



# UCAFC's Women's Preseason Tournament 2021

## Pre-Tournament Rules

- Team registrations will close on Monday 8th March 2021 or on a first come first serve basis.
- Teams need to have paid the entry fee (\$300 or \$500) by Friday 12th March 2021.
- Teams are responsible for sending the team list to the club by Friday 12th March 2021.

## Game-Day Rules

- FIFA rules apply apart from what is stated in this document.
- There will be 3 games on Saturday 13th March.
- Games consist of two halves of 25 minutes for pool games and 30 minutes for placing games. 10 minutes will be allowed for half time for all games.
- Games will be played between 10am and 4pm on Saturday. If any games are postponed due to the weather, the games shall be played on Sunday 14th March if possible, otherwise on the following weekend.
- Teams may have up to 23 players listed on their team sheet. These players may not be substituted out after the deadline for the team lists except under special conditions which the competition board will have to approve. Once the competition has commenced, no substitutions to the team sheet will be allowed.
- There is no limit on substitutions as this is a preseason tournament used to test squads unless used for time wasting and at the discrepancy of the referee.
- As per Mainland Football rules, no players under 15 years old may take part in the tournament as this is a senior tournament.
- All matches will be officiated by qualified referees supplied by Mainland Football where possible.



- A size 5 ball will be used in this tournament.
- Teams may not start a game with fewer than 7 players. Teams that do not have at least 7 players 5 minutes after the scheduled kick off time will forfeit the game 3-0 to their opponents.
- Team managers or captains must hand team sheets to the referee at least 5 minutes before the match is scheduled to kick off. Team sheets to be used from the Mainland Football website.
- Teams must be on time and an official handshake/acknowledgement will take place before each match.
- If the teams have too similar kits, as decided by the referee, the away team must change into an alternate kit.
- Black tape/armbands will be allowed to be worn over the weekend for those players who wish to do so in remembrance of the people who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks in Christchurch almost 3 years from this day.

## **Tournament Format**

Four teams will play a round robin in a pool format. Teams get three points for a win and one for a draw. If two teams have the same number of points at the end of pool play, then the positions will be decided in the following order until a winner can be distinguished:

1. Result of the match between the tied teams.
2. Goal difference.
3. Goals scored.
4. Penalty kicks (FIFA rules).

## **Conduct**

If a team fails to control players, officials or supporters of that team, the game may be suspended or abandoned at the discretion of the referee. If the game is abandoned, the team responsible will be charged \$100. If both teams are responsible, then both teams shall be charged \$100.

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If a player receives three yellow cards in the tournament, they will serve a one match suspension in the match succeeding the one in which they received the third yellow card. If a player receives a red card in the tournament, they will serve a one match suspension in the match succeeding the one in which they received the red card.