

# DEPARTMENTAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



**TOURNAMENT RULES  
2023**





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## **Introduction**

The Phuntsholing Sports Association stages the **Yearly Departmental Football Tournament 2023** for Department, Corporation, Public/private Sectors under Chhukha Dzongkhag.

These Regulations set out the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the PSA and the Participating teams taking part in the Competition.

These Regulations and all directives, decisions, guidelines, and circulars issued by the PSA shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organization, and hosting of the Competition.

Any rights and Proprietary Interests associated with the Competition that is not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to any Participating Teams belong to the PSA.

Any reference to the PSA /BFF /AFC and FIFA regulations refer to those valid at the time of application.



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## **Section I: Organization- Responsibilities**

### **1. Representation**

- a. The PSA stages the **Yearly Departmental Football Tournament 2023**.
- b. Any rights associated with the competition which has not been granted by these regulations and/or specific agreements to a participating team in the competition belong to PSA.
- c. PSA will appoint the match officials and the Tournament Coordinator (TC).

### **2. Participating Team Agreement**

- a. The obligations and responsibilities of the participating teams are stipulated in the participating team agreement (PTA).
- b. Participating Team Agreement must be completed in full and submitted to PSA secretariat.

### **3. Security and Safety**

- a. PSA and the relevant govt. authorities are responsible for devising, planning and implementing adequate security and safety for the competition.
- b. In the interest of the safety of players and match officials, organizer must provide access to the field of play that guarantees the safe entry and exit of these persons.

### **4. Insurance**

*The Participating teams are responsible for the insurance coverage (including hospitalization and surgical operations) of their delegation, including players and officials, at their own expense, for all matches played in the competition. Claims for damages against PSA are expressly excluded, and the participating team shall hold PSA harmless against any such claims.*



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## **Section II: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

### **5. Matches played in accordance with the laws of the game**

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 and as per the PSA Technical rules.

### **6. Duration of the match**

Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with an interval of 10 minutes in between from whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period.

### **7. Determining the Winner by Penalty**

If the taking of the kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed because of the weather conditions or for other reasons beyond control, the results shall be decided by the drawing of lots by the Referee in the presence of the General Coordinator and the two (2) captains.

### **8. Abandonment of Matches**

- a. If the match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal time or during any extra time because of any force majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit for play, weather conditions, the following procedures must be followed:
  - i. The match is automatically suspended for the duration of thirty (30) minutes to allow conditions to improve sufficiently to restart the match, unless the referee decides that the match can be resumed earlier.
  - ii. At the discretion of the referee, another suspension of a maximum of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of suspension will allow the match to be resumed. Otherwise, at the end of this second thirty (30) minute period, the referee must declare the match to have been abandoned.
  - iii. In the case of an abandoned match, the PSA shall decide of the referee's decision to abandon the match whether the match result at the time of abandonment is valid or whether a replay shall be organized, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account.
- b. *No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in Art. 8 a)*



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## **9. Cancellation of Matches**

- a. If the match cannot commence on time due to force majeure or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field is not fit for play, weather conditions, the following procedures must follow:
  - i. The match must first be delayed for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes, unless the referee decides that the match can commence earlier, before a decision to reschedule the match is taken.
  - ii. At the discretion of the referee, another delay of a maximum of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed if in his opinion this extra period of suspension will allow the match to commence. Otherwise, at the end of this second thirty (30) minute period, the referee must declare the match to have been cancelled.
  - iii. In the case of a cancelled match, the PSA shall decide of the referee's decision to cancel the match whether the match can be rescheduled, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue with the competition. Any disciplinary sanctions resulting from the cancelled match shall remain in force.
- b. *No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in (Art. 9 a)*

## **10. Stadia (Playing Fields)**

All the Stadia (Playing Fields) for the 2023 Departmental Football Tournament will be staged at PSA Football Stadium.

## **11. The field of Play**

- a. PSA will ensure that the field of play is in good playable conditions.
- b. All the matches of the competition will be played at PSA stadium.

## **12. Team Bench and Technical Area**

- a. Up to a maximum of two (2) registered team officials and seven (7) named substitutes are allowed to sit on the team bench.
- b. All persons on the bench must wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of the players and referees on the pitch.



