TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The conduct of the tournament is the responsibility of the Organisers and is governed by these Tournament Regulations and the official rules of UEFA or FIFA.

2. The Organisers shall appoint a Tournament Committee.

3. The Organisers shall appoint a pitch Commissioner for each individual pitch, who shall be responsible for ensuring that matches are conducted properly.

4. Referees must hold a valid licence.

5. The following are eligible to play

A. All players authorised to play for the club, team or national side shall do so in accordance with the regulations applicable in their country of origin and in accordance with FIFA regulations.

B. Before each match, a list of up to 18 players must be submitted to the pitch commissioner. This list must include the players' names, shirt numbers and dates of birth, and must be signed by the responsible official and submitted to the pitch commissioner within 30 minutes of the start of the match, whereupon the commissioner will check the documents and take the roll call. The supporting documents accompanying this list must be originals; copies will not be accepted. As an alternative to the federation registration card, an original identity document (identity card or passport) issued by the relevant national authority may also be presented. However, it is recommended that all original identity documents be presented at all times.

C. If a club enters more than one team in an age group, players will only be permitted to play for one team within that age group. Therefore, the team must submit the registration form to the Tournament Committee before the start of the tournament. Otherwise, the match report from the first match will serve as the registration list.

6. Match Report

The match report must be signed by the coach or supervisor. After the match, the match report must be completed and signed by the referee. The Tournament Committee and both teams will receive a complete copy.

7. Age Group Division

Each tournament is organised into specific categories. Team managers and coaches are asked to carefully check www.sporturismo.com for the categories available in the tournament they wish to enter.

Special rule:

In each age group, two players who are no more than one year older than the age limit are permitted; they may be added to the match report for each match and are authorised to play. Younger players are permitted in each age group.

8. Substitutions

A total of seven substitutions may be made in each tournament match (with a maximum of seven players per match). A player may only be substituted during a stoppage in play and the substitution must be signalled to the referee. A substituted player may be brought back

on in the same match (provided this is within the limit of seven substitutions in total). This rule does not apply to 7-a-side football categories, where changes and substitutions are unlimited and players may be substituted repeatedly. All changes, in this case too, must be signalled to the referee.

9. Playing time

Boys: U19 – U17 – U16 – U15 – U14 – U13: 2 periods of 20 minutes
Boys: U12 – U11 – U10 – U09 – U08: 2 periods of 15 minutes
Girls: U19 – U17 – U15 – U13: 2 periods of 20 minutes

10. Penalties

- Caution (yellow card)
- Time penalty (5 minutes)
- Sent-off (red card)

If a player is sent off (red card), they cannot be replaced during the same match and are suspended for at least the next match. It is up to the Tournament Committee to decide on a more severe sanction. The suspension must be served both in the team in which the red card was issued and in any other team belonging to the same club. Serious disciplinary offences (including those off the pitch) may be punished with suspension or exclusion from the tournament.

11. Division into groups

Matches are played in groups of four teams (in exceptional cases, groups of three or five teams).

12. Points

A. The league table is determined on the basis of points and goals. If two teams have the same number of points, the goal difference will be calculated using the subtraction method, with priority given to the number of goals scored (for example: 2–2 is better than 1–1, 5–3 is better than 3–1!). The points system follows the FIFA system: win: 3 points, draw: 1 point, defeat: 0 points.

B. If two teams have the same number of points and have scored the same number of goals in the preliminary round, the result of the match in which they faced each other will decide the winner. If, even in this case, they are level on points, the winner will be selected by drawing lots.

C. To determine the second, third, fourth or fifth-placed teams in a group of three or five teams within an age category, each team’s points total must be divided by the number of matches played by that team (ratio). Teams will be ranked according to their ratio, starting with the highest.

D. If no winner is decided during normal playing time, the winner will be decided by a penalty shoot-out – in accordance with FIFA rules. Please note: only players who are on the pitch at the final whistle may take a penalty kick (this rule does not apply to seven-a-side matches). No player is permitted to take two penalty kicks before the rest of their team have each taken one. After the semi-finals, third place is normally decided by a penalty shoot-out between the losing teams.

E. Teams must arrive at the pitch at least 30 minutes before the start of the match. If a team arrives more than 15 minutes after the official kick-off time or fails to turn up at all,

the match will be awarded as a 0–2 defeat. However, if a team fails to turn up for reasons beyond its control (transport problems, traffic congestion, etc.), the tournament organisers will decide whether to arrange a replay. If a match is abandoned due to a team's misconduct, it will be recorded as a 0–2 defeat. This also applies to serious unsporting behaviour off the pitch. It is up to the Tournament Committee to decide whether or not to notify the national federation of the team concerned. This also applies to unsporting behaviour off the pitch.

F. In the event that matches are cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, the results of these matches will be decided by a random draw (2–0, 1–1 or 0–2).

13. Special Rules
In small-sided matches (seven players per side), the following special rules apply:

U12, U11, U10, U9 & U8 7-a-side categories
- An unlimited number of substitutions may be made, and substituted players may be brought back
on later-The offside rule is abolished
- The 8-second rule for the goalkeeper is abolished
- The back-pass rule to the goalkeeper is abolished
- A goal kick may be taken with the hands

14. In the event of a clash of kit colours, the team listed first in the programme is required to change their kit.

15. Disputes must be submitted to the Tournament Committee in writing within one hour of the end of the match. They may only be submitted by a club or team official from one of the two teams involved in the match. The appeal fee is €25.00. A decision will be made and announced within the following 24 hours. The Tournament Committee does not accept complaints regarding the referee's factual decisions.

16. By participating in the tournament, all teams accept these Rules. Breaches may result in the team's disqualification. All teams are responsible for their own kit, equipment and other belongings. The Organiser and the Tournament Committee shall not be liable for any theft.

17. Prizes
Trophies for the winners in 1st to 3rd place in each age group; participation trophies from 4th place onwards in each age group; a certificate for each team; a medal for each player.

Special awards:
-Fairest team
-Top scorer in each age group
-Best goalkeeper in each age group

Subject to change.