## Shimizu Cup Amateur Junior Soccer League 2019

# **Application Guidelines for Teams from Overseas**

1. Host Organizations: Japan Football Assoc., Shizuoka Pref. Football Assoc., Asahi Shimbun Co., City of

Shizuoka, Shimizu Football Assoc., Shizuoka Football Assoc.

[Shimizu Cup Amateur Junior Soccer League 2017 Organizing Committee]

2. Org. in Charge: Shimizu Cup Amateur Junior Soccer League Executive Committee

3. Main Sponsor: TBD

4. Sponsors (Tentative): Japan Sports Agency, Shizuoka Pref., Shizuoka Pref. Board of Education, Shizuoka Muni.

Board of Education, Shizuoka City Council, Shizuoka City Sports Assoc., Shimizu Ward Athletic Fed., Shizuoka Asahi TV, Asahi Gakusei Shimbun Co., Nikkan Sports Shimbun Co., Shizuoka Shimbun Co., Shizuoka Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Shizuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau, Shizuoka City Federation of Local Gov'ts, Tokai Univ. Marine Science Museum,

J-League (Men's Football League), Nadeshiko League (Women's Football League)

5. Partners (Tentative): Adidas, Shimizu Bank, Shizuoka Bank, Suzuyo Group, TOKAI Group, JA Shimizu, JA Shizuoka,

Shimizu Women's Club, Shimizu Hotel & Ryokan Assoc., Shizuoka City Hotel & Ryokan Assoc.,

Fuji City Hotel & Ryokan Business Assoc., S-Pulse, IAI, Sakaiku and others

**6. Tournament Period:** [Boys' Division] Fri. Aug. 9 to Tues. Aug. 13, 2019

Fri. Aug. 9 9:00: Mini Cup league matches (8 teams x 32 fields)

12:20: Mini Cup opening ceremonies (all fields)

Sat. Aug. 10 AM: Mini Cup league matches (all fields)

PM: Mini Cup 1<sup>st</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> place tourney matches (all fields)

Sun. Aug. 11 AM: Mini Cup 1<sup>st</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> place tourney matches (all fields)

Mini Cup awards ceremonies (all locations)

Mon. Aug. 12 All Day: Mini Cup ranking-separated tourney matches (all fields)

Tues. Aug. 13 AM: Mini Cup ranking-separated tourney matches (all fields)

13:30: Final match (IAI Stadium Nihondaira)

14:30: Closing ceremony (IAI Stadium Nihondaira)

[Girls' Division] Sun. Aug. 11 to Tues. Aug. 13, 2019

Sun. Aug. 11 9:00: Mini Cup league matches (8 teams x 4 fields)

12:20: Mini Cup opening ceremonies (all fields)

Mon. Aug. 12 AM: Mini Cup league matches (all fields)

PM: Mini Cup ranking-separated tourney matches (the 8 1<sup>st</sup>-place teams

face off, the 8 2<sup>nd</sup>-place teams face off, etc.)

Tues. Aug. 13 AM: Mini Cup ranking-separated tourney matches (all fields)

12:30: Final match (IAI Stadium Nihondaira)

14:30: Closing ceremony (IAI Stadium Nihondaira)

\*All teams attend the opening and closing ceremonies

**7. Locations:** 37 fields including IAI Stadium Nihondaira

**8. No. of Teams:** 256 in Boys' Division, 32 in Girls' Division \*Numbers of teams are subject to change.

**9. Participants/Team:** Up to 5 adult chaperones are allowed. However, accommodation at the same hotel/ryokan

where players are staying can only be provided for up to 3 of them.

8-16 players (please inquire if you plan to bring 17 or more)

\*Players on bench are included in the program

**10. Conditions:** • Male players must be elementary school students born on/after April 2, 2007 and not after

April 1, 2011.

Female players must be elementary school students born on/after April 2, 2007 and not after April 1, 2013.

