



THE BOMBAY CATHOLIC SABHA
Inter Parish Football Tournament 2017
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1.0 ENTRY

- 1.1 The Tournament will be “The Bombay Catholic Sabha”, hereinafter referred to as the “Sabha”.
- 1.2 Parishes wishing to participate in the BCS Football tournament must submit their entries with the requisite fees by **20 April 2017**. Request for late entry will not be entertained.
- 1.3 Parishes will be allowed to enter only one team.
- 1.4 If there are fewer than 8 participating Parishes in the tournament, the competition will be cancelled.

2.0 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 2.1 A Parish will not include more than 25 participants per team including the coach and manager for registration with the Sabha, subject to Clause 2.2, 2.3 below.
- 2.2 In case a team has registered less than 25 players, they will be allowed to register the balance number of players before the commencement of their first match.
- 2.3 Any replacement or substitution of registered players may be allowed before the team plays its first match. No replacement will be allowed thereafter, even if it be a case of injury, sickness or any other cause.
- 2.4 Registration of players must be completed not later than **20 April , 2017**
- 2.5 For each match the Team will register a team of 18 players, out of which 7 players will be on the substitute bench

LAMINATED IDENTITY CARDS:

- a) Every participant of the age of 18 years and above participating in the tournament must be a member of **“The Bombay Catholic Sabha”**.
- b) If the participant is below 18 years of age then he must produce his parents’ Identity card. (Father or Mother, any one will be accepted)
- c) Every player/official must carry his Sabha **Identity Card** and should produce the same on demand before the commencement of every match to the Official, Referee or Venue In charge. This is mandatory, failing which, the player will not be allowed to take part in the tournament.



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VERY IMPORTANT

- d) The Sabha Identity Cards if not issued must be applied for to the Sabha office not later than **30 April 2017** and the cards should be collected from the Sabha office on before their first match. Registration of Identity Cards will not be permitted after the stipulated date and during the progress of the particular competition or event. This rule will be strictly followed.

Please Note: Parishes not observing this rule will not be allowed to participate in the tournament. An excuse that the cards are with the BCS will not be entertained.

- e) Please note “**No Card No Participation**”.

IDENTITY CARDS FOR MANAGER / COACH

Manager / Coach accompanying the team must possess BCS Identity Card. The officials will not be entertained or recognized by the Sabha without the accredited valid ID Card. The ID card must be presented whenever requested by the organising officials.

The Manager must take care to see that the Registration Forms are filled-in only by a responsible person with accurate data from the Parish. Any discrepancies found later by the Sabha will attract penal action apart from a fine of Rs.2,000/- for the defaulting parish.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

Players can play in only one team and one parish during the duration of the tournament. A player can play only the parish he belongs to and resides. The participant should be a bonafide parishioner and certified by the Parish Priest / Priest- In-Charge or his representative.

4.0 TEAM – IN-CHARGE

- 4.1 An accredited Leader / Manager, Coach or Team-in-charge **MUST** be deputed by the parish to accompany the team for each of its matches. A team not accompanied by an accredited person may not be allowed to play.
- 4.2 The team-in-charge is expected to be a good leader to the players under his charge and set a good example in sportsmanship.



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- 4.3 Any Leader / Manager, Coach or Team-In-Charge found abusing, causing physical harm or resorting to unfair tactics with regard to his own players or players of other teams is liable to be suspended, expelled for a period and fined by the Sabha. Such a person will not be allowed to represent his parish or any other parish in any sports activity conducted by the Sabha for that specified period.
- 4.4 The Team Manager will be held responsible for the behavior of their players, team-in-charge and supporters and are advised to control them in the best possible manner. Parish Official / Spectator found using foul, abusive language or creating problems may be removed from the venue.
- 4.5 All such matters pertaining to clause 4.3 and 4.4 will be reported in writing by the BCS organizing committee to WIFA or BDFA or any concerned authority that is a recognized body for the game of football in India. Action taken by these authorities on this reporting will be binding on the concerned player/ team.

