



## 32<sup>nd</sup> USM MILO PESTA BOLA JARING - PENANG INTERNATIONAL 2026

### Rules and Regulations PBJ32

- 1- **NAME OF THE COMPETITION:**  
32<sup>nd</sup> USM MILO Pesta Bola Jaring - Penang International 2026
- 2- **ORGANIZER:**  
Sports and Recreation Centre  
Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM),  
Main Campus, Penang
- 3- **DATE OF THE COMPETITION:**  
16th October - 18th October 2026
- 4- **PLACE:**  
Azman Hashim Sports Complex USM and USM Sports Complex,  
Main Campus, Penang
- 5- **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**  
This competition will be conducted according to the current laws of the '**International Netball Federation**' and has been accepted by the Malaysian Netball Association.
- 6- **ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS:**  
In addition to the general regulations above, the Organizing Committee has the right to amend or establish additional regulations, in line with the objectives of organizing the USM netball festival.
- 7- **CATEGORIES COMPETED & PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY:**  
7.1 Eight (8) categories that are contested:-
  - (i) **Women's Veteran**
    - Open to all women from within the country and abroad.
    - Aged 35 years and above (born before or in 1991).
    - Age limit calculated from 1 January 2026.
    - Copy of identity cards must be attached during registration.
  - (ii) **Men's Open**
    - Open to all men from within the country and abroad.
    - No age limit for this category.
  - (iii) **Women's Open**
    - Open to all women from within the country and abroad.
    - No age limit for this category.

- (iv) **Institutions of Higher Learning, IHL (Women's)**
- Open to all full-time women's student Institutions of Higher Learning only from within the country and abroad.
  - Combined Institutions of Higher Learning are not allowed.
  - No age limit for this category.
  - Copy of student matric cards must be attached during registration.
- (v) **Under 18 Years**
- Open to all students under the age limit of 18 years (born in 2008 and above) from within the country and abroad.
  - Age limit calculated from 1 January 2026.
  - Combined participation of schools is allowed.
  - Copy of identity cards must be attached during registration.
- (vi) **Under 15 Years**
- Open to all students under the age limit of 15 years (born in 2011 and above) from within the country and abroad.
  - Age limit calculated from 1 January 2026.
  - Combined participation of schools is allowed.
  - Copy of identity cards must be attached during registration.
- (vii) **Under 12 Years**
- Open to all students under the age limit of 12 years (born in 2014 and above) from within the country and abroad.
  - Age limit calculated from 1 January 2026.
  - Combined participation of schools is allowed.
  - Copy of birth certificates or MyKid must be attached during registration.
- (viii) **Pre-School (Malaysia only)**
- Open to all pre-school students age 4 – 6 years old in Malaysia only.
  - Age limit calculated from 1 January 2026.
  - Combined participation of schools is allowed.
  - Copy of birth certificates or MyKid must be attached during registration.

7.2 Team managers should take note important dates as stated below:

7.2.1 Team Registration and Online-payment : **BEFORE 21 SEPTEMBER 2026**

7.2.2 Players Registration: **BEFORE 9 OCTOBER 2026**

7.3 There will be admin fees (**RM30.00 per player**) imposed for any changes in players registration after **9 October 2026**.

7.4 Players registration can only be made after team registration and online payment has been successfully received.

## **8- PLAYER REGISTRATION:**

8.1 Each team must register:-

8.1.1 (1) Team Manager

8.1.2 (12) Players including substitutes

8.2 Registration must use the official form provided.

8.3 A player can register for one team. If found playing for more than one, both teams will be disqualified.

8.4 Changes to player names are allowed **before 9 October 2026** during team registration. Any application for an amendment/change of a player's name after that date will be charged RM30.00 per player.

8.5 Team Managers are not allowed to play.

## **9- PLAYER SUBSTITUTION:**

- a. Players can be substituted **at any time during the match** and may re-enter in the same match.
- b. Suspended players **cannot** be replaced during their suspension period.

## **10- TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

- a. The competition is team-based.
- b. Groupings:
  - i- The Organizers shall decide on the number of groups and on the number of teams per group. No objection on these matters will be entertained.
  - ii- Groupings will be determined by a draw by the Organizing Committee.
  - iii- Preliminary matches will be conducted in a group league format.
  - iv- Group Winners & Runners-up advance to the next round.
  - v- Quarter-finals onward will be knockout format.
  - vi- The Knockout Phase Chart will also be drawn by the organizers. (Please take note: All fixtures, charts, and updates will be posted on the secretariat's social media. Please follow up with them).

## 11- POINTS & DETERMINING WINNERS:

11.1 Each team participating will be awarded points based on the following Format for the league round:-

- a) Win - 3 points
- b) Draw - 1 point
- c) Loss - 0 point

11.2 In the event of a tie in total points at the end of the league matches, the result of the match between the two teams will determine the winner,

However:-

- i) If the match between the two teams ended in a draw, or if more than two teams have the same number of points at the end of the league, **goal average** will determine the ranking (i.e., total goals scored divided by total goals conceded);
- ii) If the goal average is still equal, then the **goal difference** will be used (i.e., total goals scored minus goals conceded);
- iii) If the ranking is still tied, then the team with the **highest number of goals scored** will be declared the winner.

