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AYIA NAPA YOUTH SOCCER FESTIVAL 2025

PARTICIPATION RULES / TERMS & CONDITIONS

General Statement

The tournament organizers will try to operate on the basis as described below but will retain the right to change the program in line with outside influences such as inclement weather, late arrivals and late changes to fixtures or for any other reason.

The program of events can be extended before or after the tournament to meet the team requirements especially of overseas teams.

Teams are obliged to arrive for their games in time so as to avoid delays, complaints or possible disqualifications. Late start of games is not allowed unless caused by serious and unpredictable reasons. In such justified cases and if possible the tournament disciplinary board reserves the right to appoint new time for games to start.

The tournament organizers retain the right to adjust or change any of the tournament rules and regulations at any time prior or during the tournament without any prior notice to teams for the smooth running of the tournament games and the tournament event in general. Such changes will be notified to teams straight after the decision.

THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

Schools and Sports Club academies, private academies or soccer schools, members of official associations and football federations coming from Cyprus or abroad can register in Ayia Napa Youth Soccer Festival. Our tournament does not require any kind of approval or permission for participation from any local or international association. It is therefore the responsibility of the teams themselves to acquire such kind of approval if the association where they possibly belong to has any kind of limitations to tournament participation.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Important Instructions, Dates and Deadlines as below:

- Registration (online only) of Age group teams till deadline date **Wednesday 12th February 2025**. Upon online registration by your club user a confirmation email will be sent to the team's official email address and players' online registration system will be activated.
- Confirmation of participation will be sent upon 50% settlement of the players registrations invoice (minimum prepayment amount EUR150.00 per age group) by the deadline date **Wednesday 5TH March 2025**.
- Groups draw on **Saturday 8th March 2025**.
- Age groups that have not paid the minimum registrations fee for their PLAYERS with in the deadline date of **Wednesday 5TH March 2025**, will not be included in the groups draw set to take place on **Saturday 8th March 2025**.
- Announcement of a preliminary and **unofficial** games schedule to participating teams for confirmations and schedule corrections and special requests satisfaction by **Wednesday 26th April 2025**.
- Publication of **official** games schedule by **Monday 31st March 2025**.
- Full settlement of all financial obligations by deadline date **Wednesday 2nd April 2025**.
- The team online authorized user will be entitled to make changes in the players' lists till the last day prior to the start of the event **Friday 11th April 2025**. With every change payment of player's registration fee will be required and an updated invoice will be emailed to the team.
- Player's T' shirt number is required during the process of online players' registration for all age groups. According to the playing regulations of the tournament for the **11 vs 11** age group categories more than one player cannot have the same t'shirt number playing in the same age and level category team. This does not imply to the rest of the age groups but still players need to have numbered t'shirts.
- Players to be used according to the tournament rules in more than one team of the same academy have to be registered online in all teams rosters by their academy admin. Players registered in more than one age group will only pay registration fee once.
- Children may not be transferred from Eagles to Lions teams. However, it is allowed from Lions to Eagles provided that they have already been declared on the rosters of both teams.
- The registration of Lions football players in the roster of Eagles teams will be possible provided that the roster of the Eagles team is already filled with the minimum necessary number of players for each category, (5 vs 5, 7 vs 7, 9 vs 9).



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- When a player has been assigned to another age group with his/her academy, then the initial (parent) registration also determines the player's status (Lions or Eagles). So if for example the initial registration is in the Eagles division then the player will not be eligible to play in Lions divisions.
- Any deletion, deactivation or activation of the initial registration will then automatically affect all subsequent registrations in the other age groups accordingly.
- Players will be activated and entitled to play upon payment of registration fee and their name will be automatically be printed by the tournament office on the game sheet to be handed to the referee prior to each game.

REGISTRATION FEES

TEAM REGISTRATION FEES (EURO.00)

There is no registration fee for Teams.

PLAYER REGISTRATION FEES (€30,00 + VAT)

(The players registration fee needs to be paid separately and it is in no way included in the total cost of any participation and hotel accommodation package)

Registration fees are fixed per player and needs to be paid for players to be activated and allowed to take part in the tournament event. Players to play in different groups under the same name academy will pay only a single registration fee.

