



The 27th Thailand Sports School Games Regulation on Football

Whereas it is expedient to have the 27th Thailand Sports School Games Regulation on Football;

By virtue of Article 9 (2) of the Thailand National Sports University Regulation on Thailand Sports School Games, B.E. 2568 (2025), the regulation has been issued as follows:

Article 1: This regulation is called “the 27th Thailand Sports School Games Regulation on Football”.

Article 2: This regulation shall be enforced in the 27th Thailand Sports School Games on Football.

Article 3: Rules and regulation of the competition

3.1 The 27th Thailand Sports School Games Regulation on Football shall be applied.

3.2 The rules of the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) in accordance with announcement of the Football Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King shall be applied.

3.3 The 27th Thailand Sports School Games Regulation on Football shall be applied in case of disagreement.

Article 4: Age groups and types of the competition

4.1 Ages are classified into 3 groups as follows:

4.1.1 U14 (not born before 2012)

4.1.2 U16 (born between 2010 - 2011)

4.1.3 U18 (born between 2008 - 2009)

4.2 The competition is divided into 2 types as follows:

4.2.1 Men’s team

4.2.2 Women’s team

Article 5: The number of athletes and team officials

5.1 Each sports school is permitted to enter one men's team and one women's team in each age group, with each team comprising a minimum of fifteen (15) players and a maximum of twenty-five (25) players.

5.2 Team officials of each team and each age group consist of:

5.2.1 Team manager	1	person
5.2.2 Coach	1	persons
5.2.3 Assistant coach	3	persons

Article 6: Qualifications of athletes

The qualifications shall be based upon Section 5 of the Thailand National Sports University Regulation on Thailand Sports School Games, B.E 2568 (2025).

Article 7: The competition prizes

7.1 Winning athletes shall receive the competition prizes in accordance with Section 7, Article 22 of the Thailand National Sports University Regulation on Thailand Sports School Games, B.E. 2568 (2025) as follows:

7.1.1 The winner shall receive a gold medal and a certificate.

7.1.2 The first runner-up shall receive a silver medal and a certificate.

7.1.3 The second runner-up shall receive a bronze medal and a certificate.

7.2 Sports school which has the highest total scores shall receive a trophy of honor in accordance with Section 7, Article 23 of the Thailand National Sports University Regulation on Thailand Sports School Games, B.E. 2568 (2025). Criteria of the consideration shall be as follows:

Sports school receiving the most gold medals shall be considered a winner. If the number of gold medals is equal, the number of silver and bronze medals shall be considered respectively. And if the number of all medals is equal, the trophy of honor shall be occupied together.

7.3 Best athlete and coach awards

The best athlete and coach shall receive a certificate of honor under the criteria of consideration as follows:

7.3.1 The best athlete awards shall be given to three (3) male players and three (3) female players in accordance with their age groups (U14, U16, and U18).

7.3.2 The best coach awards shall be given to three (3) men's team coaches and three (3) women's team coaches.

7.3.3 The operating sub-committee in the football sport technical sub-committee shall consider and operate for the best athlete and coach awards.

Article 8: The competition organizing methods

8.1 If there are 6 - 8 participating teams, the competition shall be organized as follows:

Round 1: Two groups are divided by drawing lots (group A and group B) and each group has 3 - 4 teams. A single round-robin competition shall be organized in each group. Teams taking first place and second place of each group shall get through to the next round.

In the event that teams are tied on points, the results shall be determined in accordance with Clause 8.7

Semifinal: Teams taking first place and second place of each group shall have to compete with a single-elimination competition as follows:

- (1) 1st place of group A versus 2nd place of group B
- (2) 1st place of group B versus 2nd place of group A

Final:

- (1) Winning teams in the semifinal shall get through to compete in the final.
- (2) Losing teams in the semifinal shall receive the second runner-up prize together.

8.2 If there are 9 - 11 participating teams, the competition shall be organized as follows:

Round 1: Three groups are divided by drawing lots (group A, group B and group C) and each group has 3 - 4 teams. A round-robin competition shall be organized in each group. Teams taking first place and second place of each group shall get through to the next round.

