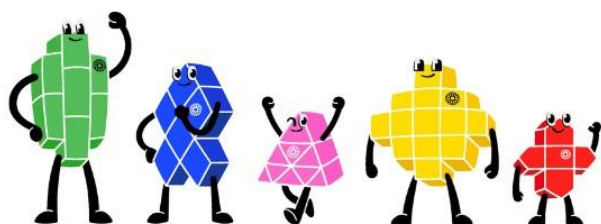


# Technical Handbook

The 33rd SEA Games Thailand 2025



## EQUESTRAIN (POLO)



# General Information



# Technical Part



## Sport Information

### I. Sports Federation

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## 1. Dates

The **Polo (POL)** competition for the 33rd SEA Games Thailand 2025 will be held from **3 to 19 December 2025**

**Competition Dates: 3 to 19 December 2025**

**Training Date:** TBC

## 2. Venues

The Polo competition will be held at VS Sports Club & Siam Polo Park which serves two (2) purposes:

- The competition field-of-play (FOP)
- The training – warm up field.

**The specifications of the VS Sports Club & Siam Polo Park Polo Fields and polo areas** are as follows:

- a) Two 250 x 150 m, boarded fields
- b) Exercise track, sand footing
- c) Stick & Ball Areas

### 2.1 Training Areas

Areas (b) and (c) shall be used for exercising horses. Use of the field will be allocated by the Organizing Committee for stick and ball prior to the tournament, weather permitting.

### 2.2 Stabling

128 Permanent Stables.

XXX Temporary Stables

Maximum of 28 stables per country per division will be allocated upon request.

## 3. Event

The Polo competition will consist of **two (2) events** consist of

- **Two (2) mixed's event**

<b>Two (2) Events</b>			
<b>Events</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>MIXED</b>
1. 2 – 4 Goals			√
2. 4 – 6 Goals			√
<b>Total</b>			<b>2</b>

- Note:**
1. Each NOC may enter a maximum of fourteen (14) for the Polo Competition.
  2. Each NOC may enter a maximum of one (1) team in team event (2-4 Goals and 4-6 Goals).
  3. Each NOC may enter a maximum of seven (7) athlete per team. There are only four (4) athletes may take part in games.
  4. Athletes must be 16 years of age and over (year of birth 2009 or earlier).

#### 4. Competition and Training Schedule

Group 1	Group 2
Team A	Team D
Team B	Team E
Team C	Team F

##### 4.1 For 2 – 4 Goals Event

Day	Date	Game	Field	Time	Match
1	3 December 2025	1	SPP	16.00	A vs B
		2	VSSC	18.00	D vs E
2	4 December 2025	3	SPP	16:00	F vs D
		4	VSSC	18:00	B vs C
3	5 December 2025	<b>Rest</b>			
4	6 December 2025	5	SPP	16:00	E vs F
		6	VSSC	18:00	C vs A
5	7 December 2025	<b>Rest</b>			
6	8 December 2025	7	SPP	16:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Place in Group 1 vs 2nd Place in Group 2
		8	VSSC	18:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Place in Group 2 vs 2nd Place in Group 1
7	9 December 2025	<b>Rest</b>			
8	10 December 2025	9	SPP	16:00	Runner-ups of Semi-Final play for Bronze
		10	VSSC	18:00	Winners of Semi-Final play for Gold

## 4.2 For 4 – 6 Goals Event

Day	Date	Game	Field	Time	Match
1	12 December 2025	1	SPP	16.00	A vs B
		2	VSSC	18.00	D vs E
2	13 December 2025	3	SPP	16:00	F vs D
		4	VSSC	18:00	B vs C
3	14 December 2025	<b>Rest</b>			
4	15 December 2025	5	SPP	16:00	E vs F
		6	VSSC	18:00	C vs A
5	16 December 2025	<b>Rest</b>			
6	17 December 2025	7	SPP	16:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Place in Group 1 vs 2nd Place in Group 2
		8	VSSC	18:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Place in Group 2 vs 2nd Place in Group 1
7	18 December 2025	<b>Rest</b>			
8	19 December 2025	9	SPP	16:00	Runner-ups of Semi-Final play for Bronze
		10	VSSC	18:00	Winners of Semi-Final play for Gold

**Note:** 1. This competition schedule is subject to change depending on the number of final entries.  
2. The other two teams proceed to the Plate (which is optional to play as it does not involve medals).

## 5. Entries

### 5.1 Eligibility

5.1.1 Only SEAGF member NOCs are entitled to send athletes to participate in the Polo competition of the 33rd SEA Games Thailand 2025

5.1.2 Only nationals of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) shall be qualified to represent the NOC in the Games. All disputes relating to the determination of the country, which an athlete may represent in the SEA Games shall be resolved in accordance with the SEAGF Charter and Rules



as well as Rule 41 and By-law to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of competitors).