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### **13. Warming up**

- a. The Teams shall be entitled to warm up on the field of play before the match if the weather permits.
- b. During actual play, a maximum of three (3) named substitutes from each team may warm up at the same time but without a ball (except for the goal keeper) in space determined by the Tournament Coordinator (TC). The players may be accompanied by a one official from the team bench.

### **14. Footballs**

The footballs for the competition shall be selected and supplied by PSA. Each participating team will be provided with training balls as per the decision from PSA Competition Department.

### **15. Match Schedule**

All matches are played according to the competition fixture which will be drawn by the competitions department. The dates are final and binding on all concerned.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Match</b>	Reporting time	:
	Kick-off time	: <i>To be decided later</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Match</b>	Reporting time	:
	Kick-off time	:

### **16. Competition system**

The matches in the competition shall be played in League Cum Knockout format.

### **17. Technical Rules for the competition**

- a. All the matches will be played under the League cum knockout system.
- b. Three (3) points is awarded for a win, One (1) point for a draw and Zero (0) point for a loss
- c. **Ranking Format:** In the league round the winner will be decided through point (win-3, & draw -1, lose-0) with tie breaker 1 goals difference, tie breaker 2 Goal For, Tie breaker 3 Goal against (minimum goal against), Tie breaker 4 who has won over whom and finally toss.
- d. **Knockout Stage:**
  - i. In case a game remains draw (knock-out round) during the normal period, extra time of 10 -5-10 minutes will be played. And if the game remains draw even after the extra time, the match will be decided by the tie-breaker.
  - ii. In case of draws in tie-breaker then the match shall be decided by a sudden death shoot-out followed by coin toss.





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### **18. Team Uniforms**

Each team **must have proper uniform** for all players (2 sets if possible). Uniform **should have numbers with contrasting colour on their jersey** and shorts. The players must wear same colour uniform, shorts and socks, accepts for the goal keeper who will wear a different coloured uniform then the forward players. Players must wear the registered jersey number throughout the competition. Violation of this rule will land the Teams in paying a fine of Nu.3000/- (Three thousand) only to PSA accounts and suspension from playing the next match.

Team must always carry both the uniform (If any) on the match day.

### **19. Substitution**

A total of 5 substitutions will be permitted during a match, once a player has been substituted, they will not be permitted to re-enter the field.

The registration of those players in the starting list before the match starts and handed over to the General Coordinator/fourth officials. Substitution whose names are not registered will not be allowed to play.

### **20. Accreditation Cards**

All the players and officials will be issued with an Accreditation card with PSA official seal on it during the First Round of the Championship. It is the responsibility of individual players and officials to take care of the card and carry it throughout the tournament. *In case of lost/misplace of the card, a fine of Nu.500 (Five Hundred) per card will be charged for issuing a new card.*

### **21. Referee Committee**

A Referee committee is formed headed by PSA Referee Department and all the appointment of the match officials will be done by them. The Referees will be in proper uniform during the match hours. They will maintain the time as mentioned in the fixture and remind the teams for the start of the match on time.



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### **Section III: Entries for The Competition**

#### **22. Eligible Teams**

- a. PSA shall determine the team who are eligible for the competition as well as the number of teams for the competition.
- b. All registered teams are subject to the approval of the PSA.
- c. *All decisions by the PSA regarding entry to the Competition are final and binding and not appealable.*

#### **23. Duties and obligations**

- a. *On entering the competition, the team shall automatically undertake:*
  - i. To observe any agreements entered into with PSA as well as regulations, policies, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by PSA.
  - ii. To comply with the laws of the game issued by the IFAB;
  - iii. To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the competition shall be settled by PSA in compliance with this regulation.
  - iv. To observe the principles of fair play.
  - v. To be responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the competition, either at home or from their arrival in the host place until their departure.
  - vi. To ensure that unauthorized persons are not allowed entry into the teams dressing rooms.



