



ALL NEPAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

ANFA CUP 2025

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. Definition

ANFA:	The All Nepal Football Federation
AFC:	Asian Football Confederation
FIFA:	Federation International de Football Association
ANFA CUP 2025:	Football Tournament for men's teams of 'A' Division Clubs
Match(es):	Each football match(es) in its entirety (including penalty kicks) of the competition.
Match Schedule:	The published Schedule containing details of the competition. (Teams, Date, Kick-off time and Venue)
Regulations	Regulations controlled and published by ANFA to govern and control the competition.



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2. Tournament and Sub-Committees

- 2.1 ANFA CUP 2025 is a tournament of "ANFA".
- 2.2 "ANFA" reserves the rights to prefix the name of the Tournament with the name of the sponsor (s) or any other name.
- 2.3 All the concerned parties shall be obliged to use the accredited official name of the Tournament as and when it is prefixed.
- 2.4 ANFA shall form different sub-committees for organizing the tournament.

3. Competition Date and Venues

The Tournament will start from 20th Baisakh 2081(3rd May 2025). The matches of the competition will be played at **Dashrath Stadium, Kathmandu and ANFA Complex, Satdobato** which shall be finalized by ANFA.

4. Withdrawal from the Competition:

- 4.1 All participating clubs undertake that they shall play all their matches in the competition.
- 4.2 In this regard, any participating club that withdraws from the competition:
 - 4.2.1 Before it has commenced, shall be fined at least NPR Rs. 200,000.00 if withdrawal occurred after the team has confirmed the participation.
 - 4.2.2 After it has commenced, shall be fined at least NPR Rs. 500,000.00 if its withdrawal occurred after the commencement of the competition.

5. Mode of Competition

- 5.1. The teams play league matches in their respective group and top teams from each group will face in knockout stages. The competition format shall be determined as a League Cum knockout format.
- 5.2. Each match shall be ninety (90) minutes duration, consisting of two periods of forty- five (45) minutes with an interval of 15 minutes from whistle ending the first half to the starting of the second period. During the knockout stage if match remains draw, there will be 15 Minutes of two Half's of extra time, If match remains Draw result will be determined through penalty-shootout.



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6. Ranking System

- 6.1. In the league matches the winner shall be awarded three (3) points while one (1) point each shall be awarded for a draw and none for a loss.
- 6.2. In the league format, the ranking of the teams will be determined as follows:
- i. Higher number of points in all group matches
 - ii. If two (2) or more participating teams are equal on the above criteria, the following criteria are applied to determine the ranking in descending order:
 - a. Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the teams concerned.
 - b. Goal difference resulting from the matches between the teams concerned.
 - c. Greater number of goals scored in the matches between the teams concerned.
 - d. Goal difference in all the matches.
 - e. Greater number of goals scored in all the matches.
 - iii. Negative points shall be accumulated. 1 point for Yellow Card, 3 points for 2 Yellow Cards resulting in Red, 4 points for Direct Red Card.
 - iv. Drawing of lots

7. Fixture

The match fixture of the tournament will be published by ANFA, in the presence of participating teams.

8. Eligibility

- 8.1. Nepali Players shall provide subject to its jurisdiction; (Citizenship certificate /Valid Passport required)
- 8.2 Individual valid citizenship certificate or passports shall be proof of nationality.
- 8.4 Each team can Register 4 foreign players, and they can play in same match on same time. (Valid Visa till tournament, ITC and Work permit is Mandatory as per Nepal Government Rules.)**
- 8.3 Individual players agreement is mandatory.
- 8.4 Players Fit to play Medical Certificate is mandatory. (PCMA is Mandatory during AFC Club Competition Championships).**



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9. Registration of Players & Officials

- 9.1. Participating teams are required to submit a final registration of a minimum of eighteen (18) players with minimum two Goalkeepers no later than **28th April 2025 (15th Baisakh, 2082)** and a maximum of Twenty-Three (23) players can be registered Two days (48 hours) prior to the match.
- 9.2. Participating teams can register a minimum of Three (3) and maximum of **Eight (8) officials** for the Tournament.
- 9.3. Each team must register as Head Coach, Team Manager and Doctor/Physio for the match.
- 9.4. The participating team must register a minimum of two (2) Goalkeepers in their Preliminary and Final Registration of the players without any condition.
- 9.5. Each player shall wear the same jersey number allocated to him on the Official Registration Form for Players submitted to ANFA during the **Match Coordination Meeting**.
- 9.6. An official accreditation card with photographs shall be issued to the players and officials of each team. If the AD- Cards were lost for each player/official should deposit Nrs.1000/- for New AD- card.
- 9.7. Only those players and officials who are in possession of such an accreditation card are entitled to sit on the substitution bench and play the match. The accreditation card shall always be available for inspection prior to the start of the match.
- 9.8. The players and officials shall be registered online through **FIFA Connect** with all necessary documents.
- 9.9. The players who register in **Martyr's Memorial 'B' Division league 2025** cannot register in this tournament.
- 9.10. Each team must deposit Nrs.1000/- (one thousand rupees only) in ANFA Account for each player and official registration.



