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***The Rules- TOTAL FOOTBALL!!***

*1: Matches are 7 minutes each way. 2 minutes maximum interval!! (10 minutes semi and final.. slightly longer interval)

2: The ball can go above head height but no headers are allowed! Free kick violation*

*3: The keeper cannot kick the ball from his hands. Free kick violation

4: The keeper must roll the ball out below the height of his shoulder (underarm or side way).

5:* ***Sliding tackles*** *are* ***not*** *allowed.* **PENALTY** *violation!!

6: When a goal is scored, play is restarted from the keeper.

7: No players are allowed in the goalkeepers’ area (penalty offence for defensive side). See rule 19!

8: Substitutions are roll on, roll off. Inform the referee first!

9: All free kicks are indirect and players must be two yards from the kicker. Referees are instructed to advance play an additional two yards should this not be observed.

10: When the ball goes out of play, restart with a kick in.

11: All kick ins are indirect.

13: Back passes to the keeper are allowed, but only if the ball has touched two or more players after leaving the keeper.

14: Swearing at the referee is an automatic sending off offence. (****Teams do NOT get to replace that player in that game****) See point 3 in extra rules below.

15: The referee has sole authority of the match.*

*16:* ***Penalties are awarded for cynical/dangerous challenges regardless of where they occur on the field of play!***

*17: Players or teams can be ejected from tournament for violent/aggressive conduct physical or verbal- There are no refunds. See point 4 in extra rules below*

 *18: ALL players SHOULD wear shin pads- for their own protection. (This is not mandatory in this tournament)*

*19)* ***Rush goal keeper- anyone can be in goal- but only one player allowed in the area at a time- see rule 7!***

*20: Players are not allowed to support themselves by holding on to the fencing. Free kick awarded for violation.*

***The Extra Rules*** *1) Should a game end in a draw (knock out rounds only) there will be five penalties each.. then sudden death thereafter.

2) Group positions will be decided by Points, then goal difference, then goals scored, then goals against, then the result against that team in the group. In the unlikely event that teams are still equal when all this is taken into account, then progression to the knockout stages shall be settled with penalties as in Extra Rules (1).*

*3) Red or yellow cards may lead to disqualification. See point 14 above.

4) The organisers reserve the right to remove any team from the tournament at any time. See point 17 above.*

*5)* ***PENALTIES****. When awarded a penalty, players will have three seconds to take it once the referee says go. There are no restrictions on the amount of steps a player can take.*