



Fiji American National Association

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2017 FANA Fiji Festival MASTERS DIVISION

BATTLE OF THE GIANTS SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Venue: Cal State Eastbay - Hayward

Date: Saturday & Sunday July 1st & 2nd **Kickoff:** Saturday/ Sunday- 8:00am

Cost: \$300 per team

Team/Club Name: _____

Team Official _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

DISCLAIMER: Please note that it the responsibilities of the team managers/coaches/president to have the Team List Disclaimer document signed by the participants/players as they are liable for any losses, injury or claims by members or supporters of their team. The Fiji Festival Soccer Tournament is held to promote the game of soccer and to foster a medium for Sports, Social and Cultural enrichment among all Fiji-Americans. The participation of all teams players and officials in the tournament is voluntary and of their free will and the CSUEB, Fiji American National Association, Fiji Festival officials, FANA members, sponsors and affiliates shall not liable for any loss, damage and/or injury incurred. The teams, players and team officials hereby irrevocably agree to indemnify the CSUEB, Fiji American National Association, Fiji Festival officials, FANA members, sponsors and affiliates and hold them irrevocable against any injuries, claims, lawsuits, demands, and/or liabilities.

Cal State University East Bay, Fiji American National Association, Fiji Festival officials, FANA members, sponsors and affiliates do not provide for or carry medical insurance or coverage for anyone.

Tournament Rules & By-Laws:

1.0 ELIGIBILITY/REGISTRATION

- 1.1 The Fiji Festival Soccer Tournament shall be open to all Fiji American soccer clubs.
- 1.2 All teams shall register a maximum of 22 players, 35 years and over, born July 2nd, 1982 or prior.
- 1.3 Players shall register and play for one team only.
- 1.4 Complete and correct names to be written and submitted on the team slips provided.
- 1.5 All Teams, players & officials must be in good standing with the Community and have all debts & other issues resolved before the fixtures drawing.
- 1.6 Unless under extreme and extraordinary circumstances Fiji District teams and/or Religious/Cultural All Star teams shall not be eligible to play.
- 1.7 All Players must be of Fiji American heritage and be residents of the United States (i.e. born in Fiji or an immediate descendant of a Fiji immigrant). Proof of identification must be made **IMMEDIATELY** available if necessary.
- 1.8 Not more than two players residing outside the United States shall be allowed to register per team.

- 1.9 Any player under the age of 18 years old must provide a written permission statement signed by their parent or legal guardian prior to playing in the Tournament
- 1.10 Registration fees of \$350.00 must be paid on or before the FIXTURES Meeting.
- 1.11 Players shall register and play for only one team.
- 1.12 Participation in the Fiji Festival is a privilege and not a right and any verbal or physical threats, in addition to threats of civil action or lawsuits by any player, team, official will be considered seriously inappropriate and all parties concerned will be disbarred from participating in all Fiji Festival Events.

3 ASSOCIATED COLORS

- 3.1 Each team shall register their uniform colors and an alternate uniform as necessary.
- 3.2 All uniform shirts/jerseys must be numbered beginning from #1.
- 3.3 Goal keepers must wear colors which distinguish them from other players and officials.
- 3.4 Should teams have matching uniforms (colors) a coin flip shall determine which team will use an alternate colored uniform.

4 DURATION OF MATCHES

- 4.1 Each match shall be 60 minutes or less (divided between two of 30 minute periods).
- 4.2 All matches shall start at the scheduled time. A grace period of 5 minutes shall be given to all teams. Failure to report for the game will result in the referee terminating the match and reporting it to the Fiji Festival Sports Committee.
- 4.3 The Fiji Festival Sports Committee shall retain absolute authority when deciding to award the match by default to the opposing team, however, it shall also have the authority to resolve the matter as deemed fit for the benefit of the game should extra ordinary circumstances arise.
- 4.4 Each team shall have at least 7 players to start off a match.
- 4.5 After each game, the teams will be given a minimum of 30 minutes break.
- 4.6 Under extreme conditions or other genuine reasons beyond its control, the Fiji Festival Sports Committee shall have the right to postpone the games and/or the tournament.

5 MODE OF PLAY

- 5.1 The tournament system of play shall include pool games (as determined by the fixtures)
- 5.2 During pool play the following point system shall apply: Win- 3 points; Draw- 1 point; Loss – 0
- 5.3 The team with highest point will be the winner in each pool and the 2nd highest point will be the runner up.
- 5.4 The 2 teams with the highest points from pool games will qualify to play in the final.
- 5.5 Should more than two teams in a pool have equal points, the pool ranking will be decided by goal difference, if still same then goals forward and if still same then flip of coin.
- 5.6 The final will be played on a knockout basis. Should the final remain tied at the end of regulation, two five minute overtime periods shall be played with the silver rule in effect. Should there be no winner at the end of overtime; the winner shall be decided by a penalty shootout.

