



Equipe de Nations Unis de Football au Maroc

Rules of the tournament

1. Fairplay

The most important thing we want to uphold with each other is FairPlay. The most important prize to win during this tournament is the FairPlay-cup which will be judged by a jury of scouts along the sidelines of every match and the referees.

FairPlay means: sportsmanship on and off the pitch, no discussions with the referees about their decisions, respecting each other and respecting the rules of the game.

In general the referees will lead the game according to the general rules of FIFA. So that means that everybody, participating in this tournament, needs to have knowledge of these rules. And they are the same whether you play in Africa, Europe or Asia.

Let's treat this tournament as a competition but never as if the champions league is on the line. And remember : the referees are here voluntarily, without any pay, and have just as much right to a nice day as we do.

2. The rules

1. A team can be consisting of 14 players maximum, since we are playing 8x8 on the field.
2. In general: our philosophy is that playing together in a tournament helps stimulate cooperation between organizations but certainly also within organisations. Therefore a balanced team is asked for.
3. A team needs to consist of players that are actually working within the organization.
4. For embassies and other international organizations we want teams to ideally consist of at least 3 diplomats. Because we know that in some cases spouses of diplomats are necessary because of small diplomatic contingencies at an embassy they are welcome to join.
5. For example, for a Moroccan ministry we preferably would like to see management and employees join in.
6. We will and can not check credentials and contracts of employees or diplomats. We trust you to live by these rules for the tournament because they are the core of our philosophy. And by participating you agree with our philosophy.

7. A game lasts 25 minutes. We do not add time due to injuries or delay of game. We need to do this because of the heavy schedule of matches and to stay on time. If referees think that a team is trying to stall time or anything else to take advantage of the time-rule they can punish a team accordingly.
8. We play 8 against 8. meaning 7 and a goalie
9. Shin-pads are not obligatory but we advise to play with shin-pads.
10. No throw-in with the hands but place the ball on the sideline and kick it with the feet. The ball has to lie still and placed on the sideline. The opposing team is to take at least 2 meters distance from the place where the throw-in is being made.
11. Throw-in is indirect so can not be scored directly.
12. No offside rule
13. Corners. Opposing team has to take at least 2 meters distance towards the ball.
14. Free-kick. Opposing team has to take at least 3 meters distance towards the ball.
15. Goalie can take the ball in his hand within the marked territory of his goal. There is a line across the field that marks that area.
16. The goalie can throw the ball in to play when the ball has crossed the backline. Once touched with his feet he can not pick it up anymore.
17. Goalie can throw the ball over the middle line. No limitations except it is an indirect start of the game. No direct scoring from a throw from the goalie
18. The goalie can not pick up the ball with his hands when it is being passed by one of his team. He than only can use his feet.
19. Penalties will be kicked from the penalty spot. if not visible on field then we rule for a 8 meter kick.
20. It is not allowed for a player to be standing inside the penalty-box for the whole time especially when own team is defending. Players should at least be waiting for a counter at the proximity of the middle line. When a player is acting this way referees will rule it as not according to fair play and give a yellow-card. If a goal is made this way, referees will disallow the goal and start with a free-kick from the place where the shot on goal was taken.
21. When a team is attacking and in the half of the opponent this rule does not apply.
22. Only the losing team can ask for a time-out of 1 minute. This will mean automatically one minute of the playing-time (the clock does not stop). If the game is tied or a team is winning: they are not allowed to ask for a time-out.
23. Yellow card means for this tournament: 2 minutes out of play. After that the player can come in again. If the opposing team scores within those two minutes, the player can come in immediately after the goal is scored on indication of the referee. (This means that the team will play short one player for the two minutes.)

24. Two yellow cards in one match: automatically out of the game, no substitution possible and a one match suspension.
25. Red card means for this tournament : Suspension for the whole game no substitution possible. And red card means automatically suspended for the next game.
26. It is the personal responsibility of the player, the team and especially the team captain to uphold the suspension of a player. If not applied: team will be pulled out of the tournament.
27. There is no debate about a decision of the referee. Debate with the referee will automatically lead to a yellow card: 2 minutes out of the play. See further rule xvii: about consequences of a yellow card.
28. You can substitute as often as you want. But the substitution takes place at the middle line and exactly there, the point will be marked. You can only go on to the pitch if the player that leaves the pitch has left it at the place where you are standing and has tagged you. If not done so accordingly: opposing team receives free-kick at middle line.
29. In case the referee thinks a player uses unnecessary roughness, is rude or in general is not handling according to the FairPlay we want to uphold they can ask the organization to talk to the team captain and in extremis see to it that a player is expelled from the tournament.
30. A team can only loose with a maximum of a 10-0 goal-difference. All others scores above will not count in the end-score. This to uphold FairPlay.

3. The scores

A win : 3 points

A tie : 1 point

A loss : 0 points

If teams end on the same points we will :

1. look at the result of the head-to-head match, if that was a tie
2. we look at goal difference, if that is a tie
3. we look at goals scored for and if that is a tie
4. teams will take 3 penalties each

If three teams end on the same points, we will do exactly the same but than add up the results of both matches played etc. etc.

4. The tournament

We play in 4 groups of 4. Each team plays a half competition (meaning 3 games) against the other teams in the group. Your place in the group at the end decides which group you will enter in the afternoon.

Saturday Afternoon:

We play again in 4 pools of 4.

Elite - league

The 4 first place teams from Saturday morning groups.

Primera-league

The 4 second place teams from Saturday morning groups.

League one

The 4 third placed teams from Saturday morning groups.

Division 1:

The 4 fourth placed teams from Saturday morning groups

The number one and two of each group Saturday afternoon play a final of 30 minutes.

If the final after 30 minutes is undecided we will play 2 times 5 minutes (total of 10 minutes) of extra-time.

Still undecided: penalties 5 penalties each team. Penalties in this first round of 5 can only be shot by the players that were playing at the moment the referee blew the whistle at the end of the game.