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TOURNAMENT GUIDE



This block contains several logos and text. On the left, there is the City Exchange logo (a globe with 'CE'), the text 'شركة المدينة للصرافة' and 'CITY EXCHANGE'. Below that is the Ria logo with 'MONEY TRANSFER' and the TIME logo with 'INTERNATIONAL MONEY EXCHANGES'. In the center is a large stylized circular emblem. On the right, there are three soccer balls, the text 'QIA', a row of seven stars, the word 'CHAMPIONS' in large bold letters, and 'LEAGUE 2018' and 'ALL INDIA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT' below it.



ABOUT QIA

Qatar India Association for Football (QIA), was formed in 2013 to promote the sport of football among the Indian expatriates in Qatar, and help fulfill their host country's objective in establishing Qatar as an international sports hub. QIA's inception materialised due to the necessity of having a common platform for games and sporting activities to represent our country India and to promote healthy living and the importance of sports & games in daily life. Gradually, QIA expanded its horizon by inducting sports loving people from different states of India and operating as the face of the entire Indian expatriate community, affiliated to the Indian Sports Centre which comes under the aegis of the Indian Embassy. This has led to QIA teams representing India in various events conducted by the Qatar Football Association (QFA) and other sports bodies in the State of Qatar.



ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

The flagship event of the QIA is the QIA Champions League - All India Football Tournament, which was first held in 2013 as part of our objective to promote football in Qatar, in line with the requirements of QFA and the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy, the organizers of the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Since its inaugural edition five years ago, the annual QIA Champions League has become a much-awaited fixture in the sporting calendar and has managed to bring together various players and teams from different Indian backgrounds.

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The team registration fee will be QR 1,000 /- per team.
2. Any player of Indian origin with a valid Indian passport is eligible to play in the tournament, with no visa restrictions.
3. Teams need to partially register the list of minimum 16 players 24 Hour before the tournament first game kick-off. Balance 6 players to be added before 29th March to complete the squad of 22 which will be valid until end of the tournament.
4. Teams are not allowed to field a player who is not registered as part of the submitted list.
5. An additional player can be added to the team list if the team qualifies for the Semi-finals but should retain the total list of 23 players up to the Final.
6. The 12 participating teams will be divided into 3 groups, with each group consisting of 4 teams. The 1st and 2nd placed teams of each group will qualify for the Quarter-finals, along with the two best 3rd placed teams.
7. The group standings are decided based on the points system. 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and no points for a loss.



8. In case more than one team is tied for a position, the following criteria will be considered based on the given order:
 - *Superior goal difference*
 - *Most goals scored*
 - *Most points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned*
 - *Lesser violation points (Yellow cards as 1 point and direct red card as 3 points)*
 - *Drawing of lots by the technical committee*
9. If a player insults or attacks a referee or a member of the organizing committee, his participation in the tournament will be cancelled. The technical committee has the right to take the appropriate decision regarding the players based on the referee's opinion.
10. In case of complaints, teams can write a letter of complaint and submit it directly after the end of their game (within 1 hour) with a fee of QAR.500/.
11. The organizing committee might modify the schedule and by-law of the tournament if necessary, and inform the teams 24 hours before the game at any point of the tournament.
12. All FIFA rules will be followed.

GAME RULES

1. A team can give a list of 18 players for each game, which consists 11 on-field players and 7 substitutes.
2. Each team can make 5 (4+Goalkeeper) substitutions in every game.
3. Teams should give the 18-member list with the jersey numbers of each player before the first match. Players should wear the same numbered jersey throughout the tournament; jersey number cannot be changed under any circumstances.



