

TOURNAMENT RULES

Budweis Cup 2026

Tournament organizer : Spolek Pro Podporu Sportu
Location : České Budějovice, Czech Republic
Dates : 04-05/07/2026

1. **Rules.** All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the game as laid down by the International Football Association Board, as issued by F.I.F.A and in accordance with the rules of the FAČR.

The organising club, above, has received the necessary permission from the FAČR to host an international tournament.

The organizing club shall form an organizing committee (tournament committee) which shall be responsible for all arrangements in connection with the competition.

2. **Referees.** All matches will be controlled by referees affiliated to the FAČR. **Each team must designate one person to act as linesman.**
3. **Teams.** Teams sanctioned by their national football association are entitled to participate in this tournament.
4. **Team Leader.** Every team **must be accompanied by an adult (over 18 years of age)**. The name, address and date of birth of this adult must be printed clearly on his team's registration sheet. This adult will be deemed to be the team leader and he will be responsible for the behaviour of his players on and off the field. He will be held responsible for the actions of his team within the sports complex and within all other facilities available to the group.
5. **Age categories/dispensations.**
 - U19 Boys born on or after 01.01.07
 - U17 Boys born on or after 01.01.09
 - U15 Boys born on or after 01.01.11
 - U13 Boys born on or after 01.01.13
 - U12 Boys born on or after 01.01.14
 - U11 Boys born on or after 01.01.15
 - U10 Boys born on or after 01.01.16
 - U09 Boys born on or after 01.01.17

Due to different deadlines, set by national soccer associations for category U19, the tournament organizer has granted dispensation for teams from Italy (5 players born after 01.01.06), Switzerland, Belgium and Luxemburg (all players born after 01.01.06) and USA (all players born after 01.08.06). All categories: teams from Denmark: 2 players born on/after 1.10. of the year before.

Age Control. Prior to commencement of the tournament the team leader must submit to the tournament committee a registration sheet which contains the full name, date of birth and shirt number of every player in his team. **All players must provide proof of their age and identity.** They may be asked to show this proof at any time.

6. **Duration of Play.**
The game duration is 1x 25 minutes for all categories.

7. **Placing matches - preliminary rounds.**

The final positions of teams in the preliminary rounds will be determined by the number of points attained. The points system applied will be: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss. Where teams are level on points in their group the following will apply:

1) goal difference

- 2) most goals scored
- 3) the result of the mutual match
- 4) the drawing of lots.

Placing matches - intermediate rounds. In the event of a draw, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with the system laid down by the International Football Association Board in order to determine the winners.

Placing - finals. In the event of a draw, penalty kicks will be taken. In the first phase of the shootout, each team takes 3 penalty kicks, each kick must be taken by a different player. In the event of a tie in the penalty shootout, a series of one penalty kick follows until the decision (shooters can repeat).

8. **Team Sheets and Substitutions.**

Prior to the first game the team leader must hand to the tournament committee a team sheet which must give each player's name, number and date of birth (including substitutions). 5 substitutions are allowed during a game - always in an interrupted game after reporting to the referee. One player can be substituted several times during the match, but each substitution is counted in the total number of 5. The exception is for categories U13 and younger where players can be changed anytime during the game (there is no limitations of substitutions)

9. Every team is obliged to bring a second choice strip of contrasting colour. If, according to the referee, before the start of the match, the colours are too similar then the team mentioned first in the programme must change.

10. **Discipline.**

- When a player is sent from the field tournament committee will be notified immediately after the match by the referee.
- Any player who has been sent off is not eligible to play in their team's next game.
- If a player is expelled for unsportsmanlike behavior, insults, attempted assault, or assault of a referee, teammate, or opponent, he may be expelled from the tournament based on the decision of the tournament committee.

Note: All misconduct reports arising from the tournament will be forwarded to the National Association of the host club who will forward these reports to the National Associations concerned.

In case of **group matches (= placing matches - preliminary rounds) all results of a team** (also already finished games) **will be rendered invalid** in the following cases:

- if that team is late for a game without a valid reason,
- if that team uses an ineligible player,
- if the referee has to abandon a game due to misconduct of players of that team.

In the intermediate- and final rounds (if there is no question of group matches) the team concerned loses in the cases mentioned automatically its match with the result 0-3.

11. **Protests. The referee's decision in all matters concerning points of play shall be final and binding, therefore protests in this area are not accepted.** All other protests should be made only by the responsible team leader to the tournament committee no later than 15 minutes after the match.

The tournament committee's decision on all protests is final and binding. The tournament committee also decides in cases not foreseen in these tournament rules.

12. **Schedule.** The tournament committee has the right to alter the competition schedule should unforeseen circumstances occur.
13. **Responsibility.** It is the responsibility of each team to make sure that adequate insurance cover is provided for their players. The tournament organizers and Euro-Sportring are not responsible for damage to, and loss or theft of possessions or equipment of participants or clubs. They are also not responsible for personal harm or injury to participants.