



MATCH RULES

FOR THE FIRST IPA WORLFOOTBALLTOURNAMENT

7 X 7 MEN/WOMEN 2025

ENTRANCE

Article 1

These Proposals regulate the rules for the FOR THE FIRST IPA WORD TOURNAMENT competition, the conditions under which the competition is held, determine the competent authorities managing the competition, as well as other issues related to the competition.

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

Article 2

The teams participating in the FOR THE FIRST IPA WORD FUTBALL TOURNAMENT competition (hereinafter: FIRST IPA WORD FUTBALL TOURNAMENT) are all Sections officially recognized as IPA.

Article 3

The 7x7 football tournament is managed by the Organizing Committee of IPA-Section Albania (hereinafter: the Committee).

Article 4

The organizer of the IPA Football 7x7 TOURNAMENT is obliged to organize matches in accordance with the law, the Football Competition Regulations of the Albanian Football Association and these Proposals.



Article 5

The match schedule is determined by the Organizing Committee.

Matches are played according to the match schedule, which is approved by the Organizing Committee after the number of teams registered for the competition is determined.

FIELDS

Article 6

The organizer of the IPA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT is obliged to provide NATURAL GRASS FIELDS for the holding of matches, which meet the requirements of the 7X7 FOOTBALL RULES. The Commission decides whether the fields and grounds are suitable for holding matches.

START OF THE MATCHES

Article 7

After the number of teams has been submitted by 01.05.2025, the Committee will determine the date and time of the start of the match, which will be published on the official website ipa-albania.org

The schedule thus determined may be changed with the approval of the Committee, and no later than one day before the match, of which the Committee will inform the team managers.

TEAM DUTIES

Article 8

Teams may not play with the same colored jerseys in a match. If the jerseys are the same or similar color, one team shall change the color of the jerseys or wear a vest of a different color (determined by the delegate).

Teams must inform the match delegates of the color of their jerseys they will play with, as well as the reserve one, in case both teams have jerseys of the same or similar color, no later than half an hour before the match.

Article 9

Teams must arrive at the stadium where the match is being played at least 15 minutes before the start of the match, and their representatives must present the team list for the match 30 minutes before the start of the match. They must present a list of players and team officials on a specially designated form.



Article 10

The match delegate fills out a score sheet, which must be signed by representatives of both teams (the team captain or a participant designated by the team leader).

The committee is obliged to provide a timekeeper and the necessary equipment for the match.

Article 11

The organizer is obliged to appoint a Security Officer, who will ensure the safety of all participants.

Article 12

The delegate shall keep a record of public warnings issued during matches. After two public warnings, a player shall serve a one-match suspension.

A team that fields a player who has not served a one-match suspension shall have that player suspended for the remainder of the competition.

A player shall serve a one-match suspension in the first subsequent match, with no right to play in the subsequent match.

Article 13

In all matches, the following persons may be present in a designated part of the field where the match is played:

coach;

assistant coach;

maximum 5 reserve players registered in the match protocol;

doctor;

physiotherapist;

representative of the IPA section;

delegate;

timekeeper;

Security.

The listed persons, in addition to the players, must have identification documents or visible clothing specifying their function



RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

Article 14

Members of the IPA National Section for which they compete, and which they can prove with their IPA membership card for 2025 if necessary, are entitled to participate in the Football Tournament matches. A competitor from one IPA National Section cannot compete for another IPA National Section, with the exception of teams approved by the Organizing Committee such as the IPA Balkan teams and IPA WORD teams.

Article 15

Competitors who have a suitable medical certificate stating that they are healthy may participate in the Tournament competitions.

Only players who have been declared medically fit may participate in the matches.

The IPA Section for which the competitor competes is responsible for the accuracy of the data.

Article 16

IPA National Sections are obliged to collect certificates of the health status of the participants and the medical examination of their players, and to show them, if necessary, at the request of the Commission or the meeting delegate.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Article 17

A match is played by two teams, each consisting of a maximum of 7 (seven) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper.

The match may start if one of the teams has at least 5 (five) players.

A team has a total of 12 players (7 players in the game and 5 substitutes).

Article 18

Players who do not play from the start of the match may enter the game later, if they are registered as players on the match protocol before the start of the match.



Article 19

If, due to expulsion from the field, fewer than five players remain on either team, the match is interrupted.

In the event of an interruption from the previous paragraph, the match is recorded with the official score 3:0 in favor of the opponent, provided that the opponent has not achieved a better result before the interruption.

DELEGATES

Article 20

For each match of the IPA 7x7 Football competition, the Commission appoints one or more delegates, who have a managerial and supervisory function in the match.

Article 21

The delegate is obliged to know the tournament regulations and the normative acts issued by the game organizer.

Article 22

The delegate is obliged, immediately after the match, to provide the prescribed form for signature by the team representatives.

Article 23

The delegate's duties are:

- to arrive on the pitch at least one hour before the start of the match;
- to establish the identity of the players and the accuracy of the list of registered players by the time set for the start of the match;
- to provide team representatives with access to their identity cards, if necessary;
- to prevent anyone who is not entitled to do so from entering a designated area of the pitch (intended for substitutes and officials);
- to draw up a report of the players who have been sent off;
- the referees, club representatives and players who have been sent off are obliged, at the delegate's request, to make accurate statements, which are recorded in the report, and on the circumstances that the delegate requests of them.

