

The 2nd Asian Cup for Men

REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZER

Volleyball Federation of I.R. Iran, affiliated to AVC, has been entrusted with the organization of the 2nd Asian Cup for Men in 2010.

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2. COMPETITION CALENDAR

Arrival of AVC officials and C/C members: July 29, 2010

Arrival of teams and accompanying referees: July 30, 2010

Competition days: August 1-7, 2010

Departure day: August 8, 2010

3. HOST CITY AND HALLS

City: Tehran

Training Halls: Azadi No: 3
Khaneh Volleyball

Competition Hall: Azadi No: 2

4. PARTICIPATING TEAMS

4.1 The 2nd Asian Cup for Men is open to the AVC affiliated member federations that respect their obligations and financial responsibilities with regard to the FIVB and AVC and have sent to AVC and the Organizer the official entry for the Cup according to AVC Regulations.

4.2 The players must have the nationality of the country or region they represent, justifying it by means of a passport or other authentic document.

4.3 Naturalised players must have been proven resident in the country or region of their new nationality for not less than two years (up to the opening day of the Cup) from the date of issue of the official document granting the new citizenship.

- 4.4 Once the passport or other legal documents have been checked and accepted by AVC Control Committee, the Organizer will issue the ID cards valid for the Championship.

5. ENTRIES, TEAM INFORMATION AND FEE

- 5.1 Not later than 15th January 2010, each member federation must send its official entry to AVC and the Organizer to confirm its participation. Until 15th February 2010, late entry is possible with a US\$500 fine.
- 5.2 Not later than 15th June 2010, each entered team must send the O-2 form, two (2) personal photos of each member, a team photo, and sports biography of the team to AVC and to the Organizer.
- 5.3 During the Preliminary Inquiry each participating team must submit its final list of twelve (12) players (O-2bis form) to the AVC Control Committee. These 12 players must be chosen among the 19 players indicated in the O-2 form.
- 5.4 The entry fee US\$900 must be paid to the organizer in cash during the Preliminary Inquiry.

6. COMPETITION SYSTEM

- 6.1. The competition system is subject to the exact number of participating teams. AVC will forward to each participating member federation a finalized competition system and competition calendar two months before the Cup.
- 6.2 Seeding:
- 6.2.1 All Asian teams listed on the FIVB World Ranking will be given a ranking number, starting from 1, 2, ...k, in a sequential order.
- 6.2.2 The ranking of Asian Cup will be ordered in the same manner as above.
- 6.2.3 The 2 numbers from 1) and 2) of each team will be added and divided by 2.
- 6.2.4 A team with a lower ranking average as a result of 3) will be assigned a higher order of the seeding in the Asian Cup.
- 6.2.5 If 2 teams have the same result, the priority will be given to a team with a higher FIVB ranking.
- 6.2.6 If a team does not have one of the rankings, either FIVB or AVC, the team may NOT be given a seeding.
- 6.2.7 When the organizer belongs to a pool with more than 4 teams in case of more than 16 participating teams, the lowest place for the organizer after the preliminary round is 4th in order for the organizer to stay in and play until the end of the championship.
- 6.3 Free Warm-up time
- 6.3.1 The participating team can use the championship court in free time before the official protocol being started when a warming up court is not available inside the championship venue.
- 6.3.2. A team with extra members who are not on the official list (i.e., 2nd coach and/or trainer) may be on the competition court during the free warm-up time, but the extra members of the team must leave the court upon instruction by the referees before the official protocol is started.

7. INSPECTIONS AND DRAWING OF LOTS

The organizer should strictly follow the AVC competition guidelines and regulations.

AVC will make an inspection at the Organizer's expenses to the host city if it is necessary. And the Organizers have no right to change the competition facilities and hotels after the final inspection.

The drawing of lots will be held on the occasion of the 30th AVC Board of Administration meeting.

Within 10 days after the drawing of lots, the Organizer will have to prepare the timetable for daily matches and submit it to AVC for approval.

8. ORDER OF MATCHES AND ORGANIZER'S RIGHTS

- 8.1 The order of matches in preliminary round is assigned by the drawing of lots in accordance with the Berger Table.
- 8.2 The seeding of the teams will be in accordance with the results of the 15th Asian Sr. Men's Championship.
- 8.3 The Organizer has the right to choose one match of each pool in preliminary round if the pool is composed of not more than 4 teams. In case of 5 teams or more in each pool, the Organizer has the right to choose two matches of each pool.
- 8.4 The Organizer has the right to change the timetable and order of matches for TV broadcasting reasons and with the approval of AVC Control Committee. Each team must be informed of the timetable changes at least 24 hours before the match.

9. CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

- 9.1 The following points shall be taken into account to decide the ranking:

Match won:	2 points
Match lost:	1 point
Forfeit:	0 point
- 9.2 If two or more teams obtain the same points, the ranking shall be decided by the quotient of the points won and lost for the whole matches.
- 9.3 If they still score equal, the ranking shall be decided by the quotient of the whole sets won and lost.
- 9.4 If two teams are still equal, priority shall be given to teams according to the result of the match played between the two teams concerned.
- 9.5 If a team declares its forfeit during a match, it will be excluded from the Championship and all the results of the matches it already played during the respective rounds will be nullified. The respective opponent teams will be declared winners of the respective matches.

10. CONDUCTING OF THE COMPETITIONS

- 10.1 The 2nd Asian Cup for Men will be conducted by the AVC Control Committee under the leadership of the AVC President or his representative.
- 10.2 FIVB International and International Candidate referees accompanying the teams and from the organizing country will officiate in the 2010 Asian Cup for Men.

11. MEDICAL SERVICES AND CONTROL

- 11.1 All players are obliged to present a health certificate (M-3 form) issued no more than two months before the competition by the competent authority in their country in which the health of the competitor and the absence of signs of use, or the lack of equipment to detect the use of forbidden substances is clearly stated. This health certificate must be countersigned by the National Federation and the competitor who thus both take the responsibility for the validity of such certificate.
- 11.2 The Organizer is obliged to nominate a Medical Director in charge of all medical affairs during the championship.
- 11.3 Very well before the event, the Medical Director appointed by the Organizer must contact with the AVC Secretariat and AVC Medical Delegate in charge of the event to report progression of preparations for the medical affairs including Doping Control Testing. Following items should be included in the report.
 - 11.3.1. Name of the Doping Control Officers (DCO) who should be authorized by World Anti Doping Agency (WADA)
 - 11.3.2. Name list of Doping Control Team headed by DCO accredited by WADA. The team should be consisted with TWO (minimum) Chaperons and TWO (minimum) technicians to collect urine samples
 - 11.3.3. Name list of Medical Support Team that should be consisted with Sports Physicians and other Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Registered Nurses
 - 11.3.4. Name list of designated hospitals and clinics suitable for the event
 - 11.3.5. Photocopy of the contract between the organizer and WADA Accredited Laboratory
- 11.4 First aid and medical treatment will be provided by the Organizer under the control of the AVC Control Committee.
- 11.5 Doping Control shall be conducted in accordance with the FIVB Medical Regulations.
 - 11.5.1. The Organizer is obliged to prepare all adequate number of the equipments and human resources according to the FIVB Medical Regulations and WADA CODE.
 - 11.5.2. The Organizer must be responsible to courier the collected and sealed samples to designated WADA accredited laboratory within due time according to the AVC requirements.

- 11.6 Referees' medical check and alcohol test will be conducted by the local medical team nominated by the Organizer under control of the AVC Control Committee. The Organizer is obliged to prepare all equipments and official forms generated by the FIVB needed for the medical check according to the FIVB Medical Regulations.
- 11.7 The Organizer is requested to provide adequate size room, forms and equipments for the Medical Delegate Meeting that would be held after the General Technical Meeting or earlier upon request from the AVC Control Committee.
- 11.8 All team delegations are recommended to take out their own liability and medical insurance.

12. PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

- 12.1 Team delegations must arrive at least 48 hours before the start of the competition and be available for the preliminary inquiry.
- 12.2 The preliminary inquiry will be carried out in accordance with the FIVB General Regulations.

13. GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING

- 13.1 Team Managers, Head Coaches and Doctors must be present in the General Technical Meeting.
- 13.2 The General Technical Meeting will be carried out in accordance with the FIVB General Regulations.

14. TRAINING

- 14.1 The organizer must prepare a training schedule, in which each team is guaranteed the exclusive use of a training gym for 1.5 hours per day.
- 14.2 Each team will have at least one hour training on each competition court before their first match.
- 14.3 Trainings must not be scheduled at the same time as the Preliminary Enquiry and the General Technical Meeting.

15. PRESS CONFERENCE

The head coach and team captain or the player requested by the press must be available for the press conference immediately after each match.

16. OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL RULES AND BALLS

- 16.1 The Championship shall be played in accordance with the FIVB Rules of the Game in force. All necessary interpretations will be made before the Cup during the Refereeing Clinic and the General Technical Meeting.
- 16.2 The Championship will be played with the MIKASA Volleyball MVA 200.

17. UNIFORMS

- 17.1 The playing uniform must be in conformity with FIVB standards. Each team must have available three sets of playing uniforms of a different color. The players numbers on the uniforms must be the same as on the O-2, O-2bis forms. Any improper use of uniform color shall get penalties. Details see Article 19.5.
- 17.2 The playing uniforms of the team captain must be presented during the preliminary inquiry.
- 17.3 The team officials on the bench, as approved in the Preliminary Inquiry, must confirm to either of the following dress code options:
 - I. All to wear their official warming up suit and polo shirt of the same colour and style, or
 - II. All to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same colour and style, or
 - III. All to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same colour and style except the trainer who may wear the official warming up suit and polo shirt.
- 17.4 Team accompanying referees must bring their own refereeing uniform.

18. COMPLAINTS

- 18.1 All complaints must be presented in writing by Team Manager or Head Coach to the AVC Control Committee members on duty within 30 minutes after the match.
- 18.2 Complaints about the result of a match must be accompanied by a deposit of US\$300 cash(or the equivalent in local currency) for each complaint.

19. SANCTIONS

- 19.1 Negligence in regard to the competition or late forwarding of the team entry and/or O-2 form: US\$500 fine.
- 19.2 Non (or incomplete) forwarding of team and players photos, sports biographies or payment of entry fee: US\$500 fine.
- 19.3 If the national federation that made a national entry for the Cup happens to cancel its participation, the penalty will imposed by AVC:
 - a) After the deadline of entry until drawing of lots: US\$3,000.
 - b) After the drawing of lots until one month prior to the Championship: US\$5,000.
 - c) Less than one month to a week prior to the opening day of the Championship: US\$10,000.

- d) 7 days or less prior to the opening day of the Championship: US\$20,000.
- 19.4 If there is no accompanying referee included in the participating team, the penalties of US\$2,000(Two Thousand US Dollar only) will be imposed on this team in order for AVC to nominate a neutral referee from nearby country to officiate the championship.
- 19.5 The penalty of US\$500 will be imposed to a team which does NOT wear the assigned uniform color as indicated on the O-1 form until the official protocol of the match being started.
- 19.6 If the penalty fee is not paid, the national federation will be suspended until payment has been made (transit period in one month after the invoice is issued).
- 19.7 The penalty fee should be paid by the national federation involved to the AVC account.
- 19.8 AVC officials should check carefully the dates of the birth for the players of participating teams. The passport must be considered as the only valid reference for their birth certificate. When it is evident that a player who participates in the Cup deceives his/her birth date, that person should be sanctioned.
- 19.9 If a participating team returns back to their home before finishing all the matches, this team should be sanctioned.
- 19.10 Players not complying with the Eligibility Rules defined by Article 5 of the FIVB General Regulations for International Championships or who do not present the Health Certificate (M-4) as required in Article 6.1 of the same Regulations and do not present the M-8 form will not be allowed to compete.
- 19.11 Players who refuse to undergo doping control test will be automatically disqualified. The team concerned will lose the match to its opponent 0-3 (0-25, 0-25, 0-25).
- 19.12 Voluntary forfeit of a team before or during a match entails its exclusion from the Cup with the following consequences:
- a) From the moment the team must cover its own expenses.
 - b) Damages and other sanctions may be decided by the AVC Board of Administration. All matches previously played will be declared forfeited 0-3 (0-25, 0-25, 0-25).

20. COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION

Each delegation will be composed of maximum 19 (nineteen) members as follows: 12 players, 1 Team Manager, 1 Head Coach, 1 Assistant Coach, 1 Trainer or Masseur, 1 Referee (International or International Candidate), 1 FIVB Accredited Doctor, 1 Press Officer with a proper ID if any.

Each delegation must have one accompanying referee(international or candidate). If not, penalties shall be incurred as per Article 19.4

Up to 2 extra officials may be added to the delegation of a team. They will be accredited if their expenses have been paid before the Cup.

The team officials to be seated on the bench may not be changed after General Technical Meeting except for a medical emergency case.

21. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- 21.1 Each delegation will take care of the following expenses:
- a) US\$900 as national entry fee
 - b) Airfares of the team to and from IMAM KHOMAINI International Airport
 - c) US\$50 per person per day for the partial payment for accommodation with full board and snack. Payment should be made to the Organizer during the Preliminary Inquiry after arrival.
 - d) Penalties incurred as per Article 19.
 - e) Full payment of accommodation with full board for extra persons, if any
 - f) Per diem of its accompanying referee
- 21.2 The expenses to be covered by the Organizer:
- a) Difference of the partial payment for accommodation with full board (8 twin and 2 single rooms for the players and team officials and 1 more single room for the accompanying referee) per delegation maximum for each delegation.
 - b) Accommodation with full board for the AVC Control Committee Members, referees and a press director nominated by AVC (all single rooms).
 - c) Internal transport from/to IMAM KHOMAINI International Airport, of arrival/ departure and local transport.
 - d) Medical first aid
 - e) Laundry of player's game uniform each competition day (one pair of socks, one pair of shirt and short worn during the match)
 - f) Prepare the demonstrative teams and personnel for theoretical and practical clinics according to the competition calendar.
 - g) Production of 20 ad-panels on the court (size: 1m high x 3.4 m long as one ad-panel). The Organizer must be in accordance with the contract of AVC and AVC official sponsors. If not, the Organizer shall be sanctioned or seriously reminded.
 - h) If the delegation arrives one day earlier or leaves one day later than the schedule due to the lack of flight availability of the hosting city, the Organizer must not charge any extra costs, but partial payment.
- 21.3 AVC will cover the following expenses:
- a) Airfare of the Control Committee members to and from Tehran (economy class)
 - b) US\$60 per diem, from the arrival day to the departure day of their duties for C/C members
 - c) Any other expenses approved by the AVC Board of Administration
- 21.4 The revenues of the Organizer:
- a) 100% of entry fees
 - b) 100% of ticket sales
 - c) 50% of international & 100% of domestic TV rights
 - d) 100% of merchandising rights
 - e) 14 ad-panels on the court (size: 1 m x 3.4 m), with positions to be approved by AVC

- 21.5 The revenues of AVC
- a) 50% of international TV rights
 - b) 6 ad-panels on the court (size: 1 m x 3.4 m), including the ad-panels for the official ball manufacturer.
- 21.6 Publicity on Uniforms
- (a) Advertising on team's uniforms is subject to prior AVC approval at least four weeks before the start of the competition. An advertising Approval Certificate issued by AVC must be presented at the Preliminary Inquiry.
 - (b) The fee for having the right for publicity on uniforms is US\$20,000 (Twenty Thousand US Dollars Only) per team, which must be remitted to AVC account number before the Preliminary Inquiry.

22. ADVERTISING BOARDS

- 22.1 The Organizer must strictly follow the guideline for the installation of advertising board as specified by FIVB and AVC.
- 22.2 The Organizer should send the layout of advertising panel and banners inside the competition hall to AVC for approval.
- 22.3 The layout of competition hall must be controlled by AVC Control Committee before and during the Cup.
- 22.4 The organizer should place the advertising boards around the playing area of the main court even if the organizer does not have sponsors for the competition.

23. AWARDS

- 23.1 Trophies shall be awarded by AVC and the Organizer to the teams ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Cup. The champion will keep the trophy until the next edition.
- 23.2 Trophies for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners must be prepared by the Organizer.
- 23.3 Medals shall be prepared by the Organizer, and to be awarded to the players of the teams finishing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
- 23.4 Should the third party wish to award additional prizes, previous AVC approval and permission must be obtained.
- 23.5 The individual awards shall include: most valuable player, best scorer, best server, best attacker, best blocker, best setter, best libero. All individual awards shall be awarded with as major criteria of evaluation the results of the VIS statistical data, with a final decision to be taken by the AVC Control Committee. The individual awards must be prepared by the Organizer.

24. DAILY BULLETIN

Copies of a Daily Bulletin will be distributed by the Organizer to the AVC Head Office, all participating teams, referees and AVC Control Committee members, from the day before the start of competition (i.e. at the General Technical Meeting) until the day after competition.

25. VIS-SYSTEM

The Organizer takes care of the results and statistics according to FIVB VIS-System.

26. UNFORESEEN ITEMS

Any matters not mentioned in the present Regulations should be decided by the President of AVC in consultation with the organizing federation.

27. COMPETITION MANUALS

AVC competition manuals(draft in 2009) will be officially effective for the 2nd Asian Cup for Men.