5.1.3 A competitor who is a national of two (2) or more countries at the same time may represent either one (1) of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Olympic, Asian continental and South East Asian continental regional or world championships recognized by the relevant IF, the competitor may not represent another country unless he or she meets the conditions set forth in sub section 4 below that apply to the persons who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality.

5.1.4 For eligibility matters, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the South East Asian Games Federation (SEAGF) Charter, THASOC and FIP, the latter shall prevail.

5.1.5 Athletes must be 16 years of age and over (year of birth 2009 or earlier).

## **5.2 Entry Policies**

### **5.2.1 For Athletes**

- Each NOC may enter a maximum of fourteen (14) for the Polo Competition.
- Each NOC may enter a maximum of one (1) team in each team event (2-4 Goals and 4-6 Goals).
- Each NOC may enter a maximum of seven (7) athlete per team. There are only four (4) athletes may take part in games.
- Athletes must be 16 years of age and over (year of birth 2009 or earlier).

### **5.2.2 For Team Officials**

- **For 2 – 4 Goals Event**
  - One (1) Team Manager
  - One (1) Assistan Team Manager
  - One (1) Team Coach
  - One (1) Assistant Team Coach
  - One (1) Treating Veterinarian
  - One (1) Assistant Treating Veterinarian
  - One (1) Stable Manager
  - One (1) Farrier
  - One (1) Assistant Farrier
  - One (1) Physiotherapist
  - Seven (7) Grooms
  - Six (6) Trainers/Track Riders



▪ **For 4 – 6 Goals**

- One (1) Team Manager
- One (1) Assistant Team Manager
- One (1) Team Coach
- One (1) Assistant Team Coach
- One (1) Treating Veterinarian
- One (1) Assistant Treating Veterinarian
- One (1) Stable Manager
- One (1) Farrier
- One (1) Assistant Farrier
- One (1) Physiotherapist
- Seven (7) Grooms
- Six (6) Trainers/Track Riders

\*\*\* NOCs that withdraw their athletes after the submission of the final entries by name, will be faced with disciplinary action by the SEAGF Charter and Rules.

### **5.3 Horse Qualifications**

- 5.3.1 All countries shall provide their own horses for the polo event.
- 5.3.2 Countries that wish to compete that do not wish to bring their own horses shall be allowed to make their own lease arrangements of Thailand horses, which shall be allowed to compete for the leasing country.
- 5.3.3 Each country shall be limited to a maximum of 28 polo ponies per team for the duration of the event at the competition venue.
- 5.3.4 The substitution of horses due to lameness, injury, or illness is permitted only with the approval of the Tournament's Organizing Committee.
- 5.3.5 Horses of any origin and minimum age 5 years of age (the age being counted from 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year of birth) are eligible to compete.
- 5.3.6 Any horse entered for the Equestrian and Polo Events at the 33<sup>rd</sup> South East Asian Games must have an Official FEI Passport or an accepted national passport as a means of identification. These documents must be duly completed.
- 5.3.7 Any horses entering the Thailand for participation in the 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Polo Competition shall be subject to the Health and Quarantine Protocol as described in article 9.7 of this Technical Handbook.
- 5.3.8 Horse identification and general health inspections shall be carried out by the Chief Veterinary Officer or his appointed assistant prior to entry to the SEA Games stable area. Any horses that show signs of disease or illness may be required to be quarantined away from other SEA Games horses, or may

be denied entry completely.

5.3.9 Horses failing entry into the main stables under 5.3.7 above may be re-presented to official veterinarian up to the day of competition.

5.3.10 Horses that fail the veterinary inspections as in 5.3.7 and 5.3.8 may be replaced prior to the start of competition so that each country may have a full squad of twenty-eight (28) horses for the start of the SEA Games Polo Tournament.

## **5.4 Restriction**

### **5.4.1 For 2 – 4 Goals Event**

#### **5.4.1.1 Handicaps**

The SEA Games Polo Tournament would be played in a handicap range of two (+2) to four (+4) goals. Teams may not exceed four goals under any circumstances.

#### **5.4.1.2 Individual Handicaps**

The maximum individual handicap of any player shall be not more than two (+2) goals. The minimum individual handicap of any player shall be not less than zero (0) goal.

#### **5.4.1.3 Governing Handicaps**

Players shall be required to declare their highest handicap in their home country, as well as in the HPA, USPA, and AAP Handicap Lists, and in any polo-playing country where they have held a current handicap in the last two years before the tournament. In the event that a player has multiple handicaps, FIP shall determine the player's handicap for this tournament.

#### **5.4.1.4 Change of Players from Game to Game**

Teams shall be entitled to declare any four of their registered players for each game.

### **5.4.2 For 4 – 6 Goals**

#### **5.4.2.1 Handicaps**

The SEA Games Polo Tournament would be played in a handicap range of four (+4) to six (+6) goals. Teams may not exceed six goals under any circumstances.

