



## International Youth Football Tournament (07th – 12th JULY 2019)

### Tournament Rules

#### Tournament Organizer

The tournament is organized by “Dream Team Italy” in collaboration with the San Marino Football Federation and the San Marino Government: Tourism Secretary of State.

#### Age of categories

Cat. A – Boys born on/after 01.01.2009 and Girls born on/after 01.01.2008. (2 Boys players born in 2008 are allowed as overage players).

Cat. B – Boys born on/after 01.01.2007 and Girls born on/after 01.01.2007 (Max 3 Girls players are allowed).  
3 Boys players born in 2006 are allowed as overage players.

Cat. C – Boys born on/after 01.01.2005 (3 Boys players born in 2004 are allowed as overage players).

Cat. D – Boys born on/after 01.01.2003 (3 Boys players born in 2002 are allowed as overage players).

Cat. E – Boys born on/after 01.01.2001 (3 Boys players born in 2000 are allowed as overage players).

Cat. F – Girls born on/after 01.01.2005 (3 Girls players born in 2004 are allowed as overage players).

Cat. G – Girls born on/after 01.01.2003 (3 Girls players born in 2002 are allowed as overage players).

Cat. H – Girls born on/after 01.01.2001 (3 Girls players born in 2000 are allowed as overage players).

\* maximum 3 overage players (max 1 year older - born on the previous year) are allowed to play at the same time during a game (only 2 for the A Category 7 a-side). You can bring as many overage players as you want, but only 3 players can play simultaneously in the playing field.

\*\* except the Cat A and Cat B, girls can't play with boys teams and boys with girls teams. Girls are able to play with boys only in the A Category without limit of numbers (and max 1 year older than Boys) and in the B category with a limit of 3 Girls players and same age of Boys (not older).

#### Tournament type

International tournament with 7 players per team in the Cat A and 11 players per team in the Cat B – C – D – E – F – G - H.

#### Football fields

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

#### Participating teams

Cat A: Teams divided into 1 rounds of 4/5/6.  
Cat B: Teams divided into 1 rounds of 4/5/6.  
Cat C: Teams divided into 1 rounds of 4/5/6.  
Cat D: Teams divided into 1 rounds of 4/5/6.  
Cat E: Teams divided into 1 rounds of 4/5/6.  
Cat F: Teams divided into 1 rounds of 4/5/6.  
Cat G: Teams divided into 1 rounds of 4/5/6.  
Cat H: Teams divided into 1 rounds of 4/5/6.

#### Tournament format

the tournament structure consists in preliminary rounds of 4, 5 or 6 teams with only away games and finals for 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Place.

#### Tournament schedule

The “San Marino Cup” will take place from the 07<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The matches will start on 07<sup>th</sup> July and will end on 12<sup>th</sup> July. All matches will be played both in the morning and in the afternoon from 09.00 to 20.00. The tournament has the right to change the groups, times and fields and in the case will be given advance notice to the teams.

#### 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 and according to the F.S.G.C. and FIFA rules. Decisions cannot be appealed.

#### Playing time

Cat A: will last 18 minutes per half with a 5 minute break. The final games will be played 20 minutes per half. Ball size N° 4  
Cat B: will last 20 minutes per half with a 5 minute break. The final games will be played 25 minutes per half. Ball size N° 4  
Cat C: will last 25 minutes per half with a 5 minute break. The final games will be played 30 minutes per half. Ball size N° 5  
Cat D: will last 30 minutes per half with a 5 minute break. The final games will be played 40 minutes per half. Ball size N° 5  
Cat E: will last 30 minutes per half with a 5 minute break. The final games will be played 40 minutes per half. Ball size N° 5  
Cat F: will last 25 minutes per half with a 5 minute break. The final games will be played 30 minutes per half. Ball size N° 5  
Cat G: will last 30 minutes per half with a 5 minute break. The final games will be played 40 minutes per half. Ball size N° 5  
Cat H: will last 30 minutes per half with a 5 minute break. The final games will be played 40 minutes per half. Ball size N° 5

#### Final points

Points will be assigned 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 / Guest players / Substitutions

Clubs shall provide the organisers with the number of players taking part to the San Marino Cup according to their club of origin as well as with their enrolment form. Each team may

have no more than Cat A: 18 Players per team and Cat B – C – D – E – F – G – H: 24 Players per team. Guest players are allowed.