• Players must have applied in advance and been approved by the Executive Committee.

- Teams must play regularly and not have been specially formed for this tournament.
- Teams must have players enrolled in accident insurance.
- Teams must travel with an interpreter or Japanese speaker during the Cup.
- Teams must be able to participate in events throughout the whole period.
- Teams must have submitted player information beforehand via the appropriate form.
- **11. Fees:** (1) Participation fee: 10,000 JPY
  - (2) Roundtrip airfare and accommodation costs are at teams' own expense.

(A cost estimate can be provided for accommodation during the Cup)

**12. To Apply:** • Please email the Application Form to the Shimizu Cup Office at office@kusa1987.jp

\*The application form can be downloaded from the Shimizu Cup website.

\*Please fill out the application in Japanese, or if that is not possible, English.

- Application period: 18:00 on Thur. Feb. 21 through Mon. April 15, 2019

• Participation decision: If you receive an email confirming participation, please immediately wire fee to the designated account (see next page). Participation will be formalized after the transfer is confirmed. The fee is non-refundable once your team is accepted.

#### 13. Member Rosters:

- Teams must email rosters (Japanese/English) to the Shimizu Cup office by Fri. June 7.
- Member changes can only be made through Mon. June 24, after which the program will be finalized. All requests for change beyond this date will, in principle, be denied.
- **14. Groupings:** Groupings will be decided by the Shimizu Cup Executive Committee.
- **15. Accommodation:** Accommodation will, in principle, be arranged by the accommodation subcommittee.
- **16. Match Running:** Matches will be run by the Competition Management Committee, each venue's Development Committee and various soccer clubs.
  - The referees for this tournament will be Shizuoka municipal high school students (Level 4 Referees), and students from Shizuoka municipal junior high schools will record.

### 17. Points on Match Running:

- (1) Match rules: Based on JFA rules.
- (2) Match mode: Boys' league matches have 16 Mini Cups (16 teams each), and girls' 4 Mini Cups (8 teams each). Ranking-separated tournament matches follow league matches.
- (3) Methods for deciding league rankings: 1. Points (Win: 3pts, Tie: 1pt, Loss: 0pts) 2. Goal difference
  - 3. Total score 4. Match wins/losses 5. Lottery-based rankings
  - \*In the event of rain, rankings will be decided based on 18. Competition Rules (15).
- (4) Match Length: 20min first half, 5min halftime, 20min second half with no overtime
  - Penalty shootouts (3 players/side) will be limited to tournament matches only.
  - The 1st-place ranking tourney's semifinal/final matches have 5min each for overtime/penalty shootouts.

## 18. Competition Rules: Based on JFA rules (2018-19) for teams of 8 players. Shimizu Cup also has these rules:

- (1) As a rule, the field length (touchline) is 68m, and width (goal line) is 50m.
- (2) The goals are youth-sized.
- (3) The ball for use in matches is a Youth No. 4 Ball (prepared by the Shimizu Cup office)
- (4) Matches will have four referees (1 main referee, 2 assistant referees and 1 fourth referee).
- (5) Matches will not start if either team has less than 6 players.
- (6) Player substitutions will be made using the Substitution Zone. There are no limits on the number of players or times for substitution. Players that have left the field once during a match are able to return. (Free Substitution) Furthermore, approval is not needed for substitutions between field players. Substitution of goalkeepers is done with the approval of the main referee, outside of match time.
- (7) Players will be dismissed if they receive two yellow cards during the same match, but the cards do not accumulate post-match. Also, when a dismissed player leaves the field, a team can use a bench player to fill his/her position. Dismissed players will be forbidden from playing in the next match, unless the match is in a separate category (i.e.