6.0 SUBSTITUTES

- 6.0 Number of substitutes shall be unlimited during the tournament.
- 6.1 The substitute should be from the list of players listed on the team slip provided to the match official prior to the commencement of the match.
- 6.3 Only players and officials shall remain seated by the reserve bench during their game.

7.0 PROTESTS

- 7.1 All protest shall be made in writing stating the reasons of protest and lodged with the Chairperson of the Fiji Festival Sports Committee within 15 minutes of completion of the match to which it relates. All protest must be accompanied by a refundable fee of \$50.
- 7.2 Once the protest is received all parties involved in the protest shall be given 10 minutes to respond to the protest allegations and as such present all defendant's (players/officials), evidence and witnesses to the available quorum of the Fiji Festival Sports Committee within the ascribed 10 minutes.
- 7.3 The resolution will be deliberated upon by the Fiji Festival Sports Committee according to the by laws and all decisions of the Fiji Festival Sports Committee shall be final and binding. NO APPEALS WILL BE ENTERTAINED AT THE FIELD, even if new evidence becomes available.
- 7.4 No protest against the decision of the referee in respect to the Laws of the game shall be entertained.
- 7.5 Protests lodged shall be allowed to be withdrawn within 15 minutes and the \$50.00 shall be refunded. After 15 minutes, no protest will be allowed to be withdrawn.
- 7.6 When a protest is granted the \$50.00 shall be refunded along with 3 points and 2-0 goals to the winning team. However if the team has scored more than 2 goals, the actual goals scored will count.

8.0 REFUSAL TO COMPLETE A MATCH

- 8.1 Teams shall not be allowed to walk off the field of play during the duration of the play. Any team failing to observe this shall forfeit the points in favor of the opposing team and be fined a minimum of \$100, payable before their next game. All teams are expected to complete their games (and then if necessary file a protest).

9.0 CAUTIONS/ DISMISSALS

- 9.1 Where two cautions (yellow cards) are recorded against a player in a match resulting in a automatic red card, the player shall automatically be suspended for the next match.
- 9.2 A red card will constitute a one game minimum suspension to be served during the following game and a \$25 fine.

9.3 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 9.3 The Fiji Festival Sports Committee shall decide upon any and all further disciplinary action be it necessary, up to and including a fine and/or suspension from the tournament.
- 9.4 Any player, official or spectator using verbal and/or physical aggression towards any players, officials, spectators and/or referees, shall be banned from the tournament and will be subject to further disciplinary action which will be dealt by the Fiji Festival Sports Committee.
- 9.5 Alcohol will not be allowed on or near the field. All violators will be asked to leave the field and the matter will be referred to the CSU Eastbay POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 9.6 Any and all decisions of the Fiji Festival Sports Committee will be final and will not be subject to review or further appeal.

10.0 TEAM/CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- 10.1 Only two officials per team, namely the manager and the president, as mentioned herein will be recognized and be allowed to entertain their concerns and grievances **inwriting** to the Fiji Festival Sports Committee.
 - 10.2 Each team must submit a new team slip to the match official before each game with correct names and correct numbers as it appears on the registration form.
 - 10.3 Registration forms cannot be altered or changed once the tournament officially kicks off
 - 10.4 Proper sports equipment must be worn by each player during the Tournament. Players not wearing the proper equipment will not be allowed to play.
 - 10.5 Teams and their officials must be responsible for their teams/spectators behavior both on and off the field.
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- 11.0 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
 - 11.1 Regulations and by-laws not appropriated herein shall be resolved by the Fiji Festival Sports Committee.
 - 11.2 The Fiji Festival Sports Committee shall keep and secure the registration forms at all times.
 - 11.3 The decisions of the Fiji Festival Sports Committee shall be final and binding.
 - 11.4 The Fiji Festival Sports Committee shall have the right to make any and all changes, adjustments and modifications to the tournament as deemed necessary.

Please note: Alcohol is prohibited within the CSUEB grounds and a violation could result in a misdemeanor offense including up to a \$1000 fine.

Prizes and prize amounts will be determined by the FANA Organization prior to the event date. This is dependent upon the number of team participating in the event.