

Tournament Rules

I. Tournament rules

1. A win is worth three points; a draw is worth one point.
2. If two or more teams in a group have the same number of points, their relative positions are determined as follows:
 1. Results of matches between the teams concerned.
 2. Goal difference in all matches
 3. Goals scored in all matches
 4. Penalty shoot out
3. Number of players: There is no limit as to how many players teams can bring to Eurogames, Bern. Between the matches teams can substitute as many players (registered in the tournament) as they wish.
4. A player is only allowed to play for one team during the tournament.
5. All players must wear numbered shirts. If you do not have numbered shirts, please inform us on arrival in Eurogames.
6. Two sets of team shirts in two different colours must be brought to each game.
7. The teams must bring their own footballs for warming up.
8. Protests must be submitted no later than 30 min. after the end of the match. A fee of Euro 100 must accompany the protest. This fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. All protests and complaints shall be made to the Tournament Committee, whose decision is final and binding.
9. All disputes will be determined by the official tournament committee.

II: Laws of the game

1. All matches at Eurogames, Bern 2023 will be played under the rules of the International Football Association Board (IFAB) unless otherwise is stated here.
2. Match duration:
 - o normal tournament - 7-a-side: 2 x 20 minutes
 - o normal tournament - 11-a-side: 2 x 30 minutes
3. The ball:
 - o size 5: all classes
4. The teams must be ready dressed and ready to play at the ground 20 minutes before kick-off. If a team is not on the field of play and ready to start a match within 8 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, this team will forfeit the match. The tournament management can, however, dispense with this rule and decide that the match is to be played at a later time, in which case the result of this rescheduled match will be valid in the tournament.
5. If both teams are wearing the same colours, the first-named team must change.
6. Number of players:
 - o 7-a-side: 7 + 5 substitutes
 - o 11-a-side: 11 + 5 substitutes
7. Substitutions:

Substitutions can only be made during a break in play and only with the referee's permission. Rolling substitution (re-entry of a player) is allowed
8. Disciplinary sanctions

- A player that gets cautioned (yellow card) will automatically be suspended from the match for 5 minutes.
 - Two bookings in one match will result in a sending off (red card) for the rest of the match. The player will be included in the referee's match report and the player will automatically be suspended for the next match.
 - A direct red card results in a sending off for the rest of the match, and the player will be included in the referee's match report and will automatically be suspended in the next match. Following evaluation of the referee's match report, the Tournament Committee can decide to impose a suspension of more than one match. Serious offences will be reported to the national football association of the country of the club concerned.
9. Suspended players:
Players that have been suspended from the game by a red card – no matter if it is the result of a second yellow card or a direct red card – will automatically be suspended for the next match of their team.
It is in the responsibility of the team not to use a player during a suspension. On violation of the rule, the game will be counted as a loss for that team by 0:3, the opposing team will be counted as winner by 3:0.

Special rules

7-a-side

1. Offside rule doesn't apply on small pitches.
 2. The kick off can be kicked in any given direction.
 3. Distance at free kicks: 7 Meter
 4. Penalty: the penalty kick has to be executed 8 meters away from the goal line in the middle of the goal.
- All free kicks are direct free kicks. However, if a free kick is awarded to the attacking team in the opponent's penalty area, which according to the Laws of the Game is an indirect free kick, the free kick has to be taken outside of the penalty area, closest to where the free kick is awarded.

Mixed teams

In the 7vs7 mixed tournament, a maximum of 4 male-identified players are allowed on the field at any given time (excluding the goalkeeper).