



ALL NEPAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

ANFA U-16 YOUTH LEAGUE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2024

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. Definition

ANFA	The All Nepal Football Federation
AFC	Asian Football Confederation
FIFA:	Federation International de Football Association
ANFA U-16 Youth League 2024:	Football Tournament for men's team under the age of 16 years
Match(es):	Each football match(es) in its entirety (including penalty kicks) of the competition.
Match Schedule:	The published Schedule containing details of the competition. (Teams, Date, Kick-off time and Venue)
Regulations	Regulations controlled and published by ANFA to govern and control the competition.

2. Tournament and Sub-Committees

- 2.1 ANFA U-16 Youth League Football Tournament - 2024 is a tournament of "ANFA".
- 2.2 "ANFA" reserves the rights to prefix the name of the Tournament with the name of the sponsor (s) or any other name.
- 2.3 All the concerned parties shall be obliged to use the accredited official name of the Tournament as and when it is prefixed.
- 2.4 ANFA shall form different sub-committees for organizing the tournament.

3. Competition Date and Venues

The league will start from 12th **poush 2081** The matches of the competition will be played at **ANFA Complex, and other respective teams own venues** which shall be finalized by ANFA.

4. Withdrawal from the Competition:

- 4.1 All participating clubs undertake that they shall play all their matches in the competition.
- 4.2 In this regard, any participating club that withdraws from the competition:
 - 4.2.1 Before it has commenced, shall be fined at least NPR Rs. 200,000.00 if withdrawal occurred after the team has confirmed the participation.
 - 4.2.2 After it has commenced, shall be fined at least NPR Rs. 500,000.00 if its withdrawal occurred after the commencement of the competition.

5. Mode of Competition

- 5.1. The participating teams will play each of all participating teams. The competition format shall be determined as a double round robin league (Each team play other teams twice).
- 5.2. Each match shall be of ninety (90) minutes duration, consisting of two periods of forty- five (45) minutes with an interval of 15 minutes from whistle ending the first half to the starting the second period.

6. Ranking System

- 6.1. In the league matches winner shall be awarded three (3) points while one (1) point each shall be awarded for a draw and none for a loss.
- 6.2. In the league format, the ranking of the teams will be determined as follows:
 - i. Higher number of points in all group matches
 - ii. If two (2) or more participating teams are equal on the above criteria, the following criteria are applied to determine the ranking in descending order:
 - a. Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the teams concerned;
 - b. Goal difference resulting from the matches between the teams concerned;
 - c. Greater number of goals scored in the matches between the teams concerned;
 - d. Goal difference in all the matches;
 - e. Greater number of goals scored in all the matches;
 - iii. Negative points shall be accumulated. 1 point for Yellow Card, 3 points for 2 Yellow Cards resulting in Red, 4 points for Direct Red Card;
 - iv. Drawing of lots

7. Fixtures

The match fixtures of the tournament will be published by ANFA, in the presence of all participating teams.

8. Eligibility

- 8.1. Players shall be Nepali citizen and they are representing and subject to its jurisdiction; (Birth Certificate, MLE certificate, SEE certificate and Valid Passport required)
- 8.2. Individual valid birth certificate including citizenship certificate or passports shall be the proof of nationality. A player shall be born on or **after 1st January 2009**
- 8.3 In case of the false or dual identification document, the players shall be penalized by the ANFA.**

9. Registration of Players & Officials

- 9.1. Participating teams are required to submit a final registration of a minimum of eighteen (18) players with minimum two Goalkeepers no later than 26th December 2024 and a maximum of Thirty-Five (35) players can be registered Two days (48 hours) prior to the match.
- 9.2. Participating teams can register minimum of Three (3) and maximum of **Five (5) officials** for the league.
- 9.3. Each team must register Head Coach, Team Manager and Doctor/Physio for the match.
- 9.4. Participating team must register a minimum of three (3) Goalkeepers in their Preliminary and Final Registration of the players without any condition.
- 9.5. Each player shall wear the same jersey number allocated to him on the Official Registration Form for Players submitted to ANFA during the **Match Coordination Meeting**.
- 9.6. An official accreditation card with photograph shall be issued to the players and officials of each team.
- 9.7. Only those players and officials who are in possession of such an accreditation card are entitled to sit on the substitution bench and play the match. The accreditation card shall always be available for inspection prior to the start of the match.
- 9.8. The players and officials shall be registered online through **FIFA Connect** with all necessary documents.
- 9.9. The players register in Lalit Memorial ANFA U-18 cannot register in this tournament.

10. Documents required

The following documents are required:

- 10.1. Birth Certificate (Issued before 2081 BS) copy of each individual player and official
- 10.2. Details of each player and official
- 10.3. One colored passport size photograph of each player and official, taken within three months prior to the submission of the registration
- 10.4. A copy of AFC 'C' Coaching Certificate (at least) of Head Coach
- 10.5. Parent's Consent of every individual player

- 10.6. Insurance of every individual player
- 10.7. Contract paper with every individual player/official

11. Competition Regulations and Laws of the Game

All matches shall be conducted in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game promulgated by the IFAB (International Football Association Board) and Competition Regulations.

