

# SHRI T.A PAI MEMORIAL U-18 BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2023-2024



The Shri T.A. Pai Memorial U-18 Boys Football Tournament for the academic year 2023-24 was successfully organized by T.A. Pai Management Institute (TAPMI), Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education & Sports, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Bengaluru. The tournament aimed to promote sportsmanship, teamwork, and healthy competition among young football enthusiasts. The matches were held from 09 Nov 2023 to 11 Nov 2023, attracting teams participated from various schools in the Karnataka state.



The tournament followed a league cum knockout format. Teams competed in closely contested matches, with each game providing a platform for the young athletes to exhibit their skills and dedication to the sport.







The tournament kicked off with a spectacular inauguration ceremony graced by the presence of a distinguished chief guest *Dr. Raghavendra Prabhu, Deputy Registrar, MAHE Bengaluru*, a renowned personality in the field of sports. The chief guest's illustrious presence added prestige to the event and set the tone for an exciting tournament.

The atmosphere was further charged with enthusiasm when the Tournament Convenor *Dr. Aditya Mohan Jadhav, Dean- TAPMI Bengaluru*, took the stage to address the players, coaches, officials, and spectators. He expressed gratitude for the overwhelming participation and set the tone for the tournament with words that resonated with passion and dedication.



Adding to the fervor, Directors and Heads from various departments (*Dr. Navaneetha Krishnan, Associate Dean from TAPMI Bengaluru, Mr. Basavaraj, DDGS, Mr. Gaurav Yadav, Deputy Director - Admission, Ms. Akila Poduval, Head - HR, Ms. Divyadarshini, Deputy Manager -Admission, Mr. Prashanth, Head - IT, Mr. Glenn Edberg Crasta, Purchase Executive, and Mr. Preetham, Senior Executive.*) took the opportunity to encourage and motivate the young players. Their presence underscored the importance of sports in the overall educational experience and athletic excellence.





An added layer of professionalism and credibility was brought to the tournament by the active involvement of officials from the Karnataka State Football Association. Their expertise and experience in officiating football matches added a significant dimension to the competition, ensuring fair play and adherence to the rules throughout the three days of the tournament.



Ensuring the physical well-being of the young athletes throughout the tournament was paramount. To this end, physiotherapists from *Manipal College of Health Professions, Bengaluru* played a crucial role. These dedicated professionals were on hand to provide immediate assistance in the event of injuries, ensuring the players received prompt and expert care.

The valedictory ceremony began with a warm welcome to the enthusiastic audience, including players, coaches, officials, and honored guests. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation as everyone awaited the announcement of the tournament's top performers.



Prof. S. Mahadevan, TAPMI Bengaluru a distinguished Guest, Dr. Raghavendra Prabhu, Deputy Registrar, MAHE Bengaluru, Prof. Aditya Mohan Jadav, Dean, TAPMI Bengaluru, and Prof. Kshamta Sharma, delivered an insightful address, commending the participants for their dedication and applauding the organizers for fostering a culture of healthy competition. Prof. Aditya Mohan Jadav, Dean, TAPMI Bengaluru highlighted the importance of such tournaments in nurturing the future of Indian football.



**St. Claret PU College**



**NPS, Ranebennur**



**DPS, EAST**



**DPS, NORTH**



The winners of the tournament were officially announced. The St.Claret PUC which emerged Champions of the Tournament displayed exceptional skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship, and took the center of the field to receive the championship trophy amid cheers and applause. The runner-up (NPS, Ranebennur) Second runner-up (DPS, East), and third Runner-up (DPS, North) positions were then announced, Acknowledgment was also given to the team's secured position. Each team was applauded for their commendable efforts, and they received trophies along with the Cash Awards *Rs.50,000, Rs.40,000, Rs.20,00, and Rs.10,000* as a token of appreciation for their remarkable performances.

In addition to team recognitions, individual awards for Best Player and Best Goalkeeper were announced. The outstanding players received their respective awards, acknowledging their exceptional contributions to the tournament.



The contribution of coaches and support staff was not overlooked. Certificates of appreciation and tokens of gratitude were presented to the coaches and support staff for their tireless efforts in mentoring and preparing the teams for the tournament.





During the ceremony, the volunteers were honored with custom-designed T-shirts bearing the emblem of the tournament. Every individual volunteer was highlighted for their outstanding efforts. Whether it was assisting with logistics, managing crowd control, or ensuring the smooth flow of events, each volunteer's unique contribution was acknowledged.



Throughout the three-day tournament, Amid the on-field action, the tournament also witnessed special moments off the field. Candid shots of players bonding, coaches strategizing, and volunteers working tirelessly captured the essence of the event—a true celebration of the footballing community. A collage of behind-the-scenes moments, showcasing the camaraderie and teamwork that extended beyond the football pitch.

