



San Marino Cup

International Youth Football Tournament

“Republic of San Marino”

(7th –11th JULY 2009)

Tournament Rules

(Category F)

Organisers

The tournament is being organized by the “Dream Team Italy” company with the sponsorship of the San Marino Football Association and the Republic’s Sports Secretary of State.

Age of Category F

For girls born on / after 01.01.1995. 3 overage players born in 1994 are allowed to play in the game at the same time.

Tournament type

International tournament with 11 players per team.

Football fields

The tournament will take place on the football fields located in San Marino, Riccione and Verucchio.

Partecipating teams

8 teams will play in category F, forming 2 rounds (called round "a" and round "b") of 4 teams each.

Tournament structure

The tournament structure consists of 2 eliminating rounds of 4 teams per round under Italian rules, with only away games. The winners and runner-ups per round will then form Pool A, for the Pool A semi-finals. Pool A finals will take place on the following day. Should two or more teams end in a draw, the winner will be determined as follows: by the difference in goals scored, by the highest number of goals scored, by the lowest number of goals suffered and finally by drawing lots.

For the semi-finals and also for the finals in case of a draw at the end of the regular time, no extra-time will be played. 5 penalties will be taken directly by each team. If there is still no result, the teams will continue to take penalties and the first team to miss a penalty will lose.

The third and fourth teams of each round will form Pool B and will play further rounds. The 4 teams in Pool B will play according to the direct combination system as for Pool A, against each other in direct

matches through the rule of direct elimination, thus obtaining the two teams ranking 1st and 2nd in Pool B.

At the end of the qualifying rounds, the 4 teams forming Pool A, as well as the 4 in Pool B, will be seeded for direct matches according to the direct combination crossed system (eg. The team ranking 1st in round “a” will play against the team ranking 2nd in round “b” and so on, thus obtaining the semi-finals and the finals). Pool B will play under the same rules as Pool A.

Tournament schedule

The “San Marino Cup” will take place from the 7th to 11th July 2009. The matches will start on Tuesday 7th July and will end on Saturday 11th July. The qualifying rounds will take place on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th on Thursday 9th July and on Friday 10th July the semi-finals. Finals will be played on Saturday 11th July. All matches will be played both in the morning and in the afternoon as follows:

morning	kick-off 9:00 a.m. final whistle 12:30 p.m.
afternoon	kick-off 14:30 p.m. final whistle 9:00 p.m.

Rules

Any dispute or decision not regulated in the present tournament rules, it will be settled by the tournament committee whose decisions are binding and irrevocable.

Playing time

All the matches of Category F will last 25 minutes per half with a 5 minute break. The final games will be played 25 minutes per half as well.

Final points

Points will be awarded according to current rules: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a defeat.

Delays

Teams have to be on time (which means 30 minutes before the games are scheduled) on the fields. The greatest allowable delay owing only to proven force majeure will be 15 minutes. Any team not appearing at the appointed time and place for a match without a valid excuse will automatically be declared loser by 3–0. Different dispositions might be taken by the San Marino Cup tournament committee, whose decisions are binding and irrevocable.

Number of players

Clubs shall provide the organisers with the number of players taking part to the San Marino Cup according to their club of origin as well as with their enrolment form. Each team may have no more than 24 players per team. The matches will be played by two teams of 11 players each, including the goalkeeper. Each team may have 7 reserve players per match: maximum 7 substitutions are allowed, goalkeeper included. Guest

players are allowed. (Note: once a player has been substituted he can't come back to play in the same match). The player list shall be given to the referee at least 15 minutes before kick-off and shall include no more than 18 players, one of which shall be named the captain and another one shall be named vice-captain. The names of the lines-men and the coach's assistant, the masseur and any doctor must appear on the same list. Apart from the reserves themselves, there may not be more than 4 team managers on the reserve bench. The list of players to be given to the referee must be accompanied by pertinent identity cards (San Marino Super Card). Only the first list given to the organisers will be valid.

Teams admitted

The tournament will admit teams belonging to those clubs that are regular members of their own Country Football Association. Also selected teams formed by players belonging to the same nation or teams formed by players belonging to different nations are admitted as well.

Equipment

Teams must wear different colored-shirts. The referee shall order the first team on the referee's report card to change their shirts in case two teams have similar coloured shirts. Each player must wear a numbered shirt. The goalkeeper must wear a shirt whose colour, as that of his substitute, must be different from those of the 2 opponent teams. Shin-caps are compulsory. Should a player doesn't use the shin-caps, at the end of the game, the tournament committee, whose decisions are binding and irrevocable, could temporarily withdraw her permission to play in the tournament.

Referees

Category F matches will be refereed by San Marino Cup referees belonging to their official referees association. All qualification games will be referred by 1 referee only. (**2 linesmen will be chosen from a representative of each club. They will indicate the referee when the ball is out but they will not have any other technical role to define the off-side players positions whose decision will only depend on the referee**). Finals for the 1st and 2nd place and for the 3rd and 4th place will have 3 referees.

Appeals

Should any team want to appeal, a written appeal should be delivered to the head referee, by the tournament offices, by and not any later than 9:00 p.m. of the same day in which the match has been performed. Appeals received after 09.00 p.m. will not be accepted. Each appeal must be delivered alongwith a fee of Euros 200,00. This amount of money will be returned only if the appeal is considered valid.

Partecipation to the matches

It is compulsory for all teams to play every match included in the schedule. Should a team happen not to play one of the scheduled matches without motivating

the absence with proven reasons, this team shall not only be considered the loser of the match, but it shall also be relegated to the last position in its round.

Disciplinary actions

If a player receives 3 yellow cards when playing the official games of the tournament, she will be automatically excluded from the following game. The same procedure will be applied when a player receives a red card, different judge's decision excepted. All disciplinary actions will be handled by a judge appointed by the tournament committee.

Suspension of games

Due to bad wheather conditions the grass field could be replaced with a field on dirt. He is only the referee that can decide in case of bad wheather conditions if the match can continue or not. In case the referee decides to stop the match (**which can't be then re-started again or played later on**) it will be valid the score / result existing at the moment of the suspension. If the match is a ¼ of final match or semi-final and if the moment of the suspension there is still a draw between the 2 teams, if possible, the referre will allow the 2 teams to take 5 penalties to decide the winner. If, also this is not possible than the winner will be decided by draw under the referee control. The referee is authorized, in case of extreme hot weather, to suspend the match (2 minutes) to allow player's hydratation and relief. (Referee's decision is binding and irrevocable).