10. Documents required

The following documents are required:

- 10.1. Details of each player and official
- 10.2. One recently taken colored passport size photograph of each player and official, taken within three months prior to the submission of the registration
- 10.3. **A copy of AFC 'A' Coaching Certificate (at least) of Head Coach, AFC 'C' Coaching Certificate (at least) of Goalkeeper Coach and Assistant Coach and Nepal Government validated Physiotherapy/Doctor License.**
- 10.4. Insurance of every individual player
- 10.5. Contract paper with every individual player/official
- 10.6. Fit to play Medical Certificate.

11. Competition Regulations and Laws of the Game

All matches shall be conducted in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game promulgated by the IFAB (International Football Association Board) and Competition Regulations.

12. Start List

- 12.1. The Participating Teams must hand over the "Players Selection List" and the "Officials on the Bench List" with the names of the eleven (11) players who will start the match and maximum (12) players and minimum of (5) who are designated as their substitutes, with the remaining marked as suspended or not playing, to the Match Commissioner at least ninety (90) minutes before the kick-off of their match. The team captain and the goalkeepers must be identified on the "Players Selection List". The same procedure will apply for the Officials on the bench also.
- 12.2. After the "Match Starting List" has been completed and signed by both the teams and returned to the Match Commissioner, and if the match has not yet kicked off, the following instructions apply:
 - i. If any of the eleven (11) Player(s) listed on the Match Starting List selected to start the match are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the Match Starting List.



- ii. The replaced participating player(s) shall no longer be eligible to participate in the match. The participating team may still make five (5) substitutions during the match. The participating team shall not be entitled to add any further substitutes; the number of substitutes shall be reduced accordingly.

12.3. All the players listed in the start list shall be present in the match venue as per the match countdown.

12.4. If the teams has numbers of players less than 11 match will not be start before kickoff (for kickoff at least 11 player is mandatory) , if teams couldn't provide 11 players opponent team will awarded as winner.

13. Substitutions of Players

As a normal procedure, not more than five (5) players may be substituted during a match. Any player substituted may not re-enter the match. *Only three (3) opportunities will be provided to substitute during the match time. If the player(s) are substituted during the half time it is not counted as opportunity but no more than five (5) substitutes are allowed during a match. There will be (1) Concussion Substitution opportunity for each team which shall be identified and subjected by Venue Doctor and verified by Match Commissioner. There will be 1 additional substitution will be allowed in extra-time of knockout stage of match.*

14. Team Bench and Technical Area

Maximum of Twelve (12) substitute players and a Maximum of eight (8) officials are allowed to sit on the substitute's bench. The names of these people and their functions must be listed on the Starting List.

15. Cautions and Expulsions

15.1 A player/official who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during the competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which he receives the second caution.

15.2 A player/official who receives an expulsion (red card) during the competition shall automatically be suspended from the match following the match in which he received the expulsion and further sanction can be taken by Disciplinary committee/organizing committee.



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- 15.3 Suspension will be carried over from League stage to Knockout stage in competition.
- 15.4 There will be fine of Nrs.2000 for each Red Card (Sent-off offense) and Nrs.500 for each Yellow card (Caution) in the Competition.

16. Abandoned and Cancelled Matches

- 16.1. In the case of an abandoned match, the organizer shall inform the teams about rescheduling the remaining match in consultation with the Match Commissioner and the Referees. In case of an abandoned match because of force majeure after it has already kicked off, the match shall be continued with same condition (players, cards, goals, time remaining and so on.)
- 16.2. In the case of a cancelled match, the Match Commissioner in consultation with the Organizers shall decide within two (2) hours of the Referee decision to cancel the match whether the match can be rescheduled, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account, or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue with the competition. Any disciplinary sanctions resulting from the cancelled match shall remain in force.
- 16.3. During any match, if a team leaves the match at the specified time, the opponent team will be awarded 3 points and 3 goals advantage, while the team that leaves will not be given any points. ANFA can take necessary disciplinary action for such a team.
- a. No appeal may be lodged against the decision stated by the Referee.

17. Protest and Appeals

- 17.1. Protests for matches in the tournament shall be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner within two hours of the end of the match and followed up immediately and latest within twelve (12) hours of the conclusion of the match, with a full written report including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing to the Organizers.



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17.2. No protests may be made against the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.

17.3. All protests and appeals, to be official, must be in writing and must be accompanied by a fee of NRs. 10000 (Ten thousand rupees) only. The protest fee is non-refundable.

