

**REGULATIONS**  
**FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
PROJECT FAN CUP No. 621947-EPP-1-2020-1-BG-SPO-SNCESE

**ORGANIZER AND OBJECTIVES**

The FAN CUP International Football Tournament is organized by ASSOCIATION FOR SPORT IN THE FREE TIME

The tournament has the following main objective:

To promote sport and health enhancing physical activities in eleven EU member states and candidate countries by preparing, implementing, evaluating and disseminating an innovative EU nonprofit sport event – the FAN CUP, through participation of grassroots football players in the age of 18-60 years, supported by their fans.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The participants must oblige by the rules and conditions of the Regulations for the FAN CUP International Football Tournament. The organizers have the right to make amendments in the Regulations, which will come into force after their publication on the official web site of the event.

**PARTICIPATION**

All men aged above 18 years to the date of the event have the right to participate. Each team is composed of 9 players and 1 coach, who also has the right to take part in the team as a 10<sup>th</sup> player.

All teams register for participation through official application sent to the organizers by the coach of the team. Changes in the roster of the teams are possible only before the start of the tournament after an official application for amendment made by the coach of the team. After the start of the tournament it is not possible to make whatever roster changes or registration of new players even if there are expelled players due to contusion, disqualification or other reasons occurring during the tournament.

**All participants should be amateurs without contracts with professional football clubs. Footballers registered in professional teams of First, Second and Third League of the respective country for the season 2020-2021 have NO right to participate in the tournament.**

**ROUNDS, TIME AND PLACE**

The tournament will take place in two rounds, as follows:

**FIRST ROUND – REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS** /only for Bulgarian teams/ . This round serves as qualifications for the Bulgarian teams and will take place in 8 Bulgarian cities: Stara Zagora, Pazardjik, Sandanski, Gorna Orjahovitsa, Montana, Sofia, Varna and Albena Resort.

**SECOND ROUND – FINALS**

The finals will include 36 teams:

- 20 teams from the participating partner countries.
- 16 Bulgarian teams /the teams ranked on the first and second place in the regional tournaments/.

All the costs for accommodation and board of the participants in the final will be covered by the organizers.

## **DOCUMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS**

For participation in the tournament all participants should submit the following documents:

- List of participants in the team in accordance with the format published by the organizers containing: name and date of birth of every participant, signed by every one of them. This document relieves the organizers of responsibility in case of accident or other health problem occurring during the tournament. The document should be submitted to the organizers before the start of the tournament.
- Official identification document of every member of the team.

## **GAME REGULATIONS**

### **A. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The field is with approximate size of 40/20 m. with goal dimensions of 3/2 m.
2. One game has the following duration: 2 parts of 15 minutes each and a 3-minute break between them.
3. When a game ends with a tie in a direct elimination, additional time is not given. The winner is determined through penalty kicks. At first 3 penalty kicks per team are taken and if the result is equal again, both teams take turns beating one penalty per team until the winner is announced
4. One team consists of 5 field players + 1 goalkeeper playing and up to 4 substitutes.
5. The minimum number of participants of a team necessary to start the game is 5.
6. The number of substitutes during a game is limitless /acc. to the hockey principle/ and are made in the central zone of the field without interrupting the game. The new player enters the field after the previous has left it.
7. Players with football boots with buttons are not allowed. Participants are allowed with football boots 'centipedes'. In case of discussion on the type of the football boots, the decision is made by the referee of the respective game.
8. Taking the ball by an enemy player by side-split move is not allowed. In case a player uses this method, a foul is given against his team which is indirect free kick.
9. Wearing subjects which can threaten the health of the players /such as wristwatches, bracelets, glasses, etc./ is not allowed.
10. Penalty shots are taken at a distance of 6 m.
11. Off-sides are not marked. When a free kick is being made, the distance between the shot and the wall is 5 m.
12. It is not possible to score a goal when the goal keeper throws with hands the ball directly in the opponents net.
13. A touch is being taken with the player's hands. Thus, is not possible to score a goal.
14. It is not allowed for the goal keeper to play with his hands when the ball is being passed back by one of his teammates by foot or a side throw.

