in circulars issued by HPFA.

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

1. Registration of players: To be registered HPFA as per the U 13 Youth League -- Player Registration Guidelines.
2. All registrations of players must be endorsed/approved by the respective District Association. Those players for whom endorsement or approval is not given by the respective District Association, will not be accepted.
3. Team/Clubs need to register a Head Coach. In the event a team does not register a Head Coach the team will not be allowed to participate in the competition.

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS & OFFICIALS FOR MATCHES

1. From the twenty two (22) names registered on HPFA online registration system , only eighteen (18) players can be registered for each match (eleven first team players and seven substitutes) Seven (7) substitutes and five (5) officials will be allowed to occupy the reserve bench.
2. Out of the five (5) officials, compulsorily one should be a physio/ doctor and one should be a head / assistant coach. If one of them is not available then only three (3) officials will be allowed and if both are unavailable then only two (2) officials will be allowed to occupy the reserve bench.

SUBSTITUTION

1. Not more than five (5) 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

DURATION OF THE MATCHES

1. Matches will be of 70 minutes duration (hereinafter Normal Playing Time), consisting of two periods of 35 minutes with an interval of 15 minutes in the middle.



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2. The interval of fifteen (15) minutes between the periods will commence from the whistle ending the first period and ending upon the whistle starting the second period.
3. If the result is a draw at the end of Normal Playing Time during the Semi Final or Final matches of the Final Round of the tournament then, directly, Penalty Kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game.
4. If Penalty Kicks cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for any Force Majeure reasons, the results shall be decided by drawing of lots by the Referee in the presence of the HPFA Match Official and the two (2) team captains.

PLAYERS OUTFITS

1. The basic compulsory outfits of a player shall consist of a jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings, shin guards and footwear. Shin guards, 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.

PROTESTS

1. A protest is an objection of any kind to any matter that has a direct effect on Matches and any matters related to breach of these Regulations.
2. Unless otherwise stipulated, protests must be:
 - i. Submitted in writing to the HPFA Match Official within two (2) hours of the Match in question;
 - ii. followed up with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, sent to the HPFA General Secretariat by facsimile or registered post to the HPFA office within forty eight (48) hours of the end of the Match.; and



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- iii. Accompanied by a fee of Rs 5000 submitted to HPFA (by Demand Draft or Electronic Transfer) within forty eight (48) hours of the end of the Match, to be considered valid.
3. Protests regarding the age of a player shall be accompanied by the necessary evidence to support the protest. Failure to provide any such evidence shall result in the protest not being admitted and the protest amount will be forfeited.
4. Protest against the state of pitch, the markings, the accessory equipment or the footballs shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the manager of the team lodging protest. The final decision on this matter will rest with the match referee.
5. No protest shall be lodged relating to the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal, unless expressly otherwise stipulated in the HPFA Disciplinary Code.
6. The HPFA Disciplinary Committee shall make decisions on all protests.
7. Should the HPFA Disciplinary Committee determine that a protest is unfounded or irresponsible, it may impose a fine and the protest fee shall be forfeited.
8. If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded.
9. Following the completion of the final Match of the Tournament, all protests shall be disregarded.
10. Pursuant to the regulations of the HPFA, Clubs are forbidden from taking disputes to a Civil Court, but may submit them to the appropriate body of the HPFA.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

1. **DISCIPLINE**
- a) Participating teams, players and officials are bound by the AIFF Disciplinary Code and HPFA Disciplinary Code.
- b) Infringement of any of these regulations or any other regulations of the HPFA shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee of the HPFA.



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c) In deciding upon disciplinary measures to be taken, the Disciplinary Committee shall be guided by the provision of the regulations.

2. CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS

a) A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during the Tournament 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 at least for the next match of the respective team unless otherwise determined by the HPFA Disciplinary Committee, which shall communicate the decision within seventy two (72) hours of the match concerned.

c) Cautions will not be carried forward but Expulsions will be carried forward from one phase to another phase of the tournament.

d) A player who is sent off before or after kick off :

before the submission of the team list : cannot be named on the team list in any capacity after being named on the team list and before kick-off : may be replaced by a named substitute, but the suspended player cannot sit on the bench and the team will have less no. of players on the bench after the kick-off : cannot be replaced

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

1. The HPFA Disciplinary Committee shall deal with all the matters related to the discipline on and off the field of play

2. When taking decisions, the HPFA Disciplinary Committee shall refer to the report of the Referee and if necessary on the report of assistant referees, Fourth official and video evidence (if any).

3. The HPFA Disciplinary Committee shall base its decisions on HPFA Disciplinary Code.

APPEAL COMMITTEE

1. The HPFA Appeals Committee shall hear appeals lodged against decisions passed by the HPFA Disciplinary Committee.



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2. The HPFA Appeals Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents and other means of evidence contained in the HPFA 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.

MATCH OFFICIALS

1. HPFA REFEREES

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

2. HPFA Tournament Co-ordinator

A HPFA Tournament Co-ordinator shall be posted at venue of the Tournament, who shall be the guiding factor for all the matters connected with the tournament and shall submit a report to the Association with proposals and suggestions for improvement, if any. He shall advise the Referees Assessor in any matter connected with Referees affairs, if considered necessary.

3. HPFA REFEREE ASSESSOR

A HPFA Referee Assessor shall be posted for evaluation of performance of the referees.

BOARDING AND LODGING

Expenses related to Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the tournament i.e. Boarding, lodging and food costs, organisation of matches and other expenses are to be borne by the Host Association/Academy/Club teams.

TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 1) Trophy will be awarded to the Winning Team of the tournament
- 2) Medals for players and officials shall be awarded to each of the Winner and Runner Up team of the tournament

INFORMATION

All participating teams are responsible for all information provided about their players. Any information found to be fraudulent will subject the offending TEAM to sanctions as provided in the HPFA Disciplinary Regulations. Further, if the fraudulent information has resulted in



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the TEAM fielding ineligible player/s, the case will be treated, as provided for in these regulations.

COMMERCIAL & MARKETING RIGHTS

1. All the Commercial, Wireless, Broadcast, Interactive, Advertisement & Marketing rights related to the Tournament including the title, gate decoration, decoration of stage for prize distribution, are the property of the HPFA and/or it's marketing partner (if any)
2. All the perimeter boards, advertising areas at ground, first, second tier levels area are also the property of the HPFA or its marketing partner. However, each host Association will be given some perimeter boards at venue. Boards with products conflicting with the products of HPFA sponsors cannot be displayed. Prior permission of the HPFA will have to be obtained for displaying the boards. These boards should not be in conflict with the HPFA and Tournament sponsors.
3. The television, Internet rights and other marketing and media rights belong solely to the HPFA and and/or it's marketing partner (if any)
4. Prior permission from HPFA must be taken before video- recording of a match.
5. It is the duty and responsibility of the Host Club (Home team) or the Host State Association (only incase of final round matches) to check whether any media / marketing agency are video-recording the matches, without obtaining prior written permission from the HPFA.
6. Strict actions can be taken by HPFA against the Host Club (Home team) or the Host State Association (wherever applicable) in case of a breach of this regulation.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The HPFA reserves the right to alter, amend, remove from and/or add to these rules as and when necessary.
2. Teams infringing, any of the above rules may be debarred from playing for one year or more as the HPFA may decide.
3. Organisers shall provide an ambulance equipped with first aid and revival equipment and a qualified doctor shall be on duty for all matches of the tournament.



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4. HPFA 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 Tournament.
5. In the event of any dispute regarding interpretation of these regulations the decision of the HPFA shall be final and binding.

GENERAL

The HPFA Tournament Committee shall decide on all cases and events not covered by these regulations and their decision shall be final

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