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AYIA NAPA YOUTH SOCCER FESTIVAL 2022

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 profit & nonprofit academies or soccer schools, members of official or unofficial 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 participations.



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REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Important Dates and Deadlines as below:

- Registration (online only) of Age group teams till deadline date **28th February 2022**. Upon online registration by your club user an invoice will be issued and sent to the team's official email address. For foreign teams the registrations invoice will be part of the total participation and hotel accommodation package.
- Confirmation of participation will be sent upon full settlement of the registrations invoice by the deadline date **Wednesday 16th March 2022**.
- Groups draw on **Saturday 19th March 2022**.
- Age groups that have not paid their registration fees with in the deadline will not be included in the groups draw.
- Full settlement of all financial obligations by deadline date **Friday 8th April 2022**.
- Announcement of a preliminary and unofficial games schedule to participating teams for confirmations and schedule corrections and special requests satisfaction by **Friday 1st April 2022**.
- Publication of official games schedule by **Wednesday 6th April 2022**.
- By payment of registration fees the team online authorized user will be allowed to fill in the online players lists (roster) per different participating age group. 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 15th April 2022**.
- Player's T' shirt number is required during the process of online players' registration. According to the playing regulations of the tournament more than one player cannot have the same t'shirt number playing in the same age and level category.



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REGISTRATION FEES

(The registration fee in the case of foreign teams is part and will be deducted from the total cost of the participation and hotel accommodation package)

Registration fees are fixed and are not related to the number of players registered per team.

- TEAMS ARE ALLOWED UNLIMITED NUMBER OF PLAYERS PER AGE GROUP
- FEES AS BELOW REFER TO BOTH CATEGORY LEVELS (EAGLES & LIONS)
- The registration fees below in the case of foreign teams is part and will be deducted from the total cost of the participation and hotel accommodation package.

FEES AS BELOW ARE PER SINGLE DIFFERENT AGE GROUP PARTICIPATION

- **11 VS 11 (2006/2007/2008/2009) €400.00 PER AGE GROUP**
- **9 VS 9 (2010/2011) €350.00 PER AGE GROUP**
- **7 VS 7 (2012/2013) €300.00 PER AGE GROUP**
- **5 VS 5 (2014/2015/2016) €250.00 PER AGE GROUP**

Age groups that have not paid their registration fees with in the deadline date of **Wednesday 16th March 2022**, will not be included in the groups draw set to take place on **Saturday 19th March 2022**.

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 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 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:** AKADEMIA PODOFAIROU SOCCERWORLD CYPRUS
- **Account:** 475-01-G46381-02 EUR
- **IBAN:** CY70 0050 0475 0004 7501 G463 8102
- **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.

CATEGORY A EAGLES (maximum number of participating teams 8 for 11 aside games and 16 for the rest of age categories.)

1.	2016	5 vs 5	2 x 15	Saturday 16/04 – Tuesday 19/04

2.	2015	5 vs 5	2 x 20	Saturday 16/04 – Wednesday 20/04
3.	2014	5 vs 5	2 x 20	Saturday 16/04 – Wednesday 20/04
4.	2013	7 vs 7	2 x 25	Saturday 16/04 – Wednesday 20/04
5.	2012	7 vs 7	2 x 25	Saturday 16/04 – Wednesday 20/04
6.	2011	9 vs 9	2 x 25	Saturday 16/04 – Wednesday 20/04
7.	2010	9 vs 9	2 x 25	Saturday 16/04 – Wednesday 20/04

8.	2009	11 vs 11	2 x 30	Sunday 17 / 04 – Wednesday 20/04
9.	2008	11 vs 11	2 x 30	Monday 18/04 – Wednesday 20/04
10.	2007	11 vs 11	2 x 30	Monday 18/04 – Wednesday 20/04
11.	2006	11 vs 11	2 x 30	Monday 18/04 – Wednesday 20/04

CATEGORY B LIONS (maximum number of teams 16 per age group)

1.	2015	5 vs 5	2 x 20	Saturday 16/04 – Tuesday 19/04
2.	2014	5 vs 5	2 x 20	Saturday 16/04 – Tuesday 19/04
3.	2013	7 vs 7	2 x 25	Saturday 16/04 – Tuesday 19/04
4.	2012	7 vs 7	2 x 25	Saturday 16/04 – Tuesday 19/04
5.	2011	9 vs 9	2 x 25	Saturday 16/04 – Tuesday 19/04
6.	2010	9 vs 9	2 x 25	Saturday 16/04 – Tuesday 19/04

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 2010 to 2015. There will be no LIONS separate groups in the younger age category of 2016.

