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19th WAH YAN LEAGUE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
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This League is created to encourage participation and sharing of friendship and fun among past and current students of Wah Yan as well as their families and children. All participants should demonstrate the spirit of Fair Play and Friendship throughout the games. Managers and Captains should review the Rules & Regulations and ensure that their team members adhere to the guidelines below.

Important: Waiver and Declaration

- (I) All players and/or participants confirm and agree that they are physically fit to take part in the Wah Yan League Football Tournament (the ‘Tournament’) and shall do so at their own risks;
- (II) Wah Yan League Football Tournament Organizing Committee (the ‘Organizing Committee’), Wah Yan College Hong Kong (‘WYCHK’), Wah Yan College Kowloon (‘WYK’), Wah Yan College Kowloon Past Students’ Association Ltd. (‘WYKPSA’) and Wah Yan College Hong Kong Past Students’ Association Ltd. (‘WYCHKPSA’), including their officers, agents, volunteers, workers and/or members, shall not be liable for any death, injury or loss of properties arising in connection with the Tournament;
- (III) All players and/or participants agree to indemnify and hold WYCHK, WYK, WYKPSA and WYCHKPSA harmless against all liabilities and losses caused by such players and/or participants, as well as their family members, especially the young kids and infants, who watch the games on the side. For safety reason, the Organizing Committee strongly discouraged any players and/or participants to bring along their young kids and infants to the football pitch area when the games are taking place.

1. Date, Time and Venue

- a. Date : Saturdays & Sundays, commencing from 11th November 2018
- b. Time : Saturday 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm / Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- c. Venue : Artificial turf soccer pitch, Wah Yan College, Kowloon

2. Protocol

- a. There will be three separate divisions:
 - i. Senior Friendly League Division is mainly for past Wah Yan students of Class 1991 (meaning 1991 year of Form 5 graduate) or before¹;
 - ii. Division One League allocated for all the teams from last year's Division One League with the winner and 1st runner-up of Division 2 last year to be promoted to Division One in the coming year, while the last two teams of Division One last year will be relegated to Division 2 in the coming year
 - iii. Division Two includes the last two teams of Division One last year plus other teams from last year's Division Two as well as any newly formed teams this year. (Note: Past students of Class 1992 or after cannot participate as players in the Senior Friendly League except as goalkeepers only.)
- b. The Tournament uses a Single Round Robin System on a league basis for organizing the matches and marking scores
 - i. For determining the final ranking of the Tournament,
 - If two teams get the same points, the result of play between the two teams is counted. The team that won will be the champion. If two teams happened to tie in their result of play, the one with a higher score difference will win the league. If the score differences are the same, the team who scores more will win. If the total scores are also identical, both teams are considered as the same ranking
 - Winner gets 3 points, no point for the loser. If the match ends in a draw, both teams will get 1 point
- c. The winner and 1st runner-up of Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1 in the next year's Tournament, while the last two teams of Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2
- d. For the Senior Friendly League Division, there will a knock-out cup tournament following the round robin league tournament
- e. There will also be a 7-a-side Cup Tournament after the completion of all matches in the Round Robin Tournament, targeting to be completed in two weekends (including Saturday and Sunday). All teams in the three divisions are eligible to participate in the Cup Tournament. The competition will proceed as a knockout tournament throughout, consisting of three/four rounds, a semi-final and then a final. The fixtures in each round are being determined by a random draw. Fixtures ending in a tie will immediately be proceed to penalty shootout.

¹ As older aged goalkeepers are more prone to bodily injuries than younger goalkeepers, to minimize injuries, younger past students from the Class 1992 or after are allowed to participate in the Senior Friendly League Division as goalkeepers, but not in other positions. The younger goalkeepers from the Class of 1992 or after are not allowed to cross the mid field line at any time during matches in order to prevent teams from using these younger goalkeepers as offensive players. For the avoidance of doubt, these younger goalkeepers are also forbidden to shoot penalty kicks.

