BUCS KORFBALL REGULATIONS

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KOR i The BUCS Korfball Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, the International Korfball Federation (IKF) Rules of Korfball and the British Student Korfball Association (BSKA) Constitution and Rules. Further event specific requirements, rules, and regulations will be contained within the entry and pre-event information for each Championship.

KOR ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

KOR iii In the event that these regulations contradict the International Korfball Federation (IKF) Rules of Korfball, or the British Student Korfball Association (BSKA) Constitution and Rules, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

KOR iv The gender eligibility criteria for the BUCS Korfball Championships will be determined as per REG 4.3.

KOR 1 Affiliations All institutions/Playing Entities must affiliate with the British Student Korfball Association (BSKA), in accordance with, and by the deadline stated in, the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. Failure to do so will lead to sanctions as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document and possibly further disciplinary action.

KOR 2 Championships The BSKA, on behalf of BUCS, will host annually a Korfball Championships as listed in Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points'), subject to entry numbers.

KOR 2.1 There will be a three-stage tournament format. The stages will be:

- Stage 1: Preliminary Round
- Stage 2: Regional Round and Northern/Southern Qualifiers
- Stage 3: National Championship, National Trophy, and National Shield

KOR 2.2 All teams must enter by the entry deadline set prior to the Preliminary Round.

KOR 2.3 Institutions/Playing Entities may enter more than one team.

KOR 2.4 Preliminary Round

KOR 2.4.1 Typically, there will be eight preliminary competitions, however the exact number each season will be subject to the number of teams entered and their geographic locations. Teams will be allocated to preliminary competitions by the BSKA and BUCS, primarily based on geographic location.

KOR 2.4.2 Each preliminary competition will be a one-day tournament, with the format determined by the BSKA, dependent on the number of teams.

KOR 2.4.3 All the teams that participate in the Preliminary Round will progress to either the Regional Round or the Northern/Southern Qualifiers. The two highest finishing 1st teams at each preliminary competition will progress to the Regional

Round. Of the remaining teams, the three highest finishing teams at each preliminary competition will also progress to the Regional Round, with all other teams progressing to the Northern/Southern Qualifiers.

KOR 2.4.4 Final standings in the preliminary competitions will affect seeding in the regional competitions.

KOR 2.5 Regional Round

KOR 2.5.1 There will be four regional competitions, consisting of teams who have progressed from the Preliminary Round as per KOR 2.4.3. Teams will be allocated to regional competitions by the BSKA and BUCS, primarily based on geographic location.

KOR 2.5.2 Each regional competition will be a one-day tournament. The format of the tournament will be Pools/Semi-Finals/Finals.

KOR 2.5.3 All the teams that participate in the Regional Round will progress to either the National Championship, National Trophy, or National Shield. The four highest finishing 1st teams at each regional competition will progress to the National Championship. Of the remaining teams, the four highest finishing teams at each regional competition will progress to the National Trophy, with all other teams progressing to the National Shield.

KOR 2.5.4 Final standings in the regional competitions will affect seeding in the National Championship/Trophy/Shield.

KOR 2.6 Northern/Southern Qualifiers

KOR 2.6.1 There will be two qualifier competitions, the Northern Qualifier and the Southern Qualifier, consisting of teams who have progressed from the Preliminary Round as per KOR 2.4.3. Teams will be allocated to the qualifier competitions by the BSKA and BUCS, primarily based on geographic location.

KOR 2.6.2 Each qualifier competition will be a one-day tournament, with the format determined by the BSKA, dependent on the number of teams.

KOR 2.6.3 The four highest finishing teams at each qualifier competition will progress to the National Shield. Teams that finish 5th or lower may also progress to the National Shield if there have not been sufficient teams progress from the Regional Round to result in a total of 16 teams in the National Shield. In such a situation, further teams will progress to the National Shield based on their finishing positions, starting with those which finished 5th and working down through the finishing positions until the National Shield shall contain 16 teams. Should there only be an odd number of teams required to progress, the BSKA or BUCS will toss a coin to determine which qualifier the extra team will progress from.

KOR 2.6.4 Final standings in the qualifier competitions will affect seeding in the National Shield.

KOR 2.7 National Shield

KOR 2.7.1 The National Shield will consist of up to 16 teams who have progressed from the Regional Round and Northern/Southern Qualifiers as per KOR 2.5.3 and KOR 2.6.3.

KOR 2.7.2 The National Shield will be a two-day tournament.

KOR 2.8 National Trophy

KOR 2.8.1 The National Trophy will consist of up to 16 teams who have progressed from the Regional Round as per KOR 2.5.3.

KOR 2.8.2 The National Trophy will be a two-day tournament. The format of the tournament will be Pools/Quarter-Finals/Semi-Finals/Finals.

KOR 2.9 National Championship

KOR 2.9.1 The National Championship will consist of up to 16 1st teams who have progressed from the Regional Round as per KOR 2.5.3.

KOR 2.9.2 The National Championship will be a two-day tournament. The format of the tournament will be Pools/Quarter-Finals/Semi-Finals/Finals.

KOR 2.10 All decisions made by the BSKA competition committee shall be binding, subject to any appeal to the BSKA Executive Committee as per the BSKA Rules and Constitution. The Competition Committee shall consist of the BSKA Chairman, one other member of the BSKA Executive Committee, one referee from the day, and an independent tournament administrator.

KOR 2.11 All matches shall be played according to the International Korfball Federation (IKF) Rules of Korfball, subject to the following amendments.

KOR 2.11.1 The length of all matches at each tournament will be decided by the BSKA Executive Committee, dependent on the number of teams participating.

