



**FOOTBALL**

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## Abbreviations and Terminology

Title	Abbreviation	Notes
Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation	ISSF	
Azerbaijan Islamic Games Organizing Committee	AISGOC	
4 <sup>th</sup> Azerbaijan Islamic Solidarity Games	Baku 2017	
National Olympic Committee	NOC	

# **TECHNICAL RULES**

## **1 COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1.1 The 4<sup>th</sup> Islamic Solidarity Games Men's Seniors Football competition shall be organized in accordance with the latest Laws of the Game (LOTG). Issues not covered by LOTG rules shall be dealt with according to the following.
- 1.2 For technical matters, the FIFA Laws of the Game are binding. For general matters, ISG Basic regulations, General Rules and this Technical Handbook should be consulted.

## **2 COMPETITION MANAGEMENT**

- 2.1 The Competition shall, under the authority of the ISSF, be organized by AISGOC, in conformity with all applicable UEFA and FIFA Rules and Regulations and under the supervision of the Technical Committee.
- 2.2 The Azerbaijan Football Federation will support the appointment of qualified Technical Officials as required. Officials must be approved by the assigned Technical Delegate.

## **3 VENUE AND SCHEDULE**

- 3.1 The Football competition will be organized in Baku, Azerbaijan during the period 9<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- 3.2 Competition and training venues will be prepared for the participating teams according to a schedule made by the Organizing Committee and distributed prior to participation.

## **4 TECHNICAL MEETING**

- 4.1 The Technical Meeting will be held prior to competition commencing. The venue and time of the meeting will be confirmed in due course.
- 4.2 The meeting will be attended by:
  - Technical Delegate
  - Local General Coordinator
  - Local Media Officer
  - Medical Officer
  - Security Officer
  - Match Officials
  - Match Commissioner
  - Referee assessor
  - Stadium manager.
  - Team Managers
- 4.3 At the technical meeting all participating teams are to present respective kits (home, away and 3<sup>rd</sup> playing kits).

## **5 EVENTS AND PARTICIPATION**

- 5.1 The Football competition shall be organized with a maximum of twelve (12) Men's teams, including Azerbaijan as Host Country. The Games Organizer reserves the right to alter the competition team entries numbers in the interests of the Games.
- 5.2 An NOC who is invited by AISGOC, and whose National Federation is a member of the International Football Federation (FIFA), is entitled to participate in the competition.
- 5.3 Each team delegation shall be composed of twenty-three (23) players + ten (10) officials, including coaches, manager and medical staff.
- 5.4 Players are eligible to participate in the Men's Senior Football competition if they:
  - are duly registered with the respective member association and applicable federations
  - are eligible to participate for the representative team of the Member Association in accordance with article 5-8 of the Regulations governing the Application of FIFA Statutes
  - hold the nationality of the country from which the NOC is registered.
- 5.5 For eligibility, only individual passports shall be used as the official document of the athlete.

## **6 COMPETITION FORMAT**

- 6.1. The Football competition shall be structured as an invitational tournament, to a maximum of twelve (12) teams,
- 6.2. Teams will be divided into three (3) groups. Each group shall contain four (4) teams.
- 6.3. At the group stage all teams within a group shall play against each other once.
- 6.4. At the end of the group matches the top two (2) placed teams in each group shall proceed to the quarter-final stage, along with the two (2) best 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams across the groups.
- 6.5. Eight (8) teams shall progress to the quarter finals stage.
- 6.6. Winners of the quarter finals shall progress to the semi-finals.
- 6.7. Winners of the semi-finals stage shall progress to the gold medal match.
- 6.8. Losers of the semi-finals shall proceed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place playoff, the bronze medal match.
- 6.9. The format of the competition may be altered subject to final team entries and in the interest of the Games.

## **7 EQUIPMENT**

- 7.1 The Organizing Committee shall provide all competition equipment in accordance with the FIFA Competition Rules, less for identified team equipment.

## **8 APPAREL**

- 8.1 Players shall wear the official playing kits of their teams in accordance with applicable competition rules and regulations. Only kits presented and approved at the Technical Meeting are permitted to be worn.

- 8.2 Manufacturer's marks are permitted subject to conforming to the applicable international sport rules and regulations.
- 8.3 No form of advertising or publicity is permitted on players' clothing, less for those detailed at paragraph 8.2.

## **9 MEDALS, DIPLOMAS AND VICTORY CEREMONIES**

- 9.1 Victory ceremonies shall be held according to a schedule as determined by AISGOC. Winners shall wear their playing kits or other official apparel of their NOCs.
- 9.2 Medallists in the Football competition shall be awarded the following prizes and diplomas:
- The first placed team: gold medals and diplomas
  - The second placed team: silver medals and diplomas
  - The third placed team: bronze medals and diplomas