



MFA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2011 - 9th EDITION-

Location: Bucharest Diplomatic Club – Football Field

Period: 28th of May 2011 – 12 of June 2011

Final ceremony: 13 of June 2011

Sign in deadline: 20th of May

The drawing: 24th of May 2011

Tournament Rules

- **Structure**

The Tournament will be structured as a Championship. Teams will be allocated into groups. Two teams will qualify out of each group, regardless of the number of teams. There will be seeded teams, one for each group (based on their performance in past MFA Tournaments).

Depending on the number of signed-in-teams, a League Tournament with a final play-off phase could be organized.

- **Registration**

1. Signing-in for Tournament will occur upon a form issued by the MFA and a copy of the embassy ID or any other ID with picture. The sign-in forms will be sent through e-mail with all the required documents attached. All teams files must have a front page with the team roster

- **Points**

Victory is rewarded with three points, while a draw with one.

- **Components of the teams**

A team may be made up from several embassies (multi-embassies teams). Each extended team (reserves included) will consist of 20 members. On the pitch enter seven players, six field-players plus the goalkeeper, unlimited substitutions being allowed during the game.

Embassy team players can be:

1. Diplomats;
2. Relatives of the diplomats and employees making proof of their embassy ID;
3. Embassy nationals working for official, cultural or commercial institutions;
4. Accredited representatives of international organizations;
5. Non-Romanian interns (making proof of their embassy ID);
6. Max three guest-players (Romanian employees/interns or nationals working/studying in Romania, members of the local community). Professional players registered at any level are excluded. Injured or unable guest-players can be replaced by the other guest-players. Guest players must wear t-shirts numbered 13,14 and 15 respectively;
7. One of the three guest players can be any other person (no relation with the embassy or country is needed).

The MFA team will be made up from MFA employees, its retired personnel only (no guest-players are allowed on the organizers side, except for two members of the tournament's organizing team.

- **Game length of the MFA Cup**

1. The match will last two halves of 20 minutes each with five minutes break in-between. A draw in the play-off phase will be continued with another two halves of five minutes each, and eventually series of three penalty-kicks for each side.
2. Should two or more teams gathered equal goal averages the one that has scored more goals will qualify.
3. The final will have two halves of 30 minutes each with a ten minutes break in-between.

- **Referee system**

The games of the MFA Cup will be refereed according to FIFA regulations

- **Breaking the rules**

A team will be placed in the position of loosing the game with 3-0 if:

- it has more than 3 guest players;
- it has more than 2 guest players on the pitch;

Any team will lose the game with 0-3 should its players not be able to make proof of their ID, which they must have upon themselves during the entire tournament.

Each team is entitled to forward an appeal, if it considers it has been disadvantaged in any way during the Tournament or by a malpractice of the referee. The appeal must be submitted within 24 hours after the game. The organizers are entitled to judge the outcome of any appeal.

- **Accepting the Tournament's regulations**

Until the 20th of May 2011 each participant team will have to forward and to the MFA:

- a list with the players' names and their signatures, together with
- application forms and copies of the respective IDs.

The application forms will be signed by each participant individually, accepting thereby the rules of the Tournament.

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