62nd EDITION OF SUBROTO CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT-2023 (Estd. 1960)

PROSPECTUS

Introduction:

- 1. The **'Subroto Mukerjee Sports Education Society'** conducts the prestigious Subroto Cup International Football Tournament every year under the aegis of Air Force Sports Control Board. This is a unique tournament wherein only the champion school teams from the States and Union Territories of India participate.
- 2. The inaugural Subroto Cup Football Tournament was played in 1960. The tournament was dedicated in the memory of late Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee, the first Indian Chief of Air Staff, by the then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. In the last 60 years, generations of school children, probably more than 20 million in all, have participated in this tournament. It is an endeavour of the Subroto Society to improve the overall standard and quality of the tournament, under the aegis of the Indian Air Force Sports Control Board.
- 3. The tournament will be conducted in three age categories viz. Sub Junior Boys (U-14), Junior Girls (U-17) and Junior Boys (U-17).

Dates of the Tournament:

4. The Subroto Cup International Football Tournament 2023 is scheduled to be held from **12 September to 23 October 2023**. In order to increase the outreach of the tournament for the first time Sub Junior Boys (U-14) category will be conducted at Bengaluru. Category wise dates are as follows:

Category	Reporting date	Tournament Period	Venue/Place	
Junior Girls (U-17)	17 & 18 Sep 23	19 to 26 Sep 23	New Delhi	
Sub Junior Boys (U-14)	30 Sep & 01 Oct 23	02 to 10 Oct 23	Bengaluru	
Junior Boys (U-17)	12 & 13 Oct 23	14 to 23 Oct 23	New Delhi	

Entries:

5. The entry form at Appendix 'A' must be completed in all respect including signature of the respective State Education Department / Head of Institution and a copy of the same to be forwarded to the Subroto Cup office by e-mail or fax so as to reach not later than 05th September 2023. However, teams must submit the original 'Entry Form' and ID Cards (will be forwarded by Subroto Society on receipt of confirmation of participation) on their arrival at the venue. No teams will be permitted to participate in the tournament unless the original entry form, and ID Cards duly completed in all respect, is submitted.

Registration Fee:

6. A team is to remit registration fee of **Rs. 2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only)**. 'NO' application for participation in Subroto Cup, shall be considered unless the registration fee has been paid. **The registration fee should be remitted online using payment portal available on our website www.subrotocup.in**

7. Teams which pay their registration fee but subsequently withdraw from the main leg of the tournament shall not be entitled for any refund of the registration fee.

Fixture:

- 8. All the matches shall be played according to the match schedule prepared by the Organising Committee. The fixture shall be notified at least 5 days prior to the commencement of the tournament. The Organising Committee shall, however, be empowered to notify any subsequent changes, if necessitated by special or unforeseen circumstances.
- 9. All matches shall be played as per the scheduled date and time shown in the match schedule unless otherwise notified by the Organising Committee. A team which fails to turn up for a scheduled game shall be liable to be disqualified from the Tournament. Since, there are no stand-by days during the tournament, abandoned matches due to weather conditions, will not be played again and one point each will be awarded to the teams. However, the final decision regarding all aspects rests with the Organising Committee.

Composition of Teams:

10. A team shall be limited to sixteen players, one Coach and one Manager only (In the Girls U-17 category it is compulsory that the team is accompanied by one Female Coach/Manager). Those players whose names have been registered with the Organising Committee through online registration portal and also on the entry form signed by the Principal/ Headmaster of the school shall be eligible to play in the tournament. Entry forms must be duly certified and countersigned by the Director of Education/DPIs of the state. Incomplete entry forms will not be accepted and respective teams will not be permitted to play in the tournament.

