



8° RIVIERA EASTER CUP

OFFICIAL RULES



✓ ART.1: ORGANIZATION

Academy Cattolica Asd, in cooperation with **IFE Sportland**, **2erre Organizzazioni** e **Sportland Travel srl** organizes the **8° Riviera Easter Cup**. This International Youth Tournament will take place on March 29th/April 1st, 2024 in the sports centers of **Cattolica**, **Vallefoglia** and **Gradara**.

✓ ART.2: PARTICIPATION CATEGORIES

The Tournament is reserved to players, who are regularly enrolled in their club and national Federations of the current season, for the following categories:

- **UNDER 17:** born from 1 January 2007 until their 14th birthday
- **UNDER 15:** born from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2010. Where necessary, it is possible to use a maximum of 5 players born in 2011 who have reached the age of 12;
- **UNDER 14:** born from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010. Where necessary, it is possible to use a maximum of 5 players born in 2011 who have reached the age of 12;
- **UNDER 13:** born from 1 January 2011 until 31 December 2011. It is possible to use players born in 2012;
- **UNDER 12:** born from 1 January 2012 until 31 December 2012. It is possible to use players born in 2013;
- **UNDER 11:** born from 1 January 2013 until 31 December 2014. It is possible to use players born in 2015;
- **UNDER U9:** born from 1 January 2015 until 31 December 2016. It is possible to use players born in 2017.

✓ ART.3: LOANS

Loans are allowed only in these categories: **Under 17-16-15-14** up to **3** loans will be allowed in each team, with the authorization of the belonging Society, that can't be one of the Societies participating in the Tournament.

✓ ART.4: PLAYERS LIST

The participating Teams must provide the tournament organization the list of players, **including any loans** they will use during the tournament. No changes are permitted after the organization has received the list. Each organization or team will have to present a player list for each match. For the first match of the tournament, the call will be made with the players' licenses. For the following matches, the call will be done up to the Organizing Committee discretion.

- **UNDER 17-16:** a maximum of 25 players, but only 20 will be on the match player list
- **UNDER 15-14:** a maximum of 25 players, but only 20 will be on the match player list
- **UNDER 13-12:** a maximum of 22 players, but only 18 will be on the match player list
- **UNDER 11-10:** a maximum of 18 players, but only 14 will be on the match player list
- **UNDER 9-8:** a maximum of 14 players, but only 14 will be on the match player list

✓ ART.4: DOUBLE TEAMS "A" and "B"- PROHIBITION OF PLAYER EXCHANGE

If a club registers TWO or more teams in the same category, the exchange of players from one team to another during the entire tournament is FORBIDDEN. No exceptions are permitted. Before the start of the first match, the club will decide the rosters of each team by providing the player list.

✓ ART.5: SUBSTITUTIONS

In the categories **UNDER 17-16-15-14**, up to **7** substitutions are permitted at any time throughout the game, regardless of role. **All other categories:** substitutions are permitted at any time of the game, regardless of role (flying changes = without stopping the game). **Other categories:** substitutions at any time of the match and regardless of role (flying substitutions: a replaced player can return). The organization INVITES all clubs to let all athletes play in every match.

✓ ART.6: PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Teams will take part in the tournament as scheduled (**divided by category and with the indication of the name of the club and the original country**)

✓ ART.7: TOURNAMENT FORMULA

See **Official Calendar** gave to each team manager before the Tournament start.

✓ ART.8: RANKING

The rankings will be drawn up based on the following criteria:

- 3 points for a win;
- 1 point for a draw;
- 0 points for a defeat.

In the case of a tie between **TWO OR MORE TEAMS**, the final ranking is determined by the:

- 1) Results in direct matches;
- 2) Goal difference of all the matches played in the round;
- 3) Highest number of goals scored in all the matches played in the round;
- 4) Draw.

In order to decide **THE BEST SECOND PLACE between more groups composed of a different number of teams**, we will follow those criteria:

- 1) Highest number of points in the group stage divided per games played
- 2) Goal difference per games played
- 3) Highest number of goals scored per games played
- 4) Draw.

In order to decide **THE BEST SECOND PLACE between more groups composed of the same number of teams**, we will follow those criteria:

- 1) Points scored in overall games in the round;
- 2) Goal difference;
- 3) Highest number of goals scored;
- 4) Draw.

The top two teams will advance to the Semi-finals where teams from the same round could not play against each other.

✓ ART.9: MATCH LENGHT

As the tournament is short, (with consecutive games) the match times are as follows:

- **UNDER 17-16:** 2 x **25 minutes** times, 11vs11 using balls N°5;
- **UNDER 15-14:** 2 x **20 minutes** times, 11vs11 using balls N°5;
- **UNDER 13-12:** 2 x **20 minutes** times, 9vs9 using balls N°4;
- **UNDER 11-10:** 2 x **15/20 minutes** times, 7vs7 using balls N°4;
- **UNDER 9-8:** 2 x **15 minutes** times, 5vs5 using balls N°3 or 4.

All teams are expected to follow the proposed tournament schedule. The maximum wait time is 15 minutes. Once the time has exceeded 15 minutes, the Organizing Committee has the right to declare a forfeit (3-0). An exception or extension may be made on the discretion of the Organizing Committee for reasons of force majeure. If a team renounces the participation of two qualifying group matches, all the results of the previous competitions of the same team played during the qualification round will be canceled and the score will be assigned 0-3.

