

The Tournament Rules

1. It is played according to the rules of the German Football Association.
2. All referees who are active for the respective club or referee association in the 2023/24 season are eligible to participate. A referee's ID card or written confirmation from the association must be available.
3. The playing time is 12 minutes without a break. The team named first in the schedule has choice of side and kick-off.
4. A team consists of the goalkeeper and 5 field players; any number of substitutes may be used.
5. Substitutions may be made on the fly but the player to be substituted must have left the field first.
6. The throw-in is to be rolled up.
7. The game is played without offside.
8. The rules on the pass to the goalkeeper are to be applied as in the main field.
9. Penalty kicks are taken from the 8m mark. The 9.15 m distance corresponds to 5 meters at the tournament.
10. After the preliminary round, the goal difference decides in case of same points and the number of scored goals decides if points and goal difference is the same. If there is still a match, an 8m shootout decides. In the event of a draw, all final round matches will be decided immediately by a shoot-out from 8 m.
11. Three players from each team are to be nominated for an 8m shootout. If no decision has been made after every three penalties, the 8m shooting will continue in the order of the first three players.
12. A time penalty (FaZ) is given for two minutes and can also be imposed without a previous warning. The "yellow/red card" does not apply. If a player receives a second FaZ during the tournament, he is automatically banned for the next game. After each further FaZ of the player, a suspension for the next game follows. The referees are required to report the player's name to the tournament management immediately. In the case of a permanent expulsion - "red card" - the player is excluded from the further course of the tournament. In this case, a message is sent to the responsible football association.
13. If a team is given a third permanent expulsion - "red card" – during the tournament, this team is automatically excluded from the tournament. The tournament management can allow exceptions to this.
14. Protests are fundamentally inadmissible. In cases of doubt, the tournament management decides incontestably.
15. The award ceremony takes place after the final. Trophies and certificates cannot be forwarded.