

## **WMFC COMPETITION RULES**

### **WORLD MEDICAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP “Ferran Morell Cup”**

#### COMPETITION RULES

1. The World Medical Football championships is intended for medical teams only. As used within international rules the World Medical Football Federation(WMFF) will only accept one team per nation.
2. Players must hold a human medical doctor degree from any university. All captains are required to send a photocopy of the original order of medicine, a photocopy of the passport photo page and one photograph of each of their players to the organising committee. The host is responsible for checking each player’s documentation and identity card (ID card) upon team registration.
3. Each team may register a maximum of 25 players. Each team has to send a team sheet before the championship to the organising committee of the hosting country including identification photo, name, age, shirt number and specialization of each doctor. The teams must be submitted to the tournament at least 2 months before the tournament date. Individual changes are permissible up to the Friday before the tournament.
4. It is in the spirit of the tournament to have Nations represented by players from that country. Players are expected to be citizens or be working and living in that country. Players may only represent 1 country in the championship. Any player wishing to change must apply to the board at least 2 months before the tournament date.
5. Since their introduction during the World Medical Football Championship in Mainz, 2006, and in accordance with all teams, every participating team has to stand to the rule that non-medical players are not accepted. Only one non-medical player per team who already took part before Mainz 2006 will be accepted. He must be over 35 years of age at the time of the tournament and has to wear a distinguishing armband whilst on the field of play.

#### Clarification:

The tournament is only open to players holding a human medical doctors degree. There are only 2 exceptions:

- (1) Teams with one non-medical player who registered and played in this tournament before 2006 (Mainz, Germany)
- (2) Teams who have Dentists who registered and played in this tournament before 2013 (Budapest, Hungary)

6. There must be at least (apart from the goalkeeper) 2 players over the age of 35 and 2 players over the age of 40 in each team on the field of play throughout the duration of the match. To display their status, these 4 players should wear a distinguishing arm band whilst on the field of play. Should a team not to comply with this rule, one goal will be awarded against the team for each player over the age of 35 or 40 who is not playing. Once this goal is awarded, the team must correct the error. If any player (playing on the field) has forgotten to wear the correct arm band, he will be punished by a yellow card for not wearing the arm band. A team may choose to play with less than 10 outfield players to avoid receiving a penalty.

7. The age of a player is taken from the exact date of birth, and they qualify for an age group only on or after that date.
8. The minimum age for players in the tournament is 25 years.
9. The registration fee is for a team of 25 players to compete in the Ferran Morrel trophy and attend the world medical conference. Players registered in the Ferran Morrel tournament, if over 45yrs may also participate in the Masters tournament. Players may not participate in the Ferran Morrel Trophy if they are only registered in the Masters Team.
10. At the end of the match the captains have the right to select 2 players from the opposing team to answer a written questionnaire based on fundamental medical topics. If there are any doubts as regarding the medical degree of a player, he will be asked to answer further questions by the organising committee. If any player refuses to undertake the exam his team will automatically forfeit the match, resulting in a 3-0 win awarded to the opposition. The Organising Committee may determine the permanent exclusion of any team during the championship if it is proved that there is a non-medical player on the field of play at any time.
11. If it is necessary to allow certain exceptions to these rules, changes must be agreed by the tournament Board.
12. Changes or updates to these rules must be communicated at least one month prior to the start of the World Medical Football Championships. After that, a change to existing rules can only be made by a unanimous decision of the Board.
13. Results and Tournament standings will be made available daily by the organising committee of the hosting country.
14. The Competition:
  - a. The World Medical Football Championships shall begin with a league among the teams composing one group. The number of groups will depend on the total number of teams enrolled. The composition of the groups will be determined by drawing lots at the opening ceremony.
  - b. The duration of each match will be 80 minutes divided into two halves of 40 minutes, with a 10-minute half time interval.
  - c. The players must be dressed in their team strip 30 minutes before the match begins. All teams should have an alternative coloured team strip to avoid a clash of colours. In this case, the visiting team (listed second in the draw) will change team strip.
  - d. Substitutions are limitless and reversible, i.e. any replaced player can substitute for another player later on in the match. The replaced player must have left the field before the substitute player may enter. Substitutions can only be made within 5 m of the halfway line, at the side of the team managers. Play does not have to stop.
  - e. Any other rules of international soccer (e.g. equipment) apply unless stated otherwise. In case of a situation that has not been covered by the rules stated here, the host organising committee will have the final decision. In case of any disagreement, the Board remains the highest authority.
15. Preliminary Round Stage and Team Ranking:
  - a. Scoring:
    1. 3 points are awarded to a team that wins a match
    2. 1 point is awarded to each team in the event of a drawn match
    3. In the event of a walkover the opposing team will be awarded 3 points and the match result will be recorded as 3:0.

