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3rd University League Set for Kick Off

Doha, 21st October, 2015: The 2015/2016 University League is set to start on Thursday 22nd October at Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development's (QF) Recreation Centre, Pitch 1.

The first match, which will kick off the league this year, will be between Qatar Aeronautical College and Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar at 6pm.

The second match will be between the champions of the last two editions, Qatar University and Northwestern University in Qatar at 7pm.

In its third edition, the University League is part of an on-going collaboration between Qatar Football Association (QFA) and QF, which started in 2013.

The league this year will be held from 22nd October until 4th February where nine colleges and universities across Qatar will battle it out on the field to win cash prizes, medals, and special awards.

A total of 20 matches will be played, with matches held every Thursday with one break between the end of November and mid-January.

The colleges and universities participating in the league include Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Qatar Aeronautical College, Northwestern University in Qatar, Qatar University, University of Calgary in Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, College of the North Atlantic – Qatar, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, and Texas A&M University at Qatar.



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The first place team will receive a cash prize of QAR40,000, second place QAR30,000, and third place QAR20,000. Additionally, three special awards include Top Scorer, Best Goalkeeper, and Best Player. The winners of the special awards will receive a cash prize of QAR5,000.

The QFA's support involves the provision of official referees to officiate the matches under the University League rules and regulations, medals, and cash prizes. A total of 65 footballs will also be provided to help the universities train ahead of their matches.

Hilal Al Mohannadi, Head of Development - School and University League in QFA, commented: "We are very excited to kick off the third edition of the highly anticipated league and wish all the teams the best of luck this year. I would like to thank all the colleges and universities taking part in the league this year. We invite all the students, faculties, and families to attend the matches and cheer for their team."

He added: "The University League is another demonstration of QFA's commitment to ensure greater community participation in football and physical activity at the university level. This league plays a vital role in developing football amongst university students and accomplishes QFA's objective to educate university students in Qatar about the benefit of adopting a healthy lifestyle through playing football."

Abdulla Rashid Al Naemi, Community Lifestyle Director, Qatar Foundation, also commented on the partnership, saying: "We are once again delighted to be collaborating with Qatar Football Association. Through this agreement, we are aiming to encourage the local community to have healthy and active lifestyles. Together, we are using football as a vehicle for change."

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Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

QF’s work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar’s innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar’s heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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