5.0 FIXTURES

- 5.1 Matches will be played on grounds that are available to the Sabha.
- 5.2 Matches will be fixed on days and time convenient to the Sabha.
- 5.3 Participating Parish must collect copies of the fixtures from the Sabha Office. Parishes will be requested to display the Fixtures on the Notice Board.
- 5.4 Request for postponement of a match on the plea of non-receipt of fixture will not be entertained.
- 5.5 The Football Organising Committee has the authority to cancel, postpone, replay or reschedule a match giving short notice to the concerned parish if the circumstances require. Otherwise, every effort will be made to give a notice of 48 hours. All fixtures must be honored.

6.0 BLOCKED DATES

No request for a change of dates will be entertained. With parishes having different schedules for other activities, it is extremely difficult to prepare fixtures that will suit all parishes. Therefore, requested blocked dates, for other activities may not be granted.

7.0 MATCH REPORTING

- 7.1 Teams must report to the venue at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the match.
- 7.2 Writing of line-up, instructions to players, prayer etc. must be completed at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time and the teams should enter the field as soon as the Referee blows the whistle.



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7.3 If a team fails to enter the field even after the Referee has blown the whistle, the referee is authorized to leave the field and write a report. The Football Organizing Committee will take a decision and award the opposing team a walkover.

8.0 WALKOVER / WITHDRAWAL

8.1 Walkover will not be claimed by any team as a matter of right. It will be at the sole discretion of the Football Organising Committee.

8.2 If a team fails to take the field within 10 minutes of the scheduled time, the opponents may be awarded a walk-over, 3 points and [3] goals. In addition, a fine of Rs.500/- may be imposed on the defaulting team. This decision will be at the sole discretion of the Football Organising Committee.

8.3 a) If a team walks out of the ground or refuses to continue the match after conceding less than three goals, clause 8.2 will be applicable. In addition all the goals scored by the defaulting teams will be considered null and void.
If a team walks out of the ground or refuses to continue the match after conceding more than three goals the opponent will get the benefit of all the goals scored by them. And all the goals scored by the defaulting teams will be considered null and void.

8.4 A team abandoning the tournament will be penalized with a fine of Rs.1000/- in addition to such other action as may be deemed necessary by the Football Organizing Committee.

9.0 SUBSTITUTION

9.1 A maximum of seven [7] Substitutes may be listed in the line-up before the start of the match. Only three will be allowed to play. A player once substituted cannot take further part in the match. Substitution must be done during the stoppage in the game and with the permission of the Referee.

10.0 PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

10.1 Teams shall turn out in uniform colour i.e. [Shirt / Jersey, Shorts, Stockings and footwear]. The goalkeeper must have a contrasting colour. Each Jersey must have a number, which should be clearly visible on the back [Number size: 7/9 inches]. Numbers from 01 to 25 only will be permitted for better administration.

10.2 Each player should wear the jersey with the same number throughout the season. No two players in a team shall wear identical numbers.

10.3 Use of shin guards is compulsory. However, they are advised to wear them to avoid injury.

10.4 A Referee is authorized to debar any player who is not in proper team colour or without a number on his jersey in all age groups or for not wearing shin guards.



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- 10.5 A player may play wearing footwear [i.e. boots or warm-up / track or canvas shoes] and not bare foot.
- 10.6 A player who removes his jersey after scoring a goal shall be cautioned by the referee by showing a yellow card.
- 10.7 A player will not be able to play wearing spectacles or sun glasses made of hard / rigid material.

11.0 BALL

- 11.1 The size of the balls to be used in the league and tournament will be No.5.
- 11.2 A team must carry at least two balls of the correct size to the venue of the match. The Referee will select the best suitable ball from the participating teams for the match, when required.
- 11.3 The Sabha will not provide any team with a ball for practice.

12.0 MATCH OFFICIALS

- 12.1 Referees and Assistant Referees will be appointed for each match as per the requirement and their availability.
- 12.2 Should the appointed Referee /Asst. Referee fail to turn up, the Official-In-Charge at the venue may appoint any knowledgeable person to supervise the match.
A Team cannot refuse to play.
- 12.3 Each Parish must depute a responsible person to act as an assistant to the referee. He must report to the Referee before the start of the match and assist as per the instruction of the referee.
- 12.4 The Official-In-Charge of a venue or the Referee is authorized to decide the fitness of the ground and accordingly, may play or cancel a match.

