



Regulations for the Tournament

Algarve Youth Cup

1. - PRESENTATION

The 2nd Edition of **Algarve Youth Cup** will take place in the premises of Sports Complex of Vila Real Santo António, Field Lusitano VRSA and Sports Complex of Monte Gordo (Algarve - Portugal) from 25th to 31th March 2018.

On 25th April will be make the accreditation for all teams and players (**ACREDITATION ATTENDANCE**) in **Algarve Youth Cup (AYC) CENTER** between the 2:00 pm and the 10:00pm.

The **AYC CENTER** is placed on the entrance of Sports Complex VRSA.

On 26th April, at 6:30 pm, the Official Ceremony of **Algarve Youth Cup** will start. It will ends at 8:00 pm.

All teams must be present at Vila Real Sports Complex at 6:15 pm.

All teams will participate at the opening parade. Therefore they should bring the flag of their team, region or Country they come from, traditional costumes, mascots, posters, etc.

2. - GENERAL ORGANIZATION

2.1. - Regulations

These regulations aim at ensuring the proper functioning of the tournament and should be followed by all the participating teams.

2.2. - Match pitches and footballs

The entire tournament will be played on natural grass and artificial turf.

The matches will take place on the pitches located in Sports Complex of Vila Real Santo António.

At the Vila Real Santo António Complex, the following pitches are located: **"1-Nike, 2-Credito Agricola, 3-Simply Bus, 4-Gravymedal, 5-Olho Digital, 6-Gelgrave, 7-Centro Médico VRSA, 8-NSG, 9-SAK, 10-REUSCH, 11-Galibelle, 12-Fisiofernandes, 13-Especial 1, 14-Restaurante "O Tapas"".**

At Sports Complexo Monte Gordo the following pitches are located: **"8-NSG, 9-SAK, 10-REUSCH".**

At Field of Lusitano VRSA the following pitches are located: **"11-Galibelle, 12-Fisiofernandes, 13-Footers".**

The ball will be from the brand NIKE size 4 (Five-a-side Football and seven-a-side Football variants) and size 5 (Eleven-a-side).

2.3. - Calendar

The calendar is defined by the organization and presented to the participating teams before the beginning of the tournament. Please note the following:

Five-a-side Football Variant:

- From 26th to 29th March the 1st Phase of the 2011 age group participant in the 1th Edition of the **Algarve Youth Cup** will be held;
- From 30th to 31^h March the 2nd Phase (Phase A and Phase B) of the 2011 age group participant in the 2nd Edition of the **Algarve Youth Cup** will be held.

Seven-a-side Football Variant:

- From 26th to 28th March the 1st Phase of the 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006 age group participants in the 2nd Edition of the **Algarve Youth Cup** will be held;
- From 29th 31th March the 2nd Phase (Phase A, Phase B and Phase C) of the 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006 age group participant in the 2nd Edition of the **Algarve Youth Cup** will be held.

Eleven-a-side Football Variant:





- From 26th to 28th March the 1st Phase of the 2005 age group participants in the 2nd Edition of the **Algarve Youth Cup** will be held;
- From 29th 31th March the 2nd Phase (Phase A, Phase B and Phase C) of the 2005 age group participant in the 2nd Edition of the **Algarve Youth Cup** will be held.

2.3.1. - Changes

Match dates may be altered by the Organization, in which case the involved clubs will be duly notified.

2.4. - General Rules for the 2011 age group – Five-a-side Football

Field: For the 2011 age group, the field will measure 40m x 20m.

Goals: For the 2011 age group, the football goals will measure 3m x 2m.

Ball: For the 2011 age group, the footballs to be used will be Nike size 4.

Regulations for Seven-a-side Football are applied.

2.5. - General Rules for the 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006 age group – Seven-a-side Football

Field: For this age group, the field will measure 60m x 40m.

Goals: For this age group, the football goals will measure 6m x 2m.

Ball: For the 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006 age group, the footballs to be used will be Nike size 4.

Regulations for Seven-a-side Football are applied.

2.6. - General Rules for the 2005 age group – Eleven-a-side Football

Field: For this age group, the field will measure 100m x 60m.

