

DHL Express AsiaCup 2023

Frequently Asked Questions

(FAQ's)

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Q. How should team jerseys be designed and obtained?

A. All team jerseys should be designed by your teams and procured locally. There should be no third-party jerseys or other brandings to represent your team.

Q. What about sports logos like “Nike”, “Adidas” on jerseys?

A. No issues for logos by sports companies already on the jerseys.

Q. If we have a non-DHL logo by a sponsoring company on the jersey, can we print over this with a DHL logo?

A. Yes so long as this conforms to DHL's brand guidelines.

Q. What is the deadline for jersey designs?

A. Please submit all designs to your local marketing team by **01st Sept 2023** before you proceed to print them.

Q. Can you provide the Asia Cup 2023 football rules and regulations?

A. The rules and regulations have been uploaded to the AsiaCup 2023 official website.

Q. Is it a full-size pitch on Saturday and Sunday?

- A.
- (i) Shortened pitch 80m x40m for Men football the same as previous years
 - (ii) Shortened pitch 60m x30m for women's football

Q. How will the teams be grouped?

- A. (i) There will be 22 teams for men, some teams will be in groups of 6 while others will be in groups of 5
(ii) There will be 17 teams for women this year. Some teams will be in groups of 4 while others will be in groups of 4

The football draw will be based on IFAB rules. Please note the implications for your team, depending on your grouping from the draw.

Q. How many players will now take the field?

- A. After consulting the head FIFA-qualified referee, it was agreed in the name of safety and a better pattern of play that
(i) **9 players per side** for Men's football
(ii) **6 Players per side** for Women's football

Q. What does returned substitute mean?

- A. It's a system that involves unlimited changes during the game and even allows players who have left the field to return.

Q. What is the contingency for weather and what to people do if it rains (lightning) e.g., where do people go, what happens if it's called off etc.?

- A. DHL Asia Cup 2023 Football Wet Weather Plans

Wet weather call will be made to Organizing Committee (OC) & Chief Referee

Category 1 - High lightning risk. All outdoor activities are cancelled.

Category 2 - Medium to no lightning risk. Monitor the situation closely.

Measures:

- Chief Referee & Venue Grounds men will assess pitches if safe to continue.
- Matches will be postponed by Chief Ref recommendation.
- Chief Ref is responsible for deciding if matches are to proceed.
- Remaining game(s) will be continued either with reduced game play time or penalty.
- shoot-out.

Q. Will footballs, water and first aid be onsite during the tournament?

- A. Yes. There will be sufficient water provided for each country at their respective country tents. Please ensure they are only kept for your (Players) consumption. You can reach out to the event organisers if you need additional supply.

Q. Can we wear glasses on the pitch?

A. Provided they are safely secured and will not injure the person wearing the spectacles or the opposition this should be ok.



Q. Can you provide a map of hotels?

A. This will be available on the AsiaCup 2023 official website.

Q. What happens if two countries scheduled to play each other have similar jerseys that clash?

A. The committee will go through the jerseys and try to avoid clashes by advising which jersey to wear based on the current group drawers. Should there still be a clash; the team drawn first in the draw will wear an away jersey or if decided by the referee a coloured bib.

Kits and Clashes

- a. All teams drawn first are the home teams; you should wear your home kits as you indicated in the emails you sent with your kit pictures. Where you didn't specifically allude to which kit was your home kit, we have assumed the home kit to be the first picture from left to right or top to bottom.
- b. As per IFAB rules, where there is a clash the home team needs to change their colours.

Q. Will you be providing lunch to all of us in between the soccer match? Or do we have to arrange ourselves?

A. Food will be available. No payment is required.

Q. If any team fails to qualify for the second round, will that be necessary for them to be on the field?

A. Everyone needs to stay for the whole tournament – you have a game on Sunday and in the spirit of the games we want all to stay and watch the whole tournament – there will be a closing ceremony in the afternoon of 26 November 2023. This point is very important.

Q. Is the playing time 15mins each half? Do offside rules apply with 9 aside games?

A. Yes, for **Men's football** 2 x 15 min halves with a 2 mins rest at half time. Yes, offside rules apply as per the IFAB rules for Men's football.

Q. What is the playing time for Women's football, and do we have offside rules?

A. 2 x 8 min halves with a 2mins rest at half time. No, **offside rules do not apply** to Women's **football**.

Q. Will there be a Coaches' briefing prior to the match with the Match Commissioner?

A. No. There are Football Ambassadors assigned to each group. These will be revealed in due course.

Q. Will there be any shower facilities on site?

A. No. Unfortunately, so many players wanting to use the showers will prove to be an issue. Hotels are close by for the travelling teams and the local teams don't have far to go home. There will be toilet facilities.

Q. Is there a dress code for coaches too?

A. We suggest the coaches dress in line with their country colours.

Q. Can I exchange/transfer my wristbands with colleagues/supporters?

A. NO. Due to the requirements of the police permit and insurance coverage, registered participants of Asia Cup 2023 will be issued with name tags and wristbands (non-removable). Please note all ingress/egress of Asia Cup 2023 event venues will be monitored, and any incident of misuse of name tags and wristbands will be referred to Security and HR.

Q. Do we need to prepare the medicine by ourselves?

A. No. We have medics, masseuse and ambulance available on site as well as a Sports Doctor.

Q. While there are tents for each country, will there be any seats for supporters at the football pitch especially when the match is not at the pitch near their tent?

A. Yes there will be benches on every pitch which players and subs will use only, these benches will be close to the technical area where rolling subs must enter to come on and off the pitch, separate to that there will be the Grandstands for all supporters. The layout of the place will be made available on the official website in due course.

Q. In between matches are players to only stay and watch the match on their pitch area or can they go to other pitches to watch others?

A. Yes you can move around but you need to be back on time for your matches. However, only the players are allowed on the team benches of their country.

Q. Is there any “injury time” during the game?

A. No.

Q. Do the country/coaches need to report to the Committee after reaching SG and before the match?

A. No, but should **Coaches** have any questions before the match please report to your respective Country Football Ambassadors. **All teams should know which pitch they are on and what time they are playing at.** These details are available on the official website.

Please ensure you keep yourself updated during the event of any changes in timing and location.

Q. Is there a designated area for the country mascot to move around or are they free to move around all the pitches?

A. No designated area and are free to move/roam around.

Q. Whom do I go to if I have other queries relating to football for Asia Cup 2019?

A. You may send an email to saravanan.vijayakumar@dhl.com

Q. Whom do I go to if I have more generic queries relating to the Asia Cup 2019 event?

A. You may send an email to dian.yassin@dhl.com

Q. Are external coaches allowed to be part of the country delegation?

A. Yes, though internal coaches are encouraged.

Q. Is it possible to minimise clashes in schedules for football and cheerleading for each team?

A. Yes, the schedules are made without any clashes. However, the organisers cannot guarantee this if there are last-minute changes in the schedules of cheerleading and football due to weather and other issues.