



# Rules & Regulations

Football

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## Foreword

Dear participants of the European Maccabi Games Berlin 2015,

The Rules & Regulations at hand, provide the guidelines of the European Maccabi Games 2015 in Berlin. The Rules & Regulations regulate the execution of the sports competitions.

The Organising Committee and the sports federations, in most cases the Berlin sports federations, execute the competitions at the European Maccabi Games in close cooperation with one another. Insofar, the Rules & Regulations at hand are a joint product of the EMG2015 Organising Committee and the implementing sports federations.

We hope that the Rules & Regulations at hand will be the basis for sportsmanlike and fair sports competitions and an unforgettable European Maccabi Games Berlin 2015.



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## 1. Organisation

- a. The Football Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games will be responsible for the Football competitions of the 14th European Maccabi Games.
- b. The Football competitions shall be subject to the Football Rules and Regulations of the F.I.F.A. The English text will be binding.
- c. Participation in the competition is open to any athlete who is in possession of a Participant Card, issued by the Organising Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games and registered for the Football competitions.

## 2. Venues & Times

- a. The Football Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games will determine the venues and kick-off times of the Football competitions and teams will be notified accordingly.
- b. The Football Committee is authorized to change the venues and kick-off times of the competitions. These decisions will be final.

## 3. Teams

- a. Each country may enter one team only for each Football category: Open (Male), Open (Female), Juniors (Male), Youth (Male) and Juniors (Female).
- b. Each Open team may register up to 18 players, approved by the Football Committee. Prior to each game the names of the registered players will be handed to the appropriate official designating the starting 11 players. All remaining players may be used as substitutes.
- c. Each Juniors Boys and Girls team may register up to 18 players, approved by the Football Committee. Substitutions in Juniors games will be a “Rolling Substitutes System”. At the referees’ discretion, a drinking break for Juniors athletes can be allowed during the game.

## 4. System of Competition

- 4.1 SYSTEM A** - with the participation of 3 teams;
- a. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a double round-robin. The winner of each game will be awarded three points, the loser no points and in case of a draw, each team will be awarded one point.

- b. Ranking shall be determined as follows:
  - 1. Greater number of points obtained;
  - 2. Goal difference in all matches;
  - 3. Greater number of goals scored in all matches;

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their place shall be determined as follows:

- 1. Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the team concerned;
- 2. Goal difference resulting from the matches between the teams concerned;
- 3. Greater number of goals scored in the matches between the teams concerned;
- 4. Drawing lots by the Football Committee.

**4.2 SYSTEM B-** number of teams will be 4-6 ;

- a. The competitions will be played on a league basis of a single round-robin. The winner of each game will be awarded three points, the loser no points and in case of a draw, each team will be awarded one point.
- b. Ranking shall be determined as follows:
  - 1. Greater number of points obtained;
  - 2. Goal difference in all matches;
  - 3. Greater number of goals scored in all matches;

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their place shall be determined as follows:

  - 1. Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the team concerned;
  - 2. Goal difference resulting from the matches between the teams concerned;
  - 3. Greater number of goals scored in the matches between the teams concerned;
  - 4. Drawing lots by the Football Committee.
- c. The first two teams in the league will compete for the title: "14th European Maccabi Games Champion".
- d. The teams in places 3 and 4 in the league will compete for the third place.
- e. The rest of the teams will be placed according to their league order.

**4.3 SYSTEM C-** if the number of teams will be 7-8;

- a. The teams will be divided into 2 groups:
  - The first team in the 13th European Maccabi Games will head group A. The second team in the 13th European Maccabi Games will head group B.
- b. The teams placed third in the 13th European Maccabi Games and the hosting team will be drawn for second place in the groups. All the other teams will be placed in the groups by a draw.
- c. In the event that after the draw, one or more teams will not appear and a situation arises whereby a group is short of two teams, the team drawn last will be moved from one group to another.
- d. Teams will be classified in their groups according to their achievements, as described in SYSTEM A.
- e. The first round will be played on a one-round-league system (single round-robin).

- f. The Semi-Finals will be played based on the Cross system, i.e., the team placed first in Group A will play against the team placed second in Group B and the team placed second in Group A will play against the team placed first in Group B.
- g. The two winning teams in the Semi-Finals will play in the Final game for 1st and 2nd place, and the two losing teams in the Semi-Finals will play for 3rd and 4th place.
- h. The teams placed 3rd and 4th in each group will play based on the same system for places 5-8.

#### 4.4 SYSTEM D- if the number of teams will be 9-11;

- a. The teams will be divided into 2 groups:  
The first team in the 13th European Maccabi Games will head group A. The second team in the 13th European Maccabi Games will head group B.
- b. The teams placed third in the 13th European Maccabi Games and the hosting team will be drawn for second place in the groups. All the other teams will be placed in the groups by a draw.
- c. In the event that after the draw, one or more teams will not appear and a situation arises whereby a group is short of two teams, the team drawn last will be moved from one group to another.
- d. Teams will be classified in their groups according to their achievements, as described in SYSTEM A.
- e. The first round will be played on a one-round-league system (single round-robin).
- f. Final Game for the 1st and 2nd place: The winning teams of group A and group B will play the final.