#### **5.4.2.2 Individual Handicaps**

The maximum individual handicap of any player shall be not more than three (+3) goals. The minimum individual handicap of any player shall be not less than zero (0) goal.



### 5.4.2.3 Governing Handicaps

Players shall be required to declare their highest handicap in their home country, as well as in the HPA, USPA, and AAP Handicap Lists, and in any polo-playing country where they have held a current handicap in the last two years before the tournament. In the event that a player has multiple handicaps, FIP shall determine the player's handicap for this tournament.

### 5.4.2.4 Change of Players from Game to Game

Teams shall be entitled to declare any four of their registered players for each game.

## 6. Submission of Entries

- Entry Form by Sport: Deadline 2 May 2025 at 24.00 (Bangkok time)
- Entry Form by Number: Deadline 8 May 2025 at 24.00 (Bangkok time)
- Entry Form by Name: Deadline 1 September 2025 at 24.00 (Bangkok time)

All Entry Form by Sport, Entry Form by Number and Entry by Name may be sent via Game Management System (GMS) and subsequently confirmed with stamped original, then upload to the system.

If you need any assistant, please contact us:

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## 7. Pre-Competition: Team Managers and Officials Meetings

### 7.1 Technical Official's Meeting

**Date:** TBC

**Time:** TBC

**Venue:** TBC

### 7.2 Technical Manager's Meeting

**Date:** TBC

**Time:** TBC

**Venue:** TBC



## 8. General Rules and Regulations

### 8.1 Rules

#### 8.1.1 Eligibility Code (SEAGF 30)

To be eligible for participation in the SEA Games, a competitor must comply with the Federation's rules, regulations and by-laws, including this Charter and Rules, in particular in relation to eligibility and nationality, as well as the related provisions in the Olympic Charter, and the rules, regulations and by-laws for participation in the Olympic Games."

#### 8.1.2 Nationality of Competitor (SEAGF 31)

Only nationals of the country of the NOC who are holding current valid national passports of the country of that Member-NOC shall be qualified and eligible to represent the Member-NOC in the SEA Games. All disputes relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in the SEA Games shall be decided by the Arbitration Panel established under this Charter and Rules, in accordance with the Federation's rules, regulations and by-laws, including this Charter and Rules, relating to eligibility and nationality."

#### 8.1.3 Number of Entries (SEAGF 34.3, 37)

- a) A minimum of four (4) NOCs must register to participate by the respective closing date of both the Entry by Number and the Entry by Name registration in a sport or discipline or team event and in the case of an individual event, a minimum of three (3) NOCs must register to participate by the closing date of both the Entry by Number and Entry by Name registration, for it to be included in the SEA Games programme. For the avoidance of doubt:
  - A doubles event shall be considered an individual event.
  - There shall be no waiver of this Rule on minimum entry."
- b) The maximum number of entries from each nation in each event is fixed by the Federation in consultation with the Host NOC. However, the following numbers cannot be exceeded:
  - For individual events, including singles and doubles events, there shall only be two (2) entries from each NOC (without reserves) EXCEPT for the sports with weight category, such as all martial arts and combat sports, Body-building, Weightlifting, etc., where there shall only be one (1) entry per weight category or per event from each NOC; and for the sport of Sailing, where there shall only be one (1) entry per event from each NOC.
  - For team events, there shall be one (1) team per NOC, and the number of reserves shall not exceed the number of players allowed by the International Federation.

- For all events where individual competitions are conducted, the competitors for any one (1) NOC cannot win more than two (2) medals in the respective individual events.
- No Federation Member-NOC, including the Host NOC or the Organizing Committee of any SEA Games, is allowed to limit the participation of any other Federation Member-NOC or any athlete from participating in any sport, discipline or event solely on the ground or  
for any reason of limitation of participation.”

#### **8.1.4 International Sport Federation**

Federation of International Polo (FIP)

#### **8.1.5 Technical Officials and Jury of Appeal (SEAGF 41)**

- a) The necessary technical officials, referees, judges, umpires, timekeepers, inspectors and other technical officials (collectively “International Technical Officials” or ITOs”) and a Jury of Appeal for each sport in such number as shall be determined by the Host NOC or the Organizing Committee, shall be appointed by the Host NOC or Organizing Committee in consultation with the appropriate IF/AF and in cooperation with the respective National Federation of the Host NOC or local sport official/representative. All such ITOs and Jury of Appeal officials approved and appointed by the Host NOC or Organizing Committee shall be referred collectively as “IF/AF International Technical Officials” or IF/AF ITOs” and “Jury of Appeal” accordingly.
- b) The Organizing Committee shall pay for the air or international travel (based on best economy fare to the host city), accommodation (equivalent to a hotel of at least a 3-star internationally accepted rating, based on twin-share basis except for single rooms for Technical Delegates, Chief Umpires and Chief Scorer), meals, official local transport expenses and a per diem only of the IF/AF ITOs and Jury of Appeal officials at the established rates of the Organizing Committee starting from within than two (2) days before the start of the first event of the sport or discipline concerned until one (1) day after the end of the competition of the last event of that sport or discipline.
- c) In approving and appointments of ITOs and Jury of Appeal members, all IF and or AF concerned must give priority, first to the appointment of qualified ITOs and Jury of Appeal members who reside within the South East Asian (SEA) region, and second, to those who reside within the Asian continent, before appointing any ITOs or Jury of Appeal members from outside the SEA region or Asia continent.