- TEAMS ARE ALLOWED UNLIMITED NUMBER OF PLAYERS PER AGE GROUP
- THE PLAYER FEE REFERS TO ALL CATEGORY LEVELS (EAGLES, LIONS & TIGERS)

Age groups that have not paid the minimum registrations fee for their PLAYERS with in the deadline date of **Wednesday 5TH March 2025**, will not be included in the groups draw set to take place on **Saturday 8th March 2025**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE AND TERMS

In case of untimely or irregular registration / declaration of participation as well as non-compliance with the deadlines and registration procedures of teams and players, the organization may not accept or reject the participation of teams and athletes without any obligation or liability for compensation from any other expenses of the groups and or possible payments for ticket bookings and room reservations for hotel accommodation.

The organizers reserve the right to disallow teams' participation in the tournament or to discontinue or exclude them from the rest of the tournament event without any prior notice in the event of any team



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or player member pending or unpaid financial obligations on the basis of which they have been entitled to participate.

Cancellation of age groups is not by any chance allowed after payment of registration fees or any other participation and accommodation fees. Any amounts paid are not refundable.

Payments of any kind in relation to tournament financial obligations are accepted by online credit card payment, bank transfers or direct deposits to the below account details:
(always include the name of your club or academy in the deposit details)

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

- HELLENIC BANK LTD
- **Customer name / Beneficiary:** MGCM SOCCERWORLD CYPRUS

Account: 484-01-H25021-01 EUR / **IBAN:** CY800050048400048401H2502101 / **BIC:** HEBACY2N

CATEGORIES & AGE GROUP COMPETITIONS

BOYS AGER GROUPS

*(Unlimited number of girls can join in the boys' teams / girls can be up to 1 year over aged)
With regards to age groups bear in mind that for next year age groups to be hosted (January 1st to December 31st) will be as follows:*

For your correct travel and accommodation arrangements note carefully the below starting & ending dates per different age group which will be finalized upon team registrations completion.

GRASSROOTS EDITION (9 VS 9 / 7 VS 7 / 5 VS 5)

Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04

CATEGORY A EAGLES (unlimited number of team participation)

1.	2019	5 vs 5	2 x 20	Saturday 12/04 – Tuesday 15/04
2.	2018	5 vs 5	2 x 20	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04
3.	2017	5 vs 5	2 x 20	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04
4.	2016	7 vs 7	2 x 25	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04
5.	2015	7 vs 7	2 x 25	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04
6.	2014	9 vs 9	2 x 25	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04
7.	2013	9 vs 9	2 x 25	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04
8.	2012	9 vs 9	2 x 25	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04

CATEGORY B LIONS (unlimited number of team participation)

1.	2018	5 vs 5	2 x 20	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04
2.	2017	5 vs 5	2 x 20	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04
3.	2016	7 vs 7	2 x 25	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04
4.	2015	7 vs 7	2 x 25	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04
5.	2014	9 vs 9	2 x 25	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04
6.	2013	9 vs 9	2 x 25	Saturday 12/04 – Wednesday 16/04

LIONS CATEGORIES (THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE)

- The LIONS category relates to the participation of theoretically lower level football teams in separate tournament groups and separate games and applies to the age categories from 2013 to 2018. There will be no LIONS separate groups in age group 2012 (9 vs 9) and the younger age category of 2019. For 2012 there is the option of 11 vs 11 edition to be held on **Monday 14/04 – Thursday 17/04**.
- It is also forbidden for previous year lions competitions finalist teams to enter this year's LIONS competitions, provided that they still have almost the same roster with previous year.
- The same competition rules and regulations as set out in our rules & regulations publication will apply to both category competitions (Eagles & Lions).
- It is strictly forbidden to use or move EAGLES players to LIONS. However, Lions players can play in Eagles groups as described above in the registration process details.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

It is strictly forbidden to move players from EAGLES to LIONS.

GIRLS COMPETITIONS (Girls exceptionally can be registered to play both in girls and boys age groups competitions under different name academies.)

U18 GIRLS 11 vs 11 (2 x 30) SUNDAY 13/04 - TUESDAY 15/04

The right to participate in the Girls' Championship will be granted to female players who have not exceeded the age of 18 by 01/01/2025, i.e., those born on 01/01/2007 or later.

