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REGULATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

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Qualification rounds: March 1 – June 8, 2008

Final rounds: July 11-21, 2008

Conditions of participation

The European Junior Championships tournament is the bi-annual competition for the U19 Junior National Teams in Europe.

The tournament will be restricted to teams whose national federations are members of EFAF and have an established junior program and junior championship game.

§1 General provisions

The entry fee for qualification round is To be paid latest to the EFAF account	EURO 1.000,00 September 10 th , 2007
Deposit for final tournament LOC fee To be paid latest to the EFAF account	EURO 2.000,00 September 10 th , 2007
The additional entry fee of the final tournament is To be paid latest to the EFAF account	EURO 1.000,00 June 10 th , 2008
Additional tournament fee for LOC To be paid latest to the AEFA account	EURO 8.000,00 (maximum) June 10 th , 2008

The entry fee for qualification rounds has to be paid by all countries entering the competition even if a country does not have to play a qualification game.

The deposit of 2.000 euros for LOC tournament fee will be refunded to teams that do not qualify for the final tournament latest one month after their last qualification game. Teams in violation with rules and regulations governing European Junior Champion-

ships may lose their deposit. The deposit will be credited towards LOC tournament fee for teams qualifying for the final-eight tournament.

If, after written confirmation of its participation by the federation and after it has paid the entry fee and/or LOC deposit, the team refuses to play a game, it shall be disqualified and fined. The federation shall at the same time lose all rights to receive financial contributions from the EFAF or other EJC partners.

The fines are if the team refuses to play after signing the entry form and sending to EFAF office and/ or paying the basic entry fee:

- the qualification game within two months EURO 1.500 or equivalent
- within one month EURO 2.000 or equivalent
- within two weeks EURO 2.500 or equivalent
- the championship round EURO 7.500 or equivalent
- the final or games for 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th spot EURO 12.500 or equivalent

If a team refuses to play, the team's opponent will qualify for the next round and in case of the championship round the opponent will win the game with a result of 50-0.

In the case of a fine and a non-payment of the fine the EFAF Disciplinary regulations will apply.

Failure to comply with all deadlines in this regulation will result in the following:

- 1) Failure to meet deadline date, fine of 500 Euros for each offence.
- 2) Failure to submit required information 7 days after deadline date: Possible expulsion from the tournament, plus a fine associated to refusal to play \$1 in accordance to non-payment of entry fee, bank guarantee.

If EFAF Office or EFAF tournament committee are sending out requests to the designated communication liaison officer of a participants and there will be no answer on that request within 48 hours EFAF may fine the federation with 500 EUR.

§2 Grouping and seeding

The EFAF European Junior Championships final round will be a system of Final-eight. According to the confirmations of participation EFAF Board of Directors (EFAF BoD) will seed the teams for qualification games with the basis being previous results from European Junior Championships as well as regional and technical aspects.

§3 Qualification round

The EFAF BoD will determine (after the entry fees have been paid) the form of qualification round play at the latest October 2007. Each participating federation could be required to play up to two qualification games. The hosting federations will then have until November 30, 2007 to confirm date, time and venue of the game.

The qualification round games have to be played from March 1, 2008 to June 8, 2008, unless another date is mutually agreed upon by the participating federations as well as the EJCTC.

The details for accommodation as well as other conditions will be given latest February 1, 2008 to the participating federations and the EJCTC by the hosting federation. Travel to the hosting country and back home will be the responsibility of the respective federation. The hosting federation is responsible for the general organisation of the qualification game as well as one overnight and three meals for a travelling party of 55 persons in a youth hostel type accommodation.

Each participating federation will be required to pay for the transport of three game officials determined by EFAF officiating committee to the qualification rounds.

§4 Championship round

The final eight pooling depends on which teams win the qualification games and the seeding. The final championship groups will be determined after the qualification games are completed. This must not be later than June 10, 2008.

All teams participating in final-eight tournament will be charged an additional tournament fee (maximum 10.000,00 euros, including deposit) to cover some expenses for the tournament host. Final amount will be determined by EFAF BoD by May 1st, 2008. The deposit of 2.000,00 euros will be credited towards this fee for teams qualified for final tournament.

All teams travelling to the hosting country are responsible for the transport of their team to the site of the championships and home again. Ground transportation (teams to practice, game and other planned events) once at the championships site and food and lodging will be covered by the LOC. Each team will only be allowed to bring 45 players and 10 coaches/others. If a federation wants to bring more coaches/others it must cover such expenses.

The details for travel and accommodation as well other conditions will be given after the qualification round in May /June 2008 by the LOC to all the eight teams travelling to the Finals and to the EJCTC.

Each participating federation will be required to pay for the transport of game officials determined by EFAF Officiating committee to the championships from their respective country.

