

**MUMBAI SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION
FOOTBALL ENTRY FORM
2010-2011**

The Hon. Gen. Secretary,
Mumbai Schools Sports Association,
"MSSA-CASTROL Schools Sports Centre",
Azad Maidan (North End),
Mahapalika Marg,
Mumbai - 400 001.

Date: _____

Dear Sir,

We have carefully read the rules and regulations and agree to abide by them.

Enclosed, please find a sum of Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) towards Entry Fees for the Inter School Football Tournament 2010-2011.

Entry Fee as follows :-

FILL IN THE BLOCKS THE DIVISION IN WHICH YOU WANT TO TAKE PART/BELONG.

		No. of Divisions	Divisions Entered write in the Blocks.					
			I	II	III	IV	B team	
1.	Under-16 Boys League-Cum-K.O.	I to IV Div	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Rs. _____
2.	Under-14 Boys League-Cum-K.O.	I to IV Div.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rs. _____
3.	Under-12 Boys League-Cum-K.O.	I to III Div.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Rs. _____
4.	Under-10 Boys League-Cum-K.O.	I & II Div.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	Rs. _____
5.	Under-8 Boys League-Cum-K.O.	...	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>	Rs. _____
6.	Under -16 Girls League-Cum-K.O.		<input type="checkbox"/>	...				Rs. _____
7.	Under -14 Girls League-Cum-K.O.		<input type="checkbox"/>	...			<input type="checkbox"/>	Rs. _____
8.	Under -12 Girls League-Cum-K.O.		<input type="checkbox"/>	...			<input type="checkbox"/>	Rs. _____
9.	Ahmed Sailor Under -16 Boys K.O						Rs. _____
10.	Parent Teacher Association of Utpal Shanghvi School Trophy Under-14 Boys Knock-Out						Rs. _____
							Total Rs.	=====

Schools should send the entries of all the teams they wish to participate at the beginning only, by **Thursday, July 1, 2010.** Request for additional entries may not be entertained during the duration of the Leagues and Tournaments as it causes confusion among other teams.

Name of the School : _____

Address : _____

_____ Tel. : _____ Fax : _____

Name of Sportsmaster/Coach/Teacher-in-Charge _____

Tel. No.: _____ Mobile No. _____

SCHOOL STAMP OR SEAL

HEADMASTER/ HEADMISTRESS

MUMBAI SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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Date: June 2, 2010.

MSSA- Nike Annual Inter School Football Tournament 2010-2011 Rules and Regulations

1.0 **ENTRY :**

- 1.1 Schools wishing to participate in the Inter School Football League/Tournaments must submit their entries with the requisite fees by the prescribed dates. Requests for late entry will not be entertained.
- 1.2 A school will be allowed to enter **not more than two teams** in each age group and not more than one team in a division. 'B' teams of any school will be permitted to play in the last division of the respective age group.
- 1.3 If there are fewer than 8 participating schools in a league/tournament for boys and 6 for girls the competition will be cancelled.

2.0 **Registration of Players :**

- 2.1 A school will not include more than **18 players per team**, to register with the MSSA at the start of the Football season. Subject to Clause 2.2, 2.3 below.
- 2.2 In case a team has registered less than 18 players, they will be allowed to register the balance number of players before the commencement of the play-off or quarter final.
- 2.3 Any replacement or substitution of registered players may be allowed before the team plays its first match. **No replacement** will be allowed thereafter, even if it be a case of injury, sickness or any other cause.
- 2.4 Registration of players must be completed at least ten clear days before the start of the respective league / tournament.
- 2.5 In the Knock-out tournaments for Boys u/16 and u/14, a separate list of players taking part must be submitted for registration, as the list submitted for the leagues will not be valid.

Laminated Identity Cards :

- a) The Identity Card will be issued from the MSSA office only.
- b) A Identity card will be issued to a participant and the same has to be duly filled in Block Letters with a latest Identity Cards size (1"x1") photograph and to be submitted along with the entry/list of players for registration to the Association Office. The same would be returned before the start of the particular Tournament.
- c) The MSSA Registration Number printed on the card will remain permanent for the entire school career of the participant.
- d) The Laminated Identity Cards will have to be collected by the School after registration as stipulated.

- e) The cost of each laminated card is Rs.10/- (Ten Only).
- f) Every player participating in the competition/event must carry his/her Laminated Identity Card and should produce the same on demand before the commencement of every match to the Official, Referee or Venue Incharge. This is mandatory, failing which, they will not be allowed to take part in the competition / event. Non-laminated card will not be valid.

