



## GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES 2025 / 2026 SEASON

### I. Organizer:

The organizer of the competition is the Sports Agency "Around the Sport" and the "Association Around Sport" with its registered office at Al. Armii Krajowej 8a/6, 50-541 Wrocław, Poland.

### II. Age categories:

U07/4	players born on/after the day	1.01.2019
U08/5	players born on/after the day	1.01.2018
U09/5	players born on/after the day	1.01.2017
U09/7	players born on/after the day	1.01.2017 (only Balaton Trophy and Wrocław Summer Cup tournaments)
U10/7	players born on/after the day	1.01.2016
U11/7	players born on/after the day	1.01.2015
U12/9	players born on/after the day	1.01.2014
U13/9	players born on/after the day	1.01.2013
U13/11	players born on/after the day	1.01.2013 (only Wrocław Summer Cup tournament)
U14/11	players born on/after the day	1.01.2012
U15/11	players born on/after the day	1.01.2011
U17/11	players born on/after the day	1.01.2009
U19/11	players born on/after the day	1.01.2007

The organizer reserves the right to combine age categories in the event of a small number of teams registering.

### III. Participants:

1. Teams that have registered for the tournament have paid the entry fees in accordance with the "Tournament Team Registration Regulations" and have provided a team roster that meets the age limit.
2. By signing the team's player card, the guardian/coach (an adult) accepts these regulations and confirms that:
  - they are the legitimate guardian of the players during the tournament,
  - the parents/legal guardians of the participating players have consented to their participation,
  - all players have valid medical examinations and have no other contraindications to playing in the tournament,
  - the players meet the age limit in accordance with these regulations,
  - they have provided appropriate insurance for the players,
  - they take full responsibility for the players' conduct within the sports complex and other facilities made available to the team during the tournament.
3. A player registered for the tournament may play on only one team.
4. In the U07, U08, and U09 age categories, girls who are one year older than the age limit may be registered in the boys' teams. In the U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U17, and U19 age categories, girls who are two years older than the age limit may be entered in boys' teams.
5. Teams in the U10, U11, U12, and U13 categories may enter players who are one year older than the age limit (girls may be two years older). Teams in the U14, U15, U17, and U19 categories may enter players who are two years older than the age limit (girls may be two years older).
6. All players are required to have a photo ID confirming their personal information, including their date of birth, during the tournament.
7. Tournament participants are required to have their own health insurance.
8. By participating in the tournament, the Coach/Guardian declares that they are aware of the health status of their players and confirms that they have current medical examinations.

#### IV. Match:

1. Before the start of the match, the team's guardian/coach is required to provide/check the players' numbers and details in the match report. Before the tournament begins, the guardian/coach is required to provide the team's roster, including dates of birth, using the registration form received via email.
2. During the match, there are limits on the number of older players (boys) allowed on the pitch at one time:  
U07, U08, U09 -> boys only within the age group limit. There is no limit for girls one year older.  
U10, U11, U12, U13 -> one older player. There is no limit for girls one year older.  
U14, U15, U17, U19 -> two older players. There is no limit for girls one year older.
3. Teams are required to wear uniforms with numbers on their jerseys. If both teams have similar colored jerseys, one team is required to wear markers provided by the organizer. A draw conducted by the referee will be decisive.
4. Before or during the match, coaches have the right to submit a request to the referee to verify the age of up to three players suspected of exceeding the age limit for a given age category.
5. Submitting a request after the match has ended will be deemed invalid.
6. Player verification takes place immediately after the match by the designated players presenting photo identification and age confirmation. The coaches of the teams concerned, the referee, or the organizer/a delegated person must be present for the verification.
7. In the absence of documentation or confirmation of the age limit being exceeded by the verified players, the match result will be adjusted as a forfeit against the team in which the ineligible players played.
8. After the match, the team's supervisor/coach is obligated to check the result, individual statistics, and sign the match report.

#### V. Game rules:

1. All matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game of Football as defined by the International Federation of Association Football, approved by FIFA and applied by the Polish Football Association, except for any changes introduced to these regulations by the organizer:

Age category	U07	U08, U09	U10, U11, U09 BT	U12, U13	U14, U15, U13 WSC
Pitch size minimum)	30 x 20 m	40 x 20 m	50 x 30 m or 65 x 40 m	65 x 40 m or 70 x 50 m	Full size
Penalty area size (minimum)	7 x 10 m	9 x 10 m	9 x 15 m	9 x 16 m	Law the games
Goal size	1,6 x 3 m or 2 x 3 m or 2 x 5 m	1,6 x 3 m or 2 x 3 m or 2 x 5 m	2 x 5 m or 2 x 6 m	2 x 5 m or 2 x 6 m	Law the games
Penalty kick point	Into an empty goal from halfway down the pitch	9 m	9 m	9 m	Law the games
Max number of players in the match	4 x 4 (without keeper)	5 x 5	7 x 7 or 8 v 8	8 v 8 or 9 x 9	11 x 11
Unlimited and return substitutes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Resuming play from the sideline	By leg (V.2 point)	By leg (V.2 point)	Law the games	Law the games	Law the games
Goal kick	Throw-in or pass with the foot from a stationary ball	Throw-in or pass with the foot from a stationary ball	Law the games	Law the games	Law the games
Free kick (5m wall)	Goal only from the opponent's half	Goal only from the opponent's half	Law the games	Law the games	Law the games
Corner	Law the games	Law the games	Law the games	Law the games	Law the games
Offside	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Ball size	4	4	4	4	5

