

** Please note that the regulations may be amended when a sport becomes part of the optional programme of the Universiade.*

1. AMERICAN FOOTBALL

1.1 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 the Executive Committee 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
- one (1) women's team of twelve (12) players and five (5) officials playing tackle football

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.

1.2 PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

The countries participating in the American football tournament shall pay a deposit of EUR 5,000 per team to guarantee the registration of their team (Art. 5.4.4).

This deposit shall be paid to FISU at the latest five (5) months prior to the start of the Championship; failing this, the entries shall not be taken into consideration.

Further to the confirmation of payment by FISU, the Technical Delegates 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.

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.

1.3 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

1.3.1 Nomination and costs

Referees shall be appointed jointly by IFAF and the FISU Technical Delegates. IFAF shall bear the costs of travel, board and lodging for all technical officials appointed to the event (from two (2) days before the opening ceremony to one (1) day after the closing ceremony).

Other costs are referenced in the FISU – IFAF partnership agreement.

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

1.3.2 Number of technical officials needed

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