4. The match duration in the league stage and in the Quarter-finals will be 60 minutes (30+30) with a 10-minute break between each half. The Semi-finals and the Final will be 90 minutes (45+45) long with a 15-minute half-time break.
5. Teams should report to the venue at least 30 minutes before the game, to be able to warm up. If a team is late by 15 minutes from the official match start time without any acceptable reason, or does not have the complete squad or at least the minimum 9 number of players, the match will be automatically declared a forfeit, with the opponent team awarded a 2-0 win. This will not affect the results of any other matches already played.
6. If a player receives two yellow cards in same match (which will immediately turn out as a red) or in case a player receives a direct red card, he should leave the ground immediately to the stands or gallery. The same rule applies to any team officials who is sent off by the referee. A red-carded player (on or off the field) will not be allowed to play in the following game. However, the suspension can be for more than 1 match, if the match officials or the technical committee deems the act of violation to be of a severe nature.
7. If a player receives 2 yellow cards in consecutive matches, he cannot play the next match. The accumulation of yellow cards will be cancelled after the Quarter-finals, while the effect of red card bans will remain valid until the end of the tournament.



GROUP A GROUP B GROUP C

A1	B1	C1
A2	B2	C2
A3	B3	C3
A4	B4	C4

LEAGUE DRAW

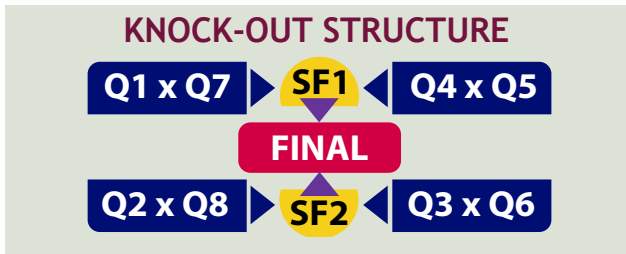
The winners of the groups are 1A, 1B and 1C and the runners-ups are 2A, 2B and 2C. Now, let us say the two best third placed teams as per the bylaw are 3A and 3C. Therefore, these eight teams go through to the quarterfinals.

QUARTER FINAL DRAW

The 3 group champions should be ranked from position 1 to 3 as per the bylaw. Then the 3runners-up to be ranked from position 4 to 6 and the third placed teams from position 7 to 8.

Let's say the best group champions were **C1**, followed by **A1** and **B1** and they are Q1, Q2 and Q3 respectively. Similarly, **B2**, **C2** and **A2** are Q4, Q5 and Q6. The best third placed team is **A3** who will be Q7 and the last qualified team is **C3** who will be Q8.

Note: Two teams from the same group can NOT be drawn against each other in the Quarter-finals. As per the positions here, the first QF should be Q1 Vs Q8. Since Q1 and Q8 were from the same group, Q1 will play the next team from the bottom, which is Q7 and so Q8 will face Q2.



MEDIA GUIDE

PLAYERS PHOTO SHOOT

Team managers need to arrange all players & officials to be available for a photo shoot with Jersey kit. QIA Media Team will arrange the venue and inform the manager about the specified time to finish the shoot. These photos will be used for all publicity, social media and press purposes.



PRE-MATCH / POST-MATCH INTERVIEW

QIA Media Team will be conducting regular Pre / Post Match interviews with the Team Manager, Coach and Captain of each team, which will be aired across various media. The team management must ensure that the concerned personnel are ready on the spot for interview as per the guidelines of the media team.



TEAM GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

All teams should follow the group photograph guideline properly for the pre-match group photo. Only the 11 on-field players are required to pose for the photograph. 5 players are required to be standing (top) and 6 players kneeling/sitting (bottom). (Please refer to the sample photo)



PLAYERS SOCIAL MEDIA DETAILS

On request of the QIA Media Team, the team management should provide full details of the players for our social media coverage purposes. The specified form will be forwarded to team manager for filling and it should be handed over to the media team on time.



TEAM LINE-UP

Proper team line-up details should be handed over to the QIA Media Team at least before 20 minutes of the kick-off time. The line-up list should be in specified format provided by the Media Team. (See sample picture)

TEAMS

CITY EXCHANGE

MAK QATAR

TEAM MBM

FSC NASEEM AL RABEEH

MUMBAI FC

SOUTH SOCCER BOYS

CCT EMADI FC

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