12. Start List

- 12.1. The Participating Teams must hand over the “Players Selection List” and the “Officials on the Bench List” with the names of the **eleven (11) players who will start the match and maximum (12) players** who are designated as their substitutes, with the remaining marked as suspended or not playing, to the Match Commissioner at least ninety (90) minutes before the kick-off of their match. The team captain and the goalkeepers must be identified on the “Players Selection List”. The same procedure will apply for the Officials on the bench also.
- 12.2. After the “Match Starting List” has been completed and signed by both the teams and returned to the Match Commissioner, and if the match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions apply:
 - i. If any of the eleven (11) Player(s) 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.
 - ii. The replaced participating player(s) shall no longer be eligible to participate in the match. The participating team may still undertake seven (7) substitutions during the match. The participating team shall not be entitled to add any further substitutes; the number of substitutes shall be reduced accordingly.
- 12.3 All the players listed in the start list shall be present in the match venue as per the match countdown.
- 12.4 The match shall be forfeited if any of the team has less than 16 (sixteen) players listed in the start list before kick-off.

13. Substitutions of Players

As a normal procedure, not more than five (5) players may be substituted during a match. Any player substituted may not re-enter the match. *Only three (3) opportunities will provide to substitute during the match time. If the player(s) are substituted during the half time it is not counted as opportunity but no more than five (5) substitutes are allowed during a match.*

14. Team Bench and Technical Area

Twelve (12) substitute players and five(5) officials are allowed to sit on the substitute's bench. The names of these persons and their functions must be listed on the Starting List.

15. Cautions and Expulsions

- 15.1 A player/official who receives three (3) cautions (yellow cards) during the competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which he receives the second caution.
- 15.2 A player/official who receives an expulsion (red card) during the competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which he received the expulsion.

16. Abandoned and Cancelled Matches

- 16.1. In the case of an abandoned match, the organizer shall inform the teams about rescheduling the remaining match in consultation with the Match Commissioner and the Referees. In case of an abandoned match as a result of force majeure after it has already kicked-off, the match shall be continued with same condition (players, cards, goals, time remaining and so on.)

- 16.2. In the case of a cancelled match, the Match Commissioner in consultation with the Organizers shall decide within two (2) hours of the Referees 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.
- 16.3. During any match, if a team leaves the match at the specified time, the opponent team will be awarded 3 points and 3 goals advantage, while the team that leaves will not be given any points. ANFA will take necessary disciplinary action for such a team.
 - a. No appeal may be lodged against decision stated in Article 15 above.

17. **Protest and Appeals**

- 17.1. Protests against the eligibility of players registered for matches in the tournament shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner within two hours of the match and followed up immediately and latest within twelve (12) hours of the conclusion of the match, with a full written report including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing to the Organizers.
- 17.2. No protests may be made against the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.
- 17.3. All protests and appeals, to be official, must be in writing and must be accompanied by a fee of NRs. 5000 (five thousand rupees) only. The protest fee is non-refundable.
- 17.4. Participating teams, players and official are forbidden from taking disputes to civil courts.
- 17.5. The team shall lose the match protested with 3-0 deficit if the protest is resulted valid after investigation.

18. Team Jersey Colors & Players Outfits

- 18.1 Each team must have a minimum of two sets of uniform, the color of which shall be submitted along with the entry form by name.
- 18.2 Final registration of **Thirty five (35)** players shall indicate the jersey number from 1-99 and only these players shall be eligible to play. The colors of the numbers must contrast clearly with the outfit (light on dark or vice versa).
- 18.3 Goal Keepers shall wear colors contrasting with those of the two teams and the referees and should bear their register number.
- 18.4 If thermal shorts are used, they shall be the same color as the main color of the shorts.
- 18.5 Each team shall wear its official color as declared at the Match Coordination Meeting. If the event of clash of team colors, team A shall be entitled to wear its official outfit and team B shall use the reserve outfit, if necessary, a combination of the official and reserve outfit.
- 18.6 If, in the opinion of the Referee and/or the Match Commissioner the color worn by two opposing teams might cause confusion or prove unsuitable for television broadcasts, they shall be modified, using either the entire reserve outfit or a combination of both.
- 18.7 The basic compulsory equipment (jerseys, stockings) must not have any political, religious or personal slogans, statements or images.
- 18.8 The player's kit, team colors, sponsor advertising and manufacturer identification, etc. must comply with the provisions of the FIFA Equipment Regulations. This provision applies for the entire competition.

19. Medical Facilities and Treatment

ANFA will provide the first aid treatment during the match.

20. Awards and Prize

20.1. The winner shall be awarded with a cash prize of NRs.1,00,000 and a trophy with medals.

20.2. The runner-up shall get NRs. 50,000 and a trophy with medals.

20.3. The Most Valuable Player of the tournament, Best Goal keeper and Highest Scorer shall be awarded NRs. 15,000 each.

20.4. The Man of the Match shall be awarded with a trophy.

20.5. ANFA will provide preparation money in two installments i.e. 1st instalment of Rs.2,00,000 /- (two lakhs rupees.) and

2nd instalment of Rs.1,00,000/- after completion of tournament.

21. Matters not provided

Matters not provided for in the Competition Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the ANFA, whose decisions are final.

The amended Competition Regulation is sent on 29 NOV 2024 with immediate effect.

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