



GLOBAL PRINCIPAL PARTNER

“AIA One Billion”
Junior Football Championships 2024
Singapore

Tournament Guide

1	Who may participate?	Children of AIA staff, agents, FA, business partners and customers are welcome to participate in the “AIA One Billion” Junior Football Championships 2024.									
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4	Team Manager	<p>There must be a designated team manager (TM) to represent the team on all matters pertaining to the duty of care and competition matters relating to the participants from their team. The team manager must be an adult (above 21 years old).</p> <p>Participants / teams must be accompanied by the TM who shall remain with the team throughout the duration of play.</p>									
5	Registration Fee	<i>S\$480 per team or S\$60 per player.</i> All proceeds will be donated to the AIA Better Lives Fund.									
6	Event Details	<p>Date: 18 & 19 November 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Day 1 – Football Clinics (mandatory) with Tottenham Hotspur Development Coaches - Day 2 – Championship matches (knock-outs and finals). 									
7	Rules	<p>Tournament will be played in accordance with applicable section of the FIFA rules.</p> <p>In questions of interpretations of FIFA rules, the English text applies.</p>									
8	“AIA One Billion” Junior Football Championships Tournament Format	<p>Group Stages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams divided into groups of equal sizes. • Within groups, teams play each other in a round robin format. • Teams will play everyone in their group once. • At the end of the Group Stage, teams will have a clear ranking within each group based on the points they accumulate. 									

		<p>Knockout Rounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams progress through to the “knockout” stages depending on their ranking within their groups. Teams that lose their matches during the knockout stage will be eliminated from the competition. If the scores are still level at the end of full time, a penalty shoot-out will be used to determine which team progresses to the next stage. Each team will take 3 penalties each from the penalty spot on the edge of the goalkeeper’s area. If scores are still level after the 3 penalties, the shoot-out will move into sudden death (penalties are taken until one team fails to score and the other team converts) <p>After the conclusion of the group matches, teams will be ranked in their groups by the total number of points won.</p> <p>If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied in the order given to determine their rankings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Superior goal difference from the group matches played among the teams in question. Higher number of goals scored in the group matches played among the teams in question. Outcome of the match between the teams in question (head-to- head). If still tied, a 1-shot, sudden death penalty shootout can take place to determine who finishes higher
9	Match Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Halves of 8 minutes each. 2-minute halftime break before teams swap sides for the second half.
10	Participant List	<p>Each team must submit a list of players to the tournament administration before their first match in the tournament.</p> <p>Teams using unqualified players can be excluded from the tournament.</p>
11	Substitutions	<p>A substituted player may re-enter in the match. Note that the game must be stopped, and the referee must be informed of the substitution.</p> <p>All substitutions should be done within the technical area of the team. If</p>

		<p>there is no technical area, the substitution should be made at the centre line.</p> <p>The player that will be substituted has to leave the field before the new player can enter the field. Incorrect substitutions will be punished with a yellow card.</p>
12	Prizes	<p>Boys Division -</p> <p><u>Champion Team:</u> Challenge Trophy, medals, S\$1,500 shopping vouchers and a trip to Koh Samui to attend the Tottenham Hotspur Football Elite Camp in June 2025 (travel period is subject to changes).</p> <p><u>First Runner-up:</u> Challenge Trophy, medals, and S\$1,000 shopping vouchers</p> <p><u>Second Runner-up:</u> Medals and S\$500 shopping vouchers</p> <p>Girls Division -</p> <p><u>Champion Team:</u> Challenge Trophy, medals, S\$1,500 shopping vouchers and a trip to Koh Samui to attend the Tottenham Hotspur Football Elite Camp in June 2025 (travel period is subject to changes).</p> <p><u>First Runner-up:</u> Challenge Trophy, medals, and S\$1,000 shopping vouchers</p> <p><u>Second Runner-up:</u> Medals and S\$500 shopping vouchers</p>
13	Important Match Details	<p>a) Team list</p> <p>The number each player has on the Participants' list must be the same as the number on the shirt. Random controls of team lists will be carried out.</p> <p>b) Player uniforms</p> <p>All team shirts must be numbered, and the numbers must correspond to the numbers on the team list. Numbers must be on the backs of the shirts.</p> <p>If the referee decides that one team should change shirts due to similarity to</p>

the opposing team's shirts, the away team must change.

c) Before game

All teams must be ready at the entrance of the pitch no later than 10 minutes before kick-off.

TM must make sure that all participants are adequately insured. All players are advised to wear shin guards.

d) Caution and Sending-Off Offences

Any player given a red card is automatically suspended from participation in the following match.

The tournament jury can decide about suspension for further game(s).

Yellow cards are not accumulated.

e) Referees

All referees are licensed referees from their federation.

f) Tournament Jury

The jury of the tournament consists of the Cup committee. The jury handles protests and sanction matters. Their decisions cannot be appealed.

g) Protests & Sanctions

All protests must be made in writing by the team manager. Protests must be delivered to the Tournament Inquiry Booth no later than 15 minutes after the match is finished.

A protest fee of SGD200/- will be paid at that time. This fee will be returned if the protest is approved.

The referees shall also be the sole timekeepers, and the referee's decision according to the match shall be final. No appeal against his decision shall be entertained.

If a team fields a suspended player, the team automatically loses the game 3-0.

h) Lightning Alerts

		<p>If the lightning alert goes off at the match venue, then all teams are to head for the nearest shelter.</p> <p>Matches will resume once the lightning alert goes off. Please understand that this decision is for the safety of all participants.</p> <p>In cases of extreme weather conditions when a match has to be abandoned, the following will apply;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- If a match HAS reached at least half time, (i.e. half of the total allotted match time has been completed), the match will be deemed complete and the final score will be the score as it was at the time of abandonment.- If a match HAS NOT completed at least half of the allotted match time, the match referee will note the time elapsed and the match will be rescheduled with play resuming at the point in time it was abandoned with the score line at the time of abandonment. <p>NOTE: The organisers will make the decision on the status of the affected games within 30 minutes of the abandonment.</p> <p>Games that are not played at scheduled times due to weather conditions may be rescheduled to a later time and date; information will be communicated to the team officials.</p> <p>We will do our utmost to complete the tournament in full. However, the organisers may be forced to reduce game duration if fixtures are badly affected by weather interference. Team Officials will be notified of this as soon as a decision has been made. The organisers' decision is final and is taken to ensure that the tournament faces minimal disruption.</p> <p>i) Walk Over</p> <p>Any team who fails to appear at the appointed time and venue for a match without a valid reason will be subjected to a 3-0 walkover, after a decision by the jury.</p> <p>If a team repeatedly fails to appear at the games, the team will be rejected from the tournament.</p> <p>If a match is interrupted for some reason and can't be played to the end, the jury will decide if the game must be replayed, if the result will remain or if one of the teams or both teams lose 3-0.</p> <p>j) Match Program</p> <p>The organizing committee has the right to change the groups (until 11 January 2024), times and fields. Notice about changes will be communicated to the leader of the teams concerned.</p>
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14	Contact	<p>l) Enquiries</p> <p>Should there be any questions prior to the “AIA One Billion” Junior Football Championships 2024, please collate through your TM, and email to sg.corpcomms@aia.com</p>