3. As an exception, up to three (3) players born in 2006 will be allowed to participate. Clubs can register an unlimited number of players, but only three (3) players from 2006 may play simultaneously on the field. A different player born in 2006 can enter the game when a substitution is made, according to the rules of the game.

Unlimited number of girls can be declared.

U15 GIRLS 11 vs 11 (2 x 30) SUNDAY 13/04 - TUESDAY 15/04

The right to participate in the Girls' K-15 Championship will be granted to female players who have not exceeded the age of 15 by 01/01/2025, i.e., those born on 01/01/2010 or later.

As an exception, four (4) players born on 01/01/2009 or later will be allowed to participate. Each team can have an unlimited number of players born in 2009 on their roster, but only four (4) can play simultaneously. A different player born in 2009 can enter the game when a substitution is made, according to the rules of the game.

Unlimited number of girls can be declared.

U13 GIRLS 9 vs 9 (2 x 25) SUNDAY 13/04 - TUESDAY 15/04

The right to participate in the Girls' K-13 Championship will be granted to female players who have not exceeded the age of 13 by 01/01/2025, i.e., those born on 01/01/2012 or later.

As an exception, up to two (2) players older than 13 years old (as of 01/01/2025) will be allowed to participate. Each team can have an unlimited number of players born in 2011, but only two (2) can play simultaneously. That is, those born on 01/01/2011 or later.

Unlimited number of girls can be declared.

Goal Kick

Goal kicks must not be executed before the opposing team returns to the center of the field. To consider the ball "in play" after the goal kick and to continue the game, the ball must exit the penalty area and land with a teammate of the kicker in their own half of the field.

Ball Re-entry & Return to Goalkeeper

The same applies when the goalkeeper is returning the ball while the game is being played (when the ball is in the goalkeeper's hands).

The ball must always be returned from a throw-in with the hands. In case of a violation of the above rule, the throw-in will be repeated. When a teammate passes the ball back to the goalkeeper, the goalkeeper **cannot** use their hands to play the ball.

U11 GIRLS 7 vs 7 (2 x 25) SUNDAY 13/04 - TUESDAY 15/04

The right to participate will be granted to female players who have not exceeded the age of 11 by 01/01/2025, i.e., those born on 01/01/2014 or later.

As an exception, two (2) players born on 01/01/2013 or later will be allowed to participate. Each team can have an unlimited number of players born in 2013, but only two (2) can play simultaneously. That is, those born on 01/01/2011 or later.

Unlimited number of girls can be declared.

Goal Kick

Goal kicks must not be executed before the opposing team returns to the center of the field. To consider the ball "in play" after the goal kick and to continue the game, the ball must exit the penalty area and land with a teammate of the kicker in their own half of the field.

Ball Re-entry & Return to goalkeeper

The same applies when the goalkeeper is returning the ball while the game is being played (when the ball is in the goalkeeper's hands).

The ball must always be returned from a throw-in with the hands. In case of a violation of the above rule, the throw-in will be repeated. When a teammate passes the ball back to the goalkeeper, the goalkeeper **cannot** use their hands to play the ball.

YOUTH (TEENS 11 VS 11) EDITION

Monday 14/05 – Thursday 17/04

Arrival prior and departure after the above starting and ending dates.

9.	2012	11 vs 11	2 x 30	Monday 14/04 – Thursday 17/04
10.	2011	11 vs 11	2 x 30	Monday 14/04 – Thursday 17/04
11.	2010	11 vs 11	2 x 30	Monday 14/04 – Thursday 17/04
12.	2009	11 vs 11	2 x 30	Monday 14/04 – Thursday 17/04
13.	2008	11 vs 11	2 x 30	Monday 14/04 – Thursday 17/04

QUALIFICATION PROCESS AND KNOCK OUT STAGE FOR AGE CATEGORIES FROM 2013 TO 2018 WITH PARTICIPATIONS IN LIONS AND EAGLES LEVELS.

FORMATION OF 3 DIFFERENT LEVEL CATEGORIES FOR KNOCK OUT STAGE AS BELOW:

CATEGORY A:

Teams **qualifying** from the **Eagles** group stage games will be drawn as normal to proceed for their knock out games in **category A**. Finals for Knock out Category A scheduled to take place on Wednesday 16th April.