13.0 DURATION OF PLAY

- 13.1 Duration of play
(Knock Out Stage) 35 minutes each half with an interval break of 10 minutes.
- 13.2 The Official-In-Charge of the venue or the Referee may reduce the duration of a match if circumstances warrant it. Both the rival captains shall, however, be informed before the start of the match.
If a match is abandoned for any reason other than the misconduct on the part of the player / s, or the participating team or teams, officials, only the balanced duration will be played on a date and time fixed by the Football Organising Committee. However, the score at the time of the abandonment of the match will be carried forward for playing the balance time of the match. In such cases intimation will be given to the concerned parishes on telephone.



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14.0 AWARD OF POINTS

14.1 In league matches, points will be awarded as under:

- Winner : Three [3] points
Loser : Nil [0] points
In case of a draw : One [1] point to each team.

14.2 If any match results in draw then there will be extra time play of 10 minutes each half with a break of 5 minutes between each half. If after this no result is obtained then tie breaker will be applied to resolve the tie. In case of adverse circumstances. A toss will be resorted to decide the winner at the discretion of the referees.

15.0 FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

15.1 If a player receives two **YELLOW** cards in two different matches, he will remain suspended for the next match. Every subsequent yellow card will mean further suspension in the following match. Team-In-Charge must enforce the rule by keeping the said player out.

15.2 If a player receives a **RED** card, he will remain suspended for the next match. The Football Organising Committee may take more stringent action against the same player depending on the seriousness of the offence committed by him.

15.3 Memorandum of disciplinary measures authorized by FIFA and adopted by MDFA will be applicable in matters of foul play, indiscipline and misconduct

15.4 A team refusing to continue play will face disciplinary action as per the Memorandum.

15.5 Any physical damage caused to a player, referee or official and the property of the Sabha at any other venue will be made good by the parish whose players, coaches or supporters caused the damage.

15.6 It will be the sole responsibility of the parish authorities / team-in-charge to keep their players and supporters under control. Any complaint or suggestion may be sent to the Sabha by the Head of the parish.



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16.0 PROTESTS

- 16.1 A protest if any, must be lodged by an ACCREDITED Coach, Team-In-Charge within half-an-hour of the end of the match along with a protest fee of Rs.1,000/-
- 16.2 The protest MUST be endorsed by the Head of the Parish within 24 hours of the end of the match [not including public holidays]. The protest fee will be forfeited if the protest is over ruled.

Please Note: The protest once decided by the Football Organising Committee and confirmed/ratified by the Executive Committee of the Sabha will be final and binding and shall not be disputed by any of the parties concerned in any forum thereafter.

17.0 GENERAL

- 17.1 Teams are advised to carry their own drinking water in plastic bottles and first-aid to the venue.
- 17.2 The Football Organising Committee reserves the right to add or delete or amend or alter any of the rules and regulations of the Football competitions at any time and the decisions of the Committee on all matters will be final and binding.

18.0 PRIZES

- 18.1 Trophy and Prizes in cash or kind will be awarded to the first 3 places.
- 18.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Football Organising Committee.



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ENTRY FORM

1. NAME OF PARISH: _____

2. ADDRESS: _____

3. PARISH PHONE NUMBER: _____

4. CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE NO. OF CONTACT _____
PERSON

Enclosed is the Entry Fee of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) by Cash / Cheque No.

_____ dated _____ drawn on _____

We confirm that we have read the Rules and Regulations and we agree to abide by them.
We will send the registration form duly filled in (with the names of participants)
by**January 2017**.

Signature: CAPTAIN

Signature: MANAGER

Parish Seal:

Signature: Parish Priest/Priest-in-charge



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REGISTRATION FORM

SR. NO.	NAMES OF PLAYERS (Subject to a maximum of 25)	AGE
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Colour of jersey: _____

Parish Seal:

Date: _____

Signature: Parish Priest / Priest-In-Charge

N.B. The Registration Form listing out 25 names will include the names of Team Officials.