RULES AND REGULATIONS

2nd EUROPEAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS OF MAYORS

TYCHY 2012

Organiser

1. The 2nd Football Championships are organised by the Association of Polish Cities.
2. On behalf of the organiser, the entity directly responsible for the tournament is the City of Tychy.

DATE and VENUE

The event will take place between 14 and 18 May 2012.

Venue: City of Tychy

• football pitch – Paprocany Sports Centre (Kompleks Sportowy Paprocany, ul. Sikorskiego 110)

• football pitch – Alfred Potrawa Football Centre (Zespół Boisk Piłkarskich im. Alfreda Potrawy, ul. Andersa 22)

PARTICIPATION.

1. All participants must register for the championships before 25 April 2012.
2. Participants may include mayors, without any age limits, or their deputies over the age of 40, who, however, may not make up more than 50% of each team.
3. In specific cases, with the organiser's permission, the participants may be other than those mentioned in point 1.
4. Number of players registered per team – maximum 20.
5. 16 players may be registered for each match (no more than 8 deputies – of mayors).
6. The number of substitutions during a match is not limited. A player who came off the pitch may come on again.
7. Teams must have two kits – 2 colour variants.
8. Players may play in football cleats only.
9. Participants must be insured for the duration of the championships.
10. The organiser shall not be responsible for any accidents and injuries occurring during the championships.

TOURNAMENT

1. Matches are played between teams of six – goalkeeper + 6 field players.
2. Matches will be played on 40m x 60m pitches with 2m x 5m goals.
3. A match lasts 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time of 10 minutes.

4. Substitutions are made “hockey-style”, within a designated zone only. First, a player comes off the pitch and then a substitute may come on. The player coming off the pitch may not make any movements suggesting he is still taking part in the game. Substitutions do not have to be reported to the referee.
5. There is one match protocol per match, which is why each time should submit a TEAM LINE-UP SHEET filled by the captain or persons responsible for the team. Failure to submit TEAM LINE-UP to the table referee 20 MINUTES prior to the match will result in the team losing 0:3 by default. If both teams fail to comply with the formalities, both will lose by default – each team will be given zero points and zero goals, and the match will be recorded as played.
6. All reservations concerning the players taking part in the championships should be reported to the referee during the match. Reservations can be reported only by team captains.
7. Throw-ins are performed with both hands.
8. When the ball played by the attacking team crosses the goal line, the goalkeeper resumes the game from the five-metre line
9. When the ball played by the defending team crosses the goal line, the attacking team resumes the game by a corner-kick.
10. A player receiving a yellow card leaves the pitch for 2 minutes or until the opposing team scores a goal.
11. A player receiving a red card leaves the pitch till the end of the game and is substituted after 3 minutes or when the opposing team scores a goal.
12. A goalkeeper receiving a yellow card – stays in the goal and a field player leaves the pitch instead for 2 minutes or until the opposing team scores a goal.
13. A goalkeeper receiving a red card – leaves the pitch till the end of the game; a field player leaves the pitch and is replaced by a substitute goalkeeper after 3 minutes or when the opposing team scores a goal.
14. A player who has received a red card is suspended for 1 match.
15. A player can receive a yellow card for:
    - criticising the referee’s decisions,
    - feigning a foul or injury,
    - deliberately delaying the restart of the game,
    - the so-called “unnecessary” foul,
    - “tactical foul”,
    - kicking the ball out after the referee’s whistle,
    - too many players on the pitch,
    - other unsportsmanlike conduct.

16. A player can receive a red card for:
    - deliberate foul, dangerous to the victim's health,
    - deliberately striking an opponent with his hand,
    - attacking an opponent's legs from behind,
    - highly unsportsmanlike conduct,
    - "rescue action" foul (breaking away to be alone against the goalkeeper, deliberately using hands to prevent the ball from hitting the net).
17. Situations mentioned in points 13 and 14 are assessed by the match referee.
18. There is no offside.
19. A penalty kick is performed from a distance of 9m from the goal line.
20. All protests, which are to be submitted in English in writing, will be analysed by the Championships Sport Committee.
21. The deposit for lodging a protest is EUR 50.
22. A protest may be lodged within up to 1 hour from the end of the match in the Secretariat of the Championships at the PIRAMIDA Hotel.

SCORING IN GROUPS

If two teams are equal on points, their places are decided by:

- the number of points won in the match between those teams (direct confrontation),
- if the number of points is still the same – better goal difference in all matches; if the difference is the same – the higher number of goals scored in all matches. If there is still no difference between the teams, the organiser decides the order of the teams by a draw (tossing a coin).
- If three or more teams are equal on points, their places are decided by the results of matches between them (small table).

By submitting a team for the Championships, the participants accept these rules and regulations.