17.4. Participating teams, players and officials are forbidden from taking disputes to civil courts.

17.5. The team shall lose the match protested with 3-0 deficit if the protest has resulted valid after investigation.

18. Team Jersey Colors & Players Outfits

18.1 Each team must have a minimum of two sets of uniform, the color of which shall be submitted along with the entry form by name.

18.2 Final registration of twenty three (23) players shall indicate the jersey number from 1- 99 and only these players shall be eligible to play. The colors of the numbers must contrast clearly with the outfit (light on dark or vice versa).

18.3 Goal Keepers shall wear colors contrasting with those of the two teams and the referees and should bear their register number.

18.4 If thermal shorts are used, they shall be the same color as the main color of the shorts.

18.5 Each team shall wear its official color as declared at the Match Coordination Meeting. If the event of clash of team colors, team A shall be entitled to wear its official outfit and team B shall use the reserve outfit, if necessary, a combination of the official and reserve outfit.

18.6 If, in the opinion of the Referee and/or the Match Commissioner the color worn by two opposing teams might cause confusion or prove unsuitable for television broadcasts, they shall be modified, using either the entire reserve outfit or a combination of both.

18.7 The basic compulsory equipment (jerseys, stockings) must not have any political, religious or personal slogans, statements or images.



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18.8 The player's kit, team colors, sponsor advertising and manufacturer identification, etc. must comply with the provisions of the FIFA Equipment Regulations. This provision applies for the entire competition.

19. Medical Facilities and Treatment

ANFA will provide first aid treatment during the match.

20. Awards and Prize

20.1. The winner shall be awarded with a cash prize of NRs.15,00,000 and a trophy with medals.

20.2. The runner-up shall get NRs. 10,00,000 and medals.

20.3. The 2nd Runner-up shall get NRs. 5,00,000 and medals.

20.3. The Most Valuable Player of the tournament shall get NRs.1,00,000 and Trophy, Best Goalkeeper, Highest Scorer and Emerging Player shall be awarded NRs. 50,000 each with a trophy.

20.4. The Man of the Match shall be awarded NRs.15,000 with a trophy.

20.5. ANFA will provide preparation money of Rs.2,50,000 /- (Two lakhs fifty thousand rupees.) to each participating team in two instalment.

20.6. ANFA will divide Match Day Gate collection money into 3 parties (i.e. 1 part for ANFA Operational cost and other 2 parts will be provided to match participating both teams).

21. Team registration:

Participating club/team must deposit Nrs.5000/- (five thousand rupees only) in ANFA account for Team registration, including team confirmation form and agreement till 10th Baisakh 2081.

22. AFC CLUB COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY 2025/26:

I. The All Nepal Football Association (ANFA) shall implement its National Club Licensing Criteria for this tournament.

II. The Champion Team of this tournament shall be nominated to represent Nepal in the AFC Club Competitions 2025/26, subject to:

a) Full compliance with the ANFA National Licensing Criteria by 28 April 2025, and

b) Fulfillment of the AFC Club Licensing Criteria (Edition 2024) by the deadline of 10 May 2025.



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III. In the event that the Champion Team fails to meet the above licensing requirements by the specified deadlines, ANFA shall nominate the next highest-ranked team that fulfills both sets of licensing criteria. This process shall continue in descending order of final standings until a compliant club is identified.

IV. ANFA's decision on nomination shall be final and binding, and no club shall be eligible for nomination without obtaining both ANFA and AFC club licenses within the stipulated deadlines.

23. Matters not provided: Matters not provided for in the Competition Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the ANFA, whose decisions are final.

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Agreement

This Agreement is entered into on 2025 by and between:

All Nepal Football Association, with its address at ANFA House Satdobato, Lalitpur, Nepal (hereinafter referred to as “ANFA”), represented by Mr. Kiran Rai, General Secretary of ANFA; and..... Club (hereinafter referred to as “club”), with its address..... represented by Mr.

