

## **Mini Euro Rules & Guidelines – 2016 until further notice.**

### **1. Players & Play**

Acceptance of an entry fee is no guarantee of participation. Entry fees will be refunded in full in the event that an individual's participation is declined.

Elimination – a player who misses any Preliminary round games (those up to the Semi Final and Finals) may be eliminated from the tournament. There is no refund for anyone eliminated. The decision to eliminate a participant is a matter for the Tournament Director having regard to (a) the circumstances of the case and (b) the use of Reserve Player(s). Where it is subsequently believed that a player, readmitted to the tournament has misled the Tournament Director on the reason for their absence, they will be automatically eliminated regardless at what stage the tournament has progressed to. The Tournament Director may, in consultation with the organizing committee, apply penalties on the team playing the offending player.

Shinguards must be worn at all times during play.

Notwithstanding of the number of team players available to line out for a team, a match will commence at the scheduled time.

Teams line out as per team sheet irrespective of numbers.

Play-offs, if applicable, will decide placing's for Final stages (Penalties etc. if undecided and/or Goals scored).

Goalkeepers may only be changed with prior permission of the Referee

Back pass rule applies to all groups except to the Junior group. Throw in's for all groups.

No Offside.

Goal kicks and kick outs from the hands must first land in that teams own half otherwise an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposition from the edge of the offending team's penalty box.

Three (3) points for a win, one (1) for a draw.

Each game will be of two equal halves 10 or 15 minutes each way as determined by the Tournament Director.

The duration of any Extra time will be determined by the Tournament Director.

A player sent off or who receives two yellow cards automatically misses his team's next game with no replacement permitted.

All players on the team will be involved in a penalty shoot-out and keep their order of attempt into sudden death. Scoring from rebounds will not count in a shoot-out. As an alternative, Junior teams only may nominate five penalty takers who will continue penalty taking into sudden death.

## **2. Reserve Players**

Cannot be included if they have had their entry declined under Rule 1(a) or have been eliminated under Rule 1 (b).

Replace an eliminated player and automatically become a member of that team.

Should as far as practical be of the same gender/age as the player they are replacing. Final decision on this lies with the Tournament Director.

Cannot be used after third round games or in Semi-Final or Final games.

Cannot be used to replace a suspended player.

Cannot be used if their involvement results in a team having more players than the opposition.

## **3. Refunds.**

A full refund will only be made to a player once teams have not been posted.

50% of the fee paid will only be made if a player named on a team has to withdraw up to the day before the tournament commences.

No refund will be made in respect of a player eliminated.

Full or partial refunds will only be made by Club cheque signed by the Treasurer.

<h3>Guidelines for Deciding Placing's</h3>
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- I. If two teams from the same group finish on top with equal points they both qualify for Semi-final with the team scoring most goals in first place. Where both have an equal number of goals scored then the team who have conceded the least number of goals will be placed first. Where goals conceded are also equal, their game against each other will determine positions otherwise positions will be decided by the toss of a coin.
- II. Where three teams finish on equal points, goals scored will determine first place and the other two will go into a play off. In the event that all three have scored the same amount of goals, first place will be decided on the least number of goals conceded with the other two teams going into a play off for second place. Where all three are equal on goals conceded first out of the hat (or similar lottery) will decide second place for the Semi-final and the other two teams will play off for first place.
- III. In the event that four teams finish on equal points, play offs will decide Semi-finalists and goals scored, goals conceded, if necessary will determine placing's. The toss of a coin will determine who plays who at the outset.
- IV. Where second place is to be decided in a two-way tie, the teams involved will play off as normal
  - i. In a three-way tie for second place the following sequence will decide placing's:-
  - ii. Goals scored, goals conceded, results against each other or draw from the hat.

**General - The organizing committee reserve the right to alter, amend, insert or delete any rule or guideline considered necessary for the operation of the tournament without notice to any other individual or group.**