



Ground Rules of Football Match

AIA Corporate Cup 2025

To ensure the efficiency and satisfactory results of the football match for the AIA Corporate Cup 2025, match commission would like to set out the following ground rules:

Article 1: Qualifications of the players and conditions for match registration

Players are accepted regardless of their race, if aged 18 or over with the following conditions:

- 1.1 Each team is permitted to register minimum 7 players and maximum 10 players. And all the registered players are allowed to participate in all games. However, if the team wins and becomes the local champion, only 7 members are entitled to travel to London.
- 1.2 The one team captain is responsible as team manager – monitor team performance and behavior, and act as the central point of information and communication between match commission and one's team - and this individual is allowed to play on the pitch as one of the players.
- 1.3 Each team shall not be permitted to change the registered names above (7-10 players) for the entire game upon registered regardless any circumstance.
- 1.4 Their birth dates and shirt numbers must be specified in the list, attached with their photo in football uniform – size: 3 x 4.
- 1.5 Each member shall be a member of AIA ComCare, AIA MedCare, and AIA AccidentCare who is holding an active AIA policy number (minimum validation till 01 Match 2025); or a member of AIA Corporate Cup 2025's cash-sponsor institution.
- 1.6 One company with one master policy can send only one football team. Except for Platinum cash sponsor can send 2 football teams.
- 1.7 The registered players are those who are not related to any other teams playing in this game.
- 1.8 Each player shall not be a professional or semi-professional footballer in the last 5 years.
 - 1.8.1. A professional is a contracted individual sportsman whose occupation of athlete who competes for pay or gets compensations and benefits from or have a contract with any football club, association or federation.
 - 1.8.2. A semi-professional is a contracted individual who competes for pay gets compensations and benefits from any football club, association or federation although this person could be a full/part-time employee somewhere else.
 - 1.8.3. Profession as a football coach is considered as a football professional.
 - 1.8.4. If found any member that violate the conditions, match commission has full authority to disqualify any certain player.
- 1.9 Each team applying for attendance in the match shall:
 - 1.9.1. Comply with the rules, decisions, instructions, and notices of the AIA Corporate Cup 2025 and the match commission.
 - 1.9.2. Accept all resolutions of the match commission, administrative issues, penalties and decisions of the referee or commission of the AIA Corporate Cup 2025.
 - 1.9.3. Accept all regulations of the match commission.
 - 1.9.4. A player who is playing for an association or club is not permitted to play for another association or club in the same season.
 - 1.9.5. Each team registered for the matches of AIA Corporate Cup 2025 shall attend the game until the event ends.
 - 1.9.6. In the event of any dispute with regard to the player compilation, it shall be subject to a decision by the match commission. This decision shall be final and no further complaint is permitted.
 - 1.9.7. The application shall be open and accepted from the date of this notice and closed on 30 October 2024.

Article 3: Duration of the match

- 3.1 Each game lasts 30 minutes, divided into halves, each of which lasts 15 minutes and there is a 5-minutes break between the two halves.
- 3.2 In the semi-final and final matches, If the scores are still equal, there will be a penalty shootout 6 meters between the goal and the penalty spot in accordance with the penalty shootout procedures to identify a winner or loser. If the penalty shootout at 6 meters cannot be completed due to natural reasons or any problems, the winner or loser shall be decided by a lucky draw. Team will have 3 penalties each before a sudden death shootout is initiated.

Article 5: Registration during the match and player replacement

- 5.1 In each group's qualification match and knockout stages, each team may register 7 to 10 players (5 pitch players and the rest are substitutes).
- 5.2 During each game, players are permitted to be replaced, including penalty shootout after final result draw during knock out match.
- 5.3 Up to 10 players are allowed to be presented in the same game for substitutes; however, Article 1, Clauses 1.1 & 1.3 are strictly applied regardless any circumstance.

Article 11: Score and technical measures for grouping stage formula:

- A. Win 3 points
- B. Draw 1 points
- C. Lose 0 points

Article 18: Cup and award

1. The 4th ranking team will certificate of appreciation.
2. The 3rd ranking team will receive (up to) 10 bronze medals.
3. The 2nd ranking team will receive (up to) 10 silver medals.
4. The 1st ranking will receive 1 cup, (up to) 10 gold medals, and travel to London.

Article 19: Game Rules

1. Goal Kick
 - a. The Goalkeeper start play by hand, no kicked by feet allows.
 - b. The ball must be placed at the middle of the field.
 - c. Goal score from side is goal (1 touch).
2. Sidebar line Kick
 - a. Players place the ball on the sidebar line and then kick it with their foot along.
 - b. The defending team must maintain a distance of 5 meters from the kick location.
 - c. The ball must enter the field without touching anyone else; otherwise, it will not count (2 touches).
3. Corner Kick
 - a. The ball must be placed in the corner area.
 - b. Go score from side is goal (1 touch).
4. Free Kick
 - a. The ball must be placed where the foul occurred.
 - b. The defending team must maintain a distance of 5 meters from the kick location.
 - c. Direct or indirect shoot will be decided by the referee.
5. Penalty Kick
 - a. The penalty kick is taken from the penalty spot 6 meters away.
 - b. The player in position must stand on the penalty spot.
 - c. The ball must enter the goal; otherwise, it will not count.
6. Substitution
 - a. Substitutions can be made at any time without the need for permission from the referee.
 - b. The substituted player can return to the field.
 - c. The procedure for changing players involves the player inside leaving the field completely, and the player outside enters.

***** Completed terms & conditions will be stated in the official Ground Rule document that will be provided by our Corporate Solution Team prior to the registration.**