3. Rules & Regulations

- a. All matches shall be played with 11 players in each team, of which one must be the goalkeeper
- b. Any team fails to show up 10 minutes after the scheduled time or showing fewer than 8 players will be regarded as 'Walkover'. The opposing team will be the winner of the match and the result will be treated as '2:0'
- c. Any team or match supervisor fails to turn up, the team will be subject to a 'Walkover' penalty of HK\$1,000 per match or day. With two 'Walkovers', the team will be disqualified from the Tournament with immediate effect. The previous results including points scored by other teams over the disqualified team and all the goals scored by all the concerned teams will be cancelled
- d. The enrolment period is from 1st to 12th October, 2017 by 11:59pm. An enrolment fee of HK\$9,500 and a refundable penalty deposit of HK\$2,000 shall be submitted by each team together with the enrolment form for registration. Late submission of any fees will not be accepted and the enrolment will be cancelled automatically as a result of any late submission. Penalty deposit will be refunded (after any reduction if applicable) to the individual teams when that team has completed all its matches in the Tournament. 3 players of each team are invited to attend the annual Wah Yan League dinner and award presentation ceremony at the end of all tournaments. Other players are welcome to join the dinner and the registration details will be announced later in a separate notice
- e. Referee commences the game once a minimum of 8 players from each team have arrived at the field at the designated time
- f. Substitution of players is unrestricted. Players who have been replaced are allowed to re-enter the match. The match supervisor must first be notified by the pre-assigned representative from each team of the substitutions for identity verification. The referee's consent must first be sought before the substitution takes place. The substitute can only enter the pitch at the time when the player being replaced exits the pitch. The substitution must be carried out near the halfway line where the match supervisor stands by
- g. Each match is divided into two equal halves of 25 minutes and with a 5-minute rest time in between
- h. 'Off -side' rule will apply throughout the Tournament
- i. All players must wear team uniforms in same colour with bold numbers throughout the match
- j. All players must wear shin guards and rubber-studded boots. Match supervisor or referees will check these equipment before the match, during substitution or at any time during the match and will refuse any players for playing without the aforesaid equipment
- k. The goalkeeper shall dress in a jersey that easily distinguishes him from other players and the

referee

- l. The team captain is requested to wear an arm-band for identification. The team captain is the only person who has the authority to communicate with the referee during the match
- m. All players are not allowed to wear any ornaments which may be dangerous to other players. Spectacles are allowed only in unbreakable glasses and a head strap to prevent it from falling or breaking during the match
- m. If any team accumulated 3 straight red cards in the Tournament, that team will be disqualified from the Tournament with immediate effect. The past results for that particular team will be cancelled, and the previous results including points scored by other teams over the disqualified team and all the goals scored by all the concerned teams will also be cancelled. To discourage foul play, in a single match, there will be a fine of HK\$200 for each yellow card starting from the third yellow card received for each team and a fine of HK\$400 for each red card starting from the first red card received regardless of whether the red card is received as a result of a straight red card or two yellows cards. In other words, each team can only receive no more than two 'no-fine' yellow cards and the two yellow cards must be given to two different players in the team. However, if two yellow cards are given to the same player, it will be treated as giving one red card with an immediate fine of HK\$400. For the friendly tournament, a red card offense is considered a very serious matter and an immediate fine of HK\$400 is imposed to discourage any red card offenses in the league. If a team's penalty deposit of HK\$2000 is completely used up, the team will be required to make an additional top up deposit of HK\$1000 in order to continue to participate in the Tournament. The player who accumulates three yellow cards or receives one red card will result in one-match suspension
- n. NO illegal or irresponsible parking is allowed including parking anywhere along the school driveway that hinders others from using school driveway or anywhere else that may hinder or create potential safety hazard for others. A fine of HK\$500 will be imposed and deducted from the team's deposit for a first time parking offense by any of the particular team's members or captain or any associated person or driver of the particular team's participant(s). A second time parking offense may result in a fine of HK\$500 plus a disqualification of the offender from participating in the Wah Yan League. To ensure orderly and safe parking arrangements during the Wah Yan League, only players who have registered their cars' license plate numbers are allowed to use the parking space at Wah Yan College Kowloon car park provided that car parking space is available
- o. NO smoking is allowed in the area of Wah Yan College, Kowloon. All players must keep the facilities (such as the changing room, and the football field) of Wah Yan College, Kowloon clean and tidy. Clear all water bottles, unwanted jersey, shoes and soccer gear before departure. Repeated violations may result in the team being disqualified from playing in the Tournament
- p. All players are reminded to take care of their belongings as WYK, WYKPSA, or WYCHKPSA shall not be responsible for any loss of their valuables and personal belongings
- q. The school only provides the venue of the Tournament and WYKPSA and WYCHKPSA do