Eligibility of Teams:

11. The tournament shall be open to a bonafide school team only as certified by the Director of Education / DPI of the concerned state. Institutional teams like NCC, IAF, Army Boys, Sainik School, SAI, IPSC, CBSE(WSO), KVS, NVS, Indian Railways, ISSO etc. would be permitted at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Hence, these teams would not be permitted to participate from any state. However, in the case of foreign teams, where Junior club football is prevalent, club teams consisting of school children, studying in the same school, in the concerned age categories would be considered at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

Eligibility of Players:

12. Only bonafide students of the school who have been on the rolls of the school concerned from the beginning of the academic year or term shall be eligible to play in the tournament for the school team subject to age criteria given below in Para 13 to 17. A Player is permitted to participate in only one category i.e. If a **Sub-Junior Boys (U-14)** wants to play **Junior Boys (U-17)** then he will not be allowed to participate in **Sub-Junior Boys (U-14)**.

Age:

- 13. <u>Sub-Junior Boys (U-14)</u>: To be eligible to represent his school team, a player in the Sub Junior Boys Group (Under 14 years) **should be born on or after 01 January 2010**.
- 14. <u>Junior Girls (U-17)</u>: To be eligible to represent her school team, a player in the Junior Girls Group (Under 17 years) **should be born on or after 01 January 2007**.
- 15. <u>Junior Boys (U-17)</u>: To be eligible to represent his school team, a player in the Junior Boys Group (Under 17 years) **should be born on or after 01 January 2007**.
- 16. The age as per school records and valid Aadhar Card / Passport shall be accepted for this purpose, subject to Para 17 below.

Medical Examination to Determine Age:

- 17. All the participating players would be subjected to a medical examination under the Organising Committee's arrangements for determining the correct age. The findings of the medical examination shall be binding. 'NO' appeal against the decision of the medical board shall be entertained. Players will have to undergo an X-ray examination in this regard, if required. Only teams who are willing to undergo medical examination should send in their entries. In case maximum four players in a particular team are found over aged, the team will not be permitted to participate in the tournament.
- 18. Organising Committee will also conduct TW3 test for a maximum four players (04) in each playing team (Sub Junior Boys (U-14) and Junior Boys (U-17) for age determination, based on recommendations of Medical Committee. The test will not be conducted for girls.

Certificates Required:

- 19. All the participating players should be in the possession of following documents for verification at the time of the national leg of the tournament to be held at New Delhi & Bengaluru:
 - (a) Certificate of Birth / Aadhar Card / Passport (Original)

Acceptance of Teams:

- 20. It is mandatory to register the school teams online using the link available at **www.subrotocup.in** No teams will be permitted to participate in the tournament without the same. The final acceptance of teams shall rest with the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee may at its discretion, refuse any application for participation in the tournament without assigning any reason.
- 21. Only teams which agree to abide by all the terms and conditions enumerated in this prospectus should apply for participation in the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament. An application subsequent to the perusal of this prospectus automatically implies the term 'acceptance' of the same and no queries/representations regarding these would be entertained at a later date. Any team which finds any of these rules and regulations unacceptable may inform the Organising Committee and withdraw its entry upto 10 days prior to the start of the tournament. No disputes on these issues would be entertained thereafter.

Team Colours:

22. The competing teams shall intimate details of colours and alternative colours in which their team shall play. In the event of similarity in the colours of the two opposing teams, the Organising Committee shall, at any time, prior to the commencement of the game, order a team to wear alternative colours or shirts. The shirts of players shall be numbered at the back in the order shown in Appendix 'A'. Shorts should also be numbered at the front. However, from the Quarter / Semi Final stage onwards, the teams would be required to wear the playing kit provided by the Organising Committee. The final decision in this regard's rests with the Organising Committee.

Rules of the Games:

- 23. The tournament shall be conducted on 'League/ Knock-out' basis and shall be played in accordance with the laws and rules relating to FIFA as accepted and interpreted by the All-India Football Federation.
- 24. A Match lasts for two equal halves of 35 minutes for Junior Boys, 30 minutes for Junior Girls and 25 minutes for Sub Junior Boys with an interval of 10 minutes between halves.
- 25. If a match is drawn in Knock Out Stage, extra time of 07 minutes equal halves with an interval of 01 minute should be played. If match remains undecided after extra time, penalties would be taken to decide the winner.

