

## **Rules of the Aspira Dynamics Social Tournament**

1. The tournament draw will take place on Thursday evening, June 5, or Friday morning, June 6, 2025. All team managers must be present at Ngwenyama Lodge. Team soccer kits will be available for collection on the same day.
2. FIFA rules will be followed, except for match duration, red card penalties, and age restrictions.
- 3. Age rules:**
  - A team must consist of either 2 players aged 30–34 and 8 players aged 35+ or 11 players aged 35+ for the entire game.
- 4. Age verification:**
  - Captains, coaches, and managers must verify players' ages using an ID, passport, or driver's license.
  - Players without valid identification will not be allowed to play.
- 5. Penalty for violating age rules:**
  - In the group stage, the violating team will forfeit the match, and the opponent will receive full points.
  - In the knockout stage, the violating team will be disqualified, and the opponent will advance.
- 6. Red card rule:**
  - A player receiving a red card will be suspended for the first half of the next match but can play in the second half.
- 7. Match duration:**
  - Each game will last 60 minutes: two 30-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime break. This applies to both the group stage and knockout rounds, including the final.

#### **8. Late arrivals:**

- A team arriving 15 minutes late will start 2-0 down and play only the second half.
- A team arriving 30 minutes late will forfeit the match.

#### **9. Knockout stage & finals:**

- No extra time will be played. If the match is tied after full-time, teams will proceed directly to a penalty shootout.

#### **10. Group stage tiebreakers:**

- If two or more teams have the same points and goal difference, the head-to-head result will determine the ranking.
- If the head-to-head is also tied, the teams will settle the tie through penalties.

#### **11. Tournament awards:**

- Awards will be given for:
  - Player of the Tournament
  - Goalkeeper of the Tournament
  - Top Goal Scorer
  - Coach of the Tournament

#### **12. Team kits:**

- Teams will receive their soccer kits after the draw to avoid color clashes and unnecessary delays.

#### **13. Respect for officials:**

- Never argue with referees or officials. If a dispute arises, the captain, coach, or manager should address the official respectfully.

**14. Sportsmanship & behavior:**

- Control your temper—verbal abuse, taunting, or provoking opponents is not acceptable.

**15. Fair play:**

- Applaud all skilled efforts, whether by your team or the opposition.

**16. Respect:**

- Treat all participants with respect, just as you would like to be treated.

**17. Teamwork:**

- Cooperate with your coach, teammates, and opponents.

**18. Personal motivation:**

- Play for your own enjoyment and development, not just to please coaches or managers.

**19. Inclusivity:**

- Respect all participants, regardless of gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

**20. Effort & dedication:**

- Work hard for yourself and your team.

We look forward to your team's participation in this exciting tournament. For any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

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