

Rules & Information - MEN Tournament



- 1. CATEGORY:** The Tournament is reserved to players of the banks, insurances and financial companies regularly registered in the application forms. The team leader declares officially the employments status in the form. Exceptions must be motivated and submitted to the Organization Committee on an approval basis. Each player has to be covered, under the responsibility of each Team, by a health insurance valid in Slovenia for the whole duration of the Tournament, a valid sport medical certificate and signed authorization forms released by the Organization Committee. Without all of them the player is not allowed to compete in the event. Players and teams are taking responsibility and liability for participation at the tournament. Organization Committee shall not be responsible in case of injuries, accident or damage of any means suffered by the players.
- 2. FORMAT:** The Tournament is divided into two stages, the Group Stage and the Final Sessions. The Teams will be divided into 4 flights line-up of 12 teams each considering previous results, country origin and financial group. A draw that will have place on friday 22 September at 2:00 pm will define the 12 groups of 4 teams each and all the matches fixture. In the Group Stage every Team will play one match against all the other Teams of the same group. The best 2 teams ranked plus the eight best thirds will be admitted at the Final Sessions.
Group stage and round of 32 will be played on saturday 23 September. Round of 32: will be fixed by draw saturday 23 September at 5:00 pm. Round of 16, Quarter, SemiFinal and Finals will be played on sunday 24 September. The two teams loosing semifinal will be ranked both at 3rd place. The Final will take place at 12:00, with referee Pierluigi Collina.
- 3. PLAYERS' LISTS:** Each team can include an unlimited number of players in the official list; the list must be given to the organizers of the Tournament before 15 September 2017. This list will be used for all the matches and cannot be modified after that date. The list must contain the names and T-shirt numbers of all the players plus names of team's captain, coach, team managers and colours of the jerseys.
Only staff and financial advisors of Banks, Insurances and Financial Companies are allowed to participate.
- 4. MATCHES:** The matches of the Tournament will follow UEFA rules. Every match will consist of two halves of 12 minutes each with a 3 minutes' break in between and will be played with an official no. 5 adidas UEFA Champions League Competition FIFA approved ball. Every balls will have a pressure of 0,9 atm. Each team will put 7 players (1 goalkeeper and 6 players) into the field. All the matches will be played without off side. Free kicks 6 mt distance. Players are kindly asked to use turfs shoes and/ or football shoes only HG with 11 or 15 cleats. Football shoes SG with 6 cleats are not allowed. Shin guards recommended but not mandatory.
- 5. NUMBER OF SUBSTITUTIONS:** Unlimited (back and forth substitutions are allowed, without interruption of the game). The substitutions must be done in front of the bench. The players and staff of the team must stay in their bench area during the matches.

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- 6. REFEREES:** The matches will be refereed by official members of the Slovenian, Spanish, Serbian and Italian Referee Association in accordance with the rules of UEFA. The decisions made by the referees are final, must be immediately applied and no complain or appeal, during or after the match, is allowed. Vanished Spray in use. VAR Technology in the final session.
- 7. RESULTS:** The Team who wins a match is awarded 3 points, the loser 0 points. In case the two teams score the same number of goals, the result of the match will come out of a penalty session (5-5), which will give 2 points to the winner and 1 point to the loser. The players sitting on the bench can be in the starting penalty squad. The goalkeeper cannot be changed during the penalty session. The rank of each Group will be determined by the total amount of points awarded during the Group stage. In case the two teams end up with the same number of points, the following criteria will be applied, one after the other, to determine the Group rank: 1) result of direct matches also considering penalties 2) goal difference in the Group matches - without penalty phases 3) number of goals scored in the Group – without penalties phases 4) results in 'ad hoc' penalty shoot-out (5-5). Also in the Final stage, in case in a match the two teams score the same number of goals, a penalty shoot-out will determine the winner. No overtime are planned during the whole competition. In order to define the best six thirds teams this is the criteria: points, goals difference, goal scored, draw.
- 8. RED & YELLOW CARDS:** 1 red card: missing next match. 2 yellow cards: missing next match. Reset before the Semifinals.
- 9. FOOTBALL PITCHES:** The teams will play in the Arena Bonifika Sports Center of Portorose - in natural and synthetic grass football pitches. A field in Piran will be available for the training sessions on friday 22 September prior reservation maximum 1h. The Arena Bonifika Sports Center of Portorose is not available the day before the kick-off for training, just only for walk about. Medical and ambulance service during all the matches. Physiotherapists available. Football gates sizes 5 x 2 mt. Pitch sizes 60x40mt and 55x35mt.
- 10. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** The Tournament Committee is formed of two members: Mr. Luca Maggiani and Mr. Fiorenzo Pietro Mariani. The decisions of the Tournament Committee are final. The Tournament Committee is responsible for informing UEFA of any unfair behavior of a Team staff and can take any decisions about its presence in the current and future editions.
- 11. GENERAL RULES & ETHICAL CODE:** All the Teams have to respect the "Value and Spirit" rules of the Champions Bank 2017. The Organization Committee and the referees will NOT tolerate any violation of ethical codes related for instance to race, religion, sexual diversity or Countries of origin. Every aspect not specifically regulated in the present Rules is subject to the general rules of UEFA and Slovenian National Federation and the Tournament Committee is responsible for applying these rules.

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