



Tournament rules 2023

1. Eligibility

Players are eligible to play if they are in possession of a playing permit for the participating club, association or selection in accordance with the regulations of their home association and FIFA. The player's passport does not have to be presented. The previously submitted lists of participants shall be used. An identification document as proof of age should nevertheless be submitted to the tournament management upon request.

2. Team Registration Form

The tournament committee no longer needs to be provided with a complete list of players with their surname, first name and date of birth, as this has already been requested from the teams in advance. Only the players on this list are entitled to participate in the tournament matches.

Players may only play for one team during the tournament. If a club participates in the tournament with several teams, the players must be permanently assigned to one team.

3. Age Categories

In the age group U19 only players with the date of birth 01.01.2004 and younger may be used.

In the age group U17 only players with the date of birth 01.01.2006 and younger may be used.

In the age group U15 only players with the date of birth 01.01.2008 and younger may be used.

In the age group U13 only players with the date of birth 01.01.2010 and younger may be used.

In the age group U11 only players with the date of birth 01.01.2012 and younger may be used.

Exception: In the U11, one player may be a maximum of 1 year older than the indicated age group.

In the U13m, U15w, U15m, U17w, U17m and U19m, two players may be a maximum of 1 year older than the indicated age group.





4. Pitch Size & Number of Players

The U13 male, U15 female, U15 male, U17 female, U17 male & U19 male play on a full size pitch with 10 players plus goalkeeper.

The U11 and U10 juniors play on a smaller field (approx. 55 x 35 m) with 6 field players plus goalkeeper.

For each team, any number of substitutes may take part in the matches.

5. Playing Time

The playing time for all tournament matches is 2x 20 minutes. There is a quick change of sides without long breaks and coaching time.

6. Kick-Off

The first team has the right to kick-off. The second team has the right to choose the side of the court. The kick-off may be played with the first contact to the back and may be taken by only one player.

7. Substitutions

During the match, players may change as often as they like. The substitutions may be made while the match is in progress. However, substitutions may only be made within the coaching zone near the centre line, i.e. the substituted player must leave the pitch at the coaching zone and the substituted player may only enter the pitch there (exception: injuries).

8. Match Penalties

The appointed referee has the right to award the following penalties as a result of foul play, unsportsmanlike conduct or other misconduct:

- 5-minute time penalty (yellow card)
- sending off (red card)

A time penalty is indicated to the player concerned with the yellow card. In the event of a sending-off (red card), the player concerned is automatically suspended for the next match. It is at the discretion of the tournament committee to impose a higher penalty. In case of serious disciplinary offenses (also outside the tournament matches), the tournament management may exclude the player concerned from the tournament.

The LAOLA Cup tournament management appeals to all teams to treat each other fairly and to respect the respective referee and accept his decisions.





9. Match Rating

For the group matches, the goal difference decides in case of equal points, and the number of goals scored decides in case of equal goal difference. If the number of goals scored is equal, the direct comparison between the teams shall decide. If there is also equality here, the winner shall be determined by a drawing of lots. If the groups are distributed asymmetrically, the match between the best second-, third-, fourth- or fifth-placed team and the team from the larger group against the team at the bottom of the table shall not be taken into account.

If no winner is determined in the knock-out matches (e.g. round of 16) and placement matches after regular playing time, the winner shall be determined without extra time by a penalty shoot-out (large field). First, three shooters per team compete against each other. If there is no winner after three penalties, a further penalty is taken by each team until a winner is decided. All players are eligible to take penalties, regardless of whether they are on the pitch at the end of the match or are substitutes at the time. No player may take two penalties before all team-mates have taken one.

If a team arrives late (5 minutes after the official start of the game) or does not appear, the game is considered lost with 0:2 goals and won by the opponent with 2:0 goals. In case of tardiness through no fault of the team, the tournament committee decides whether the match will be rescheduled. Should a team decide to abandon a match, the match is also considered lost with 0:2 and won by the opponent with 2:0 goals. This also applies to gross unsportsmanlike conduct outside the field of play. In this case, the tournament committee has the right to exclude the team concerned from the rest of the tournament. If matches are cancelled due to weather conditions and cannot be made up on the scheduled tournament days for scheduling reasons, the results of these matches will be drawn (2:0 or 0:2). This only applies in the case of a tournament interruption, not for a tournament cancellation.

10. Special Rules U10, and U11 Juniors

For the U10 and U11 juniors, the following special rules are set (otherwise the rules for games on the large pitch apply):

- Goal size: 5 x 2 metres
- the penalty kick is taken from nine metres
- as soon as the goalkeeper holds the ball in his hand, play is restarted by a throw-off - kick-offs from the hand are not allowed





- if the ball is out of play, play is also restarted by a throw-off of the ball. As soon as the ball leaves the goalkeeper's hands, play is officially released. This also applies if the goalkeeper puts the ball in front of him to put it into play from the ground. A goal kick in the original sense is therefore not possible. A hand-drop kick results in an indirect free kick for the opposing team.
- all other free kicks are direct
- the offside rule is abolished
- the 6-second rule for the goalkeeper is abolished
- the back-pass rule is abolished

11. Replacement Jerseys

The team named first in the match schedule must wear bibs or suitable alternate jerseys if the jerseys are of the same colour. Bibs will be provided by the tournament management.

12. Appeal / Protest

An objection must be submitted to the tournament committee within 15 minutes after the end of the match. The tournament committee is responsible for the consequences of the appeal.

The tournament committee does not accept appeals concerning factual decisions made by the referee.

13. Acceptance of the Tournament Rules

By participating, all clubs accept these tournament rules. Violations may result in the exclusion of the team from the tournament. All teams are responsible for their own clothing and sports equipment. The organiser and the tournament management are not liable for theft of any kind.

