

Football Rules & Regulations

of the

European Maccabi Youth Games London 2024

1. Organisation

- a. The Football Committee of the European Maccabi Youth Games will be responsible for the Football Competitions of the European Maccabi Youth Games
- b. The Football Competitions will be conducted according to the Rules and Regulations of FIFA, the English text will be binding.
- c. Participation in the competition is open to any athlete who is in possession of a Participant/Accreditation Card, issued by the Organising Committee of the European Maccabi Youth Games and is registered for the Football competitions.
- d. Each team must bring two sets of numbered game shirts in different colours to each game.

2. Venues & Times

- a. The Football Committee of the European Maccabi Youth Games will determine the venues and kick-off times of the Football competitions and the teams will be notified accordingly.
- b. The Football Committee is authorized to change the venues and times of the competitions, these decisions will be final.

3. Teams

- a. Each participating country may enter one team for the Youth Female competition, one team for the Juniors Male competition and one team for the Youth Male competition.
- b. Each Boys and Girls team may register up to 18 players, approved by the Football Committee. Substitutions in Juniors games will be a "Rolling Substitutes System". At the referees' discretion, a drinking break for athletes can be allowed during the game.
- c. In addition to eligible players, each team may register a maximum of three (3) registered coaches and a maximum of two (2) medical personnel who will be allowed to sit on the bench during the game.
- d. Athletes in the Youth competition have to be born between January 1st 2006 and December 31st 2007.
- e. Athletes in the Juniors competition have to be born between January 1st 2008 and December 31st 2009.
- f. Female Athletes born between January 1st 2006 and December 31st 2009 are eligible to compete in the Youth Female category

4. System of Competition

- a. Events
 - i. Competitions will be held for:
 1. Juniors Male
 2. Youth Male
 3. Youth Female

- b. SYSTEM A – with the participation of 3 teams
 - i. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a double round-robin. The winner of each game will be awarded three points, the loser no points and in case of a draw, each team will be awarded one point.
 - ii. Ranking shall be determined as follows:
 - 1. Greater number of points obtained;
 - 2. Goal difference in all matches;
 - 3. Greater number of goals scored in all matches;
 - iii. If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their place shall be determined as follows:
 - 1. Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the teams concerned;
 - 2. Goal difference resulting from the matches between the teams concerned;
 - 3. Greater number of goals scored in the matches between the teams concerned;
 - 4. Drawing lots by the Football Committee.
- c. SYSTEM B – number of teams will be 4-5
 - i. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a single round-robin. The winner of each game will be awarded three points, the loser no points and in case of a draw, each team will be awarded one point.
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 - iv. The first two teams in the league will compete for the title: "European Maccabi Youth Games Champion".
 - v. The teams in places 3 and 4 in the league will compete for the third place.
 - vi. The rest of the teams will be placed according to their league order.
- d. SYSTEM C - number of teams will be 6-8
 - i. The teams will be divided into 2 groups:
 - 1. The first team in the 15th European Maccabi Games will head group A. The second team in the 15th European Maccabi Games will head group B.
 - 2. The teams placed third in the 15th European Maccabi Games and the hosting team will be drawn for second place in the groups. All the other teams will be placed in the groups by a draw.
 - ii. In the event that after the draw, one or more teams do not appear and a situation arises whereby a group is short of two teams, the team drawn last will be moved from one group to another.
 - iii. Teams will be classified in their groups according to their achievements, as described in SYSTEM A.
 - iv. The first round will be played on a one-round-league system (single round-robin)

- v. The Semi-Finals will be played based on the Cross system, i.e., the team placed first in Group A will play against the team placed second in Group B and the team placed second in Group A will play against the team placed first in Group B.
- vi. The two winning teams in the Semi-Finals will play in the Final game for 1st and 2nd place, and the two losing teams in the Semi-Finals will play for 3rd and 4th place.

REMARK: If any of the top 3 seeded teams (according to standings at the 15th European Maccabi Games) do not participate in the relevant competition at the European Maccabi Youth Games, then the vacancy or vacancies will be filled first by moving up the participating seeded teams and then the remaining vacancies of the top three seeded placements will be filled, in order, in accordance with the final standings at the 15th European Maccabi Games up to 7th place. Should there still be any vacancies then the places will be filled by a draw among the remaining teams in the competition. The Juniors competition will use seeding in accordance with the final standings of the Juniors competition at the 15th European Maccabi Games.

- e. Duration of the Game
 - f. In the first round, Youth Games will last 90 minutes – two periods of 45 minutes with a break of 15 minutes.
 - ii. Juniors Games will last 80 minutes - two periods of 40 minutes - with a break of 15 minutes.
 - iii. In the final stages (Semi-Finals and Final), if after 90 minutes (80 minutes for Juniors) a game ends in a draw, extra time - 2 periods of 15 minutes each (Juniors 10 minutes each) - will be added. A break of 5 minutes will be given after the 90 (80) minutes, but not between the two periods of the extra time.
 - iv. If after the extra time the draw still exists, the winner of the game will be decided by a free-kick competition from the penalty mark. Each team will take five kicks alternately. The team to kick first will be decided by a draw.
 - v. If both teams scored the same number of goals after 5 free kicks each, the free kicks will continue until such a time that both teams have kicked the same number of kicks and one team scored a goal more than the other.
 - vi. Only players who were on the field of play at the end of the extra time are allowed to take part in the free-kick competition. A different player will take each kick. A player will be allowed to kick a second time only after all the players in his team, including the goal keeper, have taken their kicks.

5. Ball Specifications and Equipment

- a. Games will be played with an FIFA approved Match ball size 5.
- b. The Football Committee is authorized to change the brand name of balls, if necessary, and these decisions will be final.

6. Draw

- a. The draw will be a public draw before the opening of the European Youth Maccabi Games.

7. Officiating

- a. The Football Committee will select a Referees Committee, which in turn will appoint the referees of the competition.
- b. Discipline
 - i. Players sent from the field of play will automatically be suspended as follows:
 1. Serious foul play –minimum the next game
 2. Violent conduct - the next 2 games
 3. Spitting at an opponent or any other person - the next 2 games
 4. Denying the opposition a goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball - the next game

5. Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick - the next game.
 6. Using offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures - the next 2 games.
 7. Receiving a second caution in the same match - the next game.
 8. A player who is reported by the referee for misconduct after the match - the next 2 games.
 9. A player who has been sent off must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area.
- c. Appeal
- i. Any possible appeal needs to be reported to the referee within 30 minutes after the end of the game to which the objection refers. The decisions made by the technical commission in relation to the result of the games are irrevocable.

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