- transition from league matches to tourney matches), in which case they will be allowed to play.
- (8) Teams must prepare pairs of different-colored field player/goalkeeper uniforms with same number on the back.
- (9) If a goalkeeper changes position to that of a field player mid-match, they can reenter the field after changing into their field uniform with the same number and keeping their shorts and socks the same. Likewise, if a field player changes position to that of a goalkeeper, they can reenter the field wearing a pitch-use jersey with a different-colored bib (number optional; can be any number).
- (10) Players must have a Player ID with photo on the first day of the tournament (digital Player IDs also accepted). There will be a registration check at each venue. Players without their Player ID will not be allowed to play.
- (11) Three copies of the team roster (two for the home base, one for opposing team) should be brought to the office 30 minutes prior to the match's start. (The Shimizu Cup office will provide the roster forms)
- (12) The team with the lower team number uses the benches on the left side facing the pitch. Only those entered in the tournament (i.e. listed in the program) are allowed to sit on the bench. Substitute players wear bibs of a different color than players on the pitch.
- (13) The green card system will be in effect.
- (14) JFA heat illness prevention guidelines will be followed.
  - Every venue will have a wet-bulb globe temperature (WBGT) thermometer.
  - If WBGT reading exceeds 28°C before a match, each half will have a cool-down (Counted as running time)
  - During the cool-down, athletes and referees will:
    - 1. Rest on a bench in the shade.
    - 2. Cool their bodies and change clothes as needed.
  - 3. Drink not only water but sports drinks, etc.
  - Players are allowed to wear hats in order to prevent heat exhaustion.
  - Each venue will have either a doctor, nurse, or person qualified in Basic Life Support (BLS)
- (15) Match dates, start times and lengths may be changed due to weather, natural disaster or other reasons.
  - If any weather, disaster or other warnings have been issued as of 4:00 on a match day, the three hosting organizations will decide whether to convene the administrators. If they are convened, and if a warning has been issued, a competition review committee will be opened at the tournament headquarters from 5:00am. Furthermore, if any notices such as changes to the contents of the competition are made from the tournament headquarters, the situation at every location will be considered and the rankings determined at every location using available means (see below). At that time, what happened will be clearly recorded using a provided form, and the results (Mini Cup league matches will be ranked, too) will be announced.
  - 1. Shortening of matches 2. Five-a-side matches in gyms 3. Penalty shootouts 4. Lotteries 5. Other \*Matches on these days will be determined as win or loss based on some kind of method.
  - Methods of determining ranking when any method above was used for even one Mini Cup league match:
  - 1. Points 2. Match opponent 3. Lottery (in the event that the match is a draw)
  - During inclement weather, if the semifinal and/or final matches for determining first place in the tournament cannot be held outside, they will be held inside the gym at Shimizu Sports Complex and played with teams of 5. In an emergency, the head chaperone for each team will send an email to their match venue.

**19. Coaches' Party:** Sun. Aug. 11 from 18:30 at Hinode Center (Marine Bldg.)

9-25 Hinode, Shimizu-ku, Shizuoka-shi, Tel: +81-54-353-2311

Fee: 3,000 JPY per person (collected on the day)
One representative from each team should participate.

20. Awards:

1st Place Winning Team: Shimizu Cup, victory flag, certificate, medals, City Council Chairman

Cup, commemorative items

Runner-up Team: Certificate, 2<sup>nd</sup>-place trophy, medals 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team: Certificate, 3<sup>rd</sup>-place trophy, medals

Mini Cup Certificate, trophy

Special Awards

Bonus trophies awarded to 1st place teams in Boys' and Girls' Divisions Three tournament awards (Fighting Spirit Award, Team Player Award, Good Manners Award) Fair Play Award (Captain Tsubasa Award, Shimizu Girls' Club Award)

MVP Award, Player of Distinction Award (medals)

The Top 4 teams in the Boys' division will earn a place in the Shizuoka Mayor's Cup 47<sup>th</sup>

Shimizu Champion's Cup Youth Soccer Tournament held in December 2018

Participation Awards All registered players for each team

21. Contact: Shimizu Cup Amateur Junior League Office

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