

GENERAL TOURNAMENTS REGULATIONS SEASON 2024 / 2025

I. Organizer:

Tournament Organizers are Sport Agency "Around the Sport" and Association "Wokół Sportu" located Al. Armii Krajowej 8a/6, 50-541 Wrocław, Poland.

II. Age categories:

U07/4	players born on/after	1.01.2018.
U08/5	players born on/after	1.01.2017.
U09/5	players born on/after	1.01.2016.
BT U09/7	players born on/after	1.01.2016 (valid only for Balaton Trophy)
U10/7	players born on/after	1.01.2015.
U11/7	players born on/after	1.01.2014.
U12/9	players born on/after	1.01.2013.
U13/9	players born on/after	1.01.2012.
U14/11	players born on/after	1.01.2011.
U15/11	players born on/after	1.01.2010.
U17/11	players born on/after	1.01.2008.
U19/11	players born on/after	1.01.2006.

The organizer reserves the right to merge age categories in the case of a small number of teams.

III. Participants:

- **1.** The teams which registered the tournament, paid the fees according to the "General Information and Terms and Conditions" and provided the team squad that meets the age limit.
- **2.** The Team Leader / Coach (must be an adult), by signing the team players form, accepts these regulations and confirms that:
- is responsible for the players during the tournament
- parents of the participating players have agreed to their participation in the competition
- all players have valid medical examinations and have no other contraindications to participate in the tournament
- players meet the age limit
- ensured appropriate insurance for players
- takes full responsibility for the behavior of players on the sports complex and other facilities available to the team during the tournament.
- **3.** Player registered to the tournament may only play for one team.
- 4. Girls are allowed to play in boys' teams. Girls are allowed to be one year older than category age limit.
- **5.** In categories U07, U08, U09, it is not allowed to register players older than the age limit (girls one year older are allowed)
- **6.** In categories U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U19 it is allowed to register player (boy or girl) one year older than the category age limit.
- 7. Players are required to have an ID with photo confirming personal data along with the date of birth.

IV. Match:

- **1.** Before the start of the match, the Team Leader / Coach is obliged to provide / check the numbers and names of the players in the game report.
- 2. During the match, the following limits apply to older players simultaneously present on the pitch:
- U07, U08, U09 -> boys only within category age are allowed. Girls can be a year older.
- U10, U11, U12, U13 -> only one older player (boy). No limit for girls one year older
- U14, U15, U17, U19 -> two older players (boys). No limit for girls one year older
- **3.** Teams are required to play in uniform t-shirts with numbers. If both teams have similar color of t-shirts one of the teams is obliged to play in the bibs provided by the organizer. The decision is made by the referee by the drawing.
- **4.** Before or during the match, coaches can request to verify the age of a maximum of 5 players who are suspected of exceeding the age limit for a given age category. Request must be reported to the referee.
- **5.** Submitting a request after the match is over will be considered invalid.
- **6.** Verification of players takes place immediately after the end of the match, the indicated players must present ID with photos confirming their identity and age.
- 7. In case of lack of ID or when verification will confirm that the age limit of the verified players has been exceeded, the match result will be considered as a walkover against the team in which the ineligible players played.
- **8.** After the match, the Team Leader / Coach is obliged to check the result, individual statistics and sign the game report.

V. Laws of the game:

1. All matches will be played in accordance with the Football Rules provided by the International Football Association Board, as issued by FIFA and in accordance with the rules of the Polish Football Association, except for changes introduced below in table:

Age category	U07	U08, U09	U10, U11 U09BT	U12, U13	U14, U15 U17, U19
Size of fields (minimum)	30 x 20 m	40 x 20 m	50 x 30 m	70 x 50 m	Full size
Size of goal	1,6 x 3 or 2 x 3 or 2 x 5	1,6 x 3 or 2 x 3 or 2 x 5	2 x 5 m	2 x 5 m	Laws of the Game
Penalty kick point	From half of the pitch to an empty net	7 m	9 m	9 m	Laws of the Game
Max no. of players	4 x 4 (without goalkeeper)	5 x 5	7 x 7	9 x 9	11 x 11
Substitutions (no limit, return)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Goal Kick	By hand or leg	By hand or leg	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game
Throw-In	By leg (point V.2)	By leg (point V.2)	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game
Restart of play by goalkeeper	-	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game
Free Kick	Goal only from the opponent's half	Goal only from the opponent's half	Goal only from the opponent's half	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game
Corner Kick	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game	Laws of the Game
Offsides	No	No	No (Yes for VT)	Yes	Yes
Size of the ball	3	4	4	4	5
Shin pads	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory
Sport shoes	soft	soft	soft	soft	soft
Goal from a start of play	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Medical examination	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory

- 2. The ball should be passed with the foot on the ground the player cannot score a goal with a direct shot from the sideline, but he is allowed to do so during the next contact with the ball (to recognize the goal, it is not necessary for any other player to touch the ball).
- 3. The points system for the group stage is as follows:
- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 points for loss
- **4.** If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied in the order given to determine their rankings:
- higher number of points obtained in the group matches played among the teams in question
- superior goal difference from the group matches played among the teams in question
- higher number of goals scored in the group matches played among the teams in question
- superior goal difference in all group matches (current stage)
- higher number of goals scored in all group matches (current stage)
- higher number of wins in all group matches (current stage)
- draw
- **5.** Knockout matches. In the case of a draw after regular game time, to determine the winner there is a penalty shootout competition:
- 3 x 3 in category U07 shoot to the empty net from half of the pitch
- 3 x 3 in categories U08, U09, U10, U11
- 5 x 5 in categories U12, U13, U14, U15, U17, U19

VI. Disciplinary regulations:

- 1. Individual penalties in categories U07, U08, U09, U10, U11:
- players are punished with 2-minute penalties. Another player enters the field to replace the suspended player (the teams always play with complete number of players)
- the second 2-minute penalty in the same match for the same player means his exclusion from the game until the end of the match (the teams always play with complete number of players)
- 2. Individual penalties in categories U12, U13, U14, U15:
- players are punished with cards (yellow and red) in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- **3.** In case of extremely unsportsmanlike behavior (dangerous foul, aggressive behavior, spitting on the opponent / other person, use of offensive, offensive language / gestures) the referee may immediately exclude the player from the match (in each age category)
- **4.** A player who was excluded from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct or who receives a direct red card in the match is forced to pause at least in the next team match. In special cases, the Organizer may decide on a higher penalty of suspension, including exclusion from the tournament.
- **5.** The team's result is considered invalid in the case of:
- if team is not shown up for a game without a valid reason,
- when the referee is forced to stop the match due to inappropriate behavior of players, coaches, and fans of the team

In cases mentioned above, the team automatically concerned losses its match with a result 0:3 (walkover). All results of team's matches will be considered as invalid for current stage of the competitions in case the team loses by a walkover at least 50% of planned matches for the stage.

VII. Protests:

Decisions of the referee on all matters related to the game should be considered final, therefore no protests in these matters are accepted. All protests should be reported only by the appropriate team leader to the referee, not later than immediately after the end of the game. The referee is obliged to report a protest to the Tournament Organizers. The Organizers' decision for each protest is final.

VIII. Tournament Information:

No later than during the tournament week, teams will receive a set of documents, including:

- tournament rules
- competition system
- detailed game schedule
- pitch plan & numbering
- information about team and individual awards
- information about team accommodation for teams staying overnight

IX. Marketing consent:

The administrator of personal data is Sport Agency Around the Sport with its registered office at Al. Armii Krajowej 8a/6, 50-541 Wrocław, Poland (hereinafter referred to as the Agency).

- consent to use the logo and name of the club participating in tournaments organized by the Agency for marketing and tournament management purposes.
- consent to use the image of players and coaches for promotional, advertising and marketing purposes in connection with conducting tournaments. The consent covers all forms of publication of materials in folders, posters, leaflets, other printed promotional materials, in the press, on radio and television, on websites and social media. The image of players, coaches and accompanying persons may be used for various forms of electronic image processing without the obligation to accept the final product.
- consent to the Agency's processing of personal data of players and coaches in connection with the team's participation in organized tournaments, including for the purposes of electronic registration and tournament management.

X. Summary:

In matters not included in the current regulations, disputes and others, the final decision will be made by the Organizers in accordance with the spirit of the game and the rules of FAIR PLAY. The Organizers of the tournament have the right to modify the games systems and schedule in case of unexpected circumstances.

Tournament Organizers are not responsible for damage, loss, theft of property or equipment of participants. They are also not responsible for any harm or injuries of the participants.

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