



IMARIKA

SUPER CUP

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OFFICIAL COACHES' TOURNAMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

A TOURNAMENT BUILT ON FAIR PLAY, INTEGRITY AND CHILD PROTECTION

This guide outlines the rules, procedures, and standards that all participating teams, coaches, officials, players, parents, and supporters must observe during the Imarika Super Cup.

The tournament is committed to providing a safe, fair, and competitive environment for all children. **Age cheating, document falsification, intimidation, misconduct, and any attempt to undermine the integrity of the tournament will not be tolerated.**

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1. PLAYER REGISTRATION & TEAM COMPOSITION

1.1 Standard Player Allocation

- Each team may register up to **15 players per age category**.
- Every registered player must complete the required registration and age-verification process.
- Only players who have been vetted and approved may participate.

1.2 Additional Players

- Teams requiring more than 15 players in an age category must purchase additional player tags at **KSh 500 per extra player**.
- A maximum of **5 additional players per age category** is permitted. The maximum squad size is therefore 20 players per category, past that you are required to register team B.
- Every additional player must be registered, vetted, approved, and issued the required tag. Buying a tag alone does NOT grant eligibility.
- No team may field a player who is NOT on its approved tournament roster.

1.3 Player Tags and Identification

- Every participating player must have the official tournament identification tag and present or wear it as instructed.
- Tags are individual credentials and must NOT be shared, exchanged, transferred, or used by another player.
- Suspected tag misuse must be reported immediately to the match commissioner or vetting committee.

2. MANDATORY PLAYER VETTING & AGE VERIFICATION

2.1 Mandatory Vetting

- Every player must undergo the prescribed age-verification and eligibility checks before being cleared to play.
- **Players who have NOT been vetted and approved will NOT be allowed onto the field of play.**
- Coaches must confirm that every player has been cleared before the commencement of a match.
- No player may participate while their eligibility is pending, disputed, or awaiting confirmation.

2.2 Responsibility of Coaches

- Ensure all players submit the required, genuine age-verification documents.
- Confirm every player on the match roster has been vetted and approved.
- Cooperate with officials during registration, identity checks, and additional verification.
- Report suspected age cheating, identity substitution, or document irregularities immediately.

2.3 Falsified or Doctored Documents

Any team or player found to have used, submitted, or knowingly presented falsified, altered, doctored, or fraudulent age-verification documents will face permanent exclusion from the Imarika Super Cup, with no eligibility to participate in future editions. Where misconduct involves a coach, team official, or other responsible adult, the committee may also impose appropriate sanctions. Suspected document fraud may be referred to the relevant authorities where appropriate.

2.4 Fielding an Unvetted Player

Any team that fields a player who has NOT been vetted and approved will face the following penalties:

- The player will be disqualified from the tournament.
- The team will be disqualified from the tournament.
- Both the player and team will be suspended from the next **two editions** of the Imarika Super Cup.
- All tournament payments made by the affected team will be **non-refundable**

The committee may investigate the circumstances to establish the facts and determine enforcement measures.

2.5 Suspected Age Cheating

- Report suspicions through the official dispute procedure; do not confront or intimidate the player.
- Age or eligibility must NOT be judged solely by physical appearance, height, size, strength, or perceived maturity.
- Allegations must be supported by relevant information and assessed through the official verification process.

THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ELIMINATE AGE CHEATING THROUGH EVIDENCE, PROPER VERIFICATION AND CONSISTENT ENFORCEMENT — NOT THROUGH CONFRONTATION OR INTIMIDATION OF CHILDREN.

3. ARRIVAL TIME & MATCH PREPARATION

3.1 Mandatory Arrival Time

All participating teams must be present at the venue by **8:15 AM at the latest on tournament day**. Teams are encouraged to arrive earlier for check-in, identification, tagging, and communication with officials.

3.2 Team Readiness

- Ensure all players are present and ready for scheduled matches.
- Ensure players have their official identification tags and have been vetted.
- Bring the correct playing kit and any equipment required by the tournament i.e bibs.
- Ensure players understand the competition rules and expected standards of conduct.

3.3 Late Arrival

Late-arriving teams must report to their match commissioner immediately. A team that fails to report for a scheduled match on time may be subject to a waiting longer before playing or another sanction under tournament regulations.

4. MATCH COMMISSIONERS & TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

4.1 Assignment

Each age category will have a designated match commissioner overseeing that category for the entire tournament.

