

Teams taking part in UMS nine-a-side football urged to confirm participation early

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KOTA KINABALU: Teams have been urged to confirm their participation early for the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Sports Centre-organised nine-a-side open football tournament.

The tournament, which will be held in conjunction with the UMS Convocation, will take place from November 18-19.

Mohd Asyraf Fong Abdullah, the Sports Centre director, said the competition would be limited to 32 teams only this year.

"So far thirty-three teams have taken up the entry forms but only seven have returned and confirmed their participation.

"Last year we had 49 teams taking part but for this year, we will only accept a maximum of 32 teams.

"This is to ensure a smooth running of the tournament," he was quoted in a text message



Mohd Asyraf

yesterday.

For the record, the tournament will take place

on natural grass surface field and synthetic pitch, so that the public could experience the facility offered at UMS.

The tournament format will see the teams play in the Winner's Pool and Loser's Pool, which will be decided after the completion of their opening games.

Cash prizes totalling close to RM10,000 will be up for grabs apart from trophies and medals.

Asyraf went on to remind interested teams that the closing date is on November 16. The entry fee per team is RM280.

The team managers' meeting will be conducted on November 17.

For further information on the tournament, contact Syairah Asilah at 017-3361901, Ramlan Rashid at 014-8926342 or Azman Soaibah at 016-8207479.