



# World InterUniversities Championships®

## Football Championships Official Rules

Number of players for team: maximum 18 players

**System:** qualification round pools, then knockout matches.

**Male:** 29 teams, divided into 5 pools of 4 teams and 3 pools of 3 teams. Matches start with round pool and then they will be play as knock-out matches. Knock-out matches start with 1/8 final: the 1st place finisher of each pool and the 2nd place finisher of each pool are qualified to 1/8 final.

Equipment: balls provided; shoes for outdoor; artificial grass.

The rules for the “World InterUniversities Championships” football championships are the official rules of FIFA, with the following exceptions:

### Playground rules

None as all the matches will be played on the same 2 fields.

### Referees' rules

None as the matches will be officiated by 2 to 10 official referees, depending on the Organizing Committee's decisions.

### Match duration

All qualifying round matches will have a duration of two periods of 22,30 minutes without extra-time; half-time of 5 minutes.

- Quarter-final round: 2x25 minutes, half-time of 5 minutes (if the match is tied, three penalties for each team. If still tied, then 1 penalty per team until there is a winner)
- Semi-final round: 2x30 minutes, half-time of 5 minutes (if the match is tied, three penalties for each team. If still tied, then 1 penalty per team until there is a winner)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place final: 2x30 minutes, half-time of 5 minutes (if the match is tied, three penalties for each team. If still tied, then 1 penalty per team until there is a winner)
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place final: 2x30 minutes, half-time of 5 minutes (if the match is tied, three penalties for each team. If still tied, then 1 penalty per team until there is a winner)

### Qualifying round

The ranking within the same group will be determined on: most points, head-to-head, goal difference, goals scored, 3 penalties

Warm up: 5 minutes

Substitutions: 6 substitutions per team per match are allowed

### Colours of jerseys

If the two teams have jerseys of similar colour, at the referee's discretion, the first team (home team) as indicated in the match schedule will change their jersey and wear the yellow/orange bib of WIUC.

### Identification of the players

The identification of players of each team will be done only one time by the Organizing Committee.

The teams must take the field 10 minutes prior to kick-off time. Any case of delay exceeding 5' from the scheduled kick-off time will be carefully evaluated by the Organizing Committee and the team that was not present at the right time could lose the match by forfeit with the score of 0-3. A match cannot start if neither team has a minimum of eight players on the field ready to play. Players sent off

If or when a player is sent off by the referee, he will not be allowed to play again in the same match, but, in principle, will be allowed to play the next match, unless heavier sanctions are decided against him by the Organizing Committee. Players, coaches, officials or teams who are held responsible for violent acts against other players, referees or tournament staff could be immediately excluded from the Tournament. Kindly refer to general tournament rules and regulations under separate cover.

Also: The organizing committee reserves the right to change the format of the tournament if it is in the best interest of competitors and based on organizational needs. The team will obviously be warned of the changes in time.

**Every coach and player must take note of the rules of the game with the exceptions above. With this document we would like to acknowledge that you know and are aware of the rules of the game and accept them for this Championship.**