



Article 1:

All players taking part in the football tournament must have a licence to play football from their football federation, an identity card or a passport and must be born between the 1st of January 2007 and 31st of December 2008. These documents must be handed out before the first match by the teams concerned in order to issue the score sheet. NB: any other document, even official ones (Train card, student card, etc...) will not be taken into consideration to allow taking part in the tournament.

Article 2:

Each club or selection cannot have more than 16 players during the tournament. Clubs are allowed to use 6 players that don't belong to their club, granted that they have a licence from their federation, an identity card, or a passport, as well as a written authorisation from their present club.

Article 3:

The schedule and the hours are to be strictly respected for the successful running of this sporting event. Except in cases of force majeure, a maximum of 10 minutes delay from the scheduled time can be allowed. If a team is still not present after the 10 minutes delay, the opposite team will win by forfeit with a score of 3-0.

Article 4:

The matches will be played according to the rules of the French Football Federation except for the temporary suspension following a yellow card (see article 5). Four replacements per match are allowed. A player who is replaced, can no longer take part in the match currently in progress. During the pool matches, the points are given as follows:

Won match: 4 pts

Draw: 2 pts

Lost match: 1 pt

Forfeit: 0 pt

Article 5:

A player, who receives a warning during the match in progress (yellow card), is systematically excluded from the field for a duration of 5 minutes. His team will continue the match with one less player during that period. Once the temporary exclusion is over, the player can resume his position, have the ball back in play after the referee agrees to do so, and he can carry on with the match.

Article 6:

A player, who is kicked out of a match (1 red card or 2 yellow cards), or at the end of a match, is punished with one firm suspension from at least one match, which is automatically applies to the next match. The organizing committee reserves the right to increase the sanction in case of a serious breach.

Article 7:

The 24 teams are divided up into pools of 6. Each team will play the other teams within their pool according to the championship method. The matches last two periods of 15 minutes. If the scores are equal at the end of the rankings, the winning teams will be chosen as follows:

Best scoring difference

Best attack

Field goal attempt according to the French Football Federation rules.

In first phase, the 20 teams are divided up into pools of 4. Each team will play the other teams within their pool according to the championship method. The matches last two periods of 15 minutes. If the scores are equal at the end of the rankings, the winning teams will be chosen as follows:

- Best particular scoring difference (applying to the game of the 2 equal teams)
- Best general scoring difference (applying to all the games of the pool)
- Best attack
- Best defense
- Youngest team (calculated on the average age of the 16 players registered to the competition).

Article 8:

Each team will supply two sets of distinct jerseys and the colours they choose will have to be communicated to the organizing committee. The team designated as first in the order of matches will be considered as "receiving".

Article 9:

An official presentation of all teams to the public will be held on Wednesday 20th of April at 7.30pm at Joseph Geoffroy Stadium. The players will wear a tracksuit or the colours of their clubs. Likewise, the ending ceremony will be held on Saturday 23rd of April, at 6.30pm in presence of all the participating teams.

Article 10:

According to their ranking in the pools of 1st phase, the teams will be arranged in the following order for 2nd phase:

- the first of each pool and the 3 best second of all the pools will join 2 pools of 4 teams: pool F and pool G.
- the 2 others second of all the pools, the third of each pool and the best fourth of all pools will join 2 pools of 4 teams: pool H and pool I.
- the 4 other teams will joint pool J.

In phase 2, each team will play the 3 other teams of their pool according to the championship method formula. The matches last two periods of 15 minutes. If the scores are equal at the end of the rankings, the winning teams will be chosen as follows:

- Best particular scoring difference (applying to the game of the 2 equal teams)
- Best general scoring difference (applying to all the games of the pool)
- Best attack
- Best défense
- Youngest team (calculated on the average age of the 16 players registered to the competition).

According to their ranking in the pools of phase 2, the teams will be arranged in the following order for final phase:

- The 1st and 2nd team of pool F and the 1st and 2nd team of pool G will qualify for semi-final (from 1st to 4th rank)
- The 3rd and 4th team of pool F and the 3rd and 4th team of pool G will play the ranking from 5th to 8th rank.
- The 1st and 2nd team of pool H and the 1st and 2nd team of pool I will play the ranking from 9th and 12th rank.
- The 3rd team of pool H and the 3rd team of pool I will play against the 2 first teams of pool J (from 13th to 16th rank).
- The 4th team of pool H and the 4th team of pool I will play against the 3rd team and 4th team of pool J (from 17th to 20th rank).

Article 11:

All matches of the final phase will be conducted in 2 periods of 20 minutes each excepted for the 4 final ranking games for podium (from 4th to 1st rank) that will last 2 periods of 25 minutes.

In case of equal score at the end of the games, a series of 5 penalty kicks will be performed by 5 different players. If there is a draw at the end, the penalty kick session continues until one team takes the lead after an equal number of attempts.

Article 12:

A check of licences and identity cards (or passports) will be carried out 15 minutes before each match in the presence of the referee team.

Article 13:

The winner of the tournament will be awarded a trophy that will be kept for a year and put back into play for the next tournament. The team who wins the tournament three times, will keep the trophy for good.

Article 14:

In case of litigation, the organizing committee will be the sole judge entitled to decide during the tournament.