

## Tournament Rules



**1. Rules.**

All matches shall be played in accordance with the regulations of the 'International Football Association Board' as issued by FIFA and with the rules of the DFB. The above mentioned organizer has the necessary permission to host the tournament from the DFB. In case of translation errors, the tournament rules in German language apply. Official language of the tournament is German.

The Tournament organizer will nominate a tournament committee, which will be responsible for all arrangements during the competition.

For the categories U9, U10 and U11 playing on the small pitches, there are some additional rules that have to be respected. The U12+ 13 category will be played with 9 players (8 outfield + one goalkeeper). The tournament rules still apply.

**Referees.**

All matches will be umpired by referees associated to the DFB.

**Teams**

Only teams with permission of their national football association are allowed to participate in this tournament.

**Team leader**

Each team must be accompanied by an adult team leader/Coach older than 18 years. The name, address and date of birth of this adult have to be mentioned on the player list. The team leader is responsible for the sportsmanlike and fair behavior of his players during the game and on the whole sports facility. The team leader has to be present at any time, when his team is on the sports ground.

**Categories/Dispensations:**

Players born on or after the

| Kategorie | Jahrgang   | Anzahl Spieler | Kategorie | Jahrgang   | Anzahl Spieler | the tournament organizer authorizes the following exceptions: In every game two players can play, who are one year older |
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| U 12      | 01.01.2006 | 9 : 9          | U 17      | 01.01.2001 | 11 : 11        |  |
| U 11      | 01.01.2007 | 7 : 7          | U 15      | 01.01.2003 | 11 : 11        |  |
| U 10      | 01.01.2008 | 7 : 7          | U 14      | 01.01.2004 | 11 : 11        |  |
| U 9       | 01.01.2009 | 7 : 7          | U 13.     | 01.01.2005 | 9 : 9          |  |

**2. Control:**

Before the beginning of each tournament day, the team leader has to hand over a players list to the Tournament administration, on which each player is listed by name, passport number, date of birth and shirt number. Each player must own an official allowance to play or an ID card, which has to be presented on request of the Tournament administration immediately. On each tournament day, these documents will be collected by the tournament administration if necessary.

**3. Placing after preliminary rounds.**

The final positions of the teams in the preliminary rounds will be determined by the amount of points attained. The point system applied will be: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss.

In the case that multiple teams end with the same amount of points, the following ranking will be applied: 1. Goal difference, 2. the most attained goals, 3. the score of the direct match, 4. penalty kicks.

**Intermediate rounds:**

In case of a draw, there will be a penalty-shootout according to the rules of FIFA. Penalty-shootouts take place on a specific declared pitch.

**Placing-Finals:**

In case of a draw, there will be a penalty-shootout according to the rules of FIFA.

**4. Playing time.**

The playing time of both preliminary matches and finals is set to 1 x 25 minutes.

**5. Matches.**

At least 5 minutes before the start of each Match, the team leader has to announce his team at the Tournament administration near the pitch. 5 players (including one goalkeeper) according to the players list can be replaced per game. A player's replacement, that has been registered and permitted by the referee, is only possible in game-breaks. In the U9, U10, U11 and U12 a quick replacement is permitted during the whole match.

Every team is obliged to bring a second choice of contrasting color jersey. If the referee decides before the start of the game, that the jersey colors of both teams are too similar, the former team has to play in its second choice jerseys or wear bibs.

**6. Discipline.**

According to FIFA rules, the referee can discipline a player with a yellow card, a 5-minute time penalty or a sending-off (red card). There is no order of penalties specified. Players sent off the pitch, even after a time penalty, may not be replaced in this game and during this time, respectively. A player, who has been sent off the pitch, is suspended for the next game.

After consulting the tournament committee (tournament administration, coordination "Euro Sportring", chief referee), the tournament administration possesses the possibility to impose longer penalties after serious infringements. In case a player is sent off the pitch or is given a caution or time penalty, the referee will inform the tournament committee immediately after the end of the match. The tournament committee will send all misconduct reports of players or team leaders to the team's national football association so that these reports will reach the responsible national or regional associations.

The scores of preliminary matches will be declared invalid in the case of:

- The concerning team uses an unauthorized player;
- The referee has to abort the game due to the behavior of a team.
- If one of the teams does not appear to a match or reaches the pitch 10 minutes delayed, the match will be considered as lost with 0:3.

In the intermediate and final rounds the concerning team loses with 0:3 in the cases mentioned above.

**Protest**

Protests concerning the decisions of the referee are not allowed. Protests concerning other matters have to be submitted to the tournament administration by the team leader in written form no later than 15 minutes after the match.

The tournament committee also makes the decisions in cases that are not foreseen in these tournament rules. The decisions of the tournament committee are final.

**7. Schedule.**

The tournament committee has the right to alter the competition schedule in case of unpredictable circumstances.

**8. Responsibility.**

All teams are responsible for an adequate insurance of the players. The tournament organizers and Euro-Sportring are not responsible for damages, loss or theft of possessions and equipment of participants or clubs. They are also not responsible for personal harm or injury to participants.