



# INTERFAITH GAMES

## BOYS' FOOTBALL INFORMATION PACK

MIDLANDS HUB  
MONDAY 15 MAY 2017

# **Introduction**

Thank you for participating in the Interfaith Games. The Association of Muslim Schools is honoured by your school supporting the third edition of the Games since their inception in 2015. We hope to continue expanding our range of events and that your school continues to take part in future editions.

We hope this football tournament can provide a platform for your students to showcase their skills and act as ambassadors for your school and the faith educational sector as a whole. We expect a competitive event which is fun for all participants, yet respectful and considerate of others.

As this is a boys' only event, we politely ask you do not bring any female staff members, representatives or spectators who will be supporting your schools to respect the wishes of schools, parents and the participants.

## **Venue details:**

Goals Birmingham Star City  
Unit 31  
Watson Rd  
Birmingham  
B7 5SA

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# Tournament Rules

## Teams

- Each school can enter one representative team in the tournament.
- Teams can consist of 8 players in the squad and must be made up of students in years 7 and/or 8.
- Teams can field 5 players with the remaining 3 players in the squad as substitutes.
- Only students who are in the current years 7 and 8 are eligible to play in the tournament.
- Players must be in full-time attendance at the school that they represent in the competition.
- Schools that are found to have played ineligible players may face disqualification from the tournament and their results annulled/matches forfeited.

## Format

- Teams will be drawn into four groups of four teams. Each team will play the other team in its group once on a round-robin basis.
- The top two teams in the group will qualify for the quarter-finals. The bottom two teams will be eliminated.
- Teams are awarded 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss. In the event of two or more teams finishing with the same number of points, the teams will be ranked in order of the following:
  - Goal difference
  - Goals scored
  - Points gained from matches between the teams

If teams cannot still be separated, the higher ranked team will be determined by drawing lots.

- Matches will last 15 minutes. Stoppages will apply in emergency cases, however teams deliberately found to be wasting time will be penalised.
- Normal football rules apply with the exception that the goalkeeper is not permitted to leave the penalty area; goalkeepers adjudged to have done so will concede a penalty.
- Teams can make unlimited substitutions with the permission of the referee and during a break in play. Substitutions cannot be made after the end of extra-time (i.e. for penalty shoot-outs)
- Matches from the quarter-final onwards will also last 15 minutes with stoppages again only applying in emergency cases. In the case of a draw, 5 minutes of extra-time will be played. If the scores are level after extra-time, the match will be decided on a penalty shoot-out.
- Penalty shoot-outs will follow the conventional rules with 5 penalties apiece with all players taking one penalty each. If the scores are still level, penalties will continue with sudden death until a winner is determined.

## Please note:

- Coaches are responsible for the safety and conduct of their students. Please ensure you have adequate personnel to manage your team.
- To ensure good timekeeping we ask all teams to arrive in their kit. Venue rules state that all players must wear the correct footwear and shin pads when playing.
- Red and yellow cards will not be awarded during matches, however in the case of extreme or persistent misbehaviour, officials can order a player to be substituted or even ejected from the remainder of the match or tournament. This also applies to coaches and whole teams.
- Foul and abusive language and behaviour will not be tolerated. Anyone guilty of doing so will take no further part in the tournament and their school will be informed.
- The decision of the officials is final. Please do not to engage in any attempt to influence the officials or this will result the expulsion of your team and annulment of their results.

## **Schedule**

09.45	Arrival
10.00	Introduction
10.15	Group Stage matches
11.45	Break
12.15	Quarter Finals
13:00	Semi Finals
13:30	Final
14.00	Presentation
14:15	End