26. **Points:**

Winner - 3
Draw - 1
Loser - 0

27. POINTS IN LEAGUE MATCHES AND SYSTEM TO BREAK A TIE

- (a) In the league stage of the Championship, three (3) points will be awarded for a win, one (1) for a draw and zero points for a defeat.
- (b) The classification will be determined based on the following order.
 - (i) Higher number of points obtained.
- (c) If two or more participating teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following will be applied to determine the ranking (in descending order).
 - (i) Head-to-head result during league match.
 - (ii) If head-to-head match was drawn, then the team having a higher goal difference will be placed higher.
 - (iii) If the goal difference is the same, then the team with the higher number of goals scored will be placed higher.
 - (iv) Toss

- 28. All players participating in the tournament shall play wearing the shirt with sleeves, shorts, football shoes, shin guards and stockings of standard pattern as prescribed by the laws of the game published by FIFA.
- 29. Players must be appropriately kitted as required by the laws of the game and all teams must carry an alternative jersey (preferably white colour) set for the tournament.
- 30. Players must be in possession of identity cards. Identity cards can be downloaded from the Registration Portal available on the Society Webpage. On arrival at the venue for the tournament, the teams are to hand over the duly completed identity cards to the Organising Committee for verification and retention. All Identity Cards are to be affixed with latest photograph of the player duly attested by the Principal / Director of the School. A rubber stamp of the school is to be prominently displayed on the card along with the date.
- 31. For each match, qualified referees from the all the three Services shall be appointed by the Organising Committee. No objection shall be entertained on such appointments.

Protest:

32. A protest fee of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) must be remitted along with any protest that may be lodged by a team. 'NO' objection or protest shall be withdrawn except with the permission of the Organising Committee. All protests in regard to a game must be lodged within half an hour of the completion of the match in respect of which the protest is lodged. However, 'NO' protest on the referee's decision or on points of facts, shall be entertained. Protests regarding the age of a player shall be accompanied by the necessary evidence to support the protest. Failure to provide any such evidence shall result in the protest not being admitted and the protest amount will be forfeited. Protest against the state of pitch, the markings, the accessory equipment or the footballs shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the manager of the team lodging protest. The final decision on this matter will rest with the match referee.

Cautions and Expulsions

- 33. A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) in a match or in consecutive match shall be suspended for next match in which he receives second caution.
- 34. A player expelled (Red Card) from the field of play by the Referee shall be suspended for the next match unless otherwise determined by the Organising Committee.
- 35. Cautions will not be carried forward into the next round of the competition (Knock-out stage) but expulsions will be carried forward to the knock out stage.

Travel:

36. The Junior Boys & Girls (U-17) teams shall travel to Delhi and Sub Junior Boys (U-14) shall travel to Bengaluru at the expense of the respective State Government.

Boarding and Lodging:

- 37. Boarding and Lodging arrangements for outstation teams shall be the responsibility of the Organising Committee. Each team shall however, reimburse to the Organising Committee the expenses on account of Boarding & Lodging at the rate of Rs. 350/- per head per day. (Foreign teams are exempted).
- 38. Boarding and lodging arrangements are strictly restricted to the number of members mentioned in Para 10 above (16 players, 01 Coach & 01 Manager). 'NO' extra player or member will be permitted to live in the accommodation place with the team unless specifically authorised by the Organising Committee.
- 39. The facilities mentioned in Para 36 above shall be available for the period commencing two days prior to a team's first match in the tournament to one day after the team's last match in the tournament.

