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## Zallaq shown red card

*The team banned from participating in the “League of Khalid Bin Hamad” for two seasons*



Players in action during a game

● **Players aired verbal and racist abuse during the match**

● **Match was cancelled after things spiralled out of control**

● **Higher Organising Committee banned several players**

● **Zallaq won the third edition of the championship in 2015**

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**Z**allaq youth centre was handed down a two-season ban by the ‘Khaled bin Hamad’ football league for flouting fair play regulations.

The team was also given a 500 dinars fine by the Supreme Organising Committee of the ‘Khaled Bin Hamad’ sixth indoor football league according to item No. (17) of the league list.

Sources told the ‘Tribune’ that ban was triggered by the unfortunate incidents occurred during the match between Zallaq Youth Centre and Sanad Youth Centre during the semi-finals on 3 August 2018.

During the game, “a number of players aired verbal and racist abuses at other players which resulted in the scuffle getting out of control and in the cancellation of the game,” sources said.

Announcing the decision, the committee warned all the participating teams in stringent terms not to

repeat such unfortunate behaviour, “which is very far from the spirit of sports”.

“This sort of attitude is not familiar to the Bahraini society which is known for national unity and cohesion,” the statement said.

**Several players banned**

The high organising committee of ‘Khalid bin Hamad’ also banned Zallaq Youth Centre player, Ahmed Mohammed Khallaf Khashaam, permanently, and debarred him from all activities of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs.

The committee suspended players of Sanad Youth Centre Mohammed al-Sanadi and Mohammed Ibrahim Mahdi until further notice. Goal-keeper of Sanad Youth Centre, Ali Abdul Nabi Al Khayaat, was also banned from playing, until further notice.

The committee also banned team administrator at Zallaq Youth Centre, Rizk Za’aal and player Hamad Eissa until further notice.

The Sanad Youth Centre won the first quarter-finals of the indoor football championship, after beating Safra Youth Centre team by four goals to nil, in a match at Khalifa City Sports Hall.

Whilst Zallaq Youth Centre team managed to snatch the qualification after beating the Salmabad team with four goals to two.

The two teams faced each other in the past in the fourth tournament competition in 2017, and that match was ranked

as the strongest both technically and tactically. It ended with a 1-1 draw, which was decided with a penalty kick for Sanad.

The Zallaq Youth Centre team won the tournament in its third edition, in 2015, after beating Salmabad Youth Centre team with six goals against one, in the final.

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