not guarantee its safety and suitability. All players acknowledge that they are taking part in the Tournament at their own risks and they will be responsible for their own loss or damage to property and bodily injury including fatal injury. No first aid facilities are provided at the venue and the teams/players are required to prepare for their own injury treatments

- r. The referees have been vested with the authority from Wah Yan and the Organizing Committee to send anyone, whether he/she is a staff of the School, a current student, an alumnus or otherwise, out of the football field area, if the referees have reasons to consider that the person(s) has/have or will obstruct the continuation of a match under their supervision
- s. All individual players are only allowed to play for one single team in the same division. Players, including the young goalkeeper(s) if any, in the Senior Friendly League may be allowed to join one additional team with the condition that the additional team must not be in the Senior Friendly League division but in another division(s). No player is allowed to transfer to another team or play for another team once the Tournament commences. Players found to have violated this rule are forbidden to continue to participate in the remaining tournament matches. The result of all matches with a 'violating player' or an 'unqualified/forbidden player' will be deemed to be 0:2 or the actual score if the goal difference exceeds two goals in favour of the opposing teams. Actual goals scored by the opposing team will be counted towards the top scorer award. As a penalty, the goals scored by the defaulting team will not be counted
- t. The latest FIFA Rules and Regulations are the framework of this Tournament and will be used by the referees and this Tournament as much as they suit the situations. For Senior Friendly League Division, sliding tackle and tackle from behind are strictly prohibited. However, when there are unclear, doubtful and dispute circumstances, the ruling of the Organizing Committee and/or the Wah Yan League Football Tournament Disciplinary Sub-committee (the 'Disciplinary Sub-committee') shall prevail
- u. In case of any incidence which are not covered or specified in this "Rules and Regulations" and any dispute on the matches' result, the decision of the Organizing Committee is final

4. Qualifications of Players

- a. Past and current students of Wah Yan are allowed to register and participate in the Tournament. A Wah Yan past student means any person who is or was registered as a student at WYK or WYCHK. For Senior Friendly League, sons and daughters of the past students of Wah Yan between the age of 12 and 18 ("second generation players") are allowed to participate in the League with the maximum number of second generation players for registration being 4 in a team. During the match play, the number of second generation players, who are playing on the pitch, should not exceed 2 per team (i.e. maximum of 2 second generation players playing on the pitch for each team for each time). For Division One and Division Two Leagues, non-Wah Yan players are allowed to participate in the League with the maximum number for registration being 4 in a team. During the match play, each team can have a maximum of 2 non-Wah Yan players participating in the match. Current registered players of Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) are not allowed to participate in the Wah Yan League, unless that individual is or was a student of Wah Yan

- b. All players must be registered with the Organizing Committee prior to playing in the tournament matches. In order to be qualified to join the Tournament, by the end of the first batch of registration period, a team must have at least 11 players who are qualified and have completed the registration process with the Organizing Committee. This rule applies to both Wah Yan and non-Wah Yan players. More registered players per team are encouraged to allow more rotation and substitution, so as to minimize over exhaustion or injuries. The maximum number of players per team for registration is pre-set at 40 for the Senior Friendly League Division and 33 for both Division One and Two which should be more than sufficient, but can be also be expanded to over the pre-set number through application to the Organizing Committee in writing if necessary
- c. Registration priority will first be given to teams in which the registered team members are all past and/or current students of Wah Yan with good disciplinary records. In principle, when filling the team quotas, teams with fewer non-Wah Yan players will be given higher priority. If two or more applying teams have the same number of non-Wah Yan players, allocation of quotas will be on a first-come, first-served basis
- d. Upon successful application of the Tournament, the captain of each team will receive a list of registered players with their photos printed on it from the Organizing Committee. Before the match begins, all team captains are responsible to pass the list of registered players to the match supervisor for identity verification. Referee will refuse any players for playing without their names and photos printed on the list of registered players

