



SATURDAY 24TH MARCH, 2018

Phuket Masters Rules

Rules are essentially the same as those for Australian Football with a few modifications (see below)

1. Playing Ground - Alan Cooke Ground

Dimensions will be approximately 120m x 80m

2. Teams

- (a) For the inaugural competition we will not hold any restriction on the number of players per team. Factor in the amount of playing time to ensure your players get the deserved amount of time on the field.
- (b) We strongly support helping out teams who are short on players - the focus is on football and fun
- (c) The Team shall consist of 12 players on the field.
- (d) Interchange of players may take place at any time, and through the designated interchange area.
- (e) Players may be replaced due to injury at any time.
- (f) The minimum age for qualifying in this tournament is 35 years. This extends to any players who turn 35 in the 2018 calendar year.

3. Commencement of play

- (a) The game shall be started by a ball-up between two players in the centre of the ground.
- (b) Only centre line players are allowed within the marked area for the ball up after goal or at the start of halves.
- (c) After a goal, the ball is taken to the centre and restarted as in (a)
- (d) Games have 2 x twelve-minute halves with a three-minute break at half time.

4. Penalties

15 metre penalties shall be awarded against the offending player for acts of crude play, arguing with umpire decisions, not returning the ball etcetera.

5. Order off Rule.

We don't feel a need to list everything here, particularly as the competing clubs are well aware of the expected behaviour. However, there will be a sending off rule applied in situations where behaviour is deemed unacceptable by tournament officials. This may include;

- using audible abusive, insulting, obscene or threatening language to anyone
- engaging in rough play, including striking
- abuse to an umpire or official
- racial abuse

For any extreme offence, the player will not be replaced, and may be ineligible for any further involvement in the tournament. For any other action deemed inappropriate, the player sent off may be replaced on the field.

6. Rule modifications

All rules are the same as for any Australian Rules Football Match with the following modifications;

- (a) No third man up in any ruck contest, a free kick awarded against the offending team
- (b) A free kick awarded against any ruckman who raises his knee in a ruck contest
- (c) In marking contests, the player in front is to be protected at all times from interference, including a knee or boot being put into the player's body. Any interference will result in a free kick awarded to the player in front.
- (d) Charging is banned - there is to be no unreasonable or unnecessary physical contact.
- (e) Slinging players to the ground is illegal and shall result in a free kick awarded.

The focus of the tournament is playing football and having fun with your mates. We hope that all competing teams have a fantastic time at this event and look forward to seeing you in Phuket.