CATEGORY B:

Teams **qualifying** from the **Lions** group stage games together with the **disqualified** teams from the **Eagles** groups' stage will join together and be drawn to proceed for their knock out games in **category B**. Finals for Knock out Category B scheduled to take place on Wednesday 16th April.

CATEGORY C:

Disqualified teams from the **Lions** groups' stage will be drawn to proceed for their knock out games in **category C**. Finals for Knock out Category C scheduled to take place on Tuesday 15th April.

For rest of Boys age groups from **2008 down to 2012 plus Girls** competitions the qualification process is as normal with group leading teams proceeding to the knock out stage per

different age group category. The rest (disqualified teams) will be drawn to play position placement games.

In general, the number of teams to qualify will depend on the number of groups to be formed depending on the total number of registered teams participation.

RIGHT TO USE FOOTBALLERS / IDENTIFICATION / OBJECTIONS / GAME STOPPAGE

1. Each academy authorized user with in the time period set and as described in the tournament rules and regulations, should register online the list of players individually by age category through our official competition registrations web page. The online registration must include the full name, date of birth and the footballer's jersey number. Players to be used according to the tournament rules in more than one team of the same academy have to be registered online in all teams rosters. However they will only pay registration fee once.
2. Player's T' shirt number is required during the process of online players' registration. According to the playing regulations of the tournament for the **11 vs 11 age group categories** more than one player cannot have the same t'shirt number playing in the same age and level category team. This does **not** imply to the rest of the age groups however still they must have numbers at the back.
3. The online team roster per different age group should be printed and carried by the group leader or coach in every tournament game. The use of football players not officially registered under the online registration process is prohibited.
4. All coaches or academy leaders should carry with them during the tournament games prove of identity and age such as original birth certificates with attached certified photo, original passports or identities or certified true copies of any of the above certificates. Official football federation identities as well as official health certificates with player's photo can be used as proof of birth date & identification. The print out form of Cyprus official association players list from the association platform (COMET) is considered as valid and acceptable for the prove of age and identity for local teams players.
5. **It is strictly forbidden to move players from EAGLES to LIONS throughout the course and in any stage of the competition. Players registered as Lions can be moved however and used in Eagles groups as long as they are in the right age limit.**
6. It is forbidden to move players from one academy to another name academy as well as from A to B and C teams of the same academy in cases of participation involving more than one group in an age category.

7. The tournament can examine team requests and allow the use of players in more than one age group outside the above previous rules as an exemption **only for goalkeepers**. However this should be requested and approved prior to the start of the tournament.
8. It is **not** prohibited by other academies and soccer schools to use football players enrolled in CYPRUS F.A. registered teams, as long as those players are from the beginning of the tournament registered in the roster of the academy with which they will participate. However, parallel use of these players by more than one team or academy is prohibited in our tournament matches.
9. All children are required to wear protective shin guards during the tournament games.
10. Younger players may also participate in an older age division with their academy provided that they are officially enrolled in at least one of the team rosters of his academy age groups.
11. Unlimited number of girls can join in the boys' teams / girls can be up to 1 year over aged.
12. Unlimited number of substitutions in all ages.
13. In 11 VS 11 age groups substituted players cannot go back in the game. Substitutes in these 11 vs 11 age groups can be made at 3 different stages of stopping the game per team opponent for the purpose of avoiding unnecessary and deliberate delays in the game.
14. Unlimited numbers of substitutes are allowed for all of the rest age groups (9 vs 9, 7 vs 7 & 5 vs 5), with substitute players allowed to return back in the game. Substitution of players is done at the coaches' side line.
15. Red or yellow cards are only valid for the remainder of the game and are not transferable to any of the next tournament games. But they will be taken into account seriously in relation to nominating and awarding fair play prizes to teams per different age category.
16. The organizers together with the field marshals or referees can at any time during the tournament ask for players' identification and birth dates confirmation.
17. Team leaders can request and demand identification and birth dates control of the opponent team players given that their demand is being notified to the referee and the field marshal prior to the start and before the end of the games. In the event of objection this should also be notified and noted down by the referee on the game's sheet.
18. Possible objections will be dealt with by the special organizers' objections committee, which will be obliged to deal with the objections and decide where possible before the start of the next match of the contending team or at the latest and certainly before the start of the next stage of the event. The objection committee is composed of representatives of the organizers and the secretarial staff of the tournament.
19. In the event of a breach of the basic rules of the competition, and in particular the age and identity of the players, the team found to have committed the breach shall be penalized with 0 points in the particular under objection game. The organizers retain the right to penalize with 0

points or even disqualify the team from the tournament in the event that the same team in objection is found guilty in committing the same or any other breach of the rules in any of the previous games even if there was no official objection previously notified by any of the opponent teams.

