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**Official rules of
Covetrus European Football tournament,
Brno 15th June 2024**

Welcome to our Covetrus European Football Championship! To ensure fair play, excitement, and safety, we've established the following rules and regulations for all participating teams and players. We would like to repeat main values of our tournament:

Fair play, team spirit, mutual support, getting to know each other & having fun!

1. Field and Equipment

- The field dimensions are approximately 50 meters by 26 meters. We will play at the artificial grass of highest standard.
- Goals dimensions are 5 meters wide and 2 meters high.
- Official ball size is 5.
- Each team must wear their uniforms. Players must wear shin guards on their shins.
- Only moulded football boots for Firm Ground (FG) and Artificial Ground (AG) are allowed as we will play on artificial turf. Football boots for Soft Ground (SG) with detachable studs are not allowed.



2. Team Composition

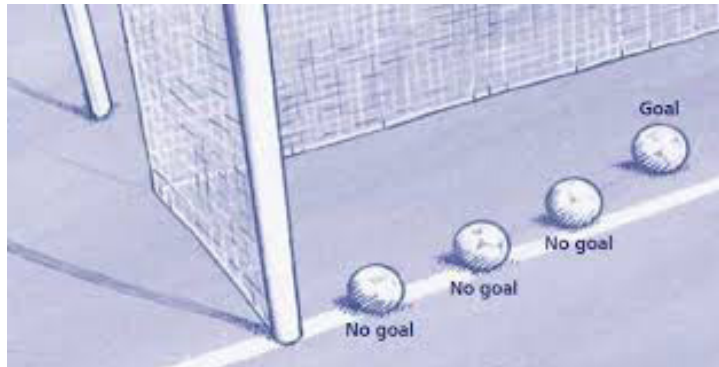
- Teams consist of 6 players on the field, including a goalkeeper (5+1), with up to 5 substitutes.
- Substitutions can be made at any stoppage in play.

3. Match Duration and tournament format

- 10 teams will be divided into two groups by 5 teams in each group by the official draw.
- Matches in the Group phase consist of 1x 15 mins without any break.
- Matches in Knock-out phase consist of two halves of 10 minutes each, with a 3-minute halftime break.
- Matches for the final place (1. place game, 3. place game, 5. place game, 7. place game, 9. place game) consist of two halves of 15 minutes each, with a 3-minute halftime break.
- In knockout stages, if a match is tied at the end of regulation as a draw, there is a penalty rule applied. 5 players of each team are kicking the penalties. Every goal from a penalty is awarded by one point. The winning team is the team having a higher score at least by one point after 5 and more penalties.

4. Scoring

- Goals are scored when the entire ball crosses the goal line between the goalposts.
- A goal counts as one point.



5. Ball In and Out of Play

- The ball is out of play when it fully crosses the boundary lines (touchline or goal line).
- Kick-ins are awarded for the ball going out of play over the touchline. Kick-ins made by leg from the ground and are taken instead of throw-ins. The player cannot score directly from it.
- Corner kicks are awarded when the defending team plays the ball out of bounds over their own goal line.
- Goal kicks are awarded when the attacking team plays the ball out of bounds over the defending team's goal line. Goal kick is made by leg by goalkeeper or other player, ball is on the ground within penalty area. A high kick in the air from the goal across half the field is not allowed without touching the ground or a player. In such case the opponent team plays the ball from the half-line of the pitch.

6. Goalkeeper Rules

- Goalkeepers can use their hands only within the penalty area.
- They cannot pick up the ball if it is passed back deliberately by a teammate.
- Goalkeeper can play in the opponent's half with a throw from the hand or kick only when catching the ball during the game within the field lines.

7. Free Kicks

- Direct free kicks are awarded for fouls or touch by hand if that happen on the opponent's half of the field. The wall can stand at least 5 meters from the point of kick.
- Indirect free kicks are awarded for fouls or touch by hand if that happen on the own half of the field.
- All free kicks are taken from the spot of the foul.

8. Penalties

- - Penalty kicks are awarded for fouls or direct touch by hand inside the penalty area.
- - The penalty spot is located 8 meters from the goal line.

9. Offside Rule

- - The offside rule is not enforced in this tournament.