<b>Shin guards</b>	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory
<b>Shoes</b>	soft	soft	soft	soft	soft
<b>Kick-off goal</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Medical exams</b>	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory	obligatory

*BT - Balaton Trophy tournament WSC - Wroclaw Summer Cup tournament*

- The ball must be kicked in or passed from a stationary position. The kicker cannot score a goal directly from the touchline, but they can do so on the second and subsequent touches. The opponent must be at least 2 meters away from the ball.
- The group stage scoring system is as follows:
  - 3 points for a win
  - 1 point for a draw
  - 0 points for a loss
- If two or more teams finish the competition with an equal number of points, the standings will be determined by:
  - number of points earned in matches between the teams concerned
  - greater goal difference in matches between the teams concerned
  - greater number of goals scored in matches between the teams concerned
  - greater goal difference in all matches in a given stage of the competition
  - greater number of goals scored in all matches in a given stage of the competition
  - greater number of wins in a given stage of the competition
  - penalty shootout between the teams concerned
  - drawing of lots
- Knockout matches. In the event of a draw after regulation time, a penalty shootout will be held to determine the winner:
  - 3 x 3 in the U07, U08, U09, U10, U11, U12, U13 age categories
  - 5 x 5 in the U14, U15, U17, U19 age categories
- In groups with a different number of teams (e.g., Group A 5 teams, Group B 6 teams), the standings are determined solely by the number of points and goals from the same number of matches. In groups with more teams, the result of the match against the last-place team is not taken into account.

#### **VI. Disciplinary issues:**

- Individual penalties in the U07, U08, U09, U10, and U11 categories:
  - Players are penalized with 2-minute suspensions. Another player is substituted for the suspended player (teams always play with a full complement of players).
  - A second 2-minute suspension in the same match for the same player results in their suspension for the remainder of the match. Another player is substituted for the suspended player (teams always play with a full complement of players).
- Individual penalties in the U12, U13, U14, U15, U17, and U19 categories:
  - Players are penalized with cards (yellow and red) in accordance with the rules of the game.
- In the event of exceptionally unsportsmanlike conduct (dangerous fouls endangering the health of a player, aggressive behavior, spitting at an opponent/other person, using insulting or offensive language/gestures, racist gestures), the referee may immediately issue a suspension (in any age category).
- A player who is sent off for unsportsmanlike conduct or receives a direct red card during the match will be forced to suspend at least the team's next match. The organizer may decide on a longer suspension, including expulsion from the tournament.
- A team's result will be declared null and void in the following cases:
  - if the team fails to arrive for the match without a valid reason,
  - if the referee is forced to abandon the match due to inappropriate behavior by players, team officials, or fans.

In the cases described above, the team automatically loses the match 0-3 (forfeit). All matches of the team in a given phase will be declared null and void if the team receives forfeits in at least 50% of its scheduled matches in that phase.
- In the event of inappropriate behavior by fans/parents or coaches/guardians, the match referee or tournament organizer may end the match with a forfeit in favor of the opposing team, or a mutual forfeit if both teams fail to comply with the rules. This may result in:
  - fans/parents being banned from entering the sports facility

- team being expelled from the tournament
- in extreme cases, where fans/parents or coaches/guardians pose a threat to the safety, health, or life of other tournament participants, the team may be removed from the tournament and the appropriate security services may be notified of the incident.

#### **VII. Protests:**

The referee's decisions on all matters related to the game are final and binding; therefore, protests in these matters are not accepted. All protests should be submitted only by the appropriate team coach/manager to the referee, no later than immediately after the end of the match. The referee is obligated to report the protest to the Tournament Organizers. The Organizers' decision on any protest is final and binding.

#### **VIII. Tournament info:**

No later than the week of the tournament, teams will receive a complete set of documents dedicated to the tournament, including: - tournament rules

- tournament system
- detailed game schedule
- field plan
- information about game times
- information about team and individual awards
- information about team accommodation for teams using overnight accommodations

#### **IX. Marketing consents:**

The personal data controller is the Sports Agency Around the Sport, located at Al. Armii Krajowej 8a/6, 50-541 Wrocław, Poland (hereinafter referred to as the Agency).

- Consent to the use of the logo and name of the club participating in tournaments organized by the Agency for marketing purposes and tournament management.
- Consent to the use and dissemination of the image of players and coaches for promotional, advertising, and marketing purposes in connection with the tournaments. This 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 on 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 processing of personal data of players and coaches by the Agency in connection with the team's participation in tournaments organized by the Agency, including for the purposes of electronic registration and tournament management.

#### **X. Summary:**

In matters not covered in the regulations, disputes, or other matters, the Organizers will make the final decision in accordance with the spirit of the game and the principles of FAIR PLAY. The Tournament Organizers reserve the right to modify the system and schedule of games in the event of unexpected circumstances.

The Tournament Organizers are not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of participants' property or equipment. They are also not liable for any harm or injury to participants. During the tournament, all locker rooms at the facilities serve as changing rooms and are not locked. The Organizer is not responsible for lost or left items in the locker rooms. The Tournament Organizer is not responsible for participant insurance. Each participant is responsible for their own insurance.



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