



TOURNAMENT RULES

5th Lignano Sabbiadoro Cup International Football Tournament

Art. 1 ORGANISATION

The International Football Tournament **Lignano Sabbiadoro Cup**, organised by the A.S.D. Brian Lignano Calcio (based at Viale Europa, 142, 33054 Lignano Sabbiadoro) in cooperation with the City of Lignano and the Euro-Sporting Foundation, will be played according to the rules of the International Football Associations Board (IFAB) (Latest Edition) until another article describing something different intervenes. The tournament will be held on 4, 5 and 6 April 2026 at the sports facilities in Lignano Sabbiadoro, Precenicco, Bibione and San Michele al Tagliamento.

The organising club has received the necessary authorisation from the F.I.G.C. for the organisation of this tournament.

Art. 2 CATEGORIES/COMPETITION DURATION/TOURNAMENT FORMAT

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| U17 Allievi | Players born from 01.01.2009 to the age of 14.
Per match, two halves of 20 minutes each, without a halftime break.
Tournament formula: 2 groups of 5 teams. Round-robin group.
Matches according to schedule. |
| U16 Allievi | Players born from 01.01.2010 to the age of 14.
Per match, two halves of 20 minutes each, without a halftime break.
Tournament formula: 2 groups of 5 teams. Round-robin group.
Matches according to schedule. |
| U15 Giovanissimi | Players born from 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2012, with a maximum of 5 players born in 2013.
Per match, two halves of 20 minutes each, without a halftime break.
Tournament formula: Round-robin groups.
Matches according to schedule. |
| U14 Giovanissimi | Players born from 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012, with a maximum of 5 players born in 2013.
Per match, two halves of 20 minutes each, without a halftime break.
Tournament formula: 2 groups of 4 teams. Round-robin groups.
Matches according to schedule. |
| U13 Esordienti | Players born from 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2013, with a maximum of 3 players born in 2014.
Per match, two halves (F.I.G.C. - S.G.S. permission) of 20 minutes each, without a halftime break.
Every match is played by two teams of 9 players on a reduced pitch with reduced goals and using size 4 football balls.
Tournament formula: 4 groups of 5 teams. Round-robin groups.
Matches according to schedule. |
| U12 Esordienti | Players born from 01.01.2014 to 31.12.2014, with a maximum of 3 players born in 2015.
Per match, two halves (F.I.G.C. - S.G.S. permission) of 20 minutes each, without a halftime break.
Every match is played by two teams of 9 players on a reduced pitch with reduced goals and using size 4 football balls.
Tournament formula: 3 groups of 5 teams. Round-robin groups.
Matches according to schedule. |



- U11 Pulcini** Players born 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2015, with a maximum of 3 players born in 2016. Per match, two halves (F.I.G.C. - S.G.S. permission) of 15 minutes each, without a halftime break. Every match is played by two teams of 7 players on a reduced pitch with reduced goals and using size 4 football balls. Penalty kicks and extra time are not allowed. Tournament formula: Round-robin groups. There will be no finals.
- U10 Pulcini** Players born 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016, with a maximum of 3 players born in 2017. Per match, two halves (F.I.G.C. - S.G.S. permission) of 15 minutes each, without halftime break. Every match is played by two teams of 7 players on a reduced pitch with reduced goals and using size 4 football balls. Penalty kicks and extra time are not allowed. Tournament formula: 3 groups of 3 teams. Round-robin groups. There will be no finals.
- U09 Primi calci** Players born from 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2018, with a maximum of 3 players born in 2019. Per match, two halves (F.I.G.C. - S.G.S. permission) of 15 minutes each, without halftime break. Every match is played by two teams of 5 players on a reduced pitch with reduced goals and using size 4 football balls. Penalty kicks and extra time are not allowed. Tournament formula: 3 groups of 4 teams. Round-robin groups. There will be no finals.

Art. 3 LOAN PLAYERS

Loan players are allowed in the categories U14, U15, U16 and U17 only with a **maximum of 3 loan players, not interchangeable** and valid for the entire duration of the tournament. Such loan players may be agreed upon only with clubs not participating in the tournament. Before the start of the tournament, each loan player must submit a clearance issued by the home society.

Art. 4 PLAYERS LISTS (F.I.G.C. - S.G.S. permission for the number of players).

Participating clubs must submit to the tournament organisation, before the start of the tournament (upon arrival), the list of the players they intend to use at the tournament, up to a maximum of n° 20 (cat. U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U17) (exceptions: cat. U10 and U11 with 7-7 players: n° 16; cat. U09 with 5-5 players: n° 12). It is prohibited to make changes to these lists after delivery.

Before every match, a players list for the match has to be submitted to the referee indicating up to a maximum of 20 players (cat. U14, U15, U16 and U17) (exceptions: cat. U12 and U13 with 9-9 players: n° 18; cat. U10 and U11 with 7-7 players: n° 14; cat. U09 with 5-5 players: n° 10).