Article 24

Team representatives may file a complaint with the Committee against a delegate who does not perform his/her duties in accordance with the rules.



REFEREES

Article 25

Referees for IPA 7x7 Football competition matches are determined by the Commission. Referees must be properly dressed and must have all the necessary equipment for judging. A main referee and an assistant referee are assigned to the match. The organizer will determine the referees who have the necessary licenses from the respective countries.

COMPLAINTS

Article 26

A complaint regarding the regularity of a match may be lodged by any club participating in the competition which believes that it has been aggrieved by the result of the match complained of.

A complaint regarding the regularity of a match shall in the first instance, on all grounds, be decided by the Committee.

Article 27

A complaint shall be lodged within half an hour after the match has been played, with the necessary justification.

Article 28

A complaint which is untimely, unfounded, untaxed or insufficiently taxed shall not be taken into consideration in the proceedings, and the match shall be recorded as having been won, and the complaint shall be deemed not to have been lodged.

Article 29

The complaint shall be settled within one hour of the time of receipt of the complaint.

Article 30

The decision on the complaint shall be made in writing. A copy of the decision must be delivered to the team within half an hour of its receipt. The Commission's decision on



DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES

Article 31

Disciplinary offences committed by teams and their players, officials, professional managers and technicians shall be decided by the Committee.

If a player receives a public warning during a match and then another, for which the referee excludes him from the game, the player shall be shown a red card with a note that he has received a red card for another yellow card, and yellow cards shall not be recorded, and for the red card shown he shall serve a one-match suspension.

DETERMINING THE RANKING

Article 32

The team's ranking in the table is determined by the number of points scored.

The team that wins the match earns 3 (three) points, in the event of a draw, both teams earn 1 (one) point each, and the team that loses the match earns 0 points.

In the quarterfinals and semifinals, a "direct elimination" system is played, in which the winner continues the other matches of the tournament and the losing team ends its participation in the tournament.

Article 33

The organizer keeps a table containing the names of the competing teams, the number of points scored and the goal difference between goals scored and goals conceded. The ranking in the table is determined by the sum of the points scored.

If the teams earn the same number of points, the goal difference is decisive. If the difference is also equal, the team that scored the most goals takes the best place, and if they have scored the same number of goals, then they share the places to continue to the next stage by drawing lots. The draw is made no later than 30 minutes from the end of the match.



COMPETITION PROCESS

Qualifying matches are played in groups. The number of groups will depend on the number of teams registered and it is generally planned to have four groups.

In the group stage, teams play matches on a round-robin basis with each team from the group.

Two short halves are played. The duration of the match is 30 minutes per match, with a short break of 5 minutes.

Time is measured without stopping the clock, unless the referee decides to stop the clock. After the end of the group stage, the two first placed teams in the group participate in the additional competition of the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals, in the continuation of the competition.

In principle, the first-placed team from one group meets the second-placed team from the other group, while the second-placed team from one group meets the first-placed team from the other group.

The committee also takes into account that teams from a group cannot meet in the initial phase of the continuation of the competition.

Quarter-final and semi-final matches shall last 20 minutes per half, with a 5-minute half-time break between halves.

The final match shall last 20 minutes per half, with a 5-minute half-time break between halves.

Time shall be measured without stopping the clock, unless the referee decides to stop the clock, and the last minute of the second half when only the clock is measured while the game is active.

If the matches end with an identical score, the winner shall be determined by the best execution of penalty kicks.



Each team shall take 3 (three) penalty kicks alternately, and if the winner is still in doubt, each team shall take 1 (one) penalty kick alternately until the winner is determined.

The penalty kicks shall be taken by a different player.

For everything not provided for in the Competition Proposals, the provisions of the Football Competition Regulations of the Albanian Football Federation and other regulations and decisions of the Organizing Committee apply

UNJUSTIFIED ABSENCE FROM A MATCH

Article 34

A team that does not show up for a match, the referee is obliged to wait a maximum of five minutes, if the team does not show up within the specified time, nor does it justify its absence (lateness), it loses the match with the official score 3:0.

START OF THE MATCHES

Article 35

After the number of teams has been submitted by 01.05.2025, the Committee will determine the date and time of the start of the match, which will be published on the official website ipa-albania.org

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PRIZES

Article 36

The teams ranked first and second in the IPA Futball 7x7 tournament will receive the trophy for winning the first and second place in permanent ownership. Also, all participants from the mentioned teams will receive the corresponding medal for winning the first and second place. The other participating teams will receive a trophy for participation. Upon the proposal of the referee, the Fair Play award will be awarded, as well as the award for the best player.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 37

For everything not provided for in these Proposals, the provisions of the Regulation of Procedure for Football Competitions of the Federation of the Republic of Albania and other regulations and decisions of the Organizing Committee shall apply.

Article 38

These Proposals shall enter into force on the day of their approval by the Organizing Committee.

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