

east mallorca cup

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# East Mallorca Cup

MARCH 31ST - APRIL 5TH  
2026



## **THE COMPETITION**

- First phase (group phase): the league format will be used. Each team will play one match against each of the other teams in the same group (groups of 5 teams per group).
- Second phase (final phase or consolation phase): will be played under the knockout system. All teams will qualify for this round and the matches will be played according to the schedule established by the Organising Committee. If a match ends in a draw, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner in accordance with FIFA procedure/regulations.
  
- All teams will play a minimum of 5 matches although 90% of the teams will play 6 matches.

## **DOCUMENTATION**

- At the request of the Tournament Committee, participants must show their Federative Licence and a validated identity document (ID, Passport or any official document with date of birth and photo).
- All documents will be checked by the Tournament Committee before the beginning of the tournament and during the competition and may be requested at any time.
- If a team is found to have used an ineligible player in a tournament match, they will be penalised and lose the match (3-0).

## **AGE GROUPS 2025:**

- U15: born in 2011
- U13: born in 2013
- U11: born in 2015

\*no overage players are allowed.

\*the organization has the right reserved to make an exception with overage in some very special cases. The permit to have an exception has to be approved by the organization. If there is an



overaged player without the explicit consent of the organisation the team will loose all matches 3-0.

## **NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND SUBSTITUTES**

- There is no limitation regarding the number of players included in the list of participants. All players can be called up and selected to play in the match.
- There is also no limitation on the number of substitutions that may be used during the match.
- Substitutions must be authorised in advance by the Field Manager, Co-Manager or Referee. There is no limit to the number of times a substitute may play.

## **EQUIPMENT**

-Each team shall have an official team kit and a second team kit (two sets of shirts and shorts); both kits shall have their corresponding number on the back. The colours of the second team's kit must be different from the colours of the official team's kit. If the referee considers that the colours of the two teams are likely to cause confusion, the visiting team on the list will wear its second team kit, or a combination of both. All shirt numbers must match the list provided on the official match sheet.

## **FOOTBALLS**

U11 plays with size 4 footballs and U13 & U15 plays with size 5 footballs.

## **VENUES**

- The matches will be played on artificial turf (ASTRO TURF).
- The pitches are geolocated on the website. In the private access for the teams there is a downloadable document with information about the distances between each hotel and each pitch.
- Water and warm-up materials will be provided before each match at all venues.



## **GAME FORMAT**

- The tournament will begin on the 31st of March, when the teams will begin to arrive to Cala Millor; the first match will be on the 1st (Wednesday) of April in the morning and the last one will be on April 5th at noon (Sunday).
- The first round will be played on 1st, 2nd and 3rd morning.
- The final and consolation rounds will be played on the 3rd in the afternoon and during the 4th; and the big finals of the 3 categories on Sunday the 5th in the morning.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify the format of playing, including times and venues.
- All information regarding changes will be provided in advance to team supervisors.

## **PENALTIES IN CASE OF A DRAW** (during the final phases)

-If a match ends in a draw, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner in accordance with FIFA Regulations. In the penalty shoot-out, a shoot-out of five kicks shall be taken (three in U11). For consolation phases, the match will be resolved with 3 kicks in the 3 categories.

If the result is a draw after this round, the sudden death shoot-out format will be used. Sudden death shootout: teams take turns until one team scores and the other misses. All players may participate in the penalty shoot-out. The penalty shoot-out must be taken by five different players (three in U11).

The goalkeeper may not be substituted during the penalty shoot-out, except in case of an injury. Players may take a second penalty kick only after all players have taken part once.

-Players other than the kicker and goalkeeper must be in the centre circle.

## **DURATION OF THE MATCHES**

- U15: 2 periods of 22 minutes per match. In consolation phases: 1 period of 30 minutes.



- U13: 2 periods of 20 minutes per match. In consolation phases: 1 period of 25 minutes.
- U11: 2 periods of 20 minutes per match. In consolation phases: 1 period of 25 minutes.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify the duration of the matches and the timetable as required.
- Half-time will last 3 minutes, except in the final, which will last 10 minutes.

\*The tournament committee has the right to modify the duration and schedule of the matches if there are any unforeseen occurrences.