In the event of a draw during the **quarter-finals, semi-finals, or finals,**

- i) Teams will be given a two (2) minutes break at the end of regular match time;
- ii) Extra time of two (2) halves of two (2) minutes each will be played;
- iii) Teams will switch goal ends, and the match will resume with the team entitled to the next Centre Pass;
- iv) Teams will switch goal ends again at half-time of extra time without a break;
- v) The Centre Pass will be taken by the team entitled to the next Centre Pass;
- iv) If the match is still tied at the end of extra time, play will continue until one team achieves a two (2) goal advantage.

## 12- MATCH DURATION:

- 12.1 The tournament will be conducted over a period of two (2) days.
- 12.2 Each team is required to play more than one match in a single day.
- 12.3 All matches will be conducted according to the schedule set by the Organizing Committee.
- 12.4 All teams scheduled to play must be present at the match court **30 minutes** before the match begins.
- 12.5 The Team Manager or Captain must submit the list of players to the tournament secretariat at the court **30 minutes** before the match begins.
- 12.6 The duration of each match throughout the tournament will consist of **two halves of the 7 minutes** with a **1-minute break** in between.

## 13- MATCH POSTPONEMENT:

The Technical & Tournament Committee will decide the outcome of any matches postponed by the umpire due to unavoidable circumstances.

## 14- BIBS / UNIFORMS:

- 14.1 Each team is required to register **2 sets of bibs and 2 sets of jerseys** in different colors. The letter size on each bib must be **6 inches tall**.
- 14.2 In the event of a color clash before the match, the decision will be made via a **toss of a coin**. (HOME & AWAY)
- 14.3 Track-bottoms or tights with skirts are allowed during the tournament, provide they are **uniform across the team**.

## 15- TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT:

- 15.1 The Organizing Committee will provide **FIGOS balls or equivalent** for the tournament.

## 16- OFFICIATING:

- 16.1 The Organizing Committee will appoint **qualified umpires** throughout the tournament.
- 16.2 The decision of the umpire for each match is **final**.

## 17- PROTESTS:

### Participant Eligibility

- i) Any protest may **only be made by the Team Manager or Team Captain**. The party lodging the protest must provide **solid evidence** to support the protest.
- ii) The party being protested against must **immediately provide proof** during the protest hearing that the participant/player in question is **eligible to play and meets all the qualification requirements**.
- iii) If any team is found to have registered and fielded **ineligible players**, and is found **guilty during the protest hearing**, that team will be declared to have **lost the match**, and the said player will **not be allowed to participate in the remaining matches**.

### Technical and Other Protests

- i) Any protest regarding **technical issues, officiating, or other matters (excluding player eligibility)** must first be made **verbally to the umpire on duty** at the time.
- ii) The protest must then be **submitted in writing** to the **Chairman of the Protest & Disciplinary Committee** no later than **30 minutes after the match ends** (if related to match/technical/officiating or other related matters).
- iii) The **written protest must be signed by the Team Manager** and accompanied by a **deposit of RM500.00 in cash**. This deposit will **not be refunded** if the protest is unsuccessful or rejected.

## 18- PROTEST & DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:

<b>Chairman</b>	:	Chief Advisor of the Tournament or Representative
<b>Secretary</b>	:	Head of Event Management Sector or Representative
<b>Members</b>	:	Technical & Tournament Committee / Representative
	:	Team Registration & Ceremonial Committee / Representative
	:	Umpires Committee / Representative

**19- PRIZES:**

The Tournament Organizing Committee will provide the following prizes:-

CATEGORY	PRIZES			
	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	JOINT THIRD	JOINT THIRD
WOMEN'S VETERAN	MYR 2,000.00	MYR 1,500.00	MYR 800.00	MYR 800.00
MEN'S OPEN	MYR 2,000.00	MYR 1,500.00	MYR 800.00	MYR 800.00
WOMEN'S OPEN	MYR 2,000.00	MYR 1,500.00	MYR 800.00	MYR 800.00
IHL (WOMEN'S)	MYR 1,500.00	MYR 1,000.00	MYR 500.00	MYR 500.00
UNDER 18 YEARS	MYR 1,000.00	MYR 750.00	MYR 500.00	MYR 500.00
UNDER 15 YEARS	MYR 1,000.00	MYR 750.00	MYR 500.00	MYR 500.00
UNDER 12 YEARS	MYR 1,000.00	MYR 750.00	MYR 500.00	MYR 500.00
PRE-SCHOOL	MYR 500.00	MYR 300.00	MYR 250.00	MYR 250.00

Cash prizes, rotating trophies, individual trophies, medals, and merchandise will be awarded

**20- ORGANIZER'S RIGHTS:**

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend or add rules as deemed necessary. All decisions made are **final**.