

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

1. GENERAL TERMS

The American Football tournaments shall be organised in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of the International Federation of American Football (IFAF). In any dispute, the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the CTI. The competitions shall last a maximum of eleven (11) days and include:

- one (1) men's tournament
- one (1) women's tournament

Each country is authorised to enter a maximum of ninety-seven (97) persons: a maximum of eighty (80) competitors and seventeen (17) officials.

Each country may enter:

- one (1) men's team of sixty-eight (68) players, forty-five (45) of which can take part in each game and twelve (12) officials

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC.

2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Team deposit

The countries participating in the American Football tournament shall pay a deposit (Art. 5.4.4) of 5000 EUR per team five (5) months before the Championship. The deposit, which guarantees entry into the selection process, shall be directly collected by FISU. If a team is not selected their deposit will be reimbursed.

Team selection

Further to the confirmation of payment by FISU, the Technical Committee Chairs shall select the teams who will take part in the event, considering both the results achieved in previous FISU WUCs and the IFAF senior national team ranking. Continental distribution shall also be taken into account.

Seeding procedure

The seeding procedure shall follow the same principle as the selection criteria (FISU and IFAF ranking). The top four (4) teams of the previous WUC edition shall be seeded; further to this ranking the IFAF ranking shall be used, with special attention on the continental distribution of groups.

Competition format

Pool phase and finals. The exact format will be determined by FISU TCC according to the number of teams registered.

3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Nomination and costs

International referees shall be appointed jointly by IFAF and FISU.

Costs are referenced in the FISU – IFAF partnership agreement.

The Organising Committee shall provide local referees to act as timekeepers and reserve

referees.

Number of technical officials needed

There shall be a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 28 referees, according to the number of entries.