20. The responsibility and decision for the interruption or complete stoppage of games in dispute, rests with the organizers after careful consideration and examination of the referee and field manager comments noted down on the match sheet. Depending on the case, the organizers may decide to continue the game from the time of its interruption or even to repeat it. The organizers retain the right to substitute the referees of the game if it's considered necessary for the smooth completion of games.
21. Referees may request replacement or additional security where and when they do not feel the required security. At the same time they may suggest to stop games in dispute but the final decision rests with the organizers for taking the final decision.
- 22. TEAMS DEPARTING ABANDONING THE EVENT** / A team abandoning the competition or simply does not show up in a particular match for any unjustified reason, then that team is immediately excluded from the competition and all its previous matches in the same phase of the tournament are awarded 3-0 in favor of the opponent.

GAME RULES

GAME SHEET

23. A game sheet is kept for every single game on which it is noted down the team names, date, game score, referees names, red or yellow cards, possible disputes and objections, as well as any other general remarks and comments related to the match itself, the atmosphere, bad and strange behaviors coming from anyone involved in the games including parents and fans. The referee or supervisor will be able to indicate actions that promote the sport and in general sportsmanship and mutual respect.
The referees are responsible for maintaining and completing the game sheet with the correct score. At the end of the game the score sheet must be signed by the referee as well as the 2 coaches for the purpose of checking and confirming the correctness of the result.
24. It is the responsibility of each coach to confirm with the referee and field supervisor immediately after the end of the match the score noted down on the game sheet as well as the names of the team's goal scorers to be recorded on the score sheet for the correct nomination of the first scorer prize per age category.

GAME & EXTRA TIME DURATION / PENALTY PROCEEDURE FOR KNOCK OUT STAGE

25. In age groups 11 vs 11 the duration of the games is 30 minutes each half. In the 9 vs 9 and 7 vs 7 age categories the duration of the games will be 25 minutes per half. In the age groups 5 vs 5 it will be 20 minutes per half time.
26. For all age groups the half time will be of 5 minutes only.
27. Extra time at knock out stages and finals
For Age groups (11 vs 11) 2008/2009/2010/2011/2012 (2 X 7,5 minutes)
For the rest of the age groups (9 vs 9) 2012/2013/2014 + (7 vs 7) 2015/2016 + (5 VS 5) 2017/2018/ 2019 and girls (2 X 5 minutes.)
28. In the event of a tie after the extra time, penalty shootout will take place (5 shots per team) and then 1 shot per team if there still a tie at the end of the 5 shots. For the ages of 2008 to 2012 (11 vs 11) only players who were playing until the final whistle are entitled for the penalty shootout. In the other age categories all players have a right to a penalty shootout but cannot take a second penalty shot unless all registered players have taken their shot.
29. Before or during the penalty process goalkeeper replacement is allowed for the age categories 2012 to 2019 while in the age groups of 2008 to 2012 (11 vs. 11) the goalkeeper can only be replaced after injury.

POINTS SYSTEM AND TABLE POSITIONS

30. Games points 3-1-0.
31. For decisions regarding table positions i.e. best third-placed teams / equality of points we take into account the following:
Best third-placed teams where needed are determined in accordance with the following criteria (in descending order):
 - a. higher number of points obtained in the group matches;
 - b. superior goal difference;
 - c. higher number of goals scored;
 - d. higher number of away goals scored; (does not imply for this tournament)
 - e. higher number of wins;
 - f. higher number of away wins; (does not imply for this tournament)
 - g. lower disciplinary points total based only on yellow and red cards received in all group matches
(red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, expulsion for two yellow cards in one match = 3 points);
32. **Equality of points – group stage**
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:

- a. higher number of points obtained in the group matches played among the teams in question;
- b. superior goal difference from the group matches played among the teams in question;
- c. higher number of goals scored in the group matches played among the teams in question;
- d. higher number of goals scored away from home in the group matches played among the teams in question; (does not imply for this tournament)
- e. if, after having applied criteria a) to d), teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to d) are reapplied exclusively to the matches between the teams in question to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria f) to l) apply;
- f. superior goal difference in all group matches;
- g. higher number of goals scored in all group matches;
- h. higher number of away goals scored in all group matches; (does not imply for this tournament)
- i. higher number of wins in all group matches;
- j. higher number of away wins in all group matches; (does not imply for this tournament)
- k. lower disciplinary points total based only on yellow and red cards received in all group matches (red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, expulsion for two yellow cards in one match = 3 points);
- l. higher club coefficient (see Annex D). (Does not imply for this tournament)

REFEREEING

33. Referees from Cyprus referees association and the official Cyprus Federation will be appointed given that they will have the approval from their association. Amateur local or international referees as well as ex referees or non-qualified volunteers can be appointed in the case of emergency.
34. For the age categories from 2008 to 2012 (11 vs. 11) 3 referees will be appointed. In the event of a shortage, these emergencies could be covered by third unofficial and non-qualified volunteers such as coaches, parents or fans given that both teams competing will agree. In addition, the organizers reserve the right to use less referees i.e. two or even one in case of a serious shortage or emergency.

35. **SPECIAL GAME RULES PER AGE CATEGORIES**
Unless otherwise specified in this publication either in the above or below paragraphs, all games are being played under international official rules for 11 aside games and under the Cyprus official association grass roots rules for the lower age groups (9 aside, 7 aside and 5 aside). The tournament

organizers retain the right to adjust or change any of the tournament rules and regulations at any time prior or during the tournament without any prior notice to teams for the smooth running of the tournament games and the tournament event in general. Such changes will be notified to teams straight after the decision.

- Age groups 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 / 2012 - 11 vs 11 – 2 x 30 minutes – Unlimited number of Substitutions. Substitutions at this age category can be made at only three different stages per team. In all 11 aside games, substituted players cannot get back into the game at any time of the game. / Ball size N.5. **Under Cyprus F.A. Association rules, in the age groups 11 vs 11, teams can make use of only one player per game of only 1 year of older age. This refers to the use of only one over aged named player per game. This rule is not valid for boys Grassroots age groups competitions.**
- Age groups 2012 / 2013 / 2014 9 vs 9 - 25 MIN. EACH HALF/ HALF SIZE PITCH AROUND 55m x 40m / SIZE OF GOAL POSTS AROUND 6m X 2m (2011) & 5m X 2m (2012) / UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS / SUBSTITUTED PLAYERS CAN COME BACK IN THE GAME / NO OFF SIDE / BALL SIZE N4.
- Age groups 2015 / 2016 7 vs 7 - 25 MIN. EACH HALF/ HALF SIZE PITCH AROUND 45m x 30m / SIZE OF GOAL POSTS AROUND 4m X 2m / UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS / SUBSTITUTED PLAYERS CAN COME BACK IN THE GAME / NO OFF SIDE / BALL SIZE N4.
- Age groups 2017 / 2018 5 vs 5 - 20 MIN. EACH HALF/ MINI SIZE PITCH AROUND 40m x 20m / SIZE OF GOAL POSTS AROUND 3m X 2m / UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS / SUBSTITUTED PLAYERS CAN COME BACK IN THE GAME / NO OFF SIDE / BALL SIZE N4.
- Age Group 2019 5 vs 5 - 20 MIN. EACH HALF/ MIMI SIZE PITCH AROUND 40m x 20m / SIZE OF GOAL POSTS AROUND 3m X 2m / UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS / SUBSTITUTED PLAYERS CAN COME BACK IN THE GAME / NO OFF SIDE / BALL SIZE N3.
- For age groups 2015/2016 (7 vs 7) and 2017/2018/2019 (5 vs 5) and girls U13 & U10 the goal kick for restarting the game is forbidden before the opponent team goes back to the center line. Restart of the game is considered as soon as the pass ball is received from the goal kick by the same team players and inside the team's own half. In case of violation of the rule the ball goes back to the goalkeeper or defender for repeating the start with the goal kick.