### **PUNCTUALITY**

- Teams must be ready to play on the field 30 minutes before kick-off.
- If a team fails to show up for a match, it is considered a no show and therefore a lost game on their behalf. The match and the three points will be awarded to their opponents with a score of 3-0.

### **SCORING SYSTEM FOR THE QUALIFYING GROUND**

- Victory: 3 points
- Tie/ draw: 1 point
- Defeat: 0 points

### **CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA**

If two teams are equal, their ranking shall be determined as follows:

- The result obtained when those teams played each other.
- The goal difference obtained in all group matches.
- The team that has scored the most goals in all group matches.
- The lowest number of yellow/red cards (Fair Play).
- Heads or tails draw with a coin.

If more than two teams are equal, their ranking will be determined as follows:

- The points obtained when those teams played each other.
- The goal difference obtained in all group matches.
- The team that has scored the most goals in all group matches.



- The lowest number of yellow cards (counted as -1 point)/red cards (counted as -2) (Fair Play).
- Heads or tails draw with a coin.

## **REFEREES**

All referees present at the EAST MALLORCA CUP belong to the National Referees Committee and are appointed by the Territorial Committee.

No protests may be made about the referee's criteria and decisions taken during the match. The decisions of the referees are final.

## **EAST MALLORCA CUP TOURNAMENT COMITEE**

### **DISCIPLINARY CODE**

- The Tournament Committee is composed of three persons representing the Organisation. The Committee will process protests and objections; it will forward decisions to the teams. Decisions are final.
- Sanctions resulting from technical infringements, such as:
  - Holding an opponent.
  - Goalkeeper touches the ball with his hand outside his own penalty area.
  - Fouling an opponent to prevent a goal-scoring opportunity.
  - Receiving a second caution in the same match (two yellow cards).
  - These and similar offenses will not prejudice the player(s) in subsequent matches.
- Sanctions arising from misconduct, such as:
  - Serious fouls with intentional violence (vicious tackling), spitting at an opponent, violent conduct both verbal and physical.
  - These and other similar offences will have direct consequences for the player(s) by preventing them from playing the next match. Depending on the seriousness of the offence, the player may be suspended for several matches. A player who has been sent off for an offence or violent conduct will be reported to the National Football Association of his home country.



## COMPLAINTS AND PROTESTS

Complaints and protests must be submitted in writing by the Team Delegate to the Field Manager or the Organisers' representative within 4 hours after the end of the match, otherwise they will not be taken into account. Protests about the referee's decisions regarding game-related offences will not be accepted.

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS AND TEAM MANAGERS

- Each club must designate a person responsible for the team in case the Organization needs to contact them for questions related to the Tournament, whether directly related to the competition or otherwise (hotel, bus service...). This person, together with the members of the delegation, will be responsible for avoiding any damage to the facilities, such as: changing rooms, hotel rooms, buses, etc.
- Ultimately, the Football Club/Association will be responsible for all damages caused by its players.
- Hotel: Silence must be observed between 23:00 and 8:00 hours. Meal times and times set by the Hotel Management must be respected. The consumption of alcohol or any other illegal substance is not permitted in the players' rooms. Failure by players or Team Managers to comply with the above rules may result in sanctions (expulsion from the Tournament).

## INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

- Each participating Club/Association will be responsible for the compulsory insurance cover: in particular, medical, accident and travel insurance for all members of the delegation. All members must have their health card in their possession at all times.
- Teams that are members of the RFEF must bring with them the reports stamped by the team itself.
- Associations requesting the official registration form declare that all players are in good physical condition to play in the Tournament.



- The Organisation is not responsible for any personal injury caused to themselves or any other player during the Tournament.
- The Organization is not responsible for injuries, loss or theft of personal belongings. Neither will it be responsible for possible unforeseen events related to the Public or Private sector, for example: transport strikes, delays, flight cancellations, etc.
- The Associations will accept the use by the Organisation of sports photographs and videos of the players while they are playing during the Tournament.
- (For Spanish teams) Teams who are federated in the RFEF must bring the accident reports along with them stamped by the club.

### MODIFICATIONS

- The Organising Committee has exclusive competence in those circumstances that are not reflected in the Rules and Regulations, and its decisions are final.
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to add, modify, apply or cancel any rule/regulation if necessary. The Organisation reserves the right to modify the regulations in order to improve the Tournament.