Goals: For this age group, the football goals will measure 7,32m x 2,44m.

Ball: For the 2005 age group, the footballs to be used will be Nike size 5.

Regulations for Eleven-a-side Football are applied.

3. - REGISTRATION

3.1. - Players and Coaches

Five-a-side Football and Seven-a-side Football – At the team's registration, each team can enrol 18 Athletes and Staff (no limit number for the enrolment). For each match, teams may **enrol 15 athletes in the registration form and 4 STAFF elements.**

Eleven-a-side Football – At the team's registration, each team can enrol 25 Athletes and Staff (no limit number for the enrolment). For each match, teams may **enrol 20 athletes in the registration form and 4 STAFF elements.**

Players registered to a team cannot play on another team/age group during the tournament.

Each club that have more than one team playing in the tournament can designate between their STAFF the figure of STAFF COORDINATOR (can be in all games of their club) – **needs credential delivery by Organization during accreditation process.**

NO MORE THAN the allowed number of athletes/staff WILL BE PERMITTED at the match. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the team's 5-0 defeat for non-compliance with the regulations.

All players left off the lineup cannot enter the field of play and it is each team's responsibility to take care of the players in the stands.

Five-a-side Football - Teams can have a maximum of 15 players (five on the field and ten substitutes) and a minimum of four players to start the game.

Seven-a-side Football - Teams can have a maximum of 15 players (seven on the field and eight substitutes) and a minimum of five players to start the game.





Eleven-a-side Football - Teams can have a maximum of 20 players (eleven on the field and nine substitutes) and a minimum of eight players to start the game.

3.2. - Documents

All teams with all their athletes and staff present must carry out the **accreditation attendance** on the 25th of March process at the Organization's stand (located at VRSA Sports Complex) between 14:00 pm and 22:00 pm..

All those accredited (players and staff) will get a **CREDENTIAL** (identification card with name and picture).

If you need 2nd card of Credential will have a cost of 5,00€ (payed on the delivery of the card in the organization stand)

The people in charge of each team will have to present the DOCUMENTS OF IDENTIFICATION of ALL THE ELEMENTS (association card or ID card and tournament credential) at ALL the games, at the game table, ten minutes before the beginning of the game. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

3.3. - Insurance

All the players registered in **Algarve Youth Cup** are not covered by any sports insurance. For this reason, the people in charge of each team will have to sign a declaration stating that all the athletes in their team are covered by the sports insurance and medical exam of their respective clubs.

The insurance is cover by their authorization of football federation.

The organization have medical support in the fields. We have also have support clinic (ambulance on local) and we have an partnership with Medical Center of VRSA (entry of Sports Complex) to accidents with bigger gravity.

4. - TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION

4.1. Age groups

The tournament will be played as follows:

4.1.1. - 2011 Age Group (Five-a-side Football):

- * - 12 Teams
- * - 1st Phase – 2 Groups of 6 Teams where they play all against all (Each team plays 3 games)
- * - 2nd Phase –Phase A - 1^o, 2^o, 3^o and 4^o place off all groups.
- * - 2nd Phase – Phase B – 5^o and 6^o place off all groups.

4.1.2. - 2010 Age Group (Seven-a-side Football):

- * - 16 Teams
- * - 1st Phase – 4 Groups of 4 Teams where they play all against all (Each team plays 3 games)
- * - 2nd Phase –Phase A - 1^o and 2^o place off all groups.
- * - 2nd Phase – Phase B – 3^o and 4^o place off all groups.

4.1.3. - 2009 Age Group (Seven-a-side Football):

- * - 20 Teams
- * - 1st Phase – 5 Groups of 4 Teams where they play all against all (Each team plays 3 games)
- * - 2nd Phase –Phase A - 1^o place of all groups and the tree best 2^o place off all groups.
- * - 2nd Phase – Phase B – Two worst 2^o place of all groups, all 3^o place of all groups and the best 4^o place off all groups.
- * - 2nd Phase – Phase C – Four worst 4^o place of all groups,

4.1.4. - 2008 Age Group (Seven-a-side Football):

- * - 28 Teams
- * - 1st Phase – 7 Groups of 4 Teams where they play all against all (Each team plays 3 games)
- * - 2nd Phase –Phase A - 1^o and 2^o place off all groups and the Two best 3^o place off all groups.

