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## UMS limits number of 9-aside entries

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**KOTA KINABALU:** The organiser of the University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Convocation Open 9-aside Football Tourney taking place next month, has decided to limit the number of entries to 32 teams.

Organising chairman cum UMS Sports Centre Director, Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah said that the limitation to only 32 teams taking part is to ensure better tournament management.

"Last year we had a record of 49 teams taking part in the tournament

which has been handful to the organising committees and caused minor miscommunication.

"Therefore, we have decided to have a 32 teams limit for the tournament this year to ensure all teams that participating a smooth sailing competition," he said when contacted, yesterday.

Asyraaf also added that at the moment 33 forms have been distributed to interested teams where seven teams have confirmed their participation in the tournament.

"I urge all the teams that have received the entry form to submit as

soon as possible because we will accept on a first come first basis rule," he concludes.

The tournament is hosted by UMS Sports Centre to be played from November 18 to 19 at the university's football fields and also its state-of-the-arts synthetic field.

The tournament is held as one of the activities taking place during the university's convocation week where cash prizes worth RM10,000 plus trophies and medals are up for grab.

The public is also invited to come and witness not only the football tournament but also other activities

including the Tamu Gadang Festival organised by the Students Welfare Department.

The annually held tourney uses two formats which are the Winner Pool and Loser Pool.

Interested teams must submit their entries as late as November 16 including the registration fee of RM280 while the team managers' meeting will be held on November 17.

For more information about the tournament, do contact Syairah Asilah at 017-336 1901, Ramlan Rashid at 014-892 6342 or Azman Soaibah at 016-820 7479.