WOMEN'S & GIRLS COMPETITIONS (Competitions in 4 different categories):

U18 GIRLS 11 vs 11 (2 x 30) SUNDAY 13/04 - TUESDAY 15/04

The right to participate in the Girls' Championship will be granted to female players who have not exceeded the age of 18 by 01/01/2025, i.e., those born on 01/01/2007 or later.

3. As an exception, up to three (3) players born in 2006 will be allowed to participate. Clubs can register an unlimited number of players, but only three (3) players from 2006 may play simultaneously on the field. A different player born in 2006 can enter the game when a substitution is made, according to the rules of the game.

Unlimited number of girls can be declared.

U15 GIRLS 11 vs 11 (2 x 30) SUNDAY 13/04 - TUESDAY 15/04

The right to participate in the Girls' K-15 Championship will be granted to female players who have not exceeded the age of 15 by 01/01/2025, i.e., those born on 01/01/2010 or later.

As an exception, four (4) players born on 01/01/2009 or later will be allowed to participate. Each team can have an unlimited number of players born in 2009 on their roster, but only four (4) can play simultaneously. A different player born in 2009 can enter the game when a substitution is made, according to the rules of the game.

Unlimited number of girls can be declared.

U13 GIRLS 9 vs 9 (2 x 25) SUNDAY 13/04 - TUESDAY 15/04

The right to participate in the Girls' K-13 Championship will be granted to female players who have not exceeded the age of 13 by 01/01/2025, i.e., those born on 01/01/2012 or later.

As an exception, up to two (2) players older than 13 years old (as of 01/01/2025) will be allowed to participate. Each team can have an unlimited number of players born in 2011, but only two (2) can play simultaneously. That is, those born on 01/01/2011 or later.

Unlimited number of girls can be declared.

Goal Kick

Goal kicks must not be executed before the opposing team returns to the center of the field. To consider the ball "in play" after the goal kick and to continue the game, the ball must exit the penalty area and land with a teammate of the kicker in their own half of the field.

Ball Re-entry & Return to Goalkeeper

The same applies when the goalkeeper is returning the ball while the game is being played (when the ball is in the goalkeeper's hands).

The ball must always be returned from a throw-in with the hands. In case of a violation of the above rule, the throw-in will be repeated. When a teammate passes the ball back to the goalkeeper, the goalkeeper **cannot** use their hands to play the ball.

U11 GIRLS 7 vs 7 (2 x 25) SUNDAY 13/04 - TUESDAY 15/04

The right to participate will be granted to female players who have not exceeded the age of 11 by 01/01/2025, i.e., those born on 01/01/2014 or later.

As an exception, two (2) players born on 01/01/2013 or later will be allowed to participate. Each team can have an unlimited number of players born in 2013, but only two (2) can play simultaneously. That is, those born on 01/01/2011 or later.

Unlimited number of girls can be declared.

Goal Kick

Goal kicks must not be executed before the opposing team returns to the center of the field. To consider the ball "in play" after the goal kick and to continue the game, the ball must exit the penalty area and land with a teammate of the kicker in their own half of the field.

Ball Re-entry & Return to goalkeeper

The same applies when the goalkeeper is returning the ball while the game is being played (when the ball is in the goalkeeper's hands).

The ball must always be returned from a throw-in with the hands. In case of a violation of the above rule, the throw-in will be repeated. When a teammate passes the ball back to the goalkeeper, the goalkeeper **cannot** use their hands to play the ball.

OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS

Personal Data

Personal Data - The right of Filming and Photography

The tournament, reserves every right to use, display and exploit in any kind of audiovisual material the name and image of the participants and the team they represent in any printed and photographic material, as well as in all Mass Media, including the Internet both in Cyprus and abroad for the purposes of promoting the events and activities of the Tournament.

Any photography or video recording of the participants, the matches or the venue where the event is held is expressly prohibited, as well as the use of the facilities as well as the space outside and around the facilities during the event by third natural or legal persons other than those authorized by the organizers, for the purpose of financial exploitation or the promotion and/or advertising of either the event or any other sporting or business activity without the prior approval of the organizers and always respecting the protection of personal data and the image of minor football players.



