

**OFFICIAL REGULATIONS**  
**INTERNATIONAL U19-FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 / Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**9450 Altstätten/Switzerland**

**1.** All matters not specifically provided for in these regulations shall automatically be subject to the general tournament rules of the Swiss Football Association. These regulations are based on the specifications for the organisation of football tournaments as laid down by the Swiss FA (2013 edition). The following provisions are applicable:

**2.** The participants shall be youth footballers born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

Players of the team FC Altstätten Selection can generally be born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

For the other teams: Three (3) players, born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, are entitled to play **simultaneously** on the field of play. It's generally allowed to have more players born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, on the players list but as above mentioned only three (3) players, born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, are entitled to be on the field play at the same time. Any mistakes/errors in exchanging players will cause a 0-2 forfeit defeat.

The identity will be controlled by examining the player's passport with photograph – released by the respective federation – or with the border document (ID card or national passport).

**3.** The 8 teams shall be divided into 2 groups of 4 teams for the preliminary round. In each group, each team shall play one match against each of the other teams. In the preliminary round all games will be played in two half times of 20 minutes each. In the final round all games will be played in two half times of 25 minutes each.

**4.** Each team may enrol a maximum of 18 players by completing the official list and submitting it to the Organising Committee prior to the tournament. FC Altstätten Selection names a maximum of 20 players. Of the 18/20 listed players, eleven may be included in the official starting line-up. A maximum of four substitutions (three outfield players and one goalkeeper) shall be permitted during each match. The players shall wear the same number throughout the entire tournament. A player wearing a wrong or not registered number during the game will also cause a 0-2 forfeit defeat for his team.

**5.** In the preliminary round, the ranking (positions 1 – 4) in each group shall be determined by the number of points obtained (win = 3, draw = 1, defeat = 0). If two or more teams have an equal number of points, the following criteria shall apply

- a) points gained in the match(es) between the teams equal on points;
- b) goal difference of the match(es) between the teams equal on points;
- c) higher number of goals scored in the match(es) between the teams equal on points;
- d) goal difference in all the group matches
- e) goal scored in all the group matches
- f) kicks from the penalty mark if two teams are equal

**6.** The preliminary round will take place on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The final round will take place on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The first two teams of each group will be qualified for the crossed semi-final matches, taking place on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

7. If after the regular time, a match of the final round (including semi-finals) ends in a draw, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, according to the Art. 9bis of the rules of the Swiss National Football League.

After check in at the hotel the team leaders will present the football licences and/or passports of all players to the jury.

**All teams are kindly invited to send the players list including name, date of birth, shirt number and player photo until April 20th, 2024 the latest to the following address:**

**Mr. Michael Zeller - email: michael.zeller@gmx.ch**

Teams who will arrive on the first day of tournament (Friday), will have to hand over the licences/passports to the jury at the latest two hours before the start of the tournament. Team lists must be sent earlier as above mentioned!

8. The enclosed time table valid for the entire tournament is integral part of this official regulations. The jury is in case of extremely heavy weather conditions entitled to change the time table or apply for extra rules such as cutting down time of games, penalty kicks or using another football field etc.
9. The teams are to be punctual. The team, who does not respect this prescription, will lose the match by 0-2 forfeit, unless the delay is due to force reasons. The final decision on the given motives will be given exclusively and irrevocable by the jury.

Time of play and final duration of the game will exclusively be set by the referee.

10. Any player sent off by the referee shall immediately return to the dressing room and be automatically suspended from his team's next match. Additional suspensions for serious offences shall be decided by the tournament organisers and shall not be subject to appeal. Should a player receive two yellow cards during the course of the tournament, he shall be suspended irrevocably from the following match. If a player receives his second yellow card of the tournament during the semi-final, he is still eligible to play for the 3rd place match and the final match.

Yellow and red cards issued in any match of the tournament shall be applicable for this tournament only and will not be reported to the relevant association. In the event of a serious infringement of the Laws of the Game, such as violent conduct, the tournament organisers and the referees' committee may submit an official report via FIFA to the relevant association. The team delegation will be informed accordingly.

11. Only the footballs provided by the tournament organisers may be used.
12. No protests may be made against the referees' decisions, such decisions being final. Protests against any incidents such as any irregular eligibility of players taking part in any matches shall be submitted in writing to the jury not later than 10 (ten) minutes after the match in question. The protest must be accompanied by the guarantee amounting of CHF 200.00 (two hundred Swiss francs), which will be returned in the case the protest is accepted. The jury will immediately and irrevocable decide.

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