

2021 – 2020 CUHK Intercollegiate 7-A-Side Soccer Competition **Rules & Regulations (Knockout System)**

- (A) **Grouping System:** Depends on the number of participating teams. Please refer to the intercollegiate competition system of play announced by the Intra University Activities Sub-committee on Physical Education Unit.
- (B) **Laws of the Game:** Unless otherwise stated, the competition shall be organized in accordance with the most recent technical rules and regulations of the “Fédération Internationale de Football Association” (FIFA).
- (C) **Off-side:** The “off-side” rule will be adopted in the competition.
- (D) **Rules:**
1. Knockout System: the loser is immediately eliminated from the competition whereas the winner will play in the next round.
 2. Each match will last 40 minutes, 20 minutes for the first half, and 20 minutes for the second half, with 5 minutes’ break in between.
 3. Players must wear sports shoes in match. Soccer shoes with metal studs, 8 studs or below, are prohibited.
 4. Players must put on their shin guards and covered entirely by the stockings. Materials of shin guards should be appropriate (plastic, rubber etc.) to guarantee the protection.
 5. The maximum registered players should be 14 players. Not more than 4 players may be substituted during a match. Players who have been replaced will not be allowed to re-enter the match.
 6. In all matches, a winning team must be identified for each match. If the match ends in a draw, each team shall assign 3 participants to take the “9 yards” shoot-out alternately. If the winner is still not identified, the “Sudden Death” rule will be adopted to determine the winner.
- (E) **Abstain:** Any team not presenting a minimum number of athletes (less than 5 players) required for a particular game at the scheduled competition start time (according to the clock at the stadium) shall be disqualified for the match.
- (F) **Penalty:**
- i) Yellow Card – two yellow cards will be suspended from next match automatically.
 - ii) Red Card – one red card will be suspended from next match automatically.
 - iii) Suspension will be executed immediately, carried forward to the next games or competition season.
- (G) **Protest and Appeal:** Referee has a final decision in the match. Each and every appeal must be made in writing and signed by the Council Member of the institution concerned. The appeal shall be made within 24 hours of the event concerned, to the convener and copied to the Appeal Committee. The decision of the Appeal Board shall be final.
- (H) In case of imperfect of this rules and regulations, convener can amend it. The amendment will be implemented after approval of Physical Education Unit.