Participating Academies will not be able to compete in the LIONS category with more than 1 team in each age category. It is also forbidden for previous year 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 this publication will apply to both category competitions (Eagles & Lions).

It is strictly forbidden to use or move EAGLES players to LIONS or vice versa.

Maximum number of entries 16 teams per separate Lions age group.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

It is strictly forbidden to move players from EAGLES to LIONS or vice versa.

WOMENS' & GIRLS COMPETITIONS

A. WOMEN'S OPEN AGE

11 vs 11 2 x 30 Sunday 17/04 – Tuesday 19/04

B. U17 GIRLS (GIRLS BORN 01/01/2004 AND AFTER)

9 vs 9 2 x 25 Sunday 17/04 – Tuesday 19/04

C. U14 GIRLS (GIRLS BORN 01/01/2008 AND AFTER)

7 vs 7 2 x 20 Sunday 17/04 – Tuesday 19/04

D. U11 GIRLS (GIRLS BORN 01/01/2011 AND AFTER)

5 vs 5 2 x 20 Sunday 17/04 – Tuesday 19/04

QUALIFICATION PROCESS AND KNOCK OUT STAGE FOR AGE CATEGORIES FROM 2010 TO 2015 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 will take place on Wednesday 20th 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 will take place on Tuesday 19th 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 will take place on Tuesday 19th April.

For rest of Boys age groups from **2006 down to 2009 plus Women and Girls** competition the qualification process is as normal with group leading teams proceeding to the knock out stage per different age group category.

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 participations.

RIGHT TO USE FOOTBALLERS / IDENTIFICATION / OBJECTIONS / GAME STOPAGE

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 webpage. The online registration must include the full name, date of birth and the footballer's jersey number.
2. Player's T' shirt number is required during the process of online players' registration. According to the playing regulations of the tournament more than one player cannot have the same t'shirt number playing in the same age and level category.



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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.
5. **It is strictly forbidden to move players from EAGLES to LIONS or vice versa throughout the course and in any stage of the competition.**
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. 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.
8. All children are required to wear protective shin guards during the tournament games.
9. 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. And given that both age group teams are competing in the same level category e.g. Lions or Eagles.
10. Unlimited number of girls can join in the boys' teams / girls can be up to 1 year over aged.
11. Unlimited number of substitutions in all ages.
12. 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.
13. 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 without stopping the game at the coaches' side line.
14. 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.
15. The organizers together with the field marshals or referees can at any time during the tournament ask for players' identification and birthdates confirmation.
16. Team leaders can request and demand identification and birthdates 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.

17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. **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

22. A game sheet is kept for every single game on which the referee has to note down the team names, date, 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

fun. 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.

23. Each coach must also confirm with the referee and field supervisor immediately after the end of the match 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

24. 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 except for the younger age group (2016) which will be 15 minutes per half.
25. For all age groups the half time will be of 5 minutes only.
26. Extra time at knock out stages and finals
For Age groups 2006/2007/2008/2009 (2 X 7,5 minutes)
For the rest of the age groups 2010/2011/2012/2013/2014/2015/2016 (2 X 5 minutes.)
27. 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 2006 to 2009 (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.
28. Before or during the penalty process goalkeeper replacement is allowed for the age categories 2010 to 2016 while in the age groups of 2006 to 2009 (11 vs. 11) the goalkeeper can only be replaced after injury.