In the event that teams are tied on points, the results shall be determined in accordance with Clause 8.7

Quarterfinal: Teams taking first place and second place of each group shall have to compete with a round-robin competition in each group as follows:

Group X: 1st place of group A, 2nd place of group B, and 2nd place of group C

Group Y: 2nd place of group A, 1st place of group B, and 1st place of group C

Semifinal: Teams taking first place and second place of each group shall have to compete with a single-elimination competition as follows:

- (1) 1st place of group X versus 2nd place of group Y
- (2) 1st place of group Y versus 2nd place of group X

Final:

- (1) Winning teams in the semifinal shall get through to compete in the final.
- (2) Losing teams in the semifinal shall receive the second runner-up prize together.

8.3 If there are 12 - 20 participating teams, the competition shall be organized as follows:

Round 1: Four groups shall be divided by drawing lots (group A, group B, group C and group D) and each group has 3 - 5 teams. A single round-robin competition shall be organized in each group. Teams taking first place and second place of each group shall get through to the next round.

In the event that teams are tied on points, the results shall be determined in accordance with Clause 8.7

Quarterfinal: Teams taking first place and second place of each group shall have to compete with a single-elimination competition as follows:

- (1) 1st place of group A versus 2nd place of group C
- (2) 2nd place of group A versus 1st place of group C

(3) 1st place of group B versus 2nd place of group D

(4) 2nd place of group B versus 1st place of group D

Semifinal: Winning teams in the quarterfinal shall have to compete with a single-elimination competition as follows:

3rd pair (1) Winning team in the 1st pair versus winning team in the

4th pair (2) Winning team in the 2nd pair versus winning team in the

Final:

(1) Winning teams in the semifinal shall get through to compete in the final.

(2) Losing teams in the semifinal shall receive the second runner-up prize together.

8.4 If there are 21 - 23 participating teams, the competition shall be as follows:

Round 1:

1) If there are 21 participating teams, 7 groups shall be divided (group A, B, C, D, E, F and G) and each group has 3 teams. A single round-robin competition shall be organized in each group. Teams taking first place and second place of each group shall get through to the next round. Two teams having the best rank of third place shall also get through to the next round.

2) If there are 22 - 23 participating teams, 7 groups shall be divided (group A, B, C, D, E, F and G) and each group has 3 teams. A single round-robin competition shall be organized in each group. Teams taking first place and second place of each group shall get through to the next round. Third place from the group having 4 teams shall also get through to the next round. If there is only one group having 4 teams, the best rank of third place shall get through to the next round.

In the event that teams are tied on points, the results shall be determined in accordance with Clause 8.7

Round 2: A single-elimination competition shall be organized.

1st place of group A versus the best rank of 3rd place from group B, C, D, E, F, G

1st place of group B versus 2nd place of group E

1st place of group C versus 2nd place of group F

1st place of group D versus 2nd place of group G

1st place of group E versus the best rank of 3rd place from group A, B, C, D, F, G

1st place of group F versus 2nd place of group B

1st place of group G versus 2nd place of group C

2nd place of group A versus 2nd place of group D

Remark: If the best rank of 3rd place is from group B, C, D, F and G, the football sport technical sub-committee shall operate in drawing lots for matching in the 1st pair and the 5th pair.

Quarterfinal: A single-elimination competition shall be organized.

Winning team of the 1st pair versus winning team of the 3rd pair

Winning team of the 2nd pair versus winning team of the 4th pair

Winning team of the 5th pair versus winning team of the 7th pair

Winning team of the 6th pair versus winning team of the 8th pair

Semifinal: Winning teams in the quarterfinal shall compete in the form of a single-elimination competition as follows:

Winning team of the 1st pair versus winning team of the 3rd pair

Winning team of the 2nd pair versus winning team of the 4th pair

Final:

1) Winning teams in the semifinal shall get through to compete in the final.