VERY IMPORTANT :

- g) The formalities of registration of Identity Cards **MUST** be completed **TEN CLEAR DAYS** before the date of the particular competition or event is scheduled to begin and must be collected from MSSA office **THREE WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE COMPETITION.**

Registration of Identity Cards will not be permitted after the stipulated date during the progress of the particular competition or event. This rule will be strictly followed.

Please Note : Schools not observing this rule, will not be allowed to participate in the particular competition/event. An excuse that the cards are with the MSSA will not be entertained. It is your duty to collect the cards in advance.

- h) Please note **“No Card No Participation”** in the Football Matches.

IDENTITY CARDS FOR SPORTSMAN/TEACHER/COACH:

- 2.6 Sportsman/Teacher/Coach accompanying the team must possess Mumbai Schools Sports Association **“School Official” Identity Card.** Identity Card must be collected from the Association’s Office which should be duly filled in by the Head of the School and registered with the Association. The above mentioned officials will not be entertained or recognised by the Association without the accredited valid identity card. The Identity Card must be worn round the neck, when on duty.
- 2.7 School Principal/ Headmaster must take care to see that the Registration Forms are filled-in only by a responsible person with accurate date from the School General Register. Any discrepancies found later by MSSA will attract severe penal action apart from a fine of Rs.2000/- for the defaulting school.
- 3.0 **ELIGIBILITY :**
Players can play in only one team and one age group in the leagues and K.O. tournaments. A junior player can only play in the next higher age group, but he cannot then play in the junior age group to which he belongs.
- 4.0 **Team-in-charge :**
 - 4.1 An accredited Teacher, Coach or Teacher in-charge **MUST** be deputed by the school to accompany the team for each of its matches. A team not accompanied by an accredited person may not be allowed to play.
 - 4.2 The Team in-charge is expected to be a good leader to the players under his charge and set a good example in sportsmanship.
 - 4.3 Any teacher, Coach or Team-in-charge found abusing, causing physical harm or resorting to unfair tactics with regard to his own players or players of other teams is liable to be suspended, expelled for a period and fined by the Association. Further, such a person will not be allowed to represent his school or any other school in any sports activity conducted by the Association for that specified period.

4.4 The Head of Schools will be held responsible for the behavior of their players/teacher/coaches, team-in-charge and their supporters and are advised to control them in the best possible manner. School Officials, spectators and parents found using foul or abusive language or creating problems may be removed from the venue.

5.0 Fixtures :

5.1 Matches will be played on grounds which are available to the Association.

5.2 Matches will be fixed on days and time convenient to the Association.

5.3 Participating Schools must collect copies of the fixtures from the Association's Office at Azad Maidan. (Fixtures will also be put up on the MSSA Notice Board.)

5.4 Requests for postponement of a match on the plea of non-receipt of fixture will not be entertained.

5.5 The Football Sub-Committee has the authority to cancel, postpone, replay or reschedule a match giving short notice to the concerned schools if the circumstances require. Otherwise, every effort will be made to give a notice of 48 hours. All fixtures must be honoured.

6.0 Blocked Dates :

6.1 **No request for change of dates will be entertained. With schools having different schedules for examination, it is extremely difficult to prepare fixtures that will suit all schools. Therefore, request for blocked dates, pre-examination may not be granted.**

7.0 Match Reporting :

7.1 Teams must report to the venue at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the match. A grace period of ten minutes shall be allowed.

7.2 A school may have two or more matches in different divisions at different venues, and perhaps at the same time, on the same day. Schools must arrange for a different Team incharge to accompany each team, as no postponement will be granted.

7.3 Writing of line-up, instructions to players, prayer etc. must be completed at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time of the match and the teams should enter the field of play as soon as the Referee blows the whistle.

7.4 If a team fails to enter the field of play even after the Referee has blown the whistle, he is authorised to caution (yellow card) the Captain of the defaulting team, for unsporting behaviour.

8.0 Walk-over / Withdrawal :

8.1 Walk-over will not be claimed by any team as a matter of right. It will be at the sole discretion of the Association rules.

8.2 If a team fails to take the field of play within 10 minutes of the scheduled time, the opponents may be awarded a walk-over, 3 points and (3) goals. If a team fails to report for a match, a fine of Rs.2000/- may be imposed on the school and disqualified from further participation.

8.3 a) If a team walk out of the field of play or refuse to continue the match after conceding less than three goals the clause 8.2 will be applicable. In addition all the goals scored by the defaulting teams will be considered null and void.

