



## **Dean's Cup – Football 2026**

### **Rules and Regulations**

#### **(A) Grouping System:**

A drawing of lots will be made to determine the order of games for participating teams.

#### **(B) Laws of the Game:**

Unless stated in the prospectus and the guidelines, all rules and regulations will be governed by the FIFA soccer rules and regulations.

#### **(C) Off-side:**

The “off-side” rule will be adopted in the competition.

#### **(D) System of Play:**

- i. Each match will last 20 minutes, 10 minutes for the first half, and 10 minutes for the second half, with 5 minutes' break in between.
- ii. The tournament will adopt the single elimination knock-out format.
- iii. Players must wear soccer shoes in match. Soccer shoes with metal studs, or soccer shoes with 8 studs or below, are prohibited.
- iv. 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.
- v. Each team shall have between 7 to 12 registered players. Not more than two opportunities will be provided for substitution in a match, with a maximum of 7 players to be substituted each time. Players who have been replaced may re-enter the match.
- vi. In all matches, a winning team must be identified for each match. If the match ends in a draw, each team shall assign three 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:**

Each participant/team shall turn up at the scheduled time for the match. Any team that dispatches less than 5 participants during the match will be regarded as having withdrawn from the match.

#### **(F) Penalty:**

- i. Yellow card – a player receiving two yellow cards will result in their immediate suspension from the match.
- ii. Red Card – a player receiving a red card will result in their immediate suspension from the match.

#### **(G) Appeal:**

The decisions of the referees on the spot will be final. Matters of any protest should be submitted to the Faculty in writing within 24 hours of the game. The judgment from the Faculty will be the final decision.

#### **(H) Remarks:**

If there is any inadequacy in these guidelines, the Faculty reserves the right for appropriate amendments as necessary.