- d) No official who has participated in a decision may serve in the Jury of Appeal that reviews it. The findings of the Jury of Appeal shall be communicated as soon as possible to the Federation Office, Host NOC, Organizing Committee and Executive Committee.
- e) Technical officials and members of the Jury of Appeal may not live in the Games Villages, but the Organizing Committee shall ensure and bear the cost of their accommodation, including board and local transport facilities at such established rates of the Organizing Committee.
- f) The Jury of Appeal's decision(s) on all technical questions concerning its respective sport or of disciplinary nature is/are final. Such decision shall, however, be without prejudice to any further penalty and or sanction, which may be imposed by the Executive Committee.
- g) The Jury of Appeal shall be composed of a Chairperson (who shall be the Technical Delegate) and not more than two (2) other representatives as Jury of Appeal members, who shall be appointed by the IF/AF from amongst the IF/AF ITOS and or IF/AF representative(s) present at the Games.
- h) In the event of a dispute or protest relating to technical questions concerning its respective sport, discipline and or event, or competition or any matter that is disciplinary in nature, that is referred to a relevant Jury of Appeal, representatives of countries in the Jury of Appeal whose countries are involved in the dispute or protest must NOT participate in the deliberations and or decision making and cannot vote in the resolution of the dispute or protest.
- i) Any NOC dissatisfied with any decision of any Jury of Appeal (except decisions concerning matters of fact and judgment calls where no appeal is allowed) may refer his/her appeal to the Panel of Arbitrators

#### **8.1.6 Arbitration Panel (SEAGF 42)**

The Arbitration Panel shall deliberate and decide finally on all questions concerning the SEA Games or s, protests or appeals (including on any violation of anti-doping code, rules or regulations) from any sport, discipline or event or any disputes arising from or related to the SEA Games. NOCs or the Organizing Committee may also submit question or any matter related to the SEA Games to the Arbitration Panel for determination. Further, the Arbitration Panel may intervene in and determine all questions of non-technical nature outside the jurisdiction of the Jury of Appeal set up for each sport, discipline or event in the Games programme.

### **8.1.7 Penalty in case of Fraud (SEAGF 44)**

A competitor proved to have fraudulently transgressed or breached any provisions of the Charter, Rules, Regulations or By-laws of the Federation shall be disqualified and lose any position or medal he/she may have gained. If this competitor's NOC is proved to have been a party to the fraud, his/her country shall be disqualified in the sport concerned.

## **9. Competition Rules and Regulations**

### **9.1 Competition Rules**

The Polo competition of the 33rd SEA Games will be held in accordance with the Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA) (Rules endorsed by FIP), in force during the Games time and other relevant regulations and rules.

Competition Rules and Regulations under the guidance of Technical Delegate (TD) appointed by FIP.

In case of any disagreement in language interpretation of the HPA Rules and Regulations, the English version shall prevail. Any unforeseen cases not covered by the rules and regulations shall be resolved as follows:

**9.1.1 General Issues:** To be resolved in accordance with the SEAGF Charter and Rules.

**9.1.2 Technical Issues:** To be resolved in accordance with HPA Rules and Regulations and FIP Norms.

### **9.2 Competitional Format**

Formats of play for four, five and six team entered in Competition Events 3 are as follows:

9.2.1 If there are five (5) or less participating teams, then the teams shall play a Preliminary Single League (Round Robin) competition, with each team playing each other once. The top two (2) teams with the best league record shall qualify to play in the Finals for the Gold and Silver medals. The third and fourth ranked teams shall qualify to play each other for the Bronze medal.

9.2.2 If there are more than six (6) participating teams, the highest rated teams are seeded and separated by seeding done by the Technical Delegate. Teams are drawn into two (2) zones (Zone A and Zone B) of three (3) teams or more each Zone, with a top seed in each zone.

The teams within each zone shall play a Preliminary Single League competition, with each team playing each other once within the same Zone.

The top two (2) teams with the best league record from each Zone shall qualify to play in the crossover Semi-finals as follows:

- The top ranked team in Zone A shall play against the second ranked team



in Zone B in Semi- finals 1.

- The top ranked team in Zone B shall play against the second ranked team in Zone A in Semi- finals 2.
- The winners of the two (2) Semi-finals shall qualify to play against each other in the Finals for the Gold and Silver medals. And the two (2) losing Semi-finalists shall play against each other in the Bronze medal play-off.

