

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1- REGULATIONS

The regulations of the **Villarreal Yellow Cup Easter** will be based on the FIFA rules and the additional rules of the RFEF (Royal Spanish Football Federation), except for the particular modifications imposed by our tournament.

2- COMPETITION SYSTEM

A group phase will be played between the participating teams, which will play against each other. The final rankings in the group phase will decide which teams will advance to the final phase.

A minimum of 4 matches is guaranteed.

3- SCORING

- Match won: 3 points.
- Match drawn: 1 point.
- Match lost: 0 points.

In the event that there are tied teams at the end of the group stage, the qualification criteria shall be as follows:

- General goal difference.
- Team with most goals scored.
- Results in head-to-head matches.
- Fair play.

Matches in the final phase will be played as one-legged ties and in the event of a draw, a penalty shoot-out will be held.

- 7-a-side: Best of 3 penalties.
- 11-a-side: Best of 5 penalties.

The penalty kick takers and goalkeepers in the penalty shoot-out must be players who have finished regular playing time on the field of play.

4- MATCH DURATION

GROUP STAGE

- 7-a-side: 1 half of 25 minutes.
- 11-a-side: 1 half of 40 minutes.

GOLD STAGE

- 7-a-side: 2 halves of 20 minutes.
- 11-a-side: 2 halves of 25 minutes.

SILVER STAGE

- 7-a-side: 1 half of 25 minutes.
- 11-a-side: 1 half of 40 minutes.

Except for the final, which will be played in 2 halves of 20 minutes (7-a-side) and 2 halves of 25 minutes (11-a-side).

BRONZE STAGE

- 7-a-side: 1 half of 25 minutes.
- 11-a-side: 1 half of 40 minutes.

Half-times will take place on the field of play and will be 4 minutes long.

The schedules shall be strictly adhered to.

Teams must be ready 10 minutes before each match.

In case of non-appearance, the score will be 3-0.

If a team is expelled from the competition, the matches they have played will not be valid.

5- SUBSTITUTIONS

The same team may stop play 3 times per match and make as many changes as possible to the team during each stoppage.

Changes made during half-time are not counted.

A team may take advantage of stoppages in play by the opposing team to substitute as many of the team's players as possible.

6- AGE GROUPS

7-A-SIDE

U8

Born in 2017 & 2018

U9

Born in 2016

U10

Born in 2015

U11

Born in 2014

U12

Born in 2013

Girls U13

Maximum age: 13 years old

11-A-SIDE

U14

Born in 2011 & 2012

U16

Born in 2009 & 2010

U18

Born in 2007 & 2008

Girls U16

Maximum age: 16 years old

7- EXCEPTIONS

In the **U9**, a maximum of 2 players born in 2015 are allowed to register.

In the **U11**, a maximum of 2 players born in 2013 are allowed to register.

In the **Girls U13**, a maximum of 2 players born in 2011 are allowed to register.

In the **Girls U16**, a maximum of 2 players born in 2008 are allowed to register.

In the **U18**, a maximum of 2 players born in 2006 are allowed to register.

Important: A player may not play in two different teams, even if they belong to the same club. This conduct will be punishable.

8- DOCUMENTATION

All teams must have submitted the supporting documentation - full name, date of birth, ID - of their players **fifteen days before their arrival** at the competition in order to verify the list of players and to activate the private or federative medical insurance that will cover the competition.

9- REFEREES

All matches will be officiated by referees from the **Valencian Association of Referees**.

The referee will be the ultimate authority on the field of play and will be empowered to suspend the match if they observe repeated misbehaviour by any of the participating teams, with the competition committee determining the sanction to be applied in each case.

10- SANCTIONS

If a player is sent off with a straight red card for violent and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, he/she will be suspended for one match or possible expulsion from the tournament. The sanction may be appealed and will be resolved by the competition committee.

If a team or player demonstrates a violent attitude during the competition they may be automatically expelled from the tournament.

11- WINNERS' TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to the champions and runners-up of the Golden Stages and the champions of the Silver Stages. Trophies will also be awarded to the top scorers and MVP in each age group.

In the Pichichi (top scorer) trophy, the goals of the group stages and the goals of the Golden Stage will be counted. In the event of a tie, the player whose team goes furthest in the competition will be awarded.

12- COMPETITION COMMITTEE

It will be made up of 3 players or former football players, a representative of the tournament organisers and a lawyer specialising in sports law. They will analyse all the incidents of the day and their decisions will be final.

13- BALLS AND KIT

The organisation will provide the balls for the matches, but will **NOT provide balls for warm-up.**

In the event of a kit clash between the teams regarding colour, the team appearing as the away team in the schedule shall change its kit.

14- BEHAVIOUR

Each club is responsible for the behaviour of its players, accompanying persons and family members, both on and off the field of play. Misbehaviour may lead to expulsion from the tournament.

15- INSURANCE

All delegates must check that their players are privately or federally insured on and off the field of play.

The tournament organisers cannot be held responsible for theft or accidents.

Participation in the tournament guarantees private or federative medical insurance for your players during the competition according to your established scheme, provided that they are registered correctly and before the established period (* 8. DOCUMENTATION).

In case of necessity, the organisation may make the appropriate modifications for a better running of the tournament.