

Shambles 5th Annual Festival of Football

Some basic details for participants

The pitch is at MengZhuiWanJie No.2 (see: <http://.randomstuff.biz/shambles/mengzhuiwanpitch.html>). It's next to the amusement park, so if you have spare time, the roller coaster there is highly recommended for a ten-second thrill.

PITCH, SHOES, SHIRTS

The pitch is a grass pitch, and the surface is quite hard.

The pitch owners request that we wear sneakers (tennis shoes - sports shoes with flat soles) or those v. soft cleats (studded boots) popular in China for playing soccer.

They do not want the pitch ripped up.

Please ask your players to wear sneakers/tennis shoes and if they want, bring their soft football boots if they like.

If you already know which colour shirts your team will be wearing, please let me know by email. Each team should bring two sets of shirts (for example, one set of red, one set of blue).

START TIME

Please be there for 11.30 for the draw to decide which teams are in which groups.

TEAMS

There will be 8 teams, in two groups of four.

GROUP STAGE

In the morning, each team will play the other 3 teams in its group. In the group stages, games may end in a draw.

PLATE/CUP STAGES

The top two teams from each group will then go into a competition for the Cup and the bottom two teams from each group will go into a competition for the Plate.

Each team will play two games in the afternoon, making a total of 5 games per team, regardless of results. In the Cup and Plate stages, if a game ends in a draw, penalties (using a proper-sized goal) will decide the result. We do not recommend English players for penalty-taking duties. We plan to finish at 5pm. Teams will be given a game timetable on the day of the tournament.

A FEW RULES

Squads of 11 players - please email a list in advance if possible, or bring a list on the day. 8 players on the pitch at one time.

If one or two of your 11 don't turn up, or if someone is injured, it should be no problem to find someone on the day to help out.

SUBS

You can sub at any time when play has stopped - you must tell the referee.

Players can be subbed limitless times, and players can be subbed and return during the same game, so you can have a 5-minute break if you like, then come back into the game.

OFFSIDE

There is no offside. We are playing on half-pitches.

CORNERS

Corner kicks will be played as normal.

THROW-INS

Take throw-ins as normal.

REFEREES

One ref per game, no linesmen/linespersons/assistant referees.

The tradition of the tournament is to trust the honesty and fair-mindedness of the players.

The referees will be volunteers so if you have any 'highly emotional' players, please ask them to calm down a little.

Of course people want to win, but it's a fun tournament.

At the tournament, the decision of the all-powerful Mark Allen, in footballing matters, will be final.

FOOD/DRINK

We hope at the tournament there will be food available to purchase from Peter's Tex Mex, and drinks from the Leg and Whistle.

There are shops and restaurants within easy walking distance.

RAIN

If there has been HEAVY rain, we will have to cancel.

Please email me your contact number, just in case.

EVENING

The Leg and Whistle English pub have kindly sponsored the trophies and will be giving free beer tokens to players who come to the bar in the evening of the Saturday 15th March 2008. After your free drink, there will be happy hour prices until 10 pm, which is a very very generous offer.

We hope to see as many people as possible there. There will be address cards given out at the tournament.

The Leg and Whistle is on KeHuaJie, near Sichuan University south gate, and the traditional beer-drinking 'boat races' will take place. The Shambles have yet to win a boat race competition, and their reputation is fully expected to remain intact. It is not compulsory to take part in the boat races!

Let me know if there are any other questions about the tournament. I think it's going to be fun.

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WHERE IS THE EXCESS CASH GOING ???

Any money made is going to the Red Panda Veterinary Surgery.

On the next page is a list of the surgery's specific requirements, and a second document gives details of future sponsorship opportunities.

If you would like to donate more money to the Red Panda programme, please contact Kati Loeffler at katiloeffler@gmail.com. Please contact Kati if you, your family or company would like to arrange a tour given by one of the world's leading experts on pandas. Understandably, a donation will be requested for such tours, and ALL the money will go to the Panda 'items'/programme!

Items needed for the Red Panda Programme at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding (prices in RMB)

Anaesthetic monitor (pulse oximeter + capnograph)	30,000
Surgical instruments (individual instruments range in price from ¥100 to 1,000)	18,750
Ultrasound machine	13,000
Endotracheal tubes (needed for anaesthesia)	1,800
Laryngoscope.....	7,000
Weigh scales (2)	600
New red panda facility	1,800,000
Research project: Genetic management of the Chinese ex situ red panda population.....	750,000
Research project: Infectious diseases of potential threat to conservation of red pandas	400,000
Capacity building project: Red panda husbandry and veterinary medicine workshop	200,000