### **9.3 Number of Chukkas**

9.3.1 All matches shall be played over four chukkas.

9.3.2 There shall be a mandatory half chukka change of horses on or around the 3<sup>1/2</sup> minute mark in every chukka played. The umpires shall utilise a break in the play to call the half chukka change, or stop play when at a neutral time.

9.3.3 If a game is drawn at full time, the match is to proceed to sudden death overtime, with the first goal deciding the winner of the match.

9.3.4 If a game cannot be decided in sudden death with no goal scored, the winner shall be decided by a penalty shoot-out.

9.3.5 Penalty shoot-outs will be as follows:

- Each player takes two penalties at 30 yards.
- Each player takes two penalties at 40 yards.
- If scores are tied, the shoot-out goes into sudden-death at 60 yards, with the first team to fall behind being eliminated from the shoot-out.
- The shoot-out continues till a winner is established.
- Teams may not change the sequence of penalty takers.
- Teams may not change penalty takers.
- Players may not change horses once the penalty shoot-out has begun, unless a horse goes lame (to be decided by the umpires).

### **9.4 Points and League Standings**

9.4.1 Each game is to be played to a result. No draws are allowed.

9.4.2 Points shall be scored as follows:

- A win = three (3) points.
- A drawn match at full time = one (1) point, and additional (1) point for winning in sudden death or a penalty shoot-out, and,
- A loss = Zero (0) points.

9.4.3 Teams tied on points shall be separated by the who-beat-who rule, with the winner of their match together going above the loser in that zone.

9.4.4 In the event that the who-beat-who rule cannot be applied to define an order of merit, a penalty shoot-out shall be held to decide final zone standings.



## 9.5 Handicap Basis

All matches shall be played on a handicap basis, with teams receiving handicap advantages accordingly.

## 9.6 Umpires, Referees and Stewards

9.6.1 All umpires and referees used in officiating at matches at the SEA Games Polo Tournament shall be appointed as International Technical Officials (ITOS) and shall be neutral in nationality. All such appointments shall be made by the FIP Technical Delegate.

9.6.2 Stewards shall be appointed by the FIP Technical Delegate and shall be either International Technical Officials (ITOS) or National Technical Officials (NTOs).

## 9.7 Health and Quarantine Protocol

### 9.7.1 Protocol in use

All participating countries Importing horses to Thailand for participation in the 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Thailand 2025 shall comply with the published Veterinary Regulations for the importation of horses, as published by the Thailand Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives.

All horses imported shall carry Veterinary Certification as outlined in 9.7.2 below.

### 9.7.2 Veterinary Certification

The veterinary health certification shall be provided in the passports of horses issued by the relevant national associations or federations. Separate veterinary health certificates need not be issued. The Veterinary Health Certificate shall indicate the animal identification; equine passport number, name and address of the residing premise of the horse and certify to the effect of the following: [TO BE CONFIRMED]

- (i) The country has been free from African Horse Sickness, Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis, Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis and Vesicular Stomatitis for the last 6 months.  
In case of vaccination against Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis and Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis, the horse must evaluate by RT-PCR test within 30 days of export with negative result and get the horse vaccinated with inactivated vaccines within 6 months but not less than 14 days prior to export.
- (ii) the country has been free from Glanders for the last two (2) years OR the horse was evaluated PCR or CFT with negative result within 15 days prior to export.
- (iii) the country has been free from Surra for the last twelve (12) months OR the horse was tested on by PCR or Woo's technique or Indirect-Fluorescent Antibody Test (IFAT) or ELISA with negative results within 30 days of

- export.
- (iv) the country has been free from Dourine for the last 12 months OR have the horse was tested on by Complement Fixation Test or PCR with negative result within 15 days of export.
  - (v) the country has been free from Equine Infectious Anemia for the last 12 months OR the horse was tested on by Immunodiffusion (Coggin's test) with negative results within 30 days of export.
  - (vi) the country has been free from Equine Viral Arteritis for the last 12 months OR the horse was tested on by Virus isolation or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) or Serum Neutralization Test with negative results at a dilution of 1:4, or twice, 14 days apart, with no significant rise in titer evident within 30 days of export.
  - (vii) the country has been free from Equine Piroplasmiasis for the last 12 months OR the horse was tested on by Fluorescent Antibody Test or PCR with negative results within 30 days prior to export.
  - (viii) the country has been free from West Nile Virus Infection for the last 12 months OR the horse was tested on by IgM capture ELISA or real time RT-PCR or Nested Rt PCR with negative results within 15 days prior to export.
  - (ix) to the best of the knowledge of the official veterinarian and as much as can be ascertained, no case of Hendra Virus Infection has been reported in the country for the last 12 months. For horses from Australia were tested on by ELISA test with negative results within 15 days prior to export.
  - (x) all tests mentioned in this procedure shall be carried out in an accredited laboratory by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country using WOAHP prescribed methodologies.
  - (xi) during 3 months prior to export, the horse shall not be exposed to or in contact with other equidae or premises infected with the following diseases: - Equine Infectious Anemia, Equine Viral Encephalomyelitis, West Nile Fever, Horse Pox, Scabies, Anthrax, Glanders, Dourine, Surra, Strangles, Epizootic Lymphagitis, Equine Rhinopneumonitis, Equine Viral Arteritis, Equine Piroplasmiasis, Equine Influenza OR any other notifiable horse disease in the exporting country.
  - (xii) the horse has been examined and was found clinically free from any Infectious or contagious disease at time of export.
  - (xiii) the horse has been examined and was found clinically free from any ectoparasites infestation AND was treated with an officially approved long-acting broad spectrum anthelmintics and tickicides within 30 days but not less than 14 days prior to export.
  - (xiv) the horse was vaccinated against the following equine disease by an officially approved vaccine:-

