



TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS NIEDERRHEIN-TROPHY 2023 - ENGLISH

1. Regulations

The tournament organizer has received the necessary permission from the FVN (Football Association of the Lower Rhine) to hold the tournament. The matches will be played in accordance with the regulations of the 'International Football Association Board' of FIFA and the statutes of the FVN, except where specifically mentioned in these tournament regulations. The tournament organizer will appoint a tournament committee which will be responsible for the overall running of the tournament.

2. Referees - players list

The matches will be officiated by referees affiliated with the FVN. Each team must provide one person as linesman. This linesman remains on the same side for the entire match. He must not indicate offside. The player lists must be completed by all teams before the first match on Saturday and are then valid until the end of the tournament. All players must be in possession of an official player pass which must be always presented.

3. Teams - team leaders

Only teams that have received permission from their football association are eligible to participate in this tournament. The same player may only play in one team during the entire tournament. Each team must be accompanied by a team leader or coach who is over 18 years of age. Their name, address and date of birth must be mentioned on the players' list. The team leader or coach is responsible for the conduct of the players, not only at the sports ground, but also at all other places where the participants are staying.

4. Categories - exemption

A player may play in an age category if he/she was born on or after January 1 of the year in which that age is reached. If girls play in the teams, they may be one year older than the boys. Due to different cut-off dates of different national football associations, the organizer grants the following exceptions:

- Teams from Denmark: 2 players born on/after 01.07. of the previous year.

5. Jersey

Each club shall bring a spare set of jerseys (clearly different from the club colors). If the referee decides before the start of the match that the jersey colors of the teams are very similar, the first named club must play in the spare jersey.

6. Match duration

All games: 1 x 25 min

7. Match procedure/switching

In the U15, U17 and U19 categories, 5 player substitutions are allowed per match. A player who has been substituted may be substituted again in the same match. In the U11, U12 and U13 categories, the number of player changes during the match is unlimited. The substitution of players only takes place during stoppages of play and must be permitted by the referee.

For the categories that play on half a pitch, the following rules must be observed (U11, U12 and U13):

- Offside rule: Offside from the halfway line.
- Ball return to goalkeeper not allowed
- Goalkeeper kick with foot not allowed
- Penalty: Any foul play in the penalty area will be penalized with a penalty kick.

8. Ranking of group matches/qualifying matches

The ranking shall be determined based on the number of points scored. Points are allocated as follows:

- Victory: 3 points
- Draw: 1 point
- Defeat: 0 points

If several teams are level on points at the end of the group stage, the ranking will be determined as follows:

1. goal difference
2. more goals scored
3. result of the direct encounter

If these three rules cannot separate the teams, a penalty shoot-out will take place.

Intermediate/Final Matches: In the event of a draw in the intermediate round or final matches, a penalty shoot-out will take place. Three penalties for each team will then be taken. In the event of a further draw after the 3rd penalty from each team, a further penalty for each team will be taken until there is a winner.

9. Disciplinary measures

If a player has been sent off or has received a caution, the referee will inform the tournament management immediately after the match. A player who has been sent off or has received two official warnings will be suspended for the next match. All reports regarding misconduct will be sent by the tournament organizer to the national football association, which will forward these reports to the relevant other national associations.

In group matches, the results of a team may be declared invalid if:

- the team in question has played with a player who is not eligible to play
- the referee decides to abandon the match due to bad behaviour of the players of the team concerned

10. Delay/abandonment

If a team does not turn up for the match or report to the referee 10 minutes after the official start of the match, it will be reported as a conceding team. If a team abandons a second time, it will be permanently excluded from the tournament. In the event of a team conceding, the matches will be scored as follows to determine the ranking of the group:

- the opponent of the forfeiting team is determined as the winner of the match and wins with 3:0 - this team therefore receives 3 points.
- In case of a team's abandonment during the intermediate, semi-final and final matches finals, the team concerned automatically loses the match 0:3.

11. Appeals

Appeals in relation to decisions of the referee are not possible. Appeals regarding other matters must be submitted in writing to the tournament management by the team leader or coach no later than 15 minutes after the match. The tournament committee also decides on matters that are not included in the tournament regulations. The decisions of the tournament committee are binding.

12. Match schedule

The tournament committee has the right to change the match schedule in case of unforeseen circumstances.

13. Liability

The participating clubs and teams are responsible for providing adequate insurance for their players. The organizer and Euro-Sportring are not liable for personal injury and damage to property or the loss of participants' possessions.