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The Trofeu Fibwi Ibiza de futbol base will be governed by the rules of FIFA and the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF), as well as those of the Football Federation of the Balearic Islands. The regulations refer to the competitions of 8-a-side and 11-a-side football, with the exceptions provided for in this regulation.

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## CATEGORIES

### **8-a-side:**

U9 (born in 2018)  
U10 (born in 2017)  
U11 (born in 2016)  
U12 (born in 2015)

### **11-a-side:**

U14 (born in 2013 and 2014)  
Male U16 (born in 2011 and 2012)  
Female U16 (born in 2011 and 2012)

- It is not allowed to register a player in multiple categories.
- In the case of teams for players born in different years, the team should be registered in the older players' category.
- A maximum of two players born in 2017 will be allowed on a U9 team, and a maximum of two players born in 2015 will be allowed on a U11 team.
- In exceptional cases, and to facilitate the organization of the tournament, the Competition Committee may expressly authorize some exceptions to the age rule. In such cases, the rest of the teams in the category will be informed.

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## COMPETITION SYSTEM

- At first, a maximum participation of 20 teams is estimated in each of the categories.
- If this is the case, four groups of 5 teams will be set up for each category that will compete in a league of 4 matches per team. At the end of this, cross semifinals will be held between the 1st and 2nd place teams (gold semifinals) and between the 3rd and 4th place teams (silver semifinals) of groups A-B and groups C-D.

- The winners will play the gold and silver finals, and the losers will play for 3rd and 4th place. The 5th place teams from each group will play a match against the 5th place team from another group. All teams play a minimum of 5 matches.
- The competition system may vary depending on the number of teams registered in each category.

## CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

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### FASE DE GRUPOS

Won match → 3 points

Tied game → 1 point

Lost game → 0 points

The order of the classification of teams in each group of the group stage will be determined according to the following successive criteria:

- 1st. Highest number of points obtained in all the matches of the group.
- 2nd. In case of a tie in the previous point, the classification will be determined based on the greatest goal difference obtained and conceded, taking into account all the matches of the group, respecting the rule of a maximum difference of nine goals per match.
- 3rd. If two teams are still tied after applying the previous criteria, the specific 'Goal Average' (result of the direct confrontation) will be taken into account.
- 4th. If the tie persists after the previous point, the classification will be determined by penalizing the team with the highest number of cautions received.
- 5th. If the ranking remains tied after the previous point, it will be determined by the lowest number of goals conceded in all group matches, always taking into account the maximum of nine goals per match.
- 6th. If the tie persists, it will be resolved by a draw conducted by the Competition Committee, with the representatives of the two affected teams present. If they cannot be present in the time and manner determined by the Competition Committee, it will decide by draw and communicate it to the teams.

If the tie occurs between three (3) or more teams, the classification will be determined as follows:

- 1st. Highest number of points obtained in all group matches between the teams in question.
- 2nd. In case of a tie, the ranking will be determined based on the greatest goal difference between the teams, respecting the rule of a maximum difference of nine goals per match.
- 3rd. If the tie persists after the previous point, the classification will be determined by penalizing the team with the highest number of cautions received.
- 4th. If after the previous point the classification remains tied, it will be determined by the lowest number of goals conceded among the teams in question, always taking into account the maximum of nine goals per match.
- 5th. If the tie persists, it will be resolved by a draw conducted by the Competition Committee, with representatives from the affected teams present. If they cannot be present at the time and in the manner determined by the Competition Committee, the Committee will decide by draw and communicate it to the teams.

## **FINAL STAGE**

Direct confrontation between two (2) teams, with the winning team of the match advancing to the next phase.

In case of a tie, a series of penalty kicks will be carried out, with five penalties (5) for each team, alternating between them in their execution, after a draw so that the winning team can choose to go first or second in the kicks, with different players having to participate. All penalties will be taken at the same goal.

The team that scores the most goals in the penalty shootout will be declared the winner. In case of a tie, the shootouts will continue in the same order, one for each team, by different players than those who participated in the previous series, until the moment when, having made the same number of attempts, one of the teams has scored one more goal. If the tie persists after all players of one team have taken their shots, they will resume shooting penalties in the same order as the previous series, until one of the teams achieves victory.

During the penalty shootout, both players who are not shooting/goalkeepers and the coaching staff will remain in the half of the field where the penalties are being taken.

## **TIME AND SURFACE OF PLAY**

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The matches will have a different duration depending on each category:

- U9, U10, U11 and U12 categories: 2 periods of 18 minutes each with a 3-minute break (the breaks will take place on the pitch).
- U14, U16 and female categories: 2 periods of 20 minutes each with a 3-minute break (the breaks will take place on the pitch).

The matches will be played on artificial turf fields according to a schedule and calendar that will be provided by the organization in advance of the tournament's start.

## **NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTES**

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- All substitutions are allowed, including that of the goalkeeper, always requested from the referee by the coaching staff.
- The changes may be rotational: a substituted player may re-enter the playing field.
- All substitutions must be made from the center of the field, with the referee's authorization and with the game stopped.
- If the Organizing Committee deems it necessary, a document with the information of the players from each team must be provided, as well as their federation card and ID for the necessary checks.

## **TEAM WEAR**

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- All teams must wear their usual uniforms. All shirts will be provided with numbers that must match those listed in the registration and in the match report. The numbers must be located on the back.
- In case the colors of the uniforms match, the visiting team (2nd in the match statement) must change their shirt.
- The tournament will not provide uniforms or vests to the teams for the matches, and it is the responsibility of the teams to have them.
- The Competition Committee will have the authority to declare the match lost by three to zero (3 - 0) for the team that prevents its dispute due to non-compliance with the regulations regarding equipment, after having assessed it with the match referee.