- a) Equine Influenza using inactivated vaccine, once as a booster to certify primary course or twice at an interval of 4 to 6 weeks within 6 months but not less than 30 days prior to export.
- b) Japanese-B Encephalomyelitis using inactivated vaccine once as a booster to certified primary course or twice at an interval of 4 weeks within 12 months but not less than 30 days prior to export. (exceptional for countries with disease-free status)

### **9.7.3 The Chief Veterinary Officer of the South East Asian Games Polo Tournament shall be: Dr. Issaraparb Maneelek**

## **9.8 Responsibility**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> South East Asian Games Organizing Committee, the Thailand Polo Association, and the Federation of International Polo do not accept any responsibility for any accident or illness which may befall any horse, competitor, groom or any other person. The same applies in the case of damages to cars, saddlery, utensils, and all other objects (including damages of theft, loss, and fire).

All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out a third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad and to keep the policy up to date.

**Note:** A hold Harmless Statement and Waiver of intellectual Property Rights Worldwide be signed by all players.

## **9.9 Owners of Horses**

### **9.9.1 Accreditation**

Each SEAF member country may request for a maximum of one owner for each horse participating in the 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games. The access will include the stables the training areas and the competitions.

### **9.9.2 Access to Stables**

Additional access to stables and training areas will be available through a Day Pass system, to be developed in agreement with FIP and 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Organizing Committee.

## **9.10 Protests and Appeals**

9.10.1 Any written protest must first be made and submitted by the Chef de Mission or Team Manager to the Technical Delegate within thirty (30) minutes after the end of the event in which the protest is generated with the payment of a Protest Fee of USD200.00 per protest. If conditions

- causing a potential protest are noted prior to the start of the event, a written protest must be lodged before the signal to start the event is given.
- 9.10.2 Presidents of National Polo Federations and Team Managers, or if there is no Team Manager present, Team Captains, are entitled to lodge objections.
  - 9.10.3 All protests must be considered by the Technical Delegate concerned who must make a decision as soon as possible. He/She must state the reason(s) for his/her upholding/rejecting the protest.
  - 9.10.4 Any Chef de Mission or Team Manager dissatisfied with the decision of the Technical Delegate, may appeal to the Jury of Appeal by submitting the written appeal to the TD within sixty (60) minutes of receipt of the TD's written decision. The appeal must be heard and decided by the Jury of Appeal for the sport within two (2) hours after receipt of the written protest.
  - 9.10.5 Any NOC dissatisfied with any decision by the Jury of Appeal may make any appeal in accordance with Articles 42 and 43 of the SEAGF Charter and Rules.
  - 9.10.6 The protest fee shall be refunded if the protest is upheld; it will be forfeited if the protest is rejected.

### **9.11 Delays, Postponement or Cancellations**

The Technical Delegate must consult the THASOC Secretariate if there is any delay, postponement or cancellation of any competition that affects the scheduled times for “live boardcast” or victory ceremonies.

## **10. Technical Officials and Jury of Appeal**

The appointment of technical officials and referee and judge will comply with Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA) (Rules endorsed by FIP) and Playing Charter and Article 41 of the SEAGF Rules and Regulations.

AF/IF has the right to appoint the Technical Delegate and International Technical Officials (ITOs) in coordination and approval of the SEAGF. In the event of any violation of the AF/IF Rules or Games Rules and Regulations by any participant, the SEAGF has the right to revoke his or her accreditation card and propose replacement of the participant concerned to the relevant party

### **10.1 International Technical Officials (ITOs)**

Federation of International Polo (FIP), shall appoint one (1) Technical Delegate and upon the recommendation of the Technical Delegate, appoint such number of International Technical Officials (ITOs) as required.





THASOC will pay for the fees, cost of International transportation based on an economy direct route fare, local transport and accommodation for all these ITO's.

## **10.2 National Technical Officials (NTOs)**

Thailand Polo Association (TPA) shall nominate National Technical Officials (NTOs) for approval by THASOC to assist the International Technical Officials.

