



TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

42nd FESTIVAL D'ARMOR

Challenge CREDIT AGRICOLE (U16 / U17)

Eligible players: Born between Jan. 1, 2009, and Dec. 31, 2010

1 - Tournament Organizer

The Union Sportive Plougonvelin (U.S.P.)

A non-profit association governed by the French Law of July 1, 1901, registered with the Sub-Prefecture of Brest under No. 1487 and No. W291002236.

- French SIRET No.: 7775928300019
- French Activity Code: 926 C
- French Youth and Sports Registration No.: 001342
- Head Office: Town Hall of Plougonvelin, Rue des Martyrs, 29217 Plougonvelin, France
- Legal Representative: Mr. Loïc Le Ru, Co-President, duly authorized to act in the context of these regulations.

2 – Dates & Location

The tournament takes place annually over the Pentecost weekend in Plougonvelin, France. The organizers will ensure no official matches are scheduled at the facilities for participating teams.

2026 Tournament Dates: May 23, 24, and 25

3- Participating Teams

The list of participating teams will be announced after the draw, which is scheduled for early April 2026.

Only teams affiliated with a recognized national association are allowed to participate in the tournament. A player can only play for one team throughout the competition. Each club delegation can consist of a maximum of 22 people, with the following possible configurations:

- 16 players + 6 staff members
- 17 players + 5 staff members
- 18 players + 4 staff members

The organizer reserves the right to modify these numbers based on specific constraints, such as transportation, accommodation capacity, or contractual agreements.

4 – Game Rules

All matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game established by the International Football Association Board (IFAB), as per the edition in effect on the day of the match, unless otherwise stated in these regulations.

Each match sheet may include a maximum of 18 players.

The field dimensions are as follows:

- Length: 100 metres
- Width: 65 metres

5 – Tournament Committee

The organizer will establish a Tournament Committee responsible for overseeing the sporting aspects of the tournament. This commission will have the authority to resolve disputes, rule on complaints and appeals, and address any issues not assigned to another authority under these regulations. It will be composed of the Festival d'Armor Executive Committee and one or more official delegation members, including referees, district representatives, league officials, and members of the French Football Federation (FFF).

If necessary, the Tournament Committee will submit a report to the relevant national association and/or international football governing bodies (FIFA/UEFA).

6 – Referees

All matches will be officiated by referees licensed by the French Football Federation (FFF).

The referee must report the final result of each match to the Tournament Committee, along with any disciplinary sanctions (yellow, red, and white cards). This information is essential for determining team rankings during the qualification phase.

7 – Age categories

All eligible players must belong to the following age category:

For U16/U17: born in 2009 or 2010.

8 – Match Duration and Number of Games

All matches will last 2 x 20 minutes, with a 5-minute halftime break.
In the event of a draw, there will be no extra time.

9 - List of Players and Substitutes

Each team must have at least 16 players and no more than 18 players per match. The list of players must be submitted on the match sheet on the Saturday of the tournament, before noon.

Each player must keep the same jersey number throughout the competition. From the list of players, up to five may be non-licensed club players, but they must be insured by the participating club and belong to the age category specified in Article 7.

Players holding a Non-Solicitation Agreement (A.N.S) are considered to be registered with the club.

A maximum of EIGHTEEN (18) players, including the SEVEN (7) substitutes (goalkeepers included) listed on the match sheet, may be fielded at any time during the match. Only 5 substitutions are allowed per game. The five substitutions will only be permitted in three sessions per team during the match (in addition to halftime). A player who is sent off cannot be replaced and will not be allowed to participate in the following match.

10 – Tournament System (Inspired by the ‘Champions League’)

The tournament will now follow the competition format outlined below:

A) Draw & Qualification Phase ("Mini-League")

- Before the tournament begins, a draw determines each team's opponents.
- The 14 teams are divided into two pots of 7 teams each.
- Each team will face four opponents from the opposite pot.
- Therefore, every team will play 4 matches in the qualification phase.

B) Ranking & Final Phase

- A general ranking is established at the end of the 4 matches.
- The top 4 teams advance to the semi-finals.
- The remaining teams will compete in classification matches to determine final standings.