## **PLAYER REGISTRATION**

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The registration of players must be carried out within the deadlines specified by the tournament organizer. No player may be registered outside of this deadline.

Since a single club can have up to 6 teams (one in each category), a single player is not allowed to participate in multiple categories, even if they belong to the same club.

## **PUNCTUALITY IN MATCHES**

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The match schedules will be strictly adhered to. Teams must be present on the field where the match is taking place fifteen (15) minutes before it starts. If this is not the case and the organization deems there is no justifiable reason for their absence, the match will be awarded as a loss to the offending team with a score of three to zero (3-0).

The breaks between matches will last three (3) minutes and must take place on the playing field, unless weather conditions prevent it, at the organization's discretion, so that they can resume with strict punctuality.

## **REFEREES**

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The referees who will officiate the matches of the tournament will belong to the Referees Committee of the FFIB, aiming to ensure the highest level and rigor of the officiating. The referee will be the highest authority on the field and may suspend or terminate a match if they notice a constant unsportsmanlike attitude in the behavior of a team, although they will always try to use all means to achieve understanding and finish the matches normally. To this end, maximum collaboration is expected from everyone: players, coaches, and team staff, in accordance with the values promoted by the tournament.

## **SANCTIONS – DISCIPLINARY REGIME**

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The player who is sent off the field for a direct red card will be suspended with none, one, or several matches of expulsion depending on the reason for the expulsion, as determined by the Competition Committee. Yellow cards will not accumulate in different matches.

If an F8 team is left with 5 players, or an F11 team with 7 players, the match will be considered finished, counting a score of 3-0 against the team with 5 or 7 players, or with the score that was occurring at that moment if it was favorable for the team with more than 5 or 7 players. Given the educational nature of the tournament, the referee has the authority to send off a player for two minutes from the playing field, if deemed necessary for the development of the match, and no other player can enter in their place during that time, leaving their team at a numerical disadvantage.

In case of a tie and as one of the qualifying criteria, the accumulation of cards will have a negative value when it comes to qualifying (Fair Play), with a negative value of 1 point for each yellow card, 2 points for a double yellow card, and 3 points for a direct red card.

If a team shows violent behavior (physical or verbal) during the competition (incorrect protests against referee decisions, confrontations with rivals, teammates, team officials, members of the Organization, etc.), it may be automatically expelled from the competition.

In the same way, unsportsmanlike behaviors of team fans may be penalized, which could lead to the expulsion of a team from the competition if their behavior jeopardizes the values that the tournament aims to promote.

The Organization reserves the right to report any violent unsportsmanlike conduct to the Competition Committee of the FFIB, so that the Federation can study the possible disciplinary consequences that may arise for the rest of the federative competitions.

In the group stage, in the event of a team being absent or expelled due to serious misconduct, at the discretion of the Organization, all points earned by the other teams up to that moment will be respected, and for the remaining matches pending against the expelled team, the opponents will be declared winners by a score of three to zero (3-0).

In the case of final phase matches or if the withdrawal occurs before the competition, their opponents will be declared the winners with a score of three to zero (3-0). If the permanent suspension of a match is caused by disturbances originating from both teams in play and depending on the severity of the incidents, the Organization may declare both teams to have lost the match with a score of three to zero (3-0).

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## **RESPECT**

The delegates of the teams will be responsible for the attitude and behavior of their players towards the referees, teammates, opponents, the public, the organization, and the materials of the sports facilities (changing rooms, benches, playing fields, etc.).

In the event of any damage occurring in the tournament venue, the club of the team that causes such damage will be held responsible for it.

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## **CLAIMS**

Any claims from any team must be made in writing and submitted by the delegate of each team to the Organization within sixty (60) minutes after the end of the match in question. The Organization will not take responsibility for claims arising from refereeing actions, although it will forward them to the Referee Committee of FFIB.

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## **COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

The Competition Committee of the tournament will meet to analyze any relevant or serious incidents that occurred during the matchday. Its decisions will be final, and all participants agree to respect them without exception.

The sanctions that are automatically generated in each match will take immediate effect, and players who were sent off in the previous match will not be allowed to play.

The Trofeu Fibwi Ibiza de futbol base Organization reserves the right to report any violent or unsportsmanlike conduct to the Competition Committee of the FFIB, so that they can investigate the possible disciplinary consequences that may arise for the rest of the federated competitions.

## **SPECIAL SITUATIONS**

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In case of suspension or cancellation of a match once it has started, due to force majeure or reasons beyond the Organization's control, it will be the Organization itself, based on the cause that led to the suspension or cancellation, that will decide the outcome of the match.

Likewise, in special cases that have prevented the match from taking place, it will be played as determined by the Organization.

Due to organizational and logistical reasons, as well as circumstances beyond our control, the Organization reserves the right to make changes to the match schedule, including the division of groups, as well as the timing and playing fields. Information about changes will be communicated to the team manager with sufficient notice.

## **INSURANCE**

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All participating players in the Trofeu fibwi Ibiza de futbol base must have the corresponding valid federation license. The participating players will be covered by the medical insurance policy of its local Federation. All non-Balearic teams must give the Organization an authorization from its local Federation to participate in the Trofeu Fibwi Ibiza de futbol base.

The tournament organization cannot provide injury reports, and it will be the club of the injured player that will provide their player with a duly signed, stamped, and completed injury report from the club itself.