The age of participants will be checked utilizing federal ID cards or valid identification (ID Card or Passport) before the start of every match, also by the person in charge of the pitch.

For this purpose, every athlete must be present on the pitch at least 30 minutes before the start of the match.

The same player can only participate in one team of the same category during the entire duration of the tournament.

Art. 5 SUBSTITUTIONS

a. In the categories U14, U15, U16 and U17, n° 7 substitutions are allowed per team, at any time during the match and regardless of the role of the players.

In the categories U14, U15, U16 and U17, a player who has been substituted during a match is not allowed to re-enter the same match.

b. In the categories U09, U10, U11, U12 and U13, rolling substitutions are permitted: allowed at any time with no limit, at a stoppage of play and with referee or coach approval. All players must participate to ensure fair rotation and equal playing time. A substituted player may re-enter the match.



Art. 6 CLASSIFICATIONS

The rankings in every group will be determined according to the following criteria: three points for a win, one point for a draw and zero points for a loss. If two or more teams finish their **group** tied up on points, the criteria listed in order shall apply:

- (a) outcome of the direct matches;
- (b) total goal difference of all matches played in the group;
- (c) highest number of goals scored in all matches played in the group;
- (d) coin draw.

Art. 7 PLAYING TIMES

The matches will take place in **two** halves (F.I.G.C. - S.G.S. permission for the categories D, E, F and G):

Cat. U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U17: 2 x 20 minutes;

Cat. U09, U10 and U11: 2 x 15 minutes.

Art. 8 PENALTY KICKS

(Expected in the finals/final, semifinals or other knockout matches.)

In the event of a draw after the two regular halves, penalty kicks will be taken in the manner established by the rule 14 of the game rules and official decisions. In the categories U09, U10 and U11 penalty kicks are prohibited.

Art. 9 REFEREES

The matches will be controlled by F.I.G.C./A.I.A. federal referees for the categories U14, U15, U16 and U17.

In the categories U09, U10, U11, U12 and U13, the matches will be directed by coaches or managers provided by the organising club. In any case, the match reports with attached player lists will be forwarded to the competent committee within the time limits for the necessary Sport Judge view.

Art. 10 TOURNAMENT DISCIPLINE

The Discipline of the Tournament is entrusted to the appointed Sport Judge (S.J.) or his substitute of the Competent Committee.

Art. 11 AUTOMATISM OF SANCTIONS (for tournaments with matches of short duration) (F.I.G.C. - S.G.S. permission for the categories U09, U10, U11, U12 and U13).

In the following cases the sanctions will be automatically applied:

- The player who is sent off during a match cannot participate in the next match, unless the S.J. decides to take a more serious disciplinary measure;
- The player who receives a second caution during the tournament will not be eligible for one match upon decision of the S.J.

Art. 12 COMPLAINTS

Complaints against the referee's decisions are not allowed. Any complaints against others must be submitted to the S.J. **within 30 minutes** from the end of the match in question, accompanied by the fee of Euro 50,00. **A copy of the complaint must be delivered to the counterparty also within 30 minutes after the end of the match.**

Art. 13 ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

A. Every team is required to provide a linesman for every match.

B. More than one team from the same club is allowed in the same tournament and in the same category (F.I.G.C. - S.G.S. permission).

C. **In the groups and in the finals**, the result of a team will be declared invalid (unless the decision of the G.S.) in the following cases:

- if that team is late for a match without a valid reason;

- if that team played with ineligible players;
 - the referee decides to suspend a match because of the misconduct of the players of that team.
- In the above-mentioned cases, the team in question will be declared defeated with the result of 0-3.

- D.** Every team must be accompanied by at least one adult manager (over 18 years of age). His details (name-address-date of birth) must be mentioned on the players list.
The manager is responsible for the behaviour of the players, both on the pitch and in other places made available to the participants.
- E.** All misconduct reports arising from the tournament will be forwarded to the National Federation of the host country, which will forward them to the respective Federations.
- F.** Players' shirts shall be numbered consecutively from 1 to 20 (cat. U12 and U13: 1-18; cat. U10 and U11: 1-14; cat. U09: 1-10). Every club is obliged to bring a second team shirt of contrasting colours. If, according to the referee, before the start of the match, the colours of the clubs are too similar, the team mentioned first in the match programme must change.
- G.** The organizing committee reserves the right to vary the tournament schedule in case of unforeseen circumstances.
- H. Responsibilities.** It is the responsibility of every participating club to ensure that players are adequately insured through their membership and possession of a sports medical certificate, valid for the category to which they belong. The organising club(s), the Organising Committee, the Municipality and the Euro Sporting Foundation are not responsible for damage, loss or theft of participant's possessions in the Tournament, with exception of the referees of the matches for which are valid the regulations of the F.I.G.C.

Art. 14 GENERAL RULES

For all matters not covered by these tournament rules, the provisions of the federal regulations shall apply, and those set out in the Official Notice N° 1 of the Youth and Scholastic Sector for the current season.