Transport Facilities:

40. The Organising Committee shall arrange pick up and drop facility for all **out station** participating teams from the Bus Stand / Railway Station / Airport. Teams are to intimate arrival details to Organising Committee at least 03 days prior to their arrival at Delhi and Bengaluru Transport shall also be provided by the Organising Committee on match days. (Accommodation venue to match venue & back)

Trophies:

- 41. The following cups/ trophies shall be awarded:
 - (a) The Subroto Mukerjee Cup Replica will be handed over to winners permanently.
 - (b) The Committee Cup Replica will be handed over to Runners-Up permanently.
 - (c) Medals To each player of the Winners and Runners-up Teams
 - (d) Fair Play Award Replica will be handed over to Fair Play award Winner team.

Cash Awards:

42. The details of cash prizes to be awarded during the tournament as per the following details: -

(a) **Junior Boys** (U-17)

Winners ₹ 3,50,000.00 ₹ 2,00,000.00 Runners Up Semi Finalists 75,000.00 ₹ **Quarter Finalists** 40,000.00 Fair Play 50,000.00 ₹ Best Player 40,000.00 ₹ Best Goal Keeper 25,000.00 ₹ Best Coach 25,000.00 Best School 40,000.00

(b) **Junior Girls** (U-17)

Winners ₹ 3,50,000.00 Runners Up ₹ 2,00,000.00 Semi Finalists 75,000.00 **Quarter Finalists** 40,000.00 Fair Play 50,000.00 Best Player 40,000.00 Best Goal Keeper 25,000.00 25,000.00 Best Coach ₹ Best School 40,000.00

(b) **Sub-Junior Boys** (U-14)

₹ 2,50,000.00 Winners ₹ 1,25,000.00 Runners Up ₹ Semi Finalists 50,000.00 ₹ 25,000.00 **Quarter Finalists** ₹ Fair Play 50,000.00 Best Player 40,000.00 Best Goal Keeper ₹ 25,000.00 ₹ Best Coach 25,000.00 Best School 40,000.00

Selection of Subroto XI team

43. The selection committee comprising of reps from SAI, AIFF and SMSES will select a team for Junior Boys (U-17) category to participate in AIFF (U-17) elite Youth league. The selected players will be undergoing training on earmarked places (Delhi/Bengaluru) before participating in the AIFF (U-17) elite Youth league. Consent forms placed at Appendix 'B' to be signed by parents of individual player and counter signed by principal of School.

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44. The coaches for the Subroto XI team will be from Winners & Runners up team. In case of non-availability of these coaches the organizing committee will make the arrangement for the same. All the expenditure will be borne by the Organisning Committee.

Registration on AIFF Centralised Registration System

- 45. All the players participating in the final round of the Subroto Cup-2023 have to register on AIFF's Centralized Registration System (CRS). The charges for the same will be Rs 118 including GST which is being waived off by AIFF for this edition.
- 46. AIFF will conduct a workshop on CRS for schools participating in the Subroto Cup-2023. The date and time will be intimated by Organising Committee.

Correspondence:

47. All correspondence should be addressed to:

The Honorary Secretary General
Subroto Mukerjee Sports Education Society
Air Force Sports Control Board
C/o Air Force Station New Delhi
Race Course, New Delhi – 110 003

48. Telephones: Subroto Office - 011 -23014160 (Telefax)





APPENDIX 'A' TO THE PROSPECTUS OF SUBROTO CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT-2023

ENTRY FORM

<u>(The columns marked with (*) are mandatory.</u> The form would be deemed incomplete without these)

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A player to be eligible must be on the rolls of the school from the beginning of the annual term and should be born on or after 01 Jan 2010 (Sub-junior Boys), 01 Jan 2007 (Junior Girls & Boys) subject to the other age-related eligibility criteria spelt out in Para 12 to 17. All players are to be in possession of valid & Original DoB Certificate/Aadhar Card / Passport.

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APPENDIX 'B' TO THE PROSPECTUS OF SUBROTO CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT-2023

CONSENT FORM

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