A player can play with more teams registered in different categories (max in 2 categories), but not with more teams playing in the same category (We need to be informed in advance about this and prepare a special dispensation for these players).

Once started the event will no longer be given a chance to change the player list and guest players between teams.

The matches will be played by two teams of 7 players each (boys or girls), including the goalkeeper for Cat A and 11 players for Cat B – C – D – E – F – G - H.

Each team may have 7 reserve players per match: maximum 7 substitutions are allowed, goalkeeper included.

Flying substitutions are not allowed, when a player has been substituted, he/she cannot re-enter.

The player list shall be given to the referee at least 15 minutes before kick-off and shall include no more than 14 players for Cat A and 18 players for Cat B – C – D – E – F – G - H, one of which shall be named the captain and another one shall be named vice-captain.

On the same list must be given the names of the lines-men and the 4 people that will be on the reserve bench with a maximum of 4 people per team.

The list of players to be given to the referee must be accompanied by pertinent original identity cards / passport.

Only the first list given to the organisers will be valid. People not indicated in the list will not be admitted on the pitch.

During the game is forbidden entry to parents / staff WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION inside the pitch. The non-respect of this rule will be considered as invasion of the field and will lead to suspension of the game. Disciplinary action will follow.

Before the game, each team is required to fill in at least 3 copies of the players list, one of which will be given to the referee, 1 to the opposite team and the last to their team. If it will not happen the match will not start. Persisting such a situation, the referee will invalidate the game, attributing the defeat by 3 to 0 to the team responsible for the failure to players list deliver.

The teams are obliged to indicate overage players in the players list, if it will not happen the tournament committee will apply the sanctions.

#### **Age control**

At the arrival of the teams at the tournament headquarter for registrations, each club will have to confirm the age and name of each player with original Passport or Identity card. Then we will deliver official roster stamped and validated.

**Coaches / staff / chaperones / PLAYERS will be allowed on the playing fields only with an ORIGINAL PASSPORT OR IDENTITY DOCUMENT.**

#### **Teams admitted**

The tournament will admit teams belonging to those clubs that are regular members of their own Country Football Federation. As regards as teams coming from foreign countries, representative or selected teams are admitted as well. For those countries where football is runned through the school

body also teams belonging to their school football federations are allowed. On an experimental basis also, teams belonging to sport promotion bodies are allowed, but only if these bodies are member of the Olympic Committee of their country.

#### **Equipment**

Teams must wear different coloured-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 shirt. The goalkeeper must wear a shirt whose colour, as that of his substitute, must be different from those of the 2 opponent teams. Shin-caps are compulsory. In case a player doesn't use the shin-caps, at the end of the game, the tournament committee whose decisions are binding and irrevocable., could temporary withdraw his permission to play in the tournament.

#### **Referees**

Matches will be refereed by referees belonging to the Republic of San Marino official federation or by foreign referees belonging to their official referees associations as per federations rules. All matches for Cat A will be referred by 1 referee only and for CAT B – C – D – E – F – G – H by 1 referee for preliminary matches. Each team has to provide his own linesman. 3 referees only for 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place finals.

Please note that the linesman provided by each team for the qualifiers to the semi-finals matches, will have a only supporting role for the referee to indicate when the ball is out of play, but they can never indicate any offside or which team be for the throw-in.

At the end of the game the referee will give back to the teams the players documents as well as the report game signed by both teams.

#### **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 2 hours after the end of the match. Appeals received later will not be accepted. Each appeal must be delivered along with a fee of Euros 150,00. This amount of money will be returned only if the appeal is considered valid.

#### **Participation 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, he will be automatically excluded from the following game. The Yellow cards are reset after the end of the preliminary round. The same procedure will be applied when a player receives a red card, different judge decision excepted. All disciplinary actions will be handled by a judge appointed by the tournament committee.

In case of a red card a player is obliged to immediately leave the football field and heading to the changing room. The excluded player is not allowed on the bench. The match will not start again until the player has left the pitch.

**Suspension of games**

Due to bad weather 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 started again) it will be valid the score / result existing at the moment of the suspension. If the match is a 1/4 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 referee 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: every time he thinks this is necessary) to allow player's hydration and relief. (Referee's decision is binding and irrevocable).

**Fair Play rule**

We inform clubs that the handshake between players and coaches of the two opponent teams before the beginning of the match will be considered a compulsory rule.