



Rules of the 47th Saint Pierre World Cup



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 2009 and 31st of December 2010. These documents must be handed out before the first match by the teams concerned 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.

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 19th of April at 8.15pm 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 22nd of April, at 6.30pm in presence of all the participating teams.

Article 10:

According to their ranking in the pools, the teams will be arranged in the following order:

- The first of the pool A will be named A1
- The second of the pool A will be named A2
- The third of the pool A will be named A3
- The fourth of the pool A will be named A4
- The fifth of the pool A will be named A5
- The sixth of the pool A will be named A6

The same for pools B, C and D.

The first two teams of each pool will qualify for the quarter final (from 1st to 8th rank). The third and fourth teams of each pool will qualify for the quarter final (from 9th to 16th rank). The fifth and sixth teams of each pool will qualify for the quarter final (from 17th to 24th rank).

Article 11:

All matches (quarter final and semi-final) will be conducted in 2 periods of 20 minutes each. Saturday's finals for the ranking from 24th to 5th will be conducted in 2 periods of 20 minutes each.

Saturday's finals for the podium (ranking from 4th to 1st) will be conducted in 2 periods of 25 minutes.

In case of equal score at the end of the matches, 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.