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**24. Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play and replacement**

- a. Teams shall play in all competition matches.
- b. Teams that withdraw prior to, or are excluded from playing in the competition, may be replaced by another team. PSA competition department shall make the relevant decision.
- c. If a team withdraws after entering or does not report for a match at any stage of the competition, except in cases of force-majeure recognized by the PSA competition department, or it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadia (Playing field) before the end of the match, the team shall:
  - i. Be considered to have withdrawn from the competition.
  - ii. Have all its matches cancelled and considered null and void (all points, goals scored and goal against will not be counted and taken into consideration when deciding the ranking in the group)
  - iii. Be required to pay compensation for any damages and losses suffered by the PSA.
  - iv. Be disqualified from taking part in the next one (1) editions of the competition. The PSA Competition committee may extend the suspension depending on the gravity of the situation.



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## **Section IV: Team's Official Delegation: Officials & Players**

### **25. Eligibility of players**

- a. A player is eligible to play in the competition provided he fulfils all the following conditions:
  - i. He/she is duly registered by the team with PSA according to its own rules and those of PSA Regulation where relevant;
- b. A player is deemed ineligible if:
  - i. There is a violation of Art. (25 a).
  - ii. PSA finds that documents submitted during registration is/are false.
- c. *Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match. Victory and the resultant three (3) points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0. The guilty team shall be fined Nu.5000/-, the ineligible player shall not be allowed to participate and the guilty team will be barred from participating in next edition.*

### **26. Documentations for registration of players**

- a. For the **registration of players** for the competition, players must be registered using the 'PSA Official form for players.
- b. **Documentations for the registration of players are:**
  - i. Official Registration form for players.
  - ii. Latest 2 Passport size colour photo & ID card Copy/ TPN Number/PF Account details.
  - iii. For players under Provision period a recruitment documents along with other relevant documents as proof of employment.





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c. ***Player criteria.***

- i. *Players from National Team, current players of ongoing BPL Club Teams, students, and non-national players are **not allowed to participate.***
- ii. *All participating players from every team **must be based within Chhukha** Dzongkhag.*
- iii. *Only **one hired player allowed** who can be from outside the team's own department but based within Chhukha Dzongkhag and must be mentioned in the registration form.*
- iv. *All team players are required to hold permanent positions within the respective Organization/Department. **Temporary workers or staff under the Muster Roll category are not eligible for participation.***
- v. *A maximum of **three players** who are employed and under a **provisional period** are allowed to be part of a team.*

**27. Principles for Registration of Players**

- a. A Team can register no less than eighteen (15) players and no more than eighteen (18) players. While the shirt number one (1) shall be reserved for goalkeeper.
- b. If a team fails to register a minimum of fifteen (15) players, the team will be considered to have withdrawn.
- c. Throughout the competition, each player shall wear the same number allocated to him on the PSA Registration form for players submitted to PSA during the registration. The same player may not use different shirt numbers in different matches. New player may not use as replacements for injured players can only be allocated vacant shirt numbers.
- d. All participating players will be issued with Accreditation Card authorized by the PSA. Should a card be misplaced, the participating teams shall be required to pay Nu.500/- as a replacement production fee.



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## **28. Player's selection list**

- a. Each match in the competition, each TEAM will receive a "Player Selection List" on which the numbers and Full names of up to fifteen (15) or eighteen (18) players in the squad are listed.
- b. The teams must indicate on the "Player Selection List" the first eleven (11) players who will start the match and the other nine (7) named substitutes. The teams captain must be identified on the player Selection list.
- c. Both teams must hand their "Player Selection list" to the Tournament Coordinator at least sixty (60) minutes before the kick-off of their match.

## **29. Match starting list**

- a. Upon receipt of the "Player Selection list", the Tournament Coordinator (TC) will check on the Accreditation card of the players at least fifteen (15) minutes before kick-off of the match. Only those players who are in possession of an accreditation card are entitled to play in the matches.
- b. After the "Player Selection list" has been completed, and if the match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions apply:
- c. If any of the eleven (11) players listed on the match starting list selected to start the match are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the match starting list.

## **30. Appointment of Officials**

Each participating team must appoint a team manager who coordinates with the Tournament Coordinator (TC) .

## **31. Registration of officials**

For all matches, teams shall register maximum of 2 Officials in the registration period.

