

NORTH 24 PARGANAS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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**POLICY AND INSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH 24 PGS. D.S.A. FOOTBALL LEAGUE GAMES FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026**

**1. Introduction:** The North 24 Parganas District Sports Association /DSA conducts the Competition annually. Any right associated with the Competition which has not been granted by these Regulations and/or by specific agreement to a participating in the competition shall belong to the DSA. These Regulations set out the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the DSA and all Participating Clubs taking part in the Competition. These Regulations, shall be binding for participating Clubs, their Officials, Participating Players, support staff and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Competition("Parties"). That any guideline and/or circulars and /or codes that have been issued by DSA in relation to the competition shall be binding on the Parties. ALL League games and Knock out games shall supervised by the Referee & Asst. Referee deputed by the "North 24 Parganas District Referees' Association". Any Reference to the DSA Constitution and to any of the DSA, IFA regulations shall be deemed to refer to such regulations, guidelines, and bylaws as may be applicable and standing at the time of application or such reference. The right to promote brand and/or Corporate names and/or products and .or services at and /or in relation to the League Competition by whatever means available, whether existing now or to be developed in the future, whether at the Match Venue or facility areas or within the controlled Access Areas, with the DSA. The Official Website, media rights, promotional rights in relation to the competition operated exclusively by the North 24Parganas District Sports Association/ DSA. The Football Season shall mean and include all Football activities carried out, Starting from 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2025 till the 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year.

The DSA Football League Championships shall be played as a league and knock out basis where only the clubs directly affiliated to the DSA shall be eligible to take part.

The performance of the Teams after completion of league matches shall be evaluated as per policy in accordance with the points earned and positions obtained by the clubs in the league table.





## **2. Composition of Teams for DSA Football League :**

**I) IN THE "SUPER" DIVISION FOOTBALL** league the composition of 22 (Twenty two) Teams will be divided into 2 (Two) Groups. Each group will consists of 11(eleven) teams. The "Super" Division Group league will be played on single league basis without any return games. The Championships of "Super" Division will be decided on a Knock-out match between the 2(Two) top teams Secured the highest points in each group. Similarly for the competition of the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> position will be decided on a knock out match between the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest topper team of each group. It is to be noted that in the 2025-26 football calendar year each lowest points secured teams of each group i.e. 2(Two) teams will be relegated in 'A' Division.

**II) IN THE "A" DIVISION FOOTBALL** League the composition of 20(Twenty) Teams will be divided into 2 (Two) Groups. Each group consists of 10(Ten) teams. The Group league matches will be played on single league basis without any return games. The Championships of "A" Division will be decided on a Knock-out match between the 2(Two) top teams Secured the highest points in each group. The Champion & Runner Up teams will be promoted to "Super" Division. Similarly for the competition of the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> position will be decided on a knock out match between the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest topper team of each group. It is to be noted that in the 2025-26 football calendar year each lowest points secured teams of each group i.e. 2(Two) teams will be relegated in 'B' Division.

**III) IN THE "B" DIVISION FOOTBALL** League, the composition of Teams will have 2(Two) Groups. The League of "B" Division will be played on single league basis without any return game. The Championships of "B" Division will be decided on a Knock-out match between the 2(Two) top teams Secured the highest points in each group. The Champion & Runner Up teams will be promoted to "A" Division.

## **3. TIME & DATE:**

(a) All games will start at the time decided by the Football Sub-Committee of DSA and circulated through Bulletins unless notified otherwise. All games in "Super", "A" and "B" Division shall be with a duration of 45 minutes each way with usual recess of 15 (Fifteen) minutes, The Referee at his discretion may allow 15 minutes "Grace Time" for the start of the game at the beginning. The Teams must reach the field at least 30(Thirty) minutes before the stipulated time and present themselves in fully dressed up condition for the game to the Referee within the stipulated Starting time of the game. Teams must take proper care to be present at the ground and to present them appropriately to the Referee in time, failing which; they may be penalized by the referee as per Rules.





(b) Games of DSA Football League will usually be played on Monday to Saturday and if necessary on Sundays & holidays also.

4/a. Championships Points, Runner up, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Position teams & Promotion & relegation :- *In the league & knock out matches , 3(Three) points shall be awarded for a win, 01(One) point for a draw, no point for a defeat.*

**"SUPER" DIVISION** : In the Super Division Football league Championship organized by North 24 Parganas District Sports Association consists of two groups with 22 teams. Each group has 11 teams, and each team will play 10 (Ten) matches. The team with the highest points in each group after completion all league matches will play a knockout match to determine the Champion and Runner-up. The winner of this knockout match will be declared the Champion, and the loser will be declared the Runner-up and to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> position a Knockout match will be played between the Second highest points secured team from each group. The winner of this knockout match will be secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> position, and the loser will secure 4<sup>th</sup> positions in the 2025-26 District Football leagues of Super Division. The Two teams with the lowest points in each group will be relegated to 'A' Division.

**"A" DIVISION**: In the "A" Division Football league Championship organized by North 24 Parganas District Sports Association consists of two groups with 20 teams. Each group has 10 teams, and each team will play 9 matches. The team with the highest points in each group after completion all league matches will play a knockout match to determine the Champion and Runner-up. The winner of this knockout match will be declared the **CHAMPION**, and the loser will be declared the **RUNNER-UP** and to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> position, a Knockout match will be played between the Second highest points secured team from each group. The winner of this knockout match will be secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> position, and the loser will secure 4<sup>th</sup> positions in the 2025-26 District Football leagues of Super Division. The **Champion & Runner Up** teams will be promoted to **"Super"** Division & the 2 (Two) teams with the lowest points in each group will be **relegated to 'B' Division**.

