



## San Marino Cup

International Youth Football Tournament

“Republic of San Marino”

Tournament Rules

(Category E)

### Organisers

The tournament is being organized by the “Dream Team Italy” company with the sponsorship of the San Marino Football Association and the Republic’s Secretary of State for Sports and Tourism.

### Age of Category E

For girls born on / after 01.01.1996. 3 overage players born in 1995 are admitted as well on the field.

### Tournament type

International tournament with 11 players per team.

### Football fields

The tournament will take place mainly on official football fields located on the territory of the Republic as well as on a number of official football fields located in the nearby area.

### Participating teams

8 teams will play in category E, forming 2 rounds (called round “a” and round “b”) of 4 teams each.

### Tournament structure

The tournament structure consists of 2 eliminating rounds of 4 teams per round under Italian rules, with only away games. The winners and runner-ups per round will then form Pool A, for the Pool A semi-finals. Pool A finals will take place on the following day. Should two or more teams end in a draw, the winner will be determined as follows: by the difference in goals scored, by the highest number of goals scored, by the lowest number of goals suffered and finally by drawing lots.

For the semi-finals and also for the finals in case of a draw at the end of the regular time, no extra-time will be played. 5 penalties will be taken directly by each team. If there is still no result, the teams will continue to take penalties and the first team to miss a penalty will lose. (after both the 2 teams have taken the penalty).

The third and fourth teams of each round will form Pool B and will play further rounds. The 4 teams in

Pool B will play according to the direct combination system as for Pool A, against each other in direct matches through the rule of direct elimination, thus obtaining the two teams ranking 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pool B.

At the end of the qualifying rounds, the 4 teams forming Pool A, as well as the 4 in Pool B, will be seeded for direct matches according to the direct combination crossed system (eg. The team ranking 1<sup>st</sup> in round “a” will play against the team ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> in round “b” and so on, thus obtaining the semi-finals and the finals). Pool B will play under the same rules as Pool A.

### Tournament schedule

The “San Marino Cup” will take place from the ..... to ..... July 2010. The matches will start on Tuesday and will end on Saturday. The qualifying rounds will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, on Thursday 8th July and on Friday 9th July the semi-finals. Finals will be played on Saturday. All matches will be played both in the morning and in the afternoon as follows:

morning	kick-off 9:00 a.m. final whistle 12:30 p.m.
afternoon	kick-off 14:30 p.m. final whistle 8:00 p.m.

### Rules

Any dispute or decision not regulated in the present tournament rules, it will be settled by the tournament committee whose decisions are binding and irrevocable.

### Playing time

All the matches of Category E will last 25 minutes per half with a 5 minutes break. The final game will be played 30 minutes per half.

### Final points

Points will be awarded according to current rules: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a defeat.

### Delays

Teams have to be on time (which means 30 minutes before the games are scheduled) on the fields. The greatest allowable delay owing only to proven force majeure will be 15 minutes. Any team not appearing at the appointed time and place for a match without a valid excuse will automatically be declared loser by 3 – 0. Different dispositions might be taken by the San Marino Cup tournament committee, whose decisions are binding and irrevocable.

### Number of players

Clubs shall provide the organisers with the number of players taking part to the San Marino Cup divided into category teams as well as with their enrolment form. Each association may have no more than 24 players per team. The matches will be played by two teams of 11 players each, including the goalkeeper. Each team may have 7 reserve players per match: maximum 7

substitutions are allowed, goalkeeper included. Guest players are allowed. (Note: once a player has been substituted she can't return on the field) .The player list shall be given to the referee at least 15 minutes before kick-off and shall include no more than 18 players, one of which shall be named the captain and another one shall be named vice-captain. The names of the linesmen and the coach's assistant, the masseur and any doctor must appear on the same list. Apart from the reserves themselves, there may not be more than 4 team managers on the reserve bench. The list of players to be given to the referee must be accompanied by pertinent identity cards (San Marino Super Card). Only the first list given to the organisers will be valid.

### **Teams admitted**

The tournament will admit teams belonging to those clubs that are regular members of their own Country Football Federation. As regards teams coming from foreign countries and from the Republic of San Marino, selected teams are admitted as well.

### **Equipment**

Teams must wear different colored-shirts. The referee shall order the first team on the referee's report card to change their shirts in case two teams have similar coloured shirts. Each player must wear a numbered uniform. The goalkeeper must wear a uniform whose color, as that of his substitute, must be different from those of the 2 opponent teams. Shin-caps are compulsory. Should a player doesn't use the shin-caps, at the end of the game, the tournament committee, whose decisions are binding and irrevocable, could temporarily withdraw her permission to play in the tournament.

### **Referees**

Category E matches will be refereed by San Marino referees Association or by foreign referees belonging to the their official referees bodies/associations . All qualification games will be refereed by 1 referee only . **(2 linesmen will be chosen from a representative of each club . They will indicate the referee when the ball is out but they will not have any role to define the off-side players positions whose decision will only depend on the referee)**. All qualification games, semifinal and finals Pool B, will be refereed by 1 referee only . Final games for the 1st and 2nd place and for the 3rd and 4th place will have 1 referee and 2 linesmen.

### **Appeals**

Should any team want to appeal, a written appeal should be delivered to the head referee, by the tournament offices, by and not any later than 9:00 p.m. of the same day in which the match has been performed. Each appeal must be delivered alongwith a fee of Euros 200,00. This amount of money will be returned only if the appeal is considered valid.

### **Partecipation to the matches**

It is compulsory for all teams to play every match included in the schedule. Should a team happen not to play one of the scheduled matches without motivating the absence with proven reasons, this team shall not only be considered the loser of the match, but it shall also be relegated to the last position in its round.

### **Disciplinary actions**

If a player receives 3 yellow cards when playing the official games of the tournament, she will be automatically excluded from the following game. The same procedure will be applied when a player receives a red card, different judge's decision excepted. All disciplinary actions will be handled by a judge appointed by the tournament committee.

### **Suspension of games**

Due to bad wheather conditions the grass field could be replaced with a field on dirt. He is only the referee that can decide in case of bad weather conditions if the match can continue or not. In case the referee decides to stop the match **(which can't be then re-started again or played later on)** it will be valid the score / result existing at the moment of the suspension. If the match is a ¼ of final match or semi-final and if the moment of the suspension there is still a draw between the 2 teams, if possible, the referre will allow the 2 teams to take 5 penalties to decide the winner. If, also this is not possible than the winner will be decided by draw under the referee control. The referee is authorized, in case of extreme hot weather, to suspend the match (2 minutes) to allow player's hydratation and relief. (Referee's decision is binding and irrevocable ).