The teams placed second in group A and B will play for the places 3 and 4  
 The teams placed third in group A and B will play for the places 5 and 6  
 The teams placed fourth in group A and B will play for the places 7 and 8

#### 4.5 SYSTEM E - if the number of teams will be 12-14.

- a. The teams will be divided into 3 groups.
- b. Group A will be headed by the first in the 13th European Maccabi Games.
- c. Group B will be headed by the second in the 13th European Maccabi Games.
- d. Group C will be headed by the hosting country.
- e. The rest of the teams will be seeded in the groups by a draw.
- f. **REMARK:** If any of the top 3 seeded teams (according to standings at the 13th European Maccabi Games) do not participate in the relevant competition at the 14th European Maccabi Games, then the vacancy or vacancies will be filled first by moving up the participating seeded teams and then the remaining vacancies of the top three seeded placements will be filled, in order, in accordance with the final standings at the 13th European Maccabi Games up to 7th place. Should there still be any vacancies then the places will be filled by a draw among the remaining teams in the competition. The Juniors competition will use seeding in accordance with the final standings of the Juniors competition at the 13th European Maccabi Games.

In case of 13 teams there will be 2 groups of 4 and 1 group of 5 teams.  
 In case of 14 teams there will be 2 groups of 5 and 1 group of 4 teams.

- g. The first round will be a one-round league system and the teams will be placed accordingly in each group as described in SYSTEM A (a + b)
- h. The Semi-Finals will be played on a knock-out system, i.e., the winners of Groups A (QF 1), B (QF 2), C (QF 3) and best runner-up (QF 4)\* according to System A (a + b), will be competing in the Semi-Finals.
- i. In case of 13 or 14 teams a runner-up will be identified as follows (the game against the last team of the bigger group will not be counted when identifying the best runner-up):
  - If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their place shall be determined as follows:
    1. Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the team concerned;
    2. Goal difference resulting from the matches between the teams concerned;
    3. Greater number of goals scored in the matches between the teams concerned;
    4. Drawing lots by the Football Committee.
- k. Games for places 1 to 4 will be held as follows:
  1. Loser Semi-Final 1 - Loser Semi-Final 2 for places 3-4.
  2. Winner Semi-Final 1 - Winner Semi-Final 2 for places 1-2.

#### **4.6 SYSTEM F** - if the number of teams is 15-16.

- a. Teams will be divided into 4 groups with the 7 leading teams from the 13th European Maccabi Games heading the Groups as follows:
  - Group A: 1st from the 13th European Maccabi Games.
  - Group B: 2nd from the 13th European Maccabi Games.
  - Group C: 3rd from the 13th European Maccabi Games.
  - Group D: the hosting team.

The rest of the teams will be seeded into the groups by a draw.  
In the event that there are vacancies due to the non-participation of any of the top 3 placed teams, the vacancy will be filled by moving up the existing seeded teams and any further vacancies will be filled by open draw.
- b. The Semi-Finals will include 4 teams (all first placed teams from each group). A draw before the opening of the 14th European Maccabi Games will decide who is going to play whom
- c. Games for places 1 to 4 will be held as follows:
  1. Loser Semi-Final 1 - Loser Semi-Final 2 for places 3-4.
  2. Winner Semi-Final 1 - Winner Semi-Final 2 for places 1-2.
- d. Games for places 5 to 8 will be held, too.

#### **4.7 Duration of Game**

- a. In the first round, each Open Game and Masters Game will last 90 minutes – two periods of 45 minutes with a break of 15 minutes.
- b. Juniors Games will last 70 minutes - two periods of 35 minutes - with a break of 15 minutes.



- c. In the final stages (Semi-Finals and Final), if after 90 minutes (70 minutes for Juniors) a game ends in a draw, extra time - 2 periods of 15 minutes each (Juniors 10 minutes each) - will be added. A break of 5 minutes will be given after the 90 (70) minutes, but not between the two periods of the extra time.
- d. If after the extra time the draw still exists, the winner of the game will be decided by a free-kick competition from the penalty mark. Each team will take five kicks alternately. The team to kick first will be decided by a draw.
- e. If both teams scored the same number of goals after 5 free kicks each, the free kicks will continue until such a time that both teams have kicked the same number of kicks and one team scored a goal more than the other.
- f. Only players who were on the field of play at the end of the extra time are allowed to take part in the free-kick competition. A different player will take each kick. A player will be allowed to kick a second time only after all the players in his team, including the goal keeper, have taken their kicks.

## **5. Ball Specifications & Equipment**

- a. Games will be played with an official Nike Match ball size 5.
- b. The Football Committee is authorized to change the brand name of balls, if necessary, and these decisions will be final.

## **6. Draw**

- a. The draw of the teams in the groups will be a public draw before the opening of the 14th European Maccabi Games.

## **7. Officiating**

- a. The regional Referees' committee will appoint referees of the competition.

### **7.1 Discipline**

Players sent from the field of play will automatically be suspended as follows:

- a. Serious foul play –minimum the next game
- b. Violent conduct - the next 2 games
- c. Spitting at an opponent or any other person - the next 2 games

- d. Denying the opposition a goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball - the next game
- e. Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick - the next game.
- f. Using offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures - the next 2 games.
- g. Receiving a second caution in the same match - the next game.
- h. A player who is reported by the referee for misconduct after the match - the next 2 games
- i. A player who has been sent off must leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area.

## **7.2 Appeal**

- a. Any possible appeal need to be reported to the referee within 30 minutes after the end of the game to which the objection refers to. The decisions made by the technical commission in relation to the result of the games are irrevocable.

## **8. General**

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete 14th European Maccabi Games Regulations, and must be read along with the instructions found in "Basic Regulations and Disciplinary Procedures".
- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the "Basic Regulations", the regulations written here will apply and be binding.