11- Points System

The following points system will be applied during the tournament:

- Win = 3 points
- Draw = 1 point
- Loss = 0 point

A) In the event of a tie in points at the end of the qualification matches, the following criteria will be considered to break the tie, in the order listed below:

B) 1°) Goal average (difference between goals scored and goals conceded)

> 2°) Best attack (highest number of goals scored)

> 3°) Fair play (disciplinary sanctions)

Red card: 3 penalty points

Yellow card: 1 penalty point

White card: 1 penalty point

> 4°) Lowest average age of participating players

C) Semi-finals, final, and placement matches

In the event of a tie at the end of the semi-finals, final, or placement matches, the teams will be separated through a penalty shootout at a single goal designated by the referee.

A first series of five penalty kicks will be taken by five different players, chosen from the eleven players present on the field at the final whistle.

If the tie persists after this series, the shootout will continue in the same order until one team scores one more goal than the other after an equal number of attempts.

A player may only take a second attempt once all his teammates have already taken their first shot.

12- Match schedule

The committee will be able to change the time scheduled of a game, in order to adapt in case of unscheduled events.

13– Player Equipment

Each team shall have:

- > 3 t-shirts set of different colours
- > 1 pharmacy box
- > 10 club flags (exchange before the game)

The team listed second in the match schedule must change uniforms if the referee finds the colors of both teams too similar.

14– Disciplinary sanction

Red card – exclusion: the player excluded by a red card will not be able to participate in the next game.

Yellow card – A player warned by two yellow cards during the tournament will not be able to participate in the next game.

White card - temporary exclusion from 5 minutes of effective play: a player who has received two white cards in the same match is excluded from the match and will be suspended for the following match.

A) The timing is the referee's responsibility. The player may re-enter with the referee's approval.

B) The temporarily excluded player cannot be replaced during the duration of the sanction. At the end of the designated exclusion period, the club may send onto the field:

- either the temporarily excluded player
- or a substitute player who is properly registered on the match sheet

C) At the end of the 5-minute exclusion period, the referee signals the player to return. The player must enter the field at the midfield line. It is not necessary to wait for a stoppage in play, except when the sanctioned player is replaced.

D) If a match ends while a temporary sanction is still in effect, the sanction is considered served. If this situation occurs in the first half, the player must serve the remaining time in the second half. A temporarily excluded player who has not fully served their sanction by the end of regulation time is allowed to participate in a potential penalty shootout.

E) If a team is reduced to fewer than 8 players due to one or more temporary exclusions, the match will be stopped by the referee. The tournament's sports committee will make an appropriate decision.

At the end of the qualification phase, all records will be reset. However, a player who receives their second yellow card or a red card in the last match of this phase will be suspended for the semi-final.

If a player behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner, the case will be reported by the Tournament Committee to their national association, which will decide on the appropriate measures to be taken against the player. If a delegation member behaves in a seriously inappropriate manner during the tournament, the Tournament Committee will communicate this in writing to the relevant national and international football associations.

15– Player Documentation

The player's licenses and official documents (ID) will have to be available before and during the tournament, including access code if online documentation.

The players' list (name, surname, date of birth) will be sent to the tournament organization on the morning of Saturday, June 4th.

16– Accidents

IMPORTANT: In the event of an accident requiring medical intervention, parental authorization is mandatory. All participants and accompanying persons must be insured by their club for all accident-related risks.

17– Claims and Disputes

All claims and disputes would have to be directed to the tournament committee. The committee will take then a decision accordingly.

The commission will not accept any claims or disputes regarding referees decisions.

18– Tournament approvals

The tournament organizer is responsible for getting all national and international mandatory approvals, for the tournament to take place, and so, at least 2 month before the beginning of the tournament.

19- Agents

Only UEFA, FIFA, club or association affiliated agent can arrange the participation of a team.

20 – Regulation agreement

Participation in the FESTIVAL D'ARMOR implies acceptance of these regulations, a signed copy of which must be submitted by the delegation representative to the Organizing Committee no later than Saturday, May 23, at 2:00 PM.

Teams must commit to complying with the health restrictions (vaccination pass, health pass, or tests...) that will be in effect at the time of the tournament.

WRITTEN IN PLOUGONVELIN

THE ORGANIZER



THE TEAM