

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION PACK

Team Registration • Rules & Regulations • Vendor Registration

EVENT	Damal Turf Annual Football Tournament 2026
PROPOSED PERIOD	First weekend of December 2026 — exact dates to be communicated
FORMAT	5-a-side football 10 teams 7–10 registered players per team
FEES	Team registration: ₦200,000 per team Vendor space: ₦20,000 for both days

1. Tournament Overview

Damal Turf invites football teams, vendors, supporters, and members of the public to its Annual Football Tournament 2026. The two-day event will promote competitive football, fair play, discipline, teamwork, and community participation. The tournament is planned for the first weekend of December 2026; the confirmed dates and match schedule will be communicated by the organisers.

2. Prizes

POSITION	CASH PRIZE
1st Prize — Champion	₦500,000
2nd Prize — Runner-up	₦300,000
3rd Prize	₦200,000

Total prize pool: ₦1,000,000.

3. Team Registration Requirements

- A maximum of 10 teams will be accepted.
- The registration fee is ₦200,000 per team.
- Each team must register a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 10 players.
- Teams must submit a complete squad list by the announced registration deadline.
- Players must provide the identification details requested by the organisers and attend pre-tournament verification.
- Each player must complete the required indemnity documentation before participating.
- Only players on the approved squad list may play. Players may represent only one team.
- After the squad list is approved and the registration deadline has passed, players may not be added, replaced, or transferred except where a written exception is expressly authorised under the published rules.
- Each team must nominate a captain or official representative.
- Registration payment does not exempt any team from the tournament rules.

4. Tournament Format and Schedule

Day One — Knockout Stage

The organisers will publish the official fixture and draw before the event. The format is planned for 10 teams, with preliminary matches as required to reduce the field to eight teams, followed by quarter-finals. Four teams will qualify for Day Two.

Day Two — Semi-Finals and Final

The four qualified teams will contest the semi-finals. The winners will advance to the final. Match times, match duration, half-time interval, tie-breaking procedure, and any third-place match arrangements will be communicated in the final schedule.

5. Football Rules and Regulations

The tournament will follow the applicable FIFA Laws of the Game, with clearly stated adaptations for 7-a-side football. Where a small-sided format requires a different procedure, the tournament-specific rule announced by Damal Turf will apply. The final match rules will be shared with all team representatives before the tournament.

A. Player Eligibility and Squad Control

- Only players on the approved team list may participate. Unregistered, borrowed, or ineligible players are prohibited.
- Each player may represent only one team throughout the tournament.
- The organisers may verify player identities before or during a match.
- Falsifying player details or using an ineligible player may result in match forfeiture or team disqualification.

B. Substitutions

- The approved squad list must remain unchanged, subject to the written tournament rules.
- In-match substitutions are permitted only under the substitution procedure announced before the tournament.
- The organisers will state whether rolling substitutions are allowed and whether a substituted player may return to play.
- Unauthorised substitutions or use of an ineligible player may result in a sanction.

C. Match Conduct and Sportsmanship

- Players must respect referees, match officials, opponents, organisers, and spectators.
- Fighting, physical assault, threats, intimidation, discriminatory remarks, and abusive language are strictly prohibited.
- Deliberate injury, dangerous play, reckless challenges, and deliberate provocation are prohibited.
- Players must obey the referee's decisions. Only the captain or designated representative may request clarification, respectfully.
- No player, coach, or team official may enter the field to challenge or intimidate a match official.

D. Fouls, Cards and Refereeing

- The appointed referee will control each match and apply the applicable Laws of the Game and tournament rules.
- Yellow and red cards will be applied according to the applicable rules. A player sent off may not return to that match.
- A red card may result in suspension from subsequent matches, depending on the offence and the published disciplinary procedure.
- Fouls, free kicks, penalty kicks, handball offences, and other sanctions will be handled under the applicable laws and stated 7-a-side adaptations.
- Referee decisions on facts of play are final, subject to any formal protest procedure stated by the organisers.