✓ ART.10: PENALTIES (finals, semifinals or direct elimination matches)

In case of a tie at the end of the direct elimination matches, semifinal and final rounds, penalty shoot-outs will determine the winning team, according to the Regulations of the game.

✓ ART.11: EXTRA TIME

In case of a tie at the end of regular time, two extra time of 7 minutes will be given only on finals for the categories: **UNDER 17-15**). If no winner is determined after the allotted extra time, the game will proceed into a penalty shoot-out, as determined in article 10.

✓ ART.12: TECHNICAL RULES

UNDER 13-12

1. Substitutions: at any time of the match and regardless of role (flying substitutions). Having all the players in the squad play is recommended, but not mandatory (see ART.5);
2. Offside 16.5 meters from the baseline;
3. Since this is a fast-paced tournament, there is no time-out;
4. Free kicks: direct or indirect (7 m);
5. Warnings provided only in exceptional cases;
6. Expulsion foreseen in case of particularly serious behaviour, but with replacement of the expelled player in the following playing time;
7. Penalty kick is allowed;
8. The goalkeeper is not allowed to throw with his hands in the opponent's half of the field;
9. Goal throw: with the feet, ball placed inside the penalty area. Opposing players will have to stand outside the NO PRESSING zone until the first reception;
10. "NO PRESSING" zone: length of the area and its extension.

UNDER 11

1. Substitutions: at any time of the match and regardless of role (flying substitutions). Having all the players in the squad play is recommended, but not mandatory (see ART.5);
2. There is no Offside;
3. Since this is a fast-paced tournament, there is no time-out;
4. Back pass to the goalkeeper:
 - a) The goalkeeper is not allowed to pick up the ball kicked towards him by a teammate with his hands;
 - b) The opposing team is not allowed to intervene on the back pass;
 - c) The goalkeeper in possession of the ball cannot be attacked and must be able to play without being tackled;
 - d) The goalkeeper cannot kick the ball beyond mid-field;
 - e) And. The goalkeeper cannot maintain possession of the ball for more than 6 seconds, either with his hands or with his feet;
 - f) The goalkeeper who puts the ball on the ground cannot catch it with his hands;
5. Free kicks: all indirect (6 m);
6. Warnings provided only in exceptional cases;
7. Expulsion foreseen in case of particularly serious behaviour, but with replacement of the expelled player in the following playing time;
8. Penalty kick: foreseen - only in the case of a clearly voluntary infringement within the area;
9. Corner kick: with the feet – short pass that cannot be intercepted or crossed, no direct goal;
10. Throw-in with the ball on the ground in the penalty area;
11. The goalkeeper cannot throw the ball back beyond the halfway line;
12. Throw-ins are taken exclusively with the hands;
13. To decree the passage of the round or to establish the winner, the use of penalty kicks is permitted;
14. "NO PRESSING" zone: length of the area and its extension;
15. Goal throw: with the feet, ball placed inside the penalty area. Opposing players will have to stand outside the NO PRESSING zone until the first reception.

UNDER 9

1. Substitutions: at any time of the match and regardless of role (flying substitutions). Having all the players in the squad play is recommended, but not mandatory (see ART.5);
2. There is no Offside;
3. Since this is a fast-paced tournament, there is no time-out;
4. Back pass to the goalkeeper: the goalkeeper can use his hands and cannot kick beyond midfield;
5. Corner kick: with your feet – short pass that cannot be intercepted (no cross, no direct goal);
6. Unexpected expulsion;
7. Free kicks: all indirect (6 m);
8. Goal throw: always ball in the goalkeeper's hands, no more than half the field and the opposing team must stay entirely beyond the free zone.

✓ ART.13: REFEREES

UNDER 17-16-15-14 and **UNDER 13-12**: the matches will be directed by FIGC referees and by referees of the Organizing Committee. **UNDER 11-10-9-8**: the matches will be refereed by the same players participating in the match (self-refereeing). The match reports with the players' lists attached will be sent to the relevant Committee within the established deadlines for the necessary viewing of the sports judge.

✓ ART.14: TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee is responsible for any dispute, complaint, claim or circumstance not provided.

NAME	SURNAME	AGENCY / COMPANY	FUNCTION
Roberto	Guidi	Academy Cattolica	President
Omar	Ibidi	Academy Cattolica	Vice-president
Gabriele	Donghi	IFE Sportland	Member
Massimiliano	Villa	IFE Sportland	Member

The committee will not accept protests or complaints on decisions made by the referees.

✓ ART.15: TOURNAMENT DISCIPLINARY

The discipline of the tournament is assigned to the Tournament Committee.

✓ ART.16: AUTOMATIC SANCTIONS (for the tournaments with consecutive games)

- **UNDER 17÷14:** any player **sent off** the field during a match will not be allowed to participate in the next match. The player who receives a **second caution** won't play in a match based on the decision of the sports court.
- **UNDER 13÷9:** in these categories the automatic sanctions is not planned.

✓ ART.17: COMPLAINTS

All claims must be made within 30 minutes from the end of the match together with a fee of € 50.00. A copy of the complaint must be delivered to the counterpart (offender) within 30 minutes.

✓ ART. 18: INSURANCE

Every Association must provide their players with insurance.

✓ ART 19. I.F.A.B.

Matches will follow the current International Football Associations Board (IFAB) rules.

✓ ART.20: RESPONSIBILITY

Participating teams are required to have appropriate insurance for their athletes. The Organizing Committee is not responsible for damage, loss or theft to the people and property of any participant in the tournament, with the exception of the referees involved.