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We also clarify that we bear no responsibility in relation to the personal use of photos and/or videos taken, as well as that the organization cannot control the use of a camera to take pictures and videos of children by relatives, friends or other spectators and possible viewing and posting them in mass media and social media.

We also point out that as organizers we take all measures to ensure the correct use of the image and name of the children and that any official audio-visual material is used exclusively for the purposes of promoting the events and activities and also for the purposes of promoting sports in general and of the commendable and noble sporting effort and honorable participation of the children as they are intended by the organization itself. If you realize that the above use is not appropriate then you must inform us immediately.

All participants including minors and their parents or legal guardians, need to know that with participation and or attendance in our events and activities, they enter an area where photography, audio, and video recording may occur. By registering and accepting your participation and by entering the event areas, you consent to such recording media and its release, publication, exhibition or reproduction.

Therefore, by declaring and accepting the participation of yourself and your children in our events and activities with their teams, you automatically accept the above-mentioned conditions which you have every right not to accept and/or withdraw your consent in relation to right to use and display your minor children's name and image by notifying us in writing, but without affecting the legality of any publication or display by us prior to the withdrawal of consent.

Please note that, in accordance with the general personal data protection regulation 2016/679 and the law N.125(I)2018, from the moment the child-football player is 14 years old or older, he is able to give the his legal consent in relation to the above.

For full information regarding the details of the legislation on personal data protection and the right to use and exploit the image of all those who participate and attend our event, as well as for the relative withdrawal of parental consent, please contact our organization in writing before the start of the event.



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Health & Insurance

Responsibility of the "Group" Leader

It is the responsibility of each team participant or organization (the "Group") to ensure that group members, staff and minors' parents accept, understand and follow the tournament (the "Tournament") rules and procedures. Each group must have a competent leader (the "Group leader") in charge to liaise with the tournament staff. We recommend a ratio of one group leader to ten group members.

Parent/guardian consent

It is the group leader's responsibility to ensure that all participants under 18 years of age have appropriate parent/guardian consent to attend the tournament.

Behaviour

The group leader is responsible for group members supervision at all times. Tournament staff or their sub-contracted outdoor activity providers may instruct, lead, demonstrate or assist in any activity but the group leader is deemed to be responsible for overall group supervision, safety and behaving according to Code of Conduct.

Group leaders are asked to remind group members to respect each other, others' personal property and the environment. Noise levels are to be reduced especially in hotel accommodation and dining areas.

Loss and damages

The teams and groups themselves are responsible for any kind of loss or damage at any time during the tournament and for any reason and accept the participation of their members and use of facilities and equipment at their own risk.

Property damage and loss

Group members must not misuse or damage any property at the tournament facilities and the hotel where they will be accommodated. All breakages and losses to property reported will be the responsibility of the "Group" and its individual members.



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Health/Safety & Insurance

The "Group" is responsible to ensure that all participants are certified as in good health and fit enough to train and exercise competitive sports and take part in any other fun and leisure activities of the tournament.

The "Group" is also responsible for the issue of travel insurance as well as for the issue of appropriate insurance cover against any kind of loss and or damage, at any time during the tournament and for any reason.

The "Group" is also responsible for providing their own staff physio or first aid providers at the time of the tournament, unless otherwise pre agreed and requested or promoted in our official brochure as included in our tournament participation and accommodation package. The tournament will care for the general provision of first aid, doctor, ambulance and security men during the tournament event. Such services could be offered on Individual or exclusive basis but at extra cost to the groups upon written request from the "Group" leader.

It is at the Group's own discretion and jurisdiction to refuse or stop their or any of their members participation in the events or activities if they judge that they or any member of the family or the team members run any risk to his/her physical and mental health without, however, the right of demand as to any financial or other claim for compensation.

The tournament therefore, bares no responsibility for any kind of loss or injury, at any time during the event and for any reason to the participants.

Covid measures

The tournament organizers will follow all measures and guidelines provided by the Health ministry and World Health Organization as well as our Cyprus government authorities in relation to COVID 19 Pandemic and will implement if required any protocol provided for the organization of the sports tour activities.

On behalf of the Ayia Napa Youth Soccer Festival

The Organizing Committee