- b) If a team walks out of the field of play or refuses to continue the match after conceding more than three goals the opponent will get the benefit of all the goals scored by them. And all the goals scored by the defaulting teams will be considered null and void.
- 8.4 When a team fails to turn up for two consecutive matches, without giving reason it will be presumed to have abandoned the League and will hence be scratched from the competition/play off.
- 8.5 When a team is scratched or withdraws from the league after playing few matches the points and goals scored by and against the team will be declared null and void.
- 8.6 A team abandoning the league/play off will be penalised with a fine of Rs.2000/- in addition to such other action as may be deemed necessary by the Football Sub-Committee. Defaulting team will have to start / participate from the next lower division during the next football season.
- 9.0 **Substitution:**
- 9.1 A maximum of seven (7) Substitutes may be listed in the line-up before the start of the match. **All seven (7)** will be allowed to play. A player once substituted cannot take further part in the match. Substitution must be done during the stoppage in the game, and with the permission of the Referee.
- 10.0 **Players Equipment :**
- 10.1 Teams shall turn out in uniform colour i.e. (Shirt/Jersey with sleeves, shorts, stockings and footwear). The goalkeeper must have a contrasting colour. Each Jersey must have a number which should be clearly visible on the back (Number size:7/9 inches).(Numbers from 01 to 20 only will be permitted for better administration.
- 10.2 Each player should wear the Jersey with the same number throughout the season. No two players in a team shall wear identical numbers.
- 10.3 Use of shinguards for boys U/16, U/14 and Girls U/16 is compulsory. However, they are optional for boys and girls in other age groups. However, they are advised to wear them to avoid injury.
- 10.4 A Referee is authorized to debar any player who is not in proper team colour or without a number on his/her jersey in all age groups or for not wearing Shinguards for Boys U/16, U/14 and Girls U/16.
- 10.5 A player may play wearing footwear (i.e. boots or warm-up /track or canvas shoes), and not bare foot.
- 10.6 A player who removes his Jersey after scoring a goal shall be cautioned by the Referee by showing a **Yellow card**.
- 10.7 A player will not be able to play wearing spectacles or sun glasses, made of hard /rigid material however, he will be allowed to play wearing the same made of soft plastic modern material. All type of jewellery is banned . The referee will be the final judge.

11.0 **Ball :**

11.1 The size of the balls to be used in various Leagues Tournaments will be as follows.

U/16 Boys	size	5
U/14 Boys	size	4
U/12 Boys	size	4
U/10 Boys	size	3
U/8 Boys	size	3
U/16 Girls	size	5
U/ 14 Girls	size	4
U/12 Girls	size	4

11.2 A team must carry at least two balls of the correct size to the venue of the match. The Referee will select the best suitable ball from the participating teams for the match when required.

11.3 The Association will not provide any team with a ball for practice.

12.0 **Match Officials:**

12.1 Referees and Assistant referees will be appointed for each match as per the requirement and their availability.

12.2 Should the appointed Referee/Asst. Referee fail to turn up, the Official-in-charge at the venue may appoint any knowledgeable person to supervise the match. Teams cannot refuse to play.

12.3 Each school must depute a responsible person to act as an assistant to the referee, when match is officiated by one official. He must report to the Referee before the start of the match and assist as per the instruction of the referee.

12.4 The Official-in-charge of a venue or the Referee is authorised to decide the fitness of the ground and accordingly, may play or cancel a match.

13.0 **Duration of play :**

13.1 Duration of play of matches in various Leagues and Tournaments will be as follows.

Boys:	U/16 Div. I	30 minutes each half with 10 minutes interval
	U/16 Div. II, III, IV	25 minutes each half with 10 minutes interval
	U/14 Div. I, II, III & IV	25 minutes each half with 10 minutes interval
	U/12 Div. I, II, III	25 minutes each half with 10 minutes interval
	U/10 Div. I, & II	20 minutes each half with 10 minutes interval
	U/8	20 minutes each half with 10 minutes interval
Girls:	U/16	25 minutes each half with 10 minutes interval
	U/14	20 minutes each half with 10 minutes interval
	U/12	20 minutes each half with 10 minutes interval

13.2 The Official-in-charge of the venue in consultation with the Referee may reduce the duration of a match if circumstances warrant it. Both the rival captains shall, however, be informed before the start of the match. Referee cannot reduce the time of the match on his own.

13.3 If a match is abandoned for any reason other than the misconduct on the part of the player/s, or the participating team or teams, officials, only the **balanced duration** will be played on a date and at time fixed by the Football Sub-Committee.

However, the **score** at the time of the abandonment of the match will be **carried forward** for playing the **balanced time** of the match. In such cases intimation will be given to the concerned schools on telephone.

14.0 Award of Points :

14.1 In league matches, points will be awarded as under :

Winner	:	three (3) points
Loser	:	Nil (0) points
In case of a draw	:	one (1) point to each team.