**"B" DIVISION GROUP**: In the "B" Division Football league Championship organized by North 24 Parganas District Sports Association consists of two groups also. The team with the highest points in each group after completion all league matches will play a knockout match to determine the Champion and Runner-up. The winner of this knockout match will be declared the Champion, and the loser will be declared the





Runner-up and to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> position, a Knockout match will be played between the Second highest points secured team from each group. The winner of this knockout match will be secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> position, and the loser will secure 4<sup>th</sup> positions in the 2025-26 District Football leagues of "B" Division. The Champion & Runner Up teams will be promoted to "A " Division.

If on disciplinary ground one or more team is relegated other than the last ranked teams of the group, still two last ranked teams in groups of "Super Division" and "A Division" will be relegated.

According same number teams will be promoted from lower division.

## **5. DETERMINATION OF FINAL & CONCLUSIVE STANDINGS:**

In case of more than one Team securing same points in League games of "Super" Division, "A" & "B" Division, the conclusive standings in the respective league will be determined in the order given below:-

- i) The standing will be determined on the basis of less goals conceded ;if still undecided;
- ii) Higher number of goals scored in the matches between the Teams concerned; if still undecided;
- iii) Goal difference of concerned teams in all the matches; if still undecided;
- iv) Higher number of goals scored by concerned teams in all the matches; if still undecided;
- v) Drawing of lots in DSA office under the Supervision of Football Sub Committee.

## **6. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

### **6.1 Matches Played in Accordance with the Laws of the Game**

6.1.1 All the Matches shall be played in accordance with the latest Laws of the Game laid down by the IFA. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the decision of the Football Sub Committee will be final.

6.1.2 Only five (5) substitutes listed on a Match starting list may take part in a Match. Any Participating Player who has been substituted may take no further part in that Match.



6.1.3 At any stage of a Match, if a Participating Club is only able to field fewer than seven (7) Participating Players for any reason, whatsoever, the Match shall be declared abandoned. The Participating Club shall be held responsible for the Match not taking place and shall be considered to have withdrawn from the relevant Match. The Opponent Club which is able to field seven or more than seven (7) Participating Players shall be declared the winner by the score of 3-0, or the score at the time of abandonment, whichever is higher and will be awarded three (3) points. All clubs must provide their own ground or any other mutually arranged ground as their Home Ground. In case of their failure to provide ground, the Sub-Committee may fix their games at their opponent's ground.

7. Force Majeure :- Any event affecting the performance or any provision of these Regulations arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, epidemic or other natural disaster, failure or shortage of power supplies, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion.

## **8. Withdrawal after Commencement of the Competition**

8.1 If a Participating Club withdraws after the Commencement of the Competition or does not report for a Match at any stage of the Competition, except in cases of permissible exemptions as prescribed under these instant Regulations, recognized by the DSA Football Sub Committee, and/or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the Field of Play before the end of the Match despite the Referee and/or the Match Referee's decision to continue to play, or the Match cannot be continued due to the behavior of a Participating Club or any member of its Official Team Delegation or for any other conduct for which the Participating Club is liable or be held responsible, the Participating Club:

- a) Be considered to have withdrawn willfully from the Competition amounting to refusal; to continue the match.
- b) Be referred to the DSA Football Sub-Committee for taking necessary steps;
- c) The Football Sub-Committee may take any harsh decision (depending on the gravity of offence) in addition to subtracting 6 (SIX) points from the earned / total points of the concerned team/Club.





## 9.1 Cancellation of Matches

9.1.1 If the Match cannot commence on time due to Force Majeure/unforeseen causes or any other incidents such as, but not limited to, the field not being fit for play, extreme weather conditions or for any other reason the following procedures must be followed:

- a) the Match must be delayed for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes. During this delay, the Referee may decide that the Match can commence prior to the completion of the delay period, before a decision to reschedule the Match may be taken;
- b) following the first delay, either:
  - i) an additional delay of thirty (30) minutes shall occur if at the discretion of the Referee, this second delay may allow the Match to commence; or
  - ii) the Match is declared cancelled by the Referee;

9.1.2 Following the second delay of thirty (30) minutes, if allowed by the Referee, the Referee must declare the Match as cancelled.

9.1.3 In the case of a cancelled Match, the DSA shall decide in the very next Football Sub Committee meeting of the Referee's decision to cancel the Match whether the Match can be rescheduled, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account, or whether any other action and decision is to be obtained.

9.1.4 For any Match which is cancelled as a result of Force Majeure, the DSA Football League Sub Committee shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

9.1.5 Any Match which is cancelled, except in cases of Force Majeure /unforeseen causes recognized by the DSA Football League Sub Committee, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the DSA Football League Sub Committee against the relevant Participating Club or party that has caused the cancellation in accordance with the DSA Football Sub Committee. In case a participating Club willfully fails to show up for a Match, the provisions concerning withdrawal of such participating Club as per Point 8.1 shall be applicable.

9.1.6 No appeal shall be lodged against decisions stated in Point 8.1.