2) Losing teams in the semifinal shall receive the 2nd runner-up prize together.

8.5 If there are 24 participating teams, the competition shall be as follows:

Round 1: Eight groups shall be divided by drawing lots (A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H) and each group has 3 teams. A single round-robin competition shall be organized in each group. Teams taking first place and second place of each group shall get through to the next round.

In the event that teams are tied on points, the results shall be determined in accordance with Clause 8.7

Round 2: A single-elimination competition shall be organized.

1st place of group A versus 2nd place of group H

1st place of group B versus 2nd place of group G

1st place of group C versus 2nd place of group F

1st place of group D versus 2nd place of group E

1st place of group E versus 2nd place of group D

1st place of group F versus 2nd place of group C

1st place of group G versus 2nd place of group B

1st place of group H versus 2nd place of group A

Quarterfinal: A single-elimination competition shall be organized.

Winning team of the 1st pair versus winning team of the 3rd pair

Winning team of the 2nd pair versus winning team of the 4th pair

Winning team of the 5th pair versus winning team of the 7th pair

Winning team of the 6th pair versus winning team of the 8th pair

Semifinal: Winning teams in the quarterfinal shall compete in the form of a single-elimination competition as follows:

Winning team of the 1st pair versus winning team of the 3rd pair

Winning team of the 2nd pair versus winning team of the 4th pair

Final:

- 1) Winning teams in the semifinal shall get through to compete in the final.
- 2) Losing teams in the semifinal shall receive the 2nd runner-up prize together.

Remark: If the participating teams are more than 24 teams, the organizing committee of the 27th Thailand Sports School Games “Nakhonseechwae Games” shall consider this issue.

8.6 Determination of teams into groups shall be as follows:

8.6.1 If there are 6 - 8 participating teams, 2 groups shall be divided (A and B) and each group has 3 - 4 teams.

- 1) Champion of the last competition shall be ranked in the first position of group A.
- 2) The host sports school’s team shall be entitled to join in any group.
- 3) Teams from sports schools affiliated with the Thailand National Sports University shall be selected into groups A and B respectively by drawing lots.

4) Teams from sports schools affiliated with other organizations in foreign countries shall be selected into groups A and B respectively by drawing lots.

5) Teams from sports schools affiliated with other organizations in Thailand shall be selected into groups A and B respectively by drawing lots.

8.6.2 If there are 9 - 11 participating teams, 3 groups shall be divided (A, B and C) and each group has 3 - 4 teams.

- 1) Champion of the last competition shall be ranked in the first position of group A.
- 2) The host sports school’s team shall be entitled to join in any group.
- 3) Teams from sports schools affiliated with the Thailand National Sports University shall be selected into groups A, B and C respectively by drawing lots.

4) Teams from sports schools affiliated with other organizations in foreign countries shall be selected into groups A, B and C respectively by drawing lots.

5) Teams from sports schools affiliated with other organizations in Thailand shall be selected into groups A, B and C respectively by drawing lots.

8.6.3 If there are 12 - 20 participating teams, 4 groups shall be divided (A, B, C and D) and each group has 3 - 5 teams.

- 1) Champion of the last competition shall be ranked in the first position of group A.
- 2) The host sports school’s team shall be entitled to join in any group.
- 3) Teams from sports schools affiliated with the Thailand National Sports University shall be selected into first place, second place and third place of groups A, B, C and D respectively by drawing lots.

4) Teams from sports schools affiliated with other organizations in foreign countries shall be selected into groups A, B, C and D respectively by drawing lots.

5) Teams from sports schools affiliated with other organizations in Thailand shall be selected into groups A, B, C and D respectively by drawing lots.

8.6.4 If there are 21 - 23 participating teams, 7 groups shall be divided (A, B, C, D, E, F and G) and each group has 3 - 4 teams.

1) Champion of the last competition shall be ranked in the first position of group A.

2) The host sports school's team shall be entitled to join in any group.

3) Teams from sports schools affiliated with the Thailand National Sports University shall be selected into first place and second place of groups A, B, C, D, E, F and G respectively by drawing lots.