KOR 2.11.2 There will be gaps scheduled between matches, these gaps will include time for any warm-ups required by teams for the following match. The length of these gaps will be decided by the BSKA Competitions Committee.

KOR 2.11.3 There will be one time-out of one minute in length permitted per team per match.

KOR 2.11.4 A substituted player can return to the match and a maximum of eight changes are allowed. A team making a substitution must notify the referee who will only allow a substitution to be made when there is a stoppage in play.

KOR 2.11.5 Matches will begin and end on the referee's whistle. A centralised signal will sound to indicate that referees should start and end the match.

KOR 2.11.6 Any team that is not ready to start playing on the central signal will concede one goal for each minute they are late. This is to be determined by the match referee.

KOR 2.11.7 For all matches, the 'home' team shall be determined by a coin toss between the two captains prior to the start of the match, overseen by the match referee. Captains and the referee should meet by the side of the during the warm-up to perform this coin toss. The 'home' team has choice of ends, must lay out first and takes the throw off.

KOR 2.11.8 Following the conclusion of each match, each team should immediately vacate the pitch to allow the following teams to warm up. The captain for each team must go to the referee to sign the match card to validate the result. At this point, the referee should also write the name of their nominated MVP on the match card.

KOR 2.12 For pool matches, points will be awarded according to the results of the matches played: Three points for a win, one point for a draw, no points for a loss.

KOR 2.13 In the case when two or more teams finish with equal points in a pool the ranking positions shall be determined by;

1. Head to head result (if two teams are equal on points)
2. Goal difference in the matches between the teams on equal points (if more than two teams are equal on points)
3. Overall goal difference
4. Goals scored

KOR 2.13.1 If there is still no difference to be seen between teams following this ranking then placing shall be determined by a best of three penalty shootout. If still a tie after this, a sudden death penalty shootout between the teams will take place. The team captain must inform the referee before the shootout begins of their chosen eight penalty takers (made up of four men and four women) to take part in the shootout. These eight can be selected from any of the named squad regardless of whether they finished on the pitch in the last pool game. In the event all eight players have taken a penalty, the sudden death shootout will continue with the same eight players taking penalties again in the same order as previously taken.

KOR 2.13.2 The Competition Committee shall have the power to take a different course of action should any of the matches being considered for determining the rankings be ones that have been forfeited or awarded to their opponents.

KOR 2.14 In the knockout stages, if the result is tied, a best of three penalty shootout followed by a sudden death penalty shootout shall be used to determine the winner. Players taking penalties must have finished the match on the pitch.

KOR 2.15 In the event of a lower-ranking team finishing in a higher position than a higher-ranking team from the same institution, the higher-ranking team will take the position of the lower-ranking team. For example, if a first team finishes behind a second team, then the first team will take the place of the second team and will advance in the second team's place.

KOR 3 Squads, team selection and individual eligibility

KOR 3.1 Teams will be required to submit a squad declaration for each tournament. The maximum squad size shall be 14 players, consisting of a maximum of seven men and seven women. The minimum acceptable squad size shall be 10 players, consisting of a minimum of five men and five women.

KOR 3.2 Individuals are not permitted to be named, or play, for more than one team during the same stage of the Championships (note KOR 2.1).

KOR 3.3 Where an institution/Playing Entity has entered more than one team, the 1st team should always be the strongest team available to represent that institution/Playing Entity, followed by the 2nd team, 3rd team and so on.

KOR 3.4 Where an institution/Playing Entity has entered more than one team:

KOR 3.4.1 If an individual has been selected for the same team in both preceding stages, they may not be selected for a lower ranked team at the National Finals (Championship, Trophy and Shield) stage. For example, if an individual has been selected for the 1st team in both the Preliminary Round (Stage 1) and the Regional

Round (Stage 2), they cannot represent the 2nd (or lower ranked) team at the National Finals (Stage 3).

KOR 3.4.2 Where an institution/Playing Entity has three or more teams, in the rare case that an individual has been selected for two different teams across the preceding stages, then they will be treated as having been selected twice for the lower ranked of these two teams and they may not be selected for a lower ranked team at the National Finals (Championship, Trophy and Shield) stage. For example, if an individual has been selected for the 1st team in the Preliminary Round (Stage 1) and the 2nd team in the Regional Round (Stage 2), they cannot represent the 3rd (or any lower ranked) team at the National Finals (Stage 3).

KOR 3.5 For individual eligibility regulations, refer to REG 4. Any team found to be playing ineligible players is to be disqualified from the event and referred to BUCS with the potential for further disciplinary action.

KOR 4 Kit All players on a team must compete in playing shirts of the same colour, with unique numbers clearly visible. Shorts/skorts should be of a consistent style and colour.

KOR 5 Discipline Yellow and red cards can be issued by the referee of each match to players, coaches and substitute players, as per the IKF Rules of Korfball. The BSKA Competitions Committee (consisting of members of the BSKA committee attending on the day and the referee who awarded the card(s)) shall be empowered to suspend a player, coach or substitute player from one or more matches during a tournament, following the giving of either a straight red card, or two yellow cards as follows:

- Red card issued following two yellow cards in the same match = 1 match ban
- Direct red card = 2 match ban

There shall be no right to appeal against the issuing of a card or a suspension.

KOR 6 Fines Teams withdrawing after the entry deadline are liable to fines as follows:

- National Championships: £300
- National Trophy: £250
- National Shield: £200
- Preliminary Round, Regional Round, and Northern/Southern Qualifiers: £100

The BSKA will determine whether an institution should be fined, and BUCS will administer any fines.