E. Attendance, Forfeiture and Abandoned Matches

- Teams must report at the time stated on the fixture. The organisers will communicate the grace period before the event.
- A team that fails to appear within the announced grace period may forfeit the match.
- The minimum number of players required to start or continue a match will be stated in the final tournament rules.
- A match abandoned because of violence, serious misconduct, or refusal to continue will be reviewed by the organisers.

F. Discipline and Sanctions

- Depending on the seriousness of an offence, sanctions may include an official warning, card, match forfeiture, suspension, removal from the venue, or team disqualification.
- A team whose players or officials engage in fighting may be disqualified following disciplinary review.
- Damage to the turf, facilities, equipment, or other property caused by a team or its supporters may be charged to the responsible party.
- The organisers will apply the published rules consistently and communicate any material rule changes before they take effect.

G. General Fair Play

- All teams must demonstrate discipline, integrity, respect, and fair play.
- Conduct that threatens participant safety, fairness, or the orderly running of the tournament will be addressed under the published rules.

6. Registration, Indemnity and Verification

- All teams must complete registration by the announced deadline.
- Each player must submit the required details and complete the applicable indemnity form before participating.
- All registered players must attend the pre-tournament verification at the time communicated by the organisers.
- Team representatives must ensure that every player has read and understood the rules.
- The indemnity form will explain relevant risks, responsibilities, and emergency arrangements. It does not exclude legal responsibilities that cannot lawfully be excluded.

7. Team Registration Form

Team Name		
Captain's Full Name		
Phone Number		
Team Representative (if different)		
Payment Reference		
No.	Player's Full Name	ID / Verification Details (as requested)
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Captain/Representative's Declaration

I confirm that the information supplied is accurate and that the registered players will comply with the Damal Turf Annual Football Tournament 2026 rules and regulations.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

8. Vendor Participation and Terms

Damal Turf will provide designated vendor spaces during both days of the tournament for approved sellers of football boots, sportswear, accessories, food, drinks, merchandise, and other approved products.

Vendor fee: ₦20,000 per designated space for both days.

- Vendors must register and receive confirmation before setting up.
- Vendors may operate only within their allocated spaces and must not obstruct walkways, emergency access, spectators, or football activities.

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- Vendors must maintain cleanliness and dispose of waste properly.
- Cooking equipment, electrical equipment, and other potentially hazardous setups require prior approval.
- Vendors are responsible for their merchandise, staff, equipment, and personal property.
- Prohibited, illegal, counterfeit, or unsafe products may not be sold.
- The fee covers the designated space for both days only. Tables, chairs, electricity, equipment, and other additional facilities are not included unless agreed in writing.
- Spaces are subject to availability and confirmation of payment.

9. Vendor Registration Form

Business / Vendor Name	_____
Contact Person	_____
Phone Number	_____
Products to Be Sold	_____
Space / Setup Requirements	_____
Payment Reference	_____

Vendor Declaration

I agree to comply with the vendor terms, maintain cleanliness, operate within my allocated space, and follow safety instructions issued by Damal Turf Management.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

10. Public Attendance and Venue Conduct

- The event is open to the general public, subject to any admission or access-control requirements announced by the organisers.
- Spectators must respect players, officials, vendors, and other attendees.
- Spectators must not enter the playing area without authorisation, threaten participants, fight, or damage venue property.
- All attendees must comply with safety instructions from Damal Turf Management.

11. Acceptance of Rules

By registering, each team and its authorised representative confirms that they have read, understood, and agreed to comply with the published tournament rules. Each team is responsible for ensuring that all its players understand these regulations before participating.

Damal Turf Management reserves the right to enforce the published regulations consistently and to make reasonable operational decisions necessary for safety, fairness, and proper event administration. Any material rule changes will be communicated to all participating teams before they take effect.

12. Event Administration – To Be Completed Before Publication

Registration closing date: _____

Official contact name and phone: _____

Payment instructions: _____

Match duration and half-time interval: _____

Tie-breaking / penalty procedure: _____

Third-place match arrangements: _____

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Minimum players to start or continue a match: _____

Vendor setup time and access instructions: _____