## **10.3 Jury of Appeal**

The Jury of Appeal shall comprise of the two (2) members of the event International Technical Officials appointed by the TD. The Technical Delegate will act as its chairman. The decision of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

# **11. Official Equipment and Competition Attire**

## **11.1 Sports equipment**

All equipment used by teams and players shall conform and comply with HPA rules.

## **11.2 Saddlery and Dress**

11.2.1 The rules regarding saddlery and equipment must be strictly applied in accordance with HPA Rules.

11.2.2 No sponsorship shall be allowed on the playing jerseys of teams, players helmets or other apparel or equipment or on their horses unless approved by the Organizing Committee of the 33rd SEA Games Thailand 2025.

11.2.3 The rules regarding dress must be strictly applied in accordance with the rules and regulations pertaining to the 33rd SEA Games Thailand 2025.

# **12. Media Interview**

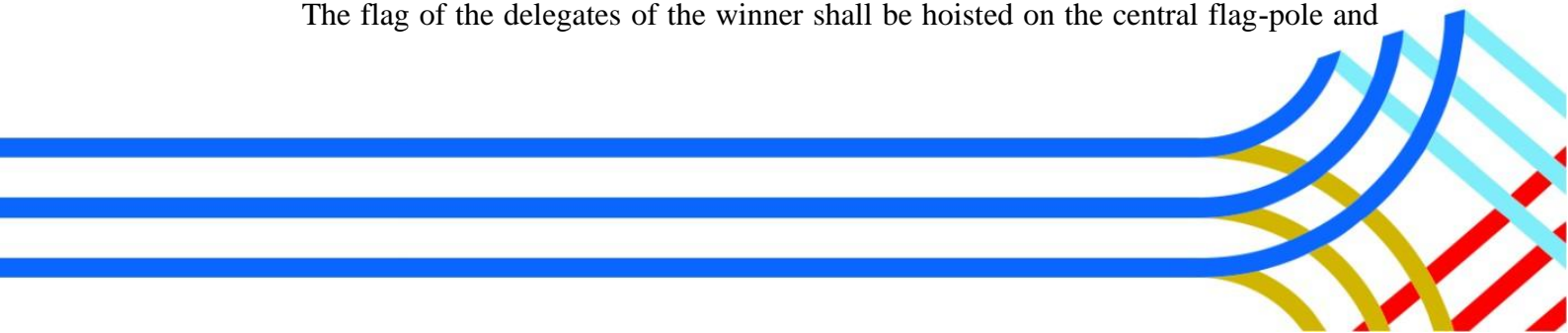
12.1 All athletes should pass through the Mixed Zone as directed by the Media Officer.

12.2 Athletes and/or coaches should attend press conference and interview requests for them.

# **13. Prizes and Commendations**

- Medals to the winners of the SEAGF Games shall be presented by the SEAGF President. The President may delegate this privilege to other members of the SEAGF, accompanied by the President of the IF and/or AF concerned (or their deputy), if possible, immediately after the event and where the competition took place in the following manner.
- The competitors who have been judged first, second and third shall take their places, in their sports uniforms, on a stand on the field facing the Tribune of Honour, with the winner slightly above the second who is on their right and the third who is on their left.

The flag of the delegates of the winner shall be hoisted on the central flag-pole and



those

of the second and third on adjoining flagpoles on the right and on the left, as they face the arena. Meanwhile, the abbreviated National Anthem of the winner is played. The three winners/winning teams shall turn towards the flags.

- The medal presentations shall be as per the following order:
  - Gold Medal – to the first-place winner.
  - Silver Medal – to the second-place winner.
  - Bronze Medal – to the third-place winner.
- All medalists must wear their respective NOC official uniform.
- No equipment or accessories may be taken by the athlete to the medal award ceremony or media interview areas, unless it is worn, e.g., shoes and clothing which must be in accordance with the SEAGF commercial guidelines.
- No kind of demonstration or commercial, political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted during the Victory Ceremony of the Games. Any action of such kind will be subject to penalization by the Executive Board EB including disqualification, withdrawal of medals, certificates, accreditation, rankings and the like.
- Any disrespect shown to the Games, Medals, Flags, Mascot or Certificates or any other material. by any athlete during the Victory Ceremony or during the Games will be subject to penalization by the EB, including but not limited to disqualification, withdrawal of medals, certificates, accreditation, rankings as decided by the EB.
- Victory, medals and diploma certificates, shall be in strict compliance with the SEAGF Protocol Guidelines. The design and format of the medals and diplomas shall be submitted to the SEAGF for its approval.

#### **14. Victory Ceremonies**

The medals may be presented by the board members of the Member-NOCs participating in the particular sport, discipline or event (with priority being given to those with medal winners) and or Guests of Honor of the Federation, and such victory ceremonies, if possible, shall take place immediately after the event at a place where the competition took place and in the following manner:

- The competitors who have been judged first, second and third shall take their places, in their sport attire or NOC designated attire, on a stand facing the Tribune of Honor, with the winner slightly above the second who is on his/her right, and the third who is on his/her left.
- The flag of the country of the winner shall be hoisted on the central flagpole or screen and those of the second and third on adjoining flagpoles or screen on the right and left as they face the arena. Meanwhile, the National Anthem of the country of the winner is played and the competitors and spectators shall face the flags.