- * - 2nd Phase – Phase B – Five worst 3^o place of all groups, and Tree best 4^o place off all groups.
- * - 2nd Phase – Phase C – Four worst 4^o place of all groups,

4.1.5. - 2007 Age Group (Seven-a-side Football):

- * - 24 Teams
- * - 1st Phase – 6 Groups of 4 Teams where they play all against all (Each team plays 3 games)
- * - 2nd Phase –Phase A - 1^o and 2^o place of all groups and the four best 3^o place off all groups.
- * - 2nd Phase – Phase B – Two worst 3^o place of all groups, all 4^o place of all groups.

4.1.6. - 2006 Age Group (Seven-a-side Football):

- * - 24 Teams
- * - 1st Phase – 6 Groups of 4 Teams where they play all against all (Each team plays 3 games)
- * - 2nd Phase –Phase A - 1^o and 2^o place of all groups and the four best 3^o place off all groups.
- * - 2nd Phase – Phase B – Two worst 3^o place of all groups, all 4^o place of all groups.

4.1.7. - 2005 Age Group (Eleven-a-side Football):

- * - 16 Teams
- * - 1st Phase – 4 Groups of 4 Teams where they play all against all (Each team plays 3 games)
- * - 2nd Phase –Phase A - 1^o and 2^o place off all groups.
- * - 2nd Phase – Phase B – 3^o and 4^o place off all groups.

4.2. - Ranking system

The first phase will be played in a round robin system. Points are awarded according to the following principle:

- Win: 3 Points;
- Draw: 1 Point;
- Defeat: 0 Points;
- Failure to appear: Defeat by 5-0.

4.3. - In case of equality of points:

If, at the end of the first phase, two or more teams have an equal number of points, the following tie-breaking criteria are applied:

- a) Higher difference in goals scored and conceded;
- b) Higher number of goals scored;
- c) Lower number of goals conceded;
- d) Best results in the matches between the teams in question;
- e) Draw;

4.4. - 2nd Phase

The 2nd phase will be an elimination phase and in case of a draw no extra-time will be played and penalty kicks will be taken according to the following procedure:

- a) Only players who are on the game sheet are eligible to take penalty kicks.

In case of a draw, penalty kicks will be taken by each team alternately until the tie is broken. They will be taken by players chosen among the list of game sheet. No player can take a second kick until all eligible players have taken one. Players who are sent-off during the match are not eligible.

- b) Each team will take three kicks. The winning team will be the one who scores more goals.

c) In case of a draw, each team will take a penalty kick alternately, until one team has scored one goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.

The teams that have lost the first game of the second phase will play one more match against another eliminated team from the same phase – FRIENDSHIP MATCH.

4.5. - Duration of matches

4.5.1. - 2011 (Five-a-side football):

Matches will last for 40 minutes (20+20). The half-time interval will last 5 minutes.

4.5.2. – 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006 Age Groups (Seven-a-side football):

Matches will last 50 minutes (25+25). The half-time interval will last 5 minutes.

4.5.3. – 2005 Age Groups (Eleven-a-side football):

Matches will last 60 minutes (30+30). The half-time interval will last 5 minutes.

4.6. - Equipment

Each team will choose their team's official equipment to wear during the tournament. All team jerseys must be numbered;

If the teams' equipment is the same colour, or if the referee deems it necessary, the HOME team (according to the match sheet) should use the alternative kit.

5. - LAWS OF THE GAME

5.1. - GENERAL

All matches will be played according to the laws of the game – Seven-a-side football and Eleven-a-side football, in the FPF (Portuguese Football Federation) Official Matches Regulations.

5.2. - Punctuality/ Failure to appear

Schedules are strict.

Teams must be prepared 10 (ten) minutes before the start of each match and there will be a ten-minute tolerance, only with the organization's express consent.

In case of non-attendance of one of the teams, the opponent team will win the respective points of the match (three points) with a 5-0 (five-nil) result.