b. Playoff Criteria:

1. If there is a final draw on two teams:

- 1.1. The result of the direct confrontation will decide
- 1.2. Obtaining of the highest balance of goals in the stage
- 1.3. Obtaining the highest number of goals in the stage
- 1.4. Suffering the lowest number of goals in the stage
- 1.5. Suffering the lowest number of Red cards.
- 1.6. Suffering the lowest number of Yellow cards.
- 1.7. If there is still a draw the results will be decided by the toss of a coin

2. If there is a final draw on three teams:

- 2.1. The results obtained between the three teams (points) will be considered first
- 2.2. Obtaining of the highest balance of goals in the matches among themselves in the stage
- 2.3. Obtaining of the highest number of goals in the matches among themselves in the stage
- 2.4. Suffering the lowest number of goals in the matches among themselves in the stage
- 2.5. Suffering the lowest number of Red cards.
- 2.6. Suffering the lowest number of Yellow cards.
- 2.7. If there is still a draw the results will be decided by the toss of a coin

c. Knockout Stages:

1. No extra time will be played; a series of penalty kicks will decide the result in the event of a drawn match
2. A penalty shoot out will begin with a series of 5 penalties. In the event of a tie, penalties will be taken on a sudden death basis.

16. Discipline (Yellow and Red Cards):

Every player has a responsibility of respect to colleagues on the other team, fair play and avoid dangerous play.

a. Yellow cards are accumulative. If a player incurs two yellow cards, he will be penalized and disqualified for the following match. Cards obtained during the qualifying stages are erased for the semi-final matches. (this is to give all players the opportunity to play in the final day, although a red card still carries a ban in the following game).

b. If a player who has already obtained a yellow card in a previous match obtains 2 yellow cards, and consequently a red card in one match, the player will be sent off for the match, penalized in the next one, but keeps one yellow card in his record for the further matches.

c. Two yellow cards obtained in the same match will result in the player receiving a red card and being sent from the field of play. The player will be disqualified for the following match.

d. If a player receives a red card during a match, the player will be sent from the field of play. The player will be disqualified for the following match.

e. If a player from the over 35year, or over 40year age group are sent off, then the team must maintain that 2 players of 35years and 2 players of 40years are on the pitch, and if they cannot, they must lose another player.

f. In the case of serious misconduct (aggressive and abusive behaviour, inconsiderate attitude towards the referee or other players, etc.) the organising committee along with the referee's coordinator will decide on the punishment. The

organising committee may decide to expel the offending player or team from the World Medical Football Championship.

g. The referees are aware of the amateur nature of the World Medical Football Championship, but will be very strict regarding violent play.

## **WORLD MASTER MEDICAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS "Clemens Vogel Cup"**

### COMPETITION RULES

1. The World Masters Medical Football Championships is intended for medical teams only and it is to be played in a 7-a-side format. As used within international rules the World Medical Football Federation (WMFF) will only accept one team per nation.

2. Players must hold a human medical doctor degree from any university. All captains are required to send a photocopy of the original order of medicine, a photocopy of the passport photo page and one photograph of their players to the organising committee. The host is responsible for checking each player's documentation and identity card (ID card) upon team registration.

3. Each team may register a maximum of 20 players. Each player beyond the 16th will require a additional fee to the organizers.

Each team has to send a team sheet before the championship to the organising committee of the hosting country including photo, name, age, shirt number and specialization of each doctor.

4. Since their introduction during the World Medical Football Championship in Mainz, 2006, and in accordance with all teams, every participating team has to stand to the rule that non-medical players are not accepted. Only one non-medical player per team, who has already taken part before Mainz 2006, will be accepted. All players must be over 45 years of age at the time of the tournament.

5. Female players over the age of 25 years, who hold a Human Medical Doctor degree are eligible to play in this tournament.

6. The age of a player is taken from the exact date of birth, and they qualify for an age group only on or after that date.