Each of ANFA and club shall be referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The purpose of this agreement is to provide the participating clubs with team preparation fund to the clubs participating in the ANFA CUP 2025 League Cum Knockout Competition, which is being held from 3rd April 2025, by the ANFA.
2. ANFA shall provide a total of Two Lakh Fifty thousand rupees (NRS 2,50,000) to the club as a team preparation fund in two instalments i.e. 1st instalment of NRS 1,00,000 before Tournament starts and 2nd instalment of NRS 1,50,000 after submission of all needed expenditure Bills after completion of tournament as mentioned in the agreement between the parties dated _____.
 - a. Proof of payment via Ac Payee cheque or direct bank transfer must be provided for all amounts received by clubs before the final instalment.
 - b. The club shall submit all the bills and final expenditure report along with proof of bank payments within 1 (one) month after the end date of competition. Income and Expenses report should be prepared in the template included in this contract. In case the club fail to submit the bills and report of expenditure, ANFA will recover the unsettled team preparation fund from other entitlements to club from ANFA.
 - c. Amount shall be transferred directly to Bank account of respective teams (not individuals) maintained at Branch of Bank having account name And account number
3. Clubs shall fulfill the following prior to commencement of league
 - b) Submit agreement duly signed by ANFA and the club.
 - c) Club must submit ANFA with marketing plan along with agreement
 - d) Proof of club having active social media account
4. Club and players must be registered in CMS at least one week prior to commencement of league
5. Club must abide by club licensing regulations.
6. The Clubs must abide by the tournament regulations.
7. Club must participate in initiatives for integrity and Anti-doping campaigns undertaken by ANFA. The Club as a member of ANFA is responsible to field eligible players and in case of any investigation must support fully to uphold FIFA Statutes and regulations.
8. The club shall only use the funds received as per this agreement under the ascertained conditions as follows:
 - a. The amount provided by ANFA for club Preparation expenses can be used for
 - Payment of Players and Coaches.
 - Purchase of Sports Equipment.
 - Accommodation and food of Player, Coach and team official.
 - Insurance and Medical cost of Player and Club.
 - Travel cost of Player and Club Official.

- b. Where Payments are made to Player and Coach, this cost must be supported by:
- A legally valid and binding agreement between the Club and the Player/Coach
 - The Club shall provide evidence of payment made to the individual through a legitimate banking channel, including but not limited to bank statements, sharing transfer receipts, or A/C payee cheques along with acknowledgment of receipt from the respective Players/Coaches
 - Evidence that tax is deducted from payment to players in accordance with the income tax Act and duly paid to IRD.
 - The Club hereby declares and assures us that it will not engage in any tax avoidance practices. The Club acknowledges its liability for any penalties, charges, interests, or similar actions imposed by government authorities due to incorrect tax compliance, and ANFA shall not bear any liability in this regard.
 - Furthermore, the Club affirms that its club's employment policies are fully applicable to all Players and Coaches
- c. The cost must be incurred before the end of competition and directly related to participation of the club in the competition.
- d. There should be zero tolerance for fraud, corruption, conflict of interest in the use of the funds received from ANFA.
- e. ANFA will have the right to inspect supporting documents, records related to the fund mentioned in this agreement and visit the office of the club for this purpose.
- f. All Payment from the fund must be made through Ac Payee cheque or direct bank transfer re-imbursement of cost paid from other sources will not be accepted by ANFA.
- g. Purchase of more than Twenty Thousand rupees (NRS.20,000) must be made from VAT registered vendors.
- h. Purchase of up to One Lakh rupees (NRS. 1,00,000) can be made directly from the vendor. The cumulative value of purchase from a vendor must be considered and compared against this One Lakh rupees (NRS.1,00,000) One Lakh Threshold.
- i. Purchase of more than One Lakh rupees (Rs.1,00,000) (cumulatively through ANFA Fund) and up to of one million rupees (Rs.10,00,000) must be made through three genuine quotations respecting the principles of free and fair competition and best value of money.
- j. Purchase of More than One million Rupees (Rs 10,00,000) should be done through public tender.

IN THE WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, each acting through its duly authorized representative, have signed this Agreement.

Signed for and on behalf of ANFA

Name: Kiran Rai

Designation: General Secretary

Signature:

Date:

Stamp:

Signed for and on behalf of the club

Name:

Designation:

Signature:

Date:

Stamp:



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TEAM ENTRY CONFIRAMTATION FORM

NAME OF THE TEAM/CLUB:

ADDRESS:

REGISTRATION NO:REGD. YEAR: PAN NO:

BANK A/C NO:

NAME OF THE BANK:

EMAIL : PHONE NO:

NAME OF HEAD/PRESIDENT:

MOBILE NO: EMAIL.....

NAME OF GENERAL SECRETARY:

MOBILE NO: EMAIL:.....

DECLARATION: WE HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED INFORMATION IS CORRECT AS PER OUR KNOWLEDGE AND THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED ARE VALID. WE CONFIRM FOR THE PARTICIPATION OT THE TEAM, ATTACH Nrs.5000/- VOUCHER OF REGISTRATION AND DECLARE TO ABIDE BY THE ANFA STATUTES AND COMPETITION REGULATION ISSUED BY THE ANFA.

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GENERAL SECRETARY SIGNATURE

.....
PRESIDENT/HEAD'S SIGNATURE

TEAM STAMP

.....
APPROVED BY

GENERAL SECREATRY, ANFA

DATE:

NOTE: LAST DATE OF TEAM REGISTRATION FORM IS 10TH BAISAKH 2082.