## 15. Medical Code (SEAGF 33)

- The Host NOC and Organizing Committee of the SEA Games will ensure the health of all athletes and other participants during the SEA Games.
- Anti-Doping Rule Violations as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code is forbidden.
- All competitors shall be subject, during the Games, to doping control initiated by the Federation at any time or place, carried out in conformity with the WADA Code and its respective International Standards, as elaborated in the SEA Games Anti-Doping Rules.
- Competitors in sports restricted to women must comply with the prescribed tests for disorders of sexual determination when so needed.
- Any competitor refusing to submit to doping control or who is found guilty of any Anti-Doping Rule violation shall be excluded from the SEA Games.
- The principles of exclusion for teams and individuals shall be in accordance with the WADA Code.
- A medal may be withdrawn by order of the Executive Committee or the Council on the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Anti-Doping Committee when an athlete is found guilty of a violation under the SEA Games Anti-Doping Rules and or the WADA Code.
- The Anti-Doping Committee shall manage and implement the doping test programme for the SEA Games to which it was appointed for in accordance with WADA requirements, and implement the SEA Games Anti-Doping Rules and WADA Code.
- The SEA Games Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations shall in no way affect further and or other sanctions by the relevant International Federation, WADA and or any other relevant national, regional, continental, international or world organizations or bodies.
- All competitors and officials are also subject to, and shall comply with the respective anti-gaming and manipulation, and harassment and abuse, and safeguarding rules, regulations, codes and guidelines of the respective Federation Member-NOC, IOC, OCA, SEAGF, the respective IF and or AF of the sport concerned.
  - a) Any competitor or team official refusing to submit thereto or found guilty of any violation or offence thereunder shall be excluded from the SEA GAMES.
  - b) A medal may be withdrawn by order of the Executive Committee or the Council on the recommendation of the Arbitration Panel when an athlete is found guilty of any violation or offence thereunder.”



## **16. Doping Control**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Thailand 2025 Organizing Committee, shall establish the SEAGF Anti-Doping Committee, which shall, under the guidance of the SEAGF and working with the SEAGF Office, be responsible for the Anti-Doping program for the 33<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Thailand 2025. The Anti-Doping program will be run in accordance with the SEAGF Anti-Doping Rules and the WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigation. Sample analysis will be performed at a WADA-accredited laboratory or as otherwise approved by WADA. Both urine and blood tests will be conducted before and during the competition to ensure compliance.

Athletes requiring the use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method during the event must apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) through the SEAGF Anti-Doping Committee by the specified deadline (TBC). If an athlete has already been granted a TUE by their National Anti-Doping Organization or International Federation, the SEAGF Anti-Doping Committee will recognize it.

## **17. Approval of the Technical Handbook**

This Technical Handbook was approved by Federation of International Polo (FIP) on **11 May 2025**

Any further amendments to the Technical Handbook shall be circulated via e-mail to the NOCs.



## Appendix



### Federation of International Polo

#### Hold Harmless Statement and Waiver of Intellectual Property Rights Worldwide

I recognize that polo is a dangerous sport. I am knowledgeable and understand the risks of the game of polo. I hereby agree that I participate in the tournament solely at my own risk and I hereby hold harmless any other person or entity including the Federation of International Polo, the host club, the host association or any of the individuals participating in any way in this tournament, for any injuries or damages to me or my property. This is binding upon my family heirs and assigns.

Furthermore, whereas I recognize that several medical insurances do not cover polo, I do hereby certify that I subscribe to, and am validly covered worldwide by, a medical insurance that will cover my medical and surgery expenses, and return journey expenses in case I suffer injury or death caused by a polo incident or accident. I will notify my insurance details to the host association or host club, as applicable, at least ninety (90) days before the beginning of the tournament.

Additionally, I understand that as a player representing a National Polo Association member of FIP, I am subject to doping controls the same as any Olympic athlete (urine analyses, blood tests and other authorized techniques for detecting prohibited substances or methods). These tests would be administered by a representative of WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency), or FIP in conformity with the International Olympic Committee's Anti-Doping Code and I agree to participate in these tests as an athlete in this competition.

I also irrevocably confirm by signing this statement, that I authorize the Federation of International Polo, the host club, the host organization, and the official sponsors of the tournament, to reproduce, represent and/or adapt any photography, video or other medium representing my image or of my personality during a tournament game or during any non-private occasion during the tournament for the following uses: press, edition, expositions, video broadcast or interview, films, promotions via any medium including but not limited to Internet, mobile phones, and I hereby release and give to the above any intellectual property rights worldwide that I may have in this tournament without time limit from this day.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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