



## **Rules: Football Qualifying**

### **1. Programme**

#### **up to 5 Teams**

Day 1: arrival of the teams, technical meeting and ID-Check\*

Day 2: matches

Day 3: matches

Day 4: matches, technical meeting and closing ceremony

Day 5: departure of the teams

#### **With 6 Teams**

Day 1: arrival of the teams, technical meeting and ID-Check\*

Day 2: group matches

Day 3: group matches

Day 4: group matches

Day 5: finals, technical meeting and closing ceremony

Day 6: departure of the teams

\*Necessary documents from the Head of Delegation for the ID-Check: Signed form "Declaration of Participation" and personal legitimization from the participants.

No opening ceremony and excursion will be held.

### **2. Composition of the Delegations**

Each delegation will consist of a maximum number of 19 (20) participants:

Players	16
Head of Delegation	1
Trainer	1
Physio	<u>1</u>
Participants	19
Interpreter *	1

*\* for delegations who speak no English (only if required)*

### **3. Drawing of Lots and Tournament Schedule**

The principles of the drawing of lots and the tournament schedule are described in the Sport Regulation and its annex.

### **4. Groups**

The groups of the qualifying tournaments will be drawn by lots at the General Meeting.

The amount of the groups for the qualifying tournaments will be set by the president of the core Team according to the amount of the participating countries.

## **5. Venue**

The venue will be jointly determined by the group countries

## **6. Qualifying for the USIC Championship**

The president of the core Team will communicate the rankings in the Qualifying Group, which will be needed for qualifying for the USIC Championships final.

If a team is unable to take part in the USIC Finals, then the team in next place of the very group will be nominated.

In the event that further teams are unable to take part, then the team in 3<sup>rd</sup> place within the same qualifying group will advance.

## **7. Financial Matters**

Costs will be divided equally among the countries.

## **8. Match Duration**

**Matches shall consist of two halves of 35 minutes each.**

*Any agreements to change the duration of each half\* (e. g. an agreement to reduce each half to 30 minutes due to inadequate lighting), shall be reached prior to the match and shall be in accordance with the championship rules.*

*(\* to be agreed by the USIC Representative and the Chair of the Championship Committee)*

## **9. Yellow and Red Cards**

**First yellow card** – a caution

**Second yellow card in the tournament** - suspended from one match

**Yellow / red card** - exclusion from the match, (no substitute may be brought on - suspended from one match)

**Red card** exclusion from the match, (no substitute may be brought on - suspended from two matches).

Red card due to a technical foul - suspended from one match only *subject to the referee's decision during the match*

***Any brutality or violence against players, organisers, referees or spectators shall be punished by exclusion from the tournament.***

*The decision shall be at the discretion of the Championship Committee.*

## **10. Ranking**

In any match system, if the ranking matches result in a draw during normal playing time, the winning team shall be determined as follows:

If two or more teams/countries have the same number of points, the following system shall be used:

1. The number of points from direct comparison
2. The goal difference
3. The number of goal scored.
4. Fair play ranking
5. Decision by draw

**a) Extra time**

2 x 15 minutes of extra time

**b) Penalty kicks:**

If this results in a draw, five penalty kicks

If both teams have scored no goal or the same number of goals after five penalty kicks, the teams shall continue to take penalty kicks in the same sequence, until one of the teams has scored an extra goal after the same number of penalty kicks.

***In the event of b), only players who were in the match at the end of extra time may take part.***

**The ranking in the preliminary groups will be determined by the number of points gained:**

- Three points for a win
- One point for a draw and
- Zero points for a defeat

The USIC football qualifiers will be played in tournament form. The team of the country organising the next USIC championship and the USIC Champion will be included in the finals.

**11. Stadium**

A lawn pitch

**12. Balls**

Balls permitted in accordance with FIFA rules

**13. Substitution of Players**

A maximum of three players may be substituted during the match.

**14. Match Clothing**

Each team shall have two sets of uniform match clothing.

The players of each team shall wear uniform match clothing.

The players' shirts shall have numbers on their backs which can be clearly distinguished against the shirt colour.

The numbers on the backs of the players' shirts shall be consistent with the numbers entered on the match report forms.

Each back number may only be assigned once per team.

The players may not change their numbers during the entire championship.

If two teams have similar shorts and shirts which may cause confusion, the first named team shall wear different shorts and shirts.

The wearing of shin guards is compulsory.

**15. Goalkeepers**

Each goalkeeper shall wear shorts and shirts different in colour from those of the other players, the referee and his assistants.

**16. Referees**

The referee committee shall be formed by the referees. The referee committee shall nominate the referees for all matches and shall subsequently evaluate their performance.

**Change History**

<b>Approved</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>
PTC Svetlogorsk	19.Oct. 2012	Group setting
PTC Almaty (KAZ)	6. Sept. 2015	Delegation Size, ad numbers, no text has changed
Board	Aug 2021	ID-Check and ranking