## **32. Documentations for registration of officials**

Teams shall register their officials for the competition in the PSA Official Registration Form for Officials.

## **33. Principles for Registration of Officials**

The team can nominate maximum three (2) officials in the registration who will be entitled for access to the substitute bench, training ground, and field of play with Team official accreditation card.



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## **Section V: Disciplinary Laws and procedures**

### **34. Disciplinary measures**

- a. Disciplinary measures are dealt with in compliance with the current AFC/BFF/PSA Disciplinary code.
- b. The PSA Disciplinary committee may impose the disciplinary measures for any violation of current competition regulation.

### **35. Players cautioned or dismissed from the field of play**

- a. A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) in two consecutive matches during the stage of the competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which he received the second caution.
- b. A player who receives two yellow cards in the same match will be shown red card and shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which he received the red card.
- c. A player who receives a red card during the competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which he received the red card.
- d. Any player who receives a red card (Violent conduct) during the competition shall remain suspended from further play until his/her case has been decided by the PSA Disciplinary committee.
- e. A suspended player and official shall not be allowed on the substitution bench and technical area.
- f. Each team shall bear the responsibility of monitoring the cautions and /or suspension received by its players and officials.

### **36. Violence by players and / or officials**

Any player or official reported for indiscipline or violent conduct anywhere in the stadia including field of play, changing rooms, by the Referee or Tournament Coordinator (TC) shall be dealt with by the PSA Disciplinary committee in accordance with the AFC/BFF/PSA Disciplinary code.

### **37. Protest**

- a. *Protest shall first be submitted in writing to the Venue Tournament Coordinator (TC) within one (1) hour of the match by the teams concerned and followed up immediately with full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing to the PSA General secretariat accompanied by a fee of Nu. 1000 (Nu. One thousand).*
- b. *After the Disciplinary Committee decision, if teams(s) appeals the appeal must be done within 2 days accompanied by a fee of Nu. 5,000 (Nu. Five Thousand).*
- c. *No protest may be made against the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.*



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## **Section VI: Administration**

### **38. Awards**

- a. For the competition, the following player Awards and team Award will be presented as per the sponsorship
  - i. Most valuable player (MVP) of the competition award.
  - ii. Top Goal Scorer of the tournament

### **40. Trophy and medals**

- a. The champion teams will be awarded a take away trophy by PSA as its permanent possession.
- b. PSA will also be responsible for awarding the following medals:
  - i. Gold medals to the Winner
  - ii. Silver medals to the Runner-up

### **41. Prize Money**

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| a. Winner | <b>Nu.</b> | Champions  |
| b. Runner | <b>Nu.</b> | Runners Up |

### **Matters Not Provided For**

Matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the PSA Competition Committee. Such decisions are binding and final.





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### **Enforcement**

These Regulations were ratified by the PSA Secretariate, Phuentsholing , Bhutan on **03-09-2023** and came into force immediately.

**For the Phuentsholing Sports Association**

### **Organizing committee**

1. Mr. Sonam Lhagyel
2. Mr. Rinzin Wangchuk
3. Mr. Kinzang Jamtshok
4. Mr. Kinzang (Referee Head)

### **Disciplinary Committee Members**

1. Mr Karma Dophu T - Ex-Com/(Patron Football), PSA.
2. Mr. Sonam Lhagyel - General Secretary, PSA.
3. Mr. Samdrup Dorji - Chairman PSA Archery
4. Mr. Rinzin Wangchuk – Sports Secretary
5. Mr. Kinzang Dorji - Chief Referee



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**TEAM REGISTRATION & DECLARATION FORM.**

We hereby declare that the Player list submitted in the form and other supporting documents attached are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief in line with the permissible rules of the tournament. In case any information provided by us is found incorrect, we assume full responsibility to abide the rules of tournament and PSA shall have full authority to disqualify our team from the tournament.

**TEAM REGISTRATION FORM**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Jointly counter sign by the following concern official with office seal:

Team Captain:

Team Manager:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

SL NO.	Player Name	CID NO.	Contact no:	Provident Fund Contribution No.	Passport size Photo
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