POINTS SYSTEM AND TABLE POSITIONS

29. Games points 3-1-0.
30. 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);

31. 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);

I. higher club coefficient (see Annex D). (does not imply for this tournament)

REFEREEING

32. 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.
33. For the age categories from 2005 to 2008 (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.

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 2006 / 2007 / 2008 / 2009 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.
- Age groups 2010 / 2011 9 vs 9 - 25 MIN. EACH HALF/ HALF SIZE PITCH AROUND 55m x 40m / SIZE OF GOAL POSTS AROUND 6m X 2m (2009) & 5m X 2m (2010) / UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS / SUBSTITUTED PLAYERS CAN COME BACK IN THE GAME / NO OFF SIDE / BALL SIZE N4.
- Age groups 2012 / 2013 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 2014 / 2015 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 2016 5 vs 5 - 15 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 2012/2013/2014/2015/2016 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):

CATEGORY A. WOMEN'S OPEN AGE 11 vs 11

30 MIN.EACH HALF / NORMAL SIZE OF PITCH & SIZE OF GOALPOSTS / BALL SIZE N5 / UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS. Substitutions at this Womens' open age category can be made at only three different stages per team.

CATEGORY B. GIRLS U17 (GIRLS BORN 01/01/2004 AND AFTER) 9 vs 9

25 MIN.EACH HALF / HALF SIZE PITCH AROUND 55m x 40m / SIZE OF GOAL POSTS AROUND 5m X 2m / BALL SIZE N5 / UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS.

CATEGORY C. GIRLS U14 (GIRLS BORN 01/01/2008 AND AFTER) 7 vs 7

25 MIN.EACH HALF / HALF SIZE PITCH AROUND 45m x 30m / SIZE OF GOAL POSTS AROUND 5m X 2m / BALL SIZE N5 / UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS.

CATEGORY D. GIRLS U11 (GIRLS BORN 01/01/2011 AND AFTER) 5 vs 5

20 MIN.EACH HALF / HALF SIZE PITCH AROUND 45m x 30m / SIZE OF GOAL POSTS AROUND 3m X 2m / BALL SIZE N4 / UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS.

RIGHT TO FILM & USE OF IMAGES AND PHOTOS

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA (LAW OF GDPR)

34. The organizers retain the right of any kind of use of the names, photo and video images of minor players and their teams in mass media and in any type of tournament promotion such as advertising leaflets, flyers, brochures as well as radio, television and internet media.

The professional video and camera taping and recording of the games and the tournament area by other private individuals or legal persons is strictly prohibited especially if it is for commercial purposes.

35. For your full reading and information on the details of the European law (GDPR) related to the protection of participants personal data and their image download here or visit our official website.

FIRST AID / SECURITY /

36. The tournament organizers will only be responsible for the provision of first aid during the tournament games and transportation of people if needed to hospital or private clinic for further first aid provision.

Referees, teams and player's parents are responsible and obliged to confirm for themselves that referees and players are healthy enough to participate in sports and in particular the tournament competitive or friendly games and any other activity during the tournament.

The tournament will operate a number of first aid stations, enough to cover the tournament area where people and teams can apply for help at any time during the tournament. You can also visit the reception desk and ask for the official tournament doctors.

Field marshals (one in every field) will be responsible for the smooth operation of the tournament and will be present and available for you for any kind of help or inquiry as well as for calling first aid providers security men.

37. INDIVIDUAL & TEAM INSURANCE

The tournament organizers are in no way responsible for any kind of loss, damage, injuries or expenses, throughout the whole period of the tournament games or any other tournament related activities.

REFEREES AND TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ISSUE OF THEIR OWN TRAVEL INSURANCE AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE INSURANCE COVER AGAINST ALL REFEREES, TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBERS AND PLAYERS MEDICAL AND INJURY EXPENSES AND COMPENSATIONS FOR ANY KIND OF DAMAGE AND ANY KIND OF LOSS AT ANY TIME DURING THE TOURNAMENT PERIOD AND FOR ANY REASON.

On behalf of the Ayia Napa Youth Soccer Festival

The Organizing Committee