

MIROSLAV ĆIRO BLAŽEVIĆ

MEMORIAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Article 1

The organizer of the tournament is NK Ćiro Blažević Academy.

Article 2

The tournament is held for players born in 2017.

Article 3

The tournament consists of 24 teams divided into six groups of four teams. The standings within each group shall be determined according to the following criteria, in order of priority:

- number of points won
- head-to-head result
- goal difference
- higher number of goals scored
- draw of lots

If three teams in a group have the same number of points and the same goal difference, a mini-table shall be created for those teams, taking into account only the results of the matches played between the teams included in the mini-table. The following criteria shall be applied to determine the ranking for qualification to the next stage:

- number of points won
- head-to-head result
- goal difference
- higher number of goals scored
- draw of lots

After the group stage, the competition continues in a knockout format through to the final. All group winners, all group runners-up and the four best third-placed teams shall qualify for the Round of 16 of the Main Tournament, while the remaining teams shall continue the competition in the quarter-finals of the Silver Cup.

Article 4

If a match in the knockout stage ends in a draw, kicks from the 7-metre mark shall be taken. Each team shall take three kicks, each by a different player. If the score remains level after these kicks, each team shall nominate one player at a time to continue taking kicks until a winner is determined.

Article 5

The tournament organizer shall provide the following awards: trophies and medals for the top four teams in the Main Tournament, trophies and medals for the top three teams in the Silver Cup, a perpetual trophy for the winner of the Main Tournament, and awards for the tournament's best individual players.

Article 6

Forty-five (45) minutes before their first match of the tournament, the coach must present the team individually to the Tournament Committee and provide, for each player, an identification document bearing a photograph for inspection (sports registration card, passport, identity card, or verification through the COMET system). A player without an appropriate photo identification document shall not be permitted to participate in the tournament. The team list must specify the shirt number that each player will wear throughout the tournament, as well as each player's date of birth.

Article 7

Teams may include guest players in their squad. The team coach guarantees that all players participating in the tournament hold a valid certificate of medical fitness to participate in sport, in accordance with the Croatian Sports Act and the applicable regulations of the Republic of Croatia governing medical examinations of athletes. All teams participate at their own responsibility. Any club acting contrary to these Tournament Regulations shall be disqualified from the tournament.

Article 8

In addition to boys born in 2017, girls born in 2015 or later are also eligible to participate in the tournament.

Article 9

Tournament matches shall be played on a pitch measuring 45 x 35 m, with goals measuring 5 x 2 m.

Matches shall be played exclusively with the official tournament ball, size 4.

Match duration:

- Group stage: 1 x 20 minutes
- Main Tournament knockout stage: 2 x 15 minutes, with a 2-minute half-time interval
- Silver Cup knockout stage: 1 x 20 minutes

The referee has the right to add time to a match where necessary due to deliberate unsporting time-wasting or other objective circumstances.

Penalty kicks shall be taken from a distance of 7 metres.

Number of players on the field: 6 + 1 goalkeeper.

Each team may register a maximum of 15 players.

Substitutions are rolling substitutions and do not need to be reported to the referee. A player leaving the field must do so immediately next to the halfway line, within the part of the touchline belonging to that player's team. The substitute shall enter the field at the same location.

When the ball crosses the goal line for a goal kick, the goalkeeper may put the ball back into play either by throwing it with the hand or by kicking it from the ground. When kicked from the ground, the ball shall be taken from the line of the goalkeeper's area.

Article 10

For the protection of all tournament participants, if supporters of any team disrupt the competition through offensive chanting, shouting, insulting or abusing any tournament participant, their team shall be disqualified from the tournament.

Article 11

All matches shall be officiated by qualified referees appointed by the Football Referees Committee of the Zagreb Football Association (ZNS).

Article 12

A player may be sanctioned for a serious foul or unsporting behaviour. Sanctions are a caution (yellow card) or dismissal for the remainder of the match, with the team permitted to replace the dismissed player after two minutes (second yellow card or direct red card). Yellow cards do not accumulate and are cleared after each match. A player shown a red card is eligible to participate in the next match unless the Tournament Committee decides otherwise, for example in the case of particularly serious unsporting conduct.

Article 13

The Tournament Committee has the exclusive right to interpret these Tournament Regulations and to decide on all other unforeseen situations.

Article 14

The Tournament Committee shall be appointed by the organizer and shall be responsible for all sporting matters relating to the tournament, as well as all disputes, protests, appeals and unforeseen circumstances.

Article 15

All protests or appeals shall be submitted to the Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding. The Committee shall not accept appeals concerning decisions made by referees.

Rules: For all situations relating to the Laws of the Game that are not specifically covered by these Tournament Regulations, the current edition of the Laws of the Game issued by the International Football Association Board (IFAB), as well as the competition regulations of the Zagreb Football Association, shall apply.

Article 16

By accepting participation in the tournament, all teams accept the obligation to take part in the official team photo session before the start of the competition. Teams and individuals receiving awards are required to participate in the awards ceremony.

By accepting participation, all participants acknowledge the legally prescribed GDPR rules, and the organizer is entitled to use and publish data, photographs and video recordings. Participation in the tournament is voluntary and at the responsibility of the participating clubs, which must obtain the necessary consent from the parents and/or legal guardians of the participants.

The organizer shall not be liable for injuries or other harmful events affecting participants. Insurance against injuries and other harmful events is the responsibility of the clubs and/or the participants' parents or legal guardians.