4.2 Responsibilities

- Coordinate match operations within the assigned age category.
- Assist coaches with procedural questions and tournament matters.
- Facilitate communication with referees, the vetting committee, and the organizing committee.
- Help manage disputes and direct complaints to the appropriate officials.
- Monitor compliance and report incidents or suspected violations.

4.3 Respect for Officials

Coaches, team officials, parents, and supporters must respect match commissioners, referees, vetting committee members, and other authorized officials. Threatening, insulting, intimidating, obstructing, or physically confronting officials is prohibited.

5. DISPUTES & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY COMPLAINTS

5.1 No Unilateral Stoppage

Once a match has started, coaches and team officials may not independently stop or suspend it because of an eligibility, age, vetting, or other tournament dispute. The referee retains authority over play and stoppages under the applicable laws of the game and player-safety requirements. Coaches must not instruct players to abandon the field or disrupt play as a protest.

5.2 Dispute During the First Half

- Notify the relevant match commissioner.
- The commissioner will contact the vetting committee or organizing committee for verification.
- The designated committee member will check the player's or team's vetting status and determine whether further investigation is required.
- Do not approach or confront the player in question.

5.3 When a Match Interruption Is Needed

Where a dispute requires interruption, it should ordinarily be addressed at half-time. The second half may resume once the necessary checks are completed and authorized officials determine that it is appropriate to continue. Player-safety concerns and matters within the referee's authority must be dealt with immediately; the half-time procedure must never delay urgent protective action.

5.4 Dispute During the Second Half

- Follow the same reporting procedure and notify the match commissioner immediately.
- A designated vetting committee member or tournament official will investigate.
- Do not disrupt play through unauthorized protests, threats, walkouts, or confrontations.
- Authorized officials will determine whether play should continue or be suspended.

5.5 Disputes After a Match

After a match has ended and the result has been recorded, the organizing committee may investigate and, where justified, uphold, amend, or nullify the result. Depending on the findings and competition regulations, it may disqualify an ineligible player or team, award a match to the opponent where permitted, adjust standings, or impose further sanctions.

5.6 Official Complaint Channel

Formal complaints must be submitted through the match commissioner or designated committee representative. Include the player's details, team involved, nature of the allegation, and any supporting information. Raise complaints as soon as reasonably possible. The committee may set specific deadlines for protests affecting results, without preventing investigation of credible evidence of fraud discovered later.

6. LIVE RESULTS, FIXTURES & STANDINGS

- Fixtures, results, group standings, draws, and other official updates will be published on the official website.
- Updates will be made following completion and recording of the relevant matches.
- Coaches are responsible for checking the website and sharing updates with their teams.
- Report discrepancies between displayed information and official match records to the match commissioner.
- Some games will be recorded while others will be live streamed across our social platforms.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES & TEAM OFFICIALS

- Treat players, opponents, referees, officials, parents, and supporters respectfully.

- Promote fair play and discourage cheating, intimidation, and unsporting conduct.
- Ensure players do not engage in violence, deliberate provocation, or abusive behaviour.
- Follow instructions from authorized tournament officials and use official complaint channels.
- Avoid inflammatory accusations against players, teams, or officials.
- Keep players under appropriate adult supervision.
- Do not encourage supporters to confront opposing teams or tournament officials.
- Do not knowingly field an ineligible player, misuse tags, submit fraudulent documents, or help anyone evade vetting.

Coaches or team officials who facilitate age cheating or serious misconduct may face suspension, disqualification, or other appropriate sanctions based on the findings.

8. PARENTS & SUPPORTERS: ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CONFRONTATION

The Imarika Super Cup is a children's tournament. Every child has the right to participate in a safe environment free from intimidation, harassment, threats, and public humiliation.

PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND FANS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED FROM CONFRONTING PLAYERS, OPPOSING COACHES, TEAM OFFICIALS, REFEREES, VETTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS OVER SUSPECTED AGE CHEATING, MATCH DECISIONS OR ANY OTHER DISPUTE.

Prohibited conduct includes:

- Approaching or surrounding a child to question their age or eligibility.
- Shouting accusations, threatening, insulting, harassing, or intimidating anyone.
- Following a player, coach, or official to continue an argument.
- Attempting to inspect another player's private documents.
- Recording or publishing accusations intended to shame, threaten, or target a child.
- Inciting other spectators to confront or intimidate an individual or team.

