

REGISTRATION PROCESS

FOOTBALL - CATEGORY ADULTS

Criteria for participation

Tamil Eelam Cup is a Tamil football tournament with highest quality standards. Therefore the tournament committee has the following goals when it comes to selecting teams for participating in this tournament:

- Include teams with high football standards only
- Give opportunity to include teams from as many countries as possible
- Give advantage to the teams who register early (pre-registration phase see below)

The decision if a team gets the participation confirmed or rejected depends the following criteria:

- Performance of the team in national and international tournaments
- Performance of the team in prior Tamil Eelam Cups
- Combination of:
 - $\circ \quad \text{Available spots for the country of the team} \\$
 - o Number of registered teams (team in the waiting list) from that country
 - Date of registration (team registered in the pre-registration phase have an advantage)

Starting Spots

Starting spots are confirmed only for countries with a qualification process. For countries without qualification the number of spots per country depends on the registered teams and the criteria for participation (see above):

Country	Number of Pots
Switzerland (host)**	4
France**	3
England*	X
Norway*	X
Canada**	1
Germany*	X
Denmark*	X
Netherlands**	1
Other countries*	X
Total	16

^{**} Countries with qualification process

^{*} Countries without qualification process (don't have a predefined number of pots – decision will be made by STFA based on the registered teams)

Registration Precondition

Countries with qualification process

For countries with qualification process only teams which meet the qualification criteria are allowed to register through the Tamil Sports association in the specific country. The following countries have a qualification process:

Switzerland: Best 4 of Season 2023/24 France: Best 3 of Season 2023/24

Netherlands: Selection Canada: Selection

Countries without qualification process

In countries without qualification process (countries not listed in the previous section) the team needs to register through the Tamil Eelam Sports Association of the specific country.

Registration Process

Because of the high demand STFA (Swiss Tamil Football Association) will introduce a new registration process which should result in more transparency of the registration process so the teams and the tournament organizer can plan accordingly in advance.

Pre-Registration

Deadline: 31.05.2024 24:00

The Pre-Registration phase applies only for Countries without qualification process (see above). It is the first phase of registration with which the registered team will be added to the waiting list.

Latest by 09.06.2024 the first confirmation will be done to the teams which have registered in the Pre-Registration phase according to the available spots per country. The remaining teams will remain on the waiting list and will need to wait for the confirmation/rejection after the registration phase.

Registration

Deadline: 14.07.2024 24:00

This registration phase applies to all teams.

For countries with a qualification process by then it should be clear which teams have qualified for the tournament. The qualified team must confirm their participation by registering for the tournament. Qualified teams will get their participation confirmed by the tournament organizer after successful registration (without being added to the waiting list). If a qualified team did not confirm their participation by the deadline their starting spots will be released for another team from the same country or a different country in the waiting list.

For countries without a qualification process this is the final registration phase in which they can register for the tournament. After a successful registration the team will be added to the waiting list with a lower chance to get the participation confirmed.

Confirmation process

Teams registered in the pre-registration phase

Deadline: 09.06.2024 / 21.07.2024

As mentioned above some teams might get (based on the available slots and the criteria for participation – see above) the confirmation for participating the tournament already by latest 09.06.2024. The remaining teams from the pre-registration phase need to wait for the decision until 21.07.2024 (latest).

Countries with qualification process

Deadline: 15.07.2024

Qualified teams will get the confirmation after successful registration and won't be set to the waiting list.

Countries without qualification process

Deadline: 21.07.2024

All registered teams from countries without a qualification process will be in a waiting list. The tournament organizer will confirm/reject the registration for the tournament based on criteria for participation – see above.