15. When a penalty /yellow card/ is being given, the player exits the field for 2 minutes and his team continues playing without one player. After the 2 minutes are over, the player may enter back the field.
16. When a red card penalty or a second yellow card is given, the player exits the field and his team continues to play the game without the player for 5 minutes. He loses the right to play in this game. After the 5 minutes are over, he may be substituted by another player.
17. In the cases of 2 or 5 minute penalty the game is not being stopped and when a team remains with less than 5 participants. When the time of the penalty is over all participants may continue with the next game.
18. After receiving penalties, the players have the right to play in the next game of their team. However, in non-fairplay situations from the players the organizers may disqualify them for a particular number of games or until the end of the tournament. This measure may only be taken after the official decision of the organizers. They inform officially the coach of the respective team. The organizers' decision is final and cannot be subject to any further appeal.
19. When a team does not show on the field within 10 minutes after the announced start of the game, an official loss is being given.
20. In a case of a non fairplay (pushing, punching etc.) against a referee or an opponent player, the game is being ended by a decision of the referee and the guilty team is given an official loss.

## **B. FINALS**

The final tournament will be held in accordance with the following scheme:

All participating teams will be divided into groups of 3 or 4 teams by a draw.

Within the group games are played one to one. The team receives: for winning- 3 points, for ending with a tie – 1 point and for a loss – 0 points. The ranking is made on the basis of the sum of the points. In case that two or more teams have equal sum of points, the ranking is made consecutively in accordance with the following criteria: points in the direct eliminations, goal difference in the direct eliminations, more scored goals in the direct eliminations, total goal difference in the group, more scored goals in the group, draw.

The teams ranked on the first place in the groups are selected for the direct eliminations - 1/8, 1/4 finals, semi-finals and final. Until the final number of participating teams (16) for the final is reached, the teams ranked on the second and eventually third place in the groups will take part in additional barrage competitions to be selected for the 1/8 finals. When a game ends with a tie during the regular time of the direct eliminations, three penalties are being taken, and in case of another tie one penalty is being taken, until a winner is selected. A game for the third place is not being played. The two teams that have lost the semi -finals determine the team which is ranked at the third place by three penalties, and in case of a tie by one penalty, until the winner is selected.

## **FOULS AND APPEALS**

The decisions of the referees and the results of the games are final and cannot be subject to any further appeals.

In case of participation of an enemy player who does not correspond with the criteria of these regulations during the regional tournaments, every team could file an appeal within 15 minutes after the end of the respective game. The appeal can be filed only by the coach.

The jury announces its decision to the coaches of the respective teams. The decision of the jury is final and cannot be subject to any further appeals.

A player who does not correspond with the criteria of these regulations, is not included in the team list or participated under a false name is considered invalid and his participation is ended by a decision of the jury. The team in which the invalid player is found receives an official loss only for the games for which there is an officially filed appeal.

In case of found irregularities, the organizers have the right to impose sanctions such as cancellation of the rights to participate, disqualification or official loss is given against certain participants and / or teams, also in case when there is no officially filed appeal. These measures may be imposed only after a decision of the jury of the respective round.

Cases which are not regulated in this document are resolved also by a decision of the organizers in accordance with the commonly accepted fair play rules, the regulations of the Bulgarian Football Union, etc.

## PRIZES

The prizes are provided by the organizers, as follows:

All participating teams in the final will receive sports outfits with the logo of the tournament.

The first three teams in the final will receive also medals, cups and sports souvenirs.

## PERSONAL DATA

When registering for participation in the tournament every participant agrees that their personal data will be accumulated, maintained and processed by the organizers and his staff. The personal data of the participants will be accumulated and processed only as far as it is necessary for the organization and implementation of the tournament in accordance with the requirements of GDPR legislation. When registering for participation in the tournament every participant authorizes the organizers to use their images in all types of information materials connected with the tournament. The organizers do not have to pay for these rights.