14.2 If two or more teams secure the same number of points then the winner will be decided as follows :-

- a) The team having a better goal difference will be the winner.
- b) If the goal difference is same, the team scoring more number of goals will be the winner.
- c) If the number of goals scored is also the same, then the result of the match between the tying teams in an earlier round/phase wherever it is applicable will be the winner.
- d) If the tie is not resolved after applying Clause (c), then the team securing the highest number of points in earlier round /phase shall be the winner.
- e) If the clause (d) does not resolve the tie than kicks from the penalty mark (tie breaker) will be applied to resolve the tie.

14.3 Incase at the Play-Off stage or in a Knock-Out Tournament the kicks from the penalty mark (tie-breaker) will be applied, to determine the winner of the match.

15.0 Fouls and Misconduct :

15.1 If a player receives two **YELLOW** cards in two different matches, he will remain suspended for the next match. Every subsequent yellow card will mean further suspension in the following match. Teacher/Coach in-charge must enforce the rule by keeping the said player out of the match .

15.2 If a player receives a **RED** card, he will remain suspended for the next match in that competition only. The football Sub-Committee may take more stringent action against the same player depending on the seriousness of the offence committed by him.

15.3 Memorandum of disciplinary measures authorized by FIFA and adopted by MDFA will be applicable in matters of foul play, violent conduct indiscipline and misconduct.

15.4 A team refusing to continue play will face disciplinary action as per the FIFA Disciplinary Code and adopted by M.D.F.A.

15.5 Any physical damage caused to a player, referee or official and the property of the Association or at any other venue will be made good by the school whose players, coaches or supporters caused the damage.

15.6 It will be the sole responsibility of the school authorities / Teacher/Coach-in-charge to keep their players and supporters under control. Any complaint or suggestion may be sent to MSSA by the Head of the School in writing.

16.0 Protests:

16.1 A protest, if any, must be lodged by an **accredited teacher**, coach, team-in-charge within **half-an-hour** of the end of the match along with the protest fee of **Rs.1000/-**.

16.2 The protest MUST be endorsed by the Head of the School within 24 hours of the end of the match (not including public holidays). The protest fee will be forfeited if the protest is over ruled.

Please Note: The protest once decided by Football Sub-Committee and confirmed / ratified by the Executive Committee of the Association will be final and binding and shall not be disputed by any of the parties concerned in any forum thereafter.

17.0 Promotion and Demotion

17.1 In Division I, only two top teams will be promoted from Division II POKO and One team placed at the bottom of each Pool in the Preliminary League will be demoted to Division II from Division I.

17.2 In all other Divisions, the top four (4) teams from each Division will be promoted to the next Higher Division. Likewise, the teams placed at the bottom of each pool in the Preliminary League will be demoted to the Lower Division. However, the decision of the Football Sub-Committee where circumstances demand a change will be final, after ratification by the Executive Committee of the Association.

18.0 General :

18.1 Teams are advised to carry their own **drinking water** in plastic bottles and **first-aid** to the venue.

18.2 The Executive Committee reserves the right to add, delete, amend or alter any of the rules and regulations of the Football competitions where circumstances demand and the decisions of the Committee on all matters will be final and binding.

The players and School officials are advised to take care of their belongings as MSSA will not be held responsible for any loss .

The Association will provide First-Aid facilities at the venues. In case, if there is any untoward incident, the Association will not be held responsible for the same.

19.0 Prizes: Certificates will be awarded to the first 3 places in each tournament / event.

Medals may also be awarded to the first 3 places in each tournament / event.

19.1 Trophies : It is resolved, that since the Association's Trophies / Shields / Cups are very old, valuable, precious and have sentimental value, the practice of allowing the school to carry away the trophies/ shields/ cups will be continued by signing a BOND between the winning school and the Association. The Trophies / Shields / Cups will be presented to the recipient at the Prize Distribution Function of the respective EVENTS and will be allowed to be taken by the winning school and kept in possession for a week (7 days) only and the same will returned to the Association's office on expiry of the date of the **Bond in the same condition as it was presented.**

In case of any damage or loss of the Trophies / Shields / Cups, the winning school will have to pay the cost of the damage or loss of the said Trophies / Shields / Cups valued at the present value.

However, the Trophies / Shields/ Cups will not be given to student or parent but only to the accredited representative of the winning school.

HEADMASTER / HEADMISTRESS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO KINDLY PUT THESE RULES ON THEIR NOTICE BOARDS AS WE FEEL IT WOULD BENEFIT THE PARTICIPANTS WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM ON AND OFF THE FIELD. IGNORANCE OF THE RULES WILL NOT BE EXCUSED.

(H.S. Bhor)
Hon. Gen. Secretary

(Xavier Faria)
Hon. Football Secretary