5. Appeals, Disputes and Disciplinary Matters

- a. In the event of complaint, this should be made directly to the Disciplinary Sub-committee no later than the following working day after the concerned match. Late complaint will **NOT** be entertained
- b. All complaints shall be dealt with by the Organizing Committee or its Disciplinary Sub-committee. Any decisions including disciplinary actions made by the Organizing Committees shall be final
- c. Should any player's identity found to be faulty, the team and the player(s) concerned will be subject to immediate disqualification. The results of the matches involved will be decided by the Organizing Committee or its Disciplinary Sub-committee upon consultation with the captain/manager of the opposing team of that particular match. The decision of the Organizing Committee shall be final

6. Responsibilities of Teams

- a. In case of doubt, team captains can request to check any player's identity cards of the opposing team before each match. Complaint of any player's eligibility will **NOT** be entertained after the match has started
- b. The captain of each team should contact the opposing team's captain before each match to avoid clash of jersey colour

- c. The Organizing Committee will provide size No. 5 match footballs during the match. In case of loss or damage of the match ball, the team that caused the loss or damage will need to pay \$700 to the Organizing Committee as replacement cost
- d. Each team is advised to arrive 30 minutes before the match for verifying the players' identity cards, signing Result Report Form, changing uniforms and doing some warm-up exercises
- e. On the Result Report Form, the captain of each team should fill in the team jersey colours, the names of the players and their numbers on the uniforms. The referee will fill in the result at the end of each match. The referee, the match supervisor and the team captains should sign on the Result Report Form to verify the results
- f. If there is no match supervisor in attendance, the captain of the winning team should take the responsibility of advising the match result and scorers' details to the Organizing Committee on the following working day after the match by email to football@wykpsa.org.hk
- g. The captains have the sole responsibility for checking the playing and supervising schedule. The Organizing Committee has no obligation to remind the team captains about their matches and supervising dates. Forgetting the matches is not an excuse for the 'Walkover Penalty'
- h. In the event of violation of any rules and regulations mentioned above, the relevant disciplinary action would be decided by the Organizing Committee or its Disciplinary Sub-committee

7. Cancellation of the Match

- a. If typhoon signal No.8 or higher or a black/red rainstorm warning signal or a thunderstorm warning signal is hoisted **three hours** before the first match scheduled, all matches on that day will be cancelled and will be re-scheduled if possible. The matches will not be carried out even when these warnings have been lowered at or before kick-off time
- b. Matches will continue to be played during rains unless otherwise decided by the referee
- c. The team captains have the sole obligation to check the weather condition and the availability of matches. The Organizing Committee has no obligation to confirm such information for any teams. Failure to turn up for a match due to unclear weather condition is not an excuse for the 'Walkover Penalty'
- d. The team captains of the concerned teams will be informed of the re-scheduling of matches due to the unforeseeable reasons. The same will also be announced on the PSA web pages

8. Type of Football

- a. Size No. 5 match football will be used

9. Prizes

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- a. The Champion of the Tournament of each division will be awarded the Wah Yan League Cup and medals for individual players of the Champion of the Tournament of each division. The 1st Runner-up and the 2nd Runner-up of the Tournament will be awarded medals only

- b. The Top Scorer for each division, the player with the highest number of goals scored for each division, will be rewarded a medal / trophy

10. Information

- a. For enquiries, please contact the 19th Wah Yan League Football Tournament Organizing Committee by email at football@wykpsa.org.hk and your enquiry will be responded to as soon as possible.