



# Sonnenland-Cup 2017-Tournament rules

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- 1) All matches are played on artificial turf with all-round boards and small field goals (5 m x 2m which corresponds to 16 feet in length and 6,5 feet in height). All players are required to wear gym shoes or indoor soccer shoes. The manufacturer of the artificial turf (type "DLW ") recommends indoor soccer shoes. Regular football shoes, as worn outdoors, are not permitted.
- 2) The size of the match ball is adapted to the age category. All U15 matches are played with the following size 5 footballs:
  - Adidas Champions League Final – official match ball of the FIFA Champions League
  - Adidas "Torfabrik" - Official match ball of the German Bundesliga
  - Adidas "Beau Jeu" – official match ball of the UEFA Euro 2016 in France
- 3) All matches are played by two teams, each consisting of 5 field players and 1 goalkeeper. Teams are allowed to use a maximum of 12 players.
- 4) The numbers of substitutions made during a match is unlimited. Both Individual substitutions as well as the substitutions of all fielders at once are permitted at every moment. Goalkeeper substitutions have to be made during a match pause. For replacements, players entering the pitch must do so at their own substitution zone which is situated on the same side of the pitch as the teams' benches and to the right and left of the Tournament Committee. Every substitution performed outside of the substitution zone is invalid and will be sanctioned by the referee.
- 5) In the U15 category, all matches last 12 minutes, without halftime or side-change. If the quarter-finals, half-finals as well as the final match for the 1st/2nd place end up in a draw, the match will continue for 5 extraminutes. In case that the match is still undecided at the end of the extra-time, the winner is determined through penalty shoot-out (distance 9 m which corresponds to 30 feet).
- 6) If the group matches end with two teams having the exact same number of points, the ranking is determined by consideration of the direct confrontation result of both teams. If the direct confrontation ended in a draw, the Tournament Committee determines the ranking by referring to the goal difference of both teams. If this is equal, too, the advantage comes to the team with the higher amount of goals scored. If this is the same, too, both teams go to a penalty shoot-out.

- 7) When three or more teams equal on points, a separate ranking based on the results of the direct comparisons is required. If the teams then still level on points, goal difference from this separate ranking will decide. If this is equal as well, the Tournament Committee considers the amount of goals scored in reference to the separate ranking. If still any differentiation can be made, the Tournament Committee determines the ranking for the group phase by including all participating teams. In that case, first the goal difference from the group matches decides. If this is equal, the Tournament Committee considers the amount of goals scored during the group matches. Only if then, yet no differentiation on the performance is possible, the involved teams go to a penalty shoot-out.
- 8) In case of a penalty shoot-out, each team chooses 6 penalty takers. One of them has to be the goalkeeper. The penalty shoot-out is first performed by five penalty takers per team. If after five penalties, both teams have scored no goal or the same amount of goals, the remaining sixth takers of each team proceed the shooting. If after six penalties the match remains in a draw, the penalty shoot-out is to be continued until one team has scored one goal more than the opponent team after the same number of penalties taken. Each penalty must be taken by different players (including the goalkeeper). The six nominated penalty takers must perform their second penalty shots before any other players of both teams can take a second shot as well. In the second round, the chronological order of the penalty takers can be changed. If one team ends up having only 5 players, both teams take 5 penalty shots. With less than five players, the penalty shoot-out is cancelled. Any team going to the penalties with less than 5 players automatically gets the poorer ranking. However, if one team is reduced to less than five players during the penalty shoot-out, so the shoot-out is to be continued.
- 9) The best team among all teams in second is the team that has accumulated the highest amount of points. If after the group stage two teams are equal in points, the Tournament Committee attributes the better ranking according to the goal difference of both teams. If this is the same, too, the amount of goals scored decides of the better ranking. If this is also equal, the two teams go to the penalties.
- 10) Match rules:
- a) For all matches there is no offside.
  - b) The goalkeeper may not leave his half of the field unless for taking a penalty.
  - c) At kick-off and for actions resuming the match (except a ball dropped back into game by the referee) the players of the opposing team have to keep a distance of at least five meters.
  - d) In case of a penalty, all field players (except the penalty taker himself) have to stay outside the penalty area.
  - e) Free kicks can be taken directly or indirectly.
  - f) Goals scored by direct corner kicks are valid.
  - g) Goals scored directly from a kick off are not valid.
  - h) The match is to be resumed from the side board with a kick-in whenever
    - the ball crosses the side boards
    - the ball touches the hall ceiling,
    - the ball touches any object that has accidentally got on the pitch

The kick-in is to be performed at the spot that is closest to the cross-over/interference point. Goals scored directly from a kick-in are not valid. Every player of the opposing team must

keep a distance of at least five meters from the point where the kick-in is performed. The player taking the kick-in may not hit the ball twice. The ball is in play as soon as it has been moved.

i) The referee can pronounce personal sanctions (verbal warning, yellow card, 2 minutes time penalty, yellow-red card, red card). After a yellow-red card or a sending-off (red card) the concerned team has to play 2 minutes with one player less. Once the 2 minutes are over, the team can play at full strength again. If during the 2 minutes penalty time the opposing team scores, the punished team may complete itself immediately. This rule does not apply, if both teams are playing at numerical disadvantage (5 vs. 5, 4 vs. 4, etc. instead of 6 vs. 6) due to sanctions. When two players of one team are sanctioned, the rule mentioned above applies only for one player (the first player being sanctioned, that is). With any further goal, the rule also applies for the second penalty. Any player having been punished with a yellow-red card is excluded for the ongoing match but may play for his team again the next match (match penalty). Any player having been sent off (red card) is excluded from any further participation in the tournament.

j) The referee may not pronounce sanctions that are reducing the number of players on a team to less than three. Further time penalties are to be suspended until the concerned team may complete itself to at least 4 players again. Any player having been sanctioned by the referee but waiting for his penalty to begin as a result of the rule described above has to do so on the bench. Any player affected by this rule is suspended as long as he can be replaced by another player.

k) Any team that provokes the cancelling of one of its matches is sanctioned with a 0:2 defeat. Alternatively, if at the time of abandonment the score is more favorable for the opposing team than a 2:0 it is counted as the final result.

- 11) This tournament is led by referees approved by the Bavarian Football Association.
- 12) Further details concerning the tournament program can be obtained from the joint schedule.
- 13) Participation is open only to registered players. Players' licenses are verified by the referees before the beginning of the tournament.
- 14) If both teams have equally colored jerseys, the first-mentioned team is required to switch their jersey. Each team therefore should be equipped with a second set of jerseys when participating in the tournament.
- 15) Furthermore, if the above-mentioned regulations do not oppose, part 1 and 3 of the directives for indoor football set by the Bavarian Football Association according to the state of September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 apply.