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### REGULATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN FLAG JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

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at Lelystad, Netherlands

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#### *Conditions of participation*

The European Flag Junior Championships tournament is the annual competition for the U-15 and U-13 Flag Junior National Teams or Teams representing their National Federation in Europe.

The tournament will be restricted to teams whose national federations are a member of EFAF and have an established flag junior program.

#### **§1 General provisions**

The entry fee is EURO 500 (per team)

The entry fee has to be paid latest July 31st, 2012  
to the EFAF account in Germany

The LOC fee is 189 EUR per person for full package (including accommodation or 27,40 EUR per person for game day meals (lunch on Saturday and Sunday, dinner on Saturday).

The tournament fee to LOC has to be paid latest TBC by LOC

If, after written confirmation of its participation by the federation and after it has paid the entry fee, the team refuses to play a game, it shall be disqualified and fined. The federation shall at the same time lose all rights to receive financial contributions from EFAF or local organizing committee.

The fines are if the team refuses to play after paying the entry fee (EURO 500,-):

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|---------------------