Reporting Concerns

Parents and supporters must report concerns to their child's coach or the designated match commissioner. No parent or supporter may take enforcement into their own hands.

Consequences

A person who violates these rules may be required to stop the misconduct, removed from the venue, or restricted from future tournament activities where justified. Serious threats, violence, harassment, or conduct placing children at risk may be referred to relevant authorities. Team sanctions may be considered where evidence justifies them.

NO ALLEGATION OF AGE CHEATING JUSTIFIES THE HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION OR HUMILIATION OF A CHILD.

9. PLAYER CONDUCT & CHILD SAFEGUARDING

- Fighting, deliberate attempts to injure, abusive or discriminatory language, and deliberate damage to property are prohibited.
- Players must NOT use another player's identity or tag or participate while suspended or ineligible.
- No adult may threaten, intimidate, humiliate, or physically punish a participating child.
- Adults must NOT take disciplinary action against a child from another team.

- Child-welfare concerns must be reported promptly to the designated safeguarding contact or organizing committee.
- Players must NOT be required to confront an accuser or publicly defend their age or identity.

The organizing committee may remove an individual from the playing area where necessary to protect participants.

10. FAIR PLAY, MATCH DISCIPLINE & SPORTSMANSHIP

- Teams must NOT deliberately manipulate results or collude to influence standings.
- Teams must NOT field suspended, unregistered, or ineligible players.
- Interfering with official match records, intimidating referees, or engaging in deliberate unsporting conduct is prohibited.
- Coaches must keep technical areas, players, and supporters orderly and clear of match operations.
- Serious misconduct may result in warnings, removal, suspension, result adjustments, or disqualification as appropriate.

11. MATCH READINESS & COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- Report to the match commissioner when instructed.
- Only eligible, registered, and vetted players may participate.
- Be ready when fixtures are called and follow the official schedule and authorized changes.
- Comply with referee instructions and applicable match regulations.
- Do NOT enter the field of play without authorization.
- Raise concerns about match arrangements through the match commissioner.
- Leave the playing area promptly after matches when instructed.

The organizing committee may make reasonable schedule adjustments for weather, safety, delays, or other operational circumstances.

12. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES & ENFORCEMENT

The organizing committee may investigate reported violations and impose sanctions in accordance with tournament regulations. Depending on the nature and seriousness of a violation, sanctions may include:

- Verbal or written warnings.
- Removal of a spectator or official from the playing area.
- Disqualification of an ineligible player.
- Match forfeiture or result adjustment where permitted.
- Team disqualification.
- Suspension from one or more tournament editions.
- Permanent exclusion for serious or deliberate violations.
- Referral to relevant authorities where appropriate.

In determining a sanction, the committee may consider whether the violation was deliberate or repeated, whether an adult facilitated it, whether false documents or substituted identities were used, whether children were endangered or intimidated, and whether the parties cooperated.

Where appropriate, affected individuals or teams should have a reasonable opportunity to respond before a final disciplinary decision. Immediate action needed to protect a child or address an urgent safety concern is not delayed by this process.

13. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION & AUTHORITY

Only authorized tournament officials may issue official decisions concerning eligibility and vetting, disputes and disciplinary investigations, results and standings, fixture changes, disqualification, and suspensions.

Personal opinions and unverified allegations must not be presented as official decisions. The organizing committee may clarify these regulations and issue reasonable additional instructions consistent with published rules and applicable safeguarding requirements.

14. COACHES' FINAL CHECKLIST

- All players are registered in the correct age categories.
- Every player has completed age verification and has been vetted and cleared.
- All required player tags have been obtained.
- Additional players are registered, vetted, approved, and tagged.
- The team understands the consequences of fielding an unvetted or ineligible player.
- Players understand discipline, fair play, and respect requirements.
- Parents and supporters have been briefed on the no-confrontation rule.
- The team will arrive no later than 8:15 AM.
- The coach knows the match commissioner and official reporting procedure.
- The coach knows how to report suspected age cheating without disrupting play.
- The team knows where to check official fixtures, results, and standings.

15. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & COMPLIANCE

Participation in the Imarika Super Cup signifies acceptance of the tournament regulations communicated to participating teams. Each team is responsible for ensuring that its coaches, players, and designated officials understand and comply with the rules.

By participating, teams acknowledge the importance of honest age verification, fair competition, child safeguarding, and respect for tournament procedures.

The organizing committee reserves the right to enforce these regulations to protect the integrity of the tournament and the welfare of all participating children.

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