7. Registered players from the Ferran Morell Trophy who are over 45 years, may also play in the Masters tournament.

8. At the end of the match the captains have the right to select 2 players from the opposing team to answer a written questionnaire based on fundamental medical topics. If there are any doubts as regarding the medical degree of a player, he will be asked to answer further questions by the organising committee. If any player refuses to undertake the exam his team will automatically forfeit the match, resulting in a 3-0 win awarded to the opposition. The organising committee may determine the permanent exclusion of any team during the championship if it is proved that there is a non-medical player on the field of play at any time.

9. If it is necessary to allow certain exceptions to these rules, changes must be agreed by the Tournament Board.

10. Changes or updates to these rules must be communicated at least one month prior to the start of the World Medical Football Championships. After that, a change to existing rules can only be made by a unanimous decision of the Board.

11. Results and Tournament standings will be made available daily by the Organising Committee of the hosting country.

## 12. The Competition

- a. The World Master Medical Football Championships shall begin with a league among the teams composing one group. The number of groups will depend on the total number of team enrolled. The composition of the groups will be determined by drawing a lot at the opening ceremony.
- b. The duration of each match will be 60 minutes divided into two halves of 30 minutes (exception: Group of 5 teams two halves of 20 minutes – total: 40 minutes), with a 10-minute half time interval.
- c. The players must be dressed in their team strip 30 minutes before the match begins. All teams should have an alternative colored team strip to avoid a clash of colors. In this case, the visiting team (listed second in the draw) will change team strip.
- d. Substitutions are limitless and reversible, i.e. any replaced player can substitute for another player later on in the match. The replaced player must have left the field before the substitute player may enter. Substitutions can only be made within 5 m of the halfway line, at the side of the team managers. Play does not have to stop.
- e. Any other rules of international society soccer (e.g. equipment) apply unless stated otherwise. In case of a situation that has not been covered by the rules stated here, the host organising committee will have the final decision. In case of any disagreement, the Board of Captains remains the highest authority.
- f. Preliminary Round Stage and Team Ranking:  
Scoring:
  1. 3 points are awarded to a team that wins a match
  2. 1 point is awarded to each team in the event of a drawn match
  3. In the event of a Walkover the opposing team will be awarded 3 points and the match result will be recorded as 3:0.
- g. Playoff Criteria:
  1. If there is a final draw on two teams:
    - 1.1. The result of the direct confrontation will decide
    - 1.2. Obtaining of the highest balance of goals in the stage
    - 1.3. Obtaining the highest number of goals in the stage
    - 1.4. Suffering the lowest number of goals in the stage
    - 1.5. Suffering the lowest number of Red cards.
    - 1.6. Suffering the lowest number of Yellow cards.
    - 1.7. If there is still a draw the results will be decided by the toss of a coin
  2. If there is a final draw on three teams:
    - 2.1. The results obtained between the three teams (points) will be considered first
    - 2.2. Obtaining of the highest balance of goals in the matches among themselves in the stage
    - 2.3. Obtaining of the highest number of goals in the matches among themselves in the stage
    - 2.4. Suffering the lowest number of goals in the matches among themselves in the stage
    - 2.5. Suffering the lowest number of Red cards.
    - 2.6. Suffering the lowest number of Yellow cards.
    - 2.7. If there is still a draw the results will be decided by the toss of a coin
- h. Knockout Stages:

1. No extra time will be played; a series of penalty kicks will decide the result in the event of a drawn match
2. A penalty shoot out will begin with a series of 5 penalties. In the event of a tie, penalties will be taken on a sudden death basis.
  - i. Discipline (blue and Red Cards):
    1. Following the decision of the board of directors, blue instead of yellow cards are used. A blue card has all the functions of a yellow card, and additionally entails a 5 minute time penalty. The penalized player has to leave the field immediately. The penalized player may enter the field (or be replaced) only with the referees permission after 5 minutes.
    2. Two blue cards obtained in the same match will result in the player receiving a red card and being sent from the field of play. The player will be disqualified for the following match.
    3. If a player receives a direct red card during a match, the player will be sent from the field of play. The player will be disqualified for the following match.
    4. In the case of serious misconduct (aggressive and abusive behavior, inconsiderate attitude towards the referee or other players, etc.) the organising committee along with the referee's coordinator will decide on the punishment. The organising committee may decide to expel the offending player or team from the World Medical Football Championship.
    5. The referees are aware of the amateur nature of the World Medical Football Championship, and will be very strict regarding violent play.

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