4) Teams from sports schools affiliated with other organizations in foreign countries shall be selected into groups A, B, C, D, E, F and G respectively by drawing lots.

5) Teams from sports schools affiliated with other organizations in Thailand shall be selected into groups A, B, C, D, E, F and G respectively by drawing lots.

8.6.5 If there are 24 participating teams, 8 groups shall be divided (A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H) and each group has 3 teams.

1) Champion of the last competition shall be ranked in the first position of group A.

2) The host sports school's team shall be entitled to join in any group.

3) Teams from sports schools affiliated with the Thailand National Sports University shall be selected into first place and second place of groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H respectively by drawing lots.

4) Teams from sports schools affiliated with other organizations in foreign countries shall be selected into groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H respectively by drawing lots.

5) Teams from sports schools affiliated with other organizations in Thailand shall be selected into groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H respectively by drawing lots.

8.7 Criteria of point counting

8.7.1 Winning team receives 3 points

8.7.2 Drawing team receives 1 point

8.7.3 Losing team receives 0 point

8.7.4 If the points in a single round-robin competition are equal, the consideration shall be as follows:

1) Head-to-head result shall be considered if the points are still equal.

2) Goal Difference (GD) shall be considered if the points are still equal.

3) Goal For (GF) shall be considered if the points are still equal.

4) Rules of fair play shall be considered as follows:

- Yellow card = - 1 point

- Yellow card + yellow card (red card) = - 2 points
- Red card = - 3 points
- Yellow card + red card = - 4 points

5) Winning team shall be selected by drawing lots.

8.8 Duration of the competition

8.8.1 Duration of the competition shall be in accordance with age groups as follows:

1) For U14, the competition has 70 minutes and it shall be divided into two halves. Each half has 35-minute play and 15-minute interval.

2) For U16, the competition has 80 minutes and it shall be divided into two halves. Each half has 40-minute play and 15-minute interval.

3) For U18, the competition has 90 minutes and it shall be divided into two halves. Each half has 45-minute play and 15-minute interval.

8.9 If the result is a draw in the quarterfinal and the semifinal when a normal time is finished, a penalty shoot-out shall be conducted to find the winning team.

8.10 If the result is a draw in the final when a normal time is finished, an extra time shall be added for 30 minutes. The extra time shall be divided into two halves and each half has 15 minutes without an interval. If there is still no winning team, a penalty shoot-out shall be conducted to find the winning team.

8.11 Substitution

Five players can be substituted within 3 times. The substitution during halftime shall not be counted as the substitution.

8.12 Disciplinary actions for athletes

A player who accumulates two cautions shall be suspended for one match. A player who receives two cautions in the same match, resulting in an expulsion, shall be suspended for one match. A player sent off for fighting shall be suspended for a minimum of two matches or disqualified from the competition, at the discretion of the organizing committee.

Article 9: Determination of the competition date, time, and venues

The organizing committee shall be responsible for determination of the competition date, time, and venues.

Article 10: The competition uniform and equipment

10.1 Players must wear the same uniform (jersey, shorts, socks) provided by their sports school and the uniform must not violate rules and regulation of the Football Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King.

10.2 The competition equipment shall be prepared by the organizing committee and certified by the Football Association of Thailand and the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA).

Article 11: Referees and officials

The sport technical sub-committee shall consider the referees and the officials for the competition under an approval of the organizing committee.

Article 12: Protest and appeal

The protest and appeal shall be based upon Section 8 and Section 10 of the Thailand National Sports University Regulation on Thailand Sports School Games, B.E. 2568 (2025).

Article 13: Penalty

The penalty shall be based upon Section 9 of the Thailand National Sports University Regulation on Thailand Sports School Games, B.E. 2568 (2025).

Article 14: Chairperson of the 27th Thailand Sports School Games Organizing Committee shall have charge and control of the execution of this regulation and act as an arbiter in case of any problems which may occur from applying this regulation.

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