5.3. - Walking out onto the pitch

The walking out will take place in the same way as in international FIFA games. Teams will walk out in a line at the start of each match, with the referees in front, side by side with the skippers, moving towards the centre of the field. They will form a line and greet the stands. Then both teams will greet each other.

5.4. - Substitutions

Substitutions are free and unlimited in every category. They must be carried out at the halfway line and the outgoing player must leave the field before the incoming player enters. The game can only be interrupted to replace the goalkeeper.

5.5. - Offside and delay of game to goalkeeper

The offside law for age groups under-12 (2006) in seven-a-side football will be sanctioned from the goal area line.

Intentionally delaying the ball to the goalkeeper using the foot will be sanctioned with an indirect free kick by the opponent team in all age groups. Throwing in directly to the goalkeeper will also be considered intentional delay of game.

6. - DISCIPLINE

Getting two yellow cards in the same match will result in expulsion of the player from the field and a one-match ban.

Getting one yellow card in a game does not accumulate for the rest of the event matches.

Getting one single direct red card will result in expulsion and a one-game to three-game ban.

In the situation above, besides the ban, the player in question may even be expelled from the tournament, depending on the seriousness of the misconduct.

Any physical aggression confirmed by the referee or any organization member will be immediately punished with a minimum



of a two-game ban with a possibility of escalating to expulsion from the tournament.

If a team plays with a player who is not registered or who has been sent off, it will lose the game in question by 0-5 (nil-five).

7. - PROTESTS

If a team wants to protest about a match, it should do so to the field commissioner and the referee has to mention it in the game sheet. This protest shall be in writing with enough evidence to be accepted. Moreover, a deposit of 250 euros has to be made. The protest will be assessed at the end of the round by the Disciplinary Committee. The deposit will only be returned if the decision is favorable.

No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding game-related situations. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal, unless otherwise stipulated in the Regulations.

8. - BANNING TEAMS AND/OR PLAYERS

The organization may, at any time, ban a team or player from the tournament if they display inappropriate behaviour that may jeopardize the orderly functioning of the event.

9. FACILITIES

The tournament will take place in Sports Complex of Vila Real Santo António (Algarve - Portugal), Field of Lusitano VRSA and Sports Complex of Monte Gordo.

In order for everything to function properly, it is important to preserve the premises in use, as follows:

- No aluminium studs are allowed in the artificial grass;
- Any damage caused in the locker rooms and/or grounds will be the responsibility of the team that caused it;
- **Not allowed use cameras of video and photograph during the matches by elements that is participating in the event. Capture images and/or video is only possible by credential staff by the organization.**

The organization is not responsible for any lost or stolen valuables belonging to the tournament participants.

10. - PRIZES

After each age group final, we shall conclude the participation of all the teams in that age group. Therefore, after the final, all the winners and losers of the matches played (Final and 3rd/4th Place of PHASE A and Final of PHASE B) will get a souvenir on the stage at Stadium of Sports Complex. Prior to the collective awards delivery, all the participating teams of that age group will receive their individual commemorative souvenir next to the stage where the trophies will be awarded. (All participants will receive a participation medal).

10.1. - Collective Awards (by Age Group)

- 1st Place – Phase A;
- 2nd Place – Phase A;
- 3rd Place – Phase A;
- 1st Place – Phase B;
- 2st Place – Phase B;
- Fair-Play Award – Trophy.

10.2. – Individual Awards (by Age Group)

- Best Player – Trophy;



- Best Goalkeeper – Trophy;
- Top Scorer* – Trophy.
- * In case of 2 or more players have same goals the younger athlete will receive the prize.
- * Friendship Matches (Phase A, Phase B and Phase C) do not count to Top Scorer trophy.

11. - OMISSIONS

Situations not covered in these regulations and rules will be solved by the organization at no cost to the intervening parties.

12. - FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

All teams authorize the recording of sound and images of their athletes/staff during the event, in any format. Therefore, these can be used by the organization in the broadcast, reproduction, publication promotion, adaptation and any means deemed necessary.

In order for the 2nd Edition of the **Algarve Youth Cup** to go smoothly, it is fundamental that all teams have access to these regulations and rules.