

Tournament Regulations

„Westerwälder Keramik-CUP 2012“

1. The tournament is played according to the rules for indoor soccer of the DFB (German Football Association) and the FVR (Football Association of Rhineland). In addition, the following provisions apply.
2. Each player has to provide a valid player passport. Players from countries that do not have player passports are requested to provide an official document (ordinary passport or ID card) instead. Each team has to fill in a players' list (a form will be provided, please use capital letters), giving shirt numbers, names and dates of birth. The shirt numbers remain the same throughout the tournament. 30 mins before the start of the tournament, both passports and players' list have to be handed over to the tournament manager for a check. Only players born after 1 January 1995 are permitted to take part.
3. A team comprises up to 14 players, five of which (goalkeeper plus 4 outfield players) are allowed on the pitch at a time. The keeper may leave the goalmouth, but is allowed to play the ball with his hands only within the goalmouth. Players may be substituted without limitation at any time during a match. They do so by crossing the goal-line boards in front of the substitute's bench. The substituted player has to leave the pitch before his substitute enters it. Substitute players as well as the manager, coaches, assistant, physio etc are requested to follow the match from the substitute's bench next to the goal.
4. The size of the pitch is 21x42 meters. Both sidelines and goal-line are fenced off by board. The penalty area is identical with the goalmouth and is marked as a square goalmouth. The goals are 5 meters wide and 2 meters high. The penalty spot is marked at 9 meters. If the ball crosses the sideline, it will be rolled in by the opposite team. If it crosses the goalline, the game will be continued by corner kick or goal kick. The goalkeeper may choose any option to bring the ball into play. However, the ball has to be touched by a fellow player before it crosses the half-way line. Otherwise, the opposite team will be awarded an indirect free kick from that line. The opposite team will also be awarded a free kick, when a field player deliberately passes the ball to his fellow goalkeeper.
5. Matches lasts 12 minutes, without half-time break or changing side. Both finals, however, last 15 minutes, also without half-time break or changing side. The playing time will be recorded by an automatic timer.
6. The team mentioned first on the fixture list, starts on the left-hand side of the pitch (view from grandstand), kicks off, and has to change shirts in case of same colours as the opposing team. All teams, therefore, have to bring 2 differently coloured sets of shirts, at least.

7. The Preliminary Round is played in 3 pools of 5 teams. The top 4 teams will qualify for the Intermediate Round with 4 pools of 3 teams. The top 2 teams of each group in that stage will then qualify for the quarter finals.

8. Should teams finish the Preliminary or Intermediate Round with the same number of points and an identical goal difference, there will be a penalty shoot-out. The same applies for quarter- and semi-final matches ending in a draw. Only in the two final matches would an extra-time of 5 mins be played.

9. Players serving a 2 minutes' suspension, are not allowed to take part in the match during that period. However, the team can be made up again with a different player, as soon as the opposite team scores a goal. Players sent off by a red card, are expelled from the tournament. In addition, the incident will be reported to the Football Association disciplinary committee. The team can be made up again with a different player, as soon as the opposite team scores a goal or, at the latest, after 3 minutes. The time lapse is monitored by both referee and tournament management.

10. Shin guards are obligatory. Only trainers with light-coloured soles are allowed on the pitch. They should neither harm other players nor leave marks on the floor.

11. For 9 meter shoot-outs, the usual penalty regulations apply, with the exception that all players may be selected - unless they, due to a red card, have been expelled from the tournament before. If the match is not decided after 5 tries each, the shoot-out will be continued on a one-by-one basis until there is a winner.

12. At kick-offs, roll-ins and any other continuations of play, the opposite players have to keep a distance of, at least, 3 meters.

13. If the ball touches the ceiling or any other object not belonging to the pitch, an indirect free-kick will be awarded from that spot. If the ball rebounds from the ceiling into the goal, the match continues with either goal kick or corner kick.

14. Protests against referee decisions are not allowed. On any other issue, the tournament manager is the last resort. Evidence provided by TV coverage will not be accepted.

15. All teams are kindly requested to attend the opening ceremony on Saturday and the award ceremony on Sunday.

16. The top 6 teams of the tournament qualify automatically for the "WESTERWALD KERAMIK CUP 2013" which will be played in Montabaur on 19 and 20 January 2013.

17. During the course of the award ceremony on Sunday, the top scorer, the best keeper and the best outfield player of the tournament will be honoured. The jury consists of the managers of all participating teams. They will be provided with an evaluation form (please use capital letters), that we kindly request you to return to the

tournament manager before the play-off match for the 3rd place kicks off.

18. The hosting organisation does not assume any liability for loss or theft of personal belongings, especially valuables. Please take care.

19. Nor does the hosting organisation assume any liability for potential accidents and financial implications that may result from these.