The host has to pay for travel costs and one night accommodation of two to four neutral referees assigned by EFAF:

§5 Tie breakers

In all qualification games there has to be a winner and the game may not end as tied. If the score is equal after the normal game time, the NCAA tie-breaker rules will be used to break a tie.

In the final tournament the group games can end in a tie.

The winners of the championship pool will be decided in the following way:

- head to head
- head to head net points
- net points overall
- most touchdowns scored
- coin toss

§6 Eligibility of a player

A player has to be born on or after January 1st 1989 to be eligible to play. The federation can have only players that have the passport of the country that the federation represents.

At games, 60 minutes before kick-off at the latest, each team shall indicate on the EFAF game roster the names of not more than 45 players and 10 team officials (more team officials may be nominated on costs of participants).

The referee or an EFAF supervisor will request presentation of the personal identity cards of the players whose names are included in the EFAF game roster. Identity documents must be a passport which includes photograph, date of birth and nationality.

The preliminary player roster of 75 players (name, jersey number, position, height, weight, present team and date of birth) for the Championships round must be submitted no later than 21 days before the Championships rounds starts to the EJCTC in order to ensure accurate information in the event program. No changes to this roster are permitted after its submission without approval by the EJCTC. Changes will only be permitted in rare cases, which are to be submitted in writing to the EJCTC.

At Championships rounds each team shall only be allowed to use 45 players (from the preliminary 75 man roster). At the start of the Championships round each team shall submit the list of 45 players that the team will be allowed to use throughout the Championships round.

§7 Colours of the teams

Each Team must submit their team uniform colours (jersey and pants) for both home and away on the application form. No changes to these colours are permitted after its submission without approval by the EJCTC. Changes will only be permitted in rare cases, which are to be submitted in writing to the EJCTC. All teams are required to have two sets of contrasting uniforms. In case of teams having the same colour the away team must change.

Uniforms and Colours of the Teams:

- a) Team players uniforms shall be identical and in good condition;
- b) Teams shall have two complete sets of players jerseys. Its home colour and white/light-coloured jerseys for away games and
- c) Advertisement on the game uniform further information §8).

§8 Publicity

Publicity on player's equipment shall be permitted but the publicity must be in accordance with the EJC sponsors. Therefore, publicity must be communicated to the EJCTC by the national federation concerned, and approved in writing by the EJCTC. Participating teams shall ensure that no publicity advertising or other material produced is affixed or displayed by them in connection with the European Junior Championship shall promote advertise or otherwise enhance the sale or other supply of, prescribed drugs, or other matter or material of an improper nature (including but not limited to pornographic material, alcohol and tobacco).

The LOC has the right (but not the obligation) to affix advertising patches to the right (looking from the front) shoulder of each participating team jersey and if so exercising that right shall procure and send to each participating team 45 patches for so affixing to the shirts to arrive at the participating teams not less than 14 days prior to the commencement of the EJC. The LOC must notify the participating teams no later than two months prior to the start of the tournament if LOC will exercise this right.

EFAF shall have the right (but not the obligation) to affix advertising patches to the left (looking from the front) shoulder of each participating team shirt and if so exercising that right shall procure and send to each participating team 45 patches for so affixing to the shirts to arrive at the participating teams not less than 14 days prior to the commencement of the EJC. EFAF must notify the participating teams no later than two months prior to the start of the tournament if EFAF will exercise this right

§9 Laws of the game

The games played in 2008 shall be played in conformity with the EFAF rules (NCAA game rules 2007) with the following specified exceptions:

The game time is 40 minutes divided into 4x10 minute quarters.

Player ejections: Any player ejected from the game will not be eligible to play in his team's next game in this competition.

§10 EFAF minimum game requirements

Game Balls:

Only approved game balls are to be used (according to NCAA rules in the previous year of the games or NFL F-1000 size). A minimum of 3 game balls, pump, pressure gauge and towels (to be provided to the game officials by the home federation at least 60 minutes before kick-off; in wet weather, please have as many game balls as possible. For offense plays a team may chose to play with its own balls and not by those provided by home team (qualification round) or LOC (final tournament). Those balls have to be presented to the officials latest one day before the game and approved by them. In case of dispute the EFAF Game Observer decides.

Field Markings:

It shall be as diagram enclosed. Full NCAA markings preferred End zones shall be 10yds deep. If the field must be shortened then adjust field from the center (midfield must be at least 45 yards from each end zone. Goalposts must be on the end line and padded.

Equipment and personal:

Down marker and chain set (10 yards only) to be of good condition. Home team (or LOC at championships round) has to supply 3 persons 14 years or older at least 20 minutes before the kick-off.

Ball persons:

Home team (or LOC at championships round) has to supply 2 persons 14 years or older at least 20 minutes before the kick-off.

Uniform colours:

Teams have to wear completely contrasting coloured shirts. See §7 above.

Changing rooms:

Teams and game officials are to have separated changing rooms, game officials changing room to be adequate in size for at least 6 officials, team changing rooms to be adequate for 45 players.

Game management to assist game officials at the game:

-Medical requirements to meet minimum requirements at least 30 minutes before kick-off:

- a) A qualified medical Doctor must be present at the game at all times
- b) An ambulance crew must not be the sole medical personnel present; if ambulance should leave it should be replaced within the shortest time possible;
- c) A first aid kit including a suitable (preferably inflatable) set of limb splints must be available and
- d) Medical doctor to be named on the roster form.

If aforementioned requirements are not reached, then the game will be suspended.

Head coaches report form:

This is to be sent to EFAF director of officiating within 7 days of the game.

Video:

Game video to be sent to EFAF director of officiating within 7 days of the game, this video is for assessment of the officials only. Guidelines for Video/camera person:

- Camera to be running throughout the game, even on penalty administrations and injuries.

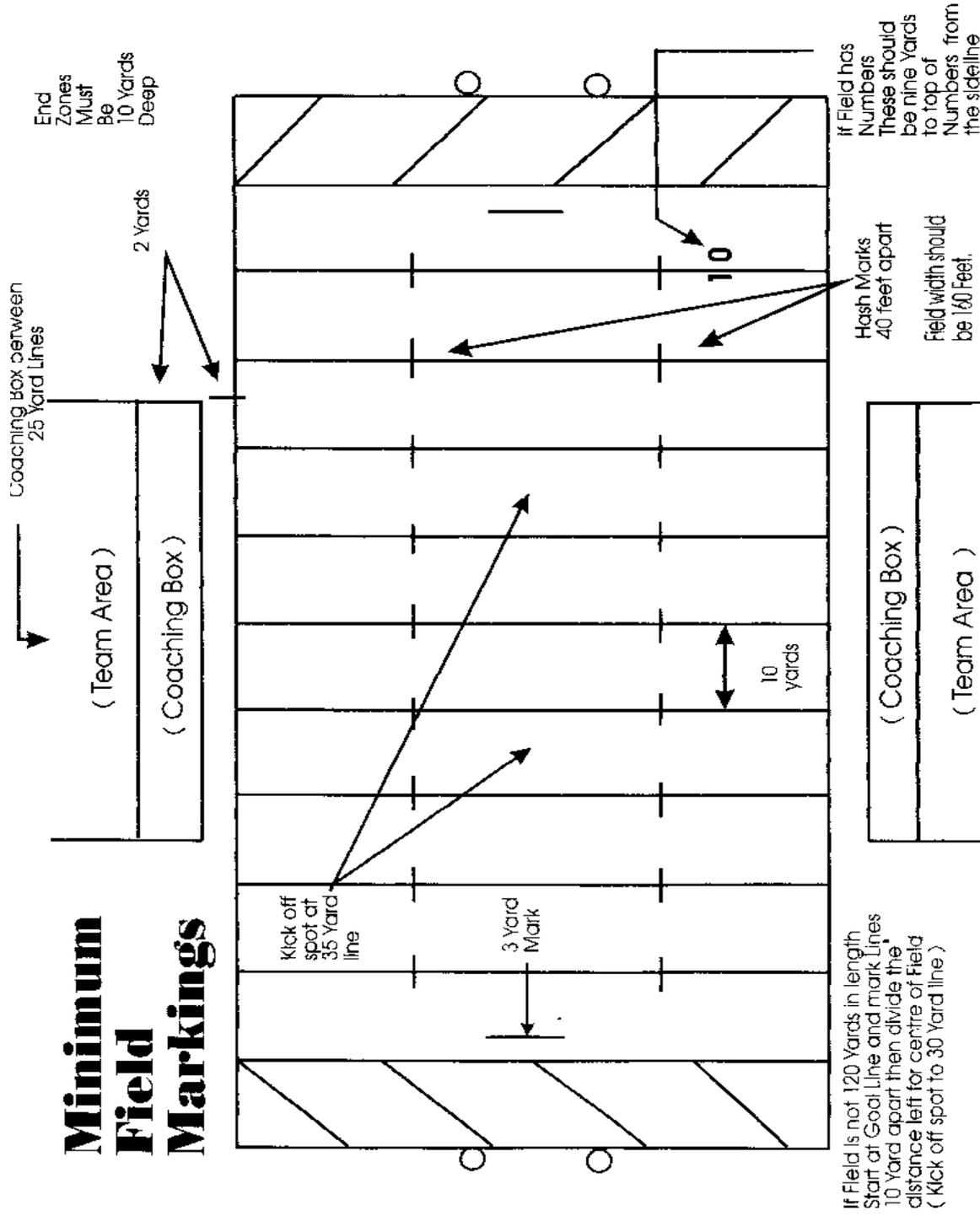
§11 Arena and field

EFAF may refuse to permit games to be played in arenas which do not measure up to international standards, by which it means that the ground must be in good condition as to both the playing surface and the facilities. The stadium must conform to the security prescriptions of the competent civil authorities. The National Federations/Associations taking part in the EFAF competition must ensure that the stadium they use undergoes a periodic safety check. The games can be played in daytime or evening but then, only on grounds equipped with appropriate floodlights.

In order to guarantee the safety of the players and the game officials, the hosting team (or LOC at championships round) shall provide for an access to the field ensuring safe entry and exit.

EFAF official representatives and at least four representatives of the visiting team and its National Federation/Association shall be seated in the best category seats. An adequate number of complimentary and paying seats, to be fixed by mutual agreement, shall be reserved for the visiting team.

Minimum Field Markings



§12 Unfitness of grounds

If the National Federations/Associations/ home team concerned considers the ground unfit for play, they are responsible to have the ground inspected by EJCTC, if the ground is deemed unfit the host team shall inform the visiting team and the referees prior to their departure, otherwise the home team shall be responsible for their travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses. If any doubt arises as to the fitness of the ground after the visiting team's departure from home, the head-referee shall determine at the ground itself whether or not it is fit for play.

If the ground is subsequently deemed unfit, all attempts should be made to secure an alternative suitable venue or the game shall be played on the following day unless reasons beyond control impede such a game taking place. If the game cannot take place, the travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses of the visiting team, as well as the costs of the organizer, shall be divided between the two teams in equal parts.

In the event that the game does not take place it shall be rescheduled in accordance with the qualification schedule or the result shall be decided by the flip of a coin. The same provisions apply if the game is abandoned for the same reasons.

The TC can abandon a game before the expiration of the statutory playing time or during overtime due to Force Majeure. His decision is final and the game will end with the existing score of points.

§13 The game officials

The EFAF Officiating Committee shall designate a referee from a neutral country for each game (qualification and championships rounds). Only referees whose names are included in the official EFAF official's list shall be appointed.

The officials shall be named to the LOC at the latest by June 15th, 2008 , 2008 so that travel arrangements can be made. For qualification rounds the officials (a team of five) shall be appointed by the EFAF Officiating committee and one shall be appointed as a substitute head referee.

For championships round games EFAF Officiating Committee shall designate in total 28 officials (three from each participating country and four neutral).

§14 Other financial provisions

Each federation shall retain its receipts and shall bear all the organisational expenses. The LOC covers the expenses of board and lodging of the officials for the championships round.

The travel for officials (two for qualification rounds and three for championships round) who travel with the team will be the responsibility of the team. This applies for the qualification round as well as for the championships round. The hosting federation shall pay for the travels of the neutral official. LOC has to pay for the travel of the neutral officials of the championships round.

These travelling expenses shall, as a rule, be settled one hour before the game. There will be no per diem paid by EFAF or by the host to the game officials.

If the payment has not been made at such time the home team will lose the game and will be held responsible for all costs of the travelling federation originating from their appearance at the event including preparation camps.

In addition to these refunds to the travelling federation the hosting federation will be subject to EFAF Disciplinary regulations. The federations are responsible for their own travelling arrangements.

There will be no fees or levies to be paid to EFAF by the organising party for the qualification games or for the fees received for television, closed circuit, sound broadcasting, films and video cassettes in 2008.

EFAF, its member federations and their affiliated organisations are the holders of the exclusive rights to authorise the broadcasting, transmission and reproduction of events by television and radio which come under the EFAF's jurisdiction, irrespective, as well as any other use and distribution by whatever audio-visual and sound broadcasting media.

All games which shall be transmitted by television, closed circuit, broadcast by radio stations or shot by film producers shall be covered by a written contract. The EJCTC is entitled to request the presentation of contracts.

§15 Anti Doping

The EJCTC will inform the Anti Doping Committees of respective countries of the game dates of qualification rounds and of championships round. The possible testing will be carried out according to the rules of respective Anti Doping Committees and the WADA. EFAF Anti Doping regulations shall always apply.

§16 Medals

All teams participating at the Championships rounds will receive 55 medals. Winner-gold, second place- silver, third place-bronze and fourth to eight plain-medal. A Fair Play prize will be awarded to the most Fair Play team decided by EJCTC.

§17 Unforeseen Circumstances

The EJCTC, the EFAF Board of Directors or the disciplinary committee, respectively, shall take decisions on all matters not provided for in these regulations as well as in cases of "force majeure". Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.

§18 Disciplinary regulations

EFAF disciplinary regulations shall always apply and are in effect for teams in breach of these regulations.

§19 Protests and Appeals

EFAF protest and appeal regulations are in effect during final tournament.

§20 Sanctions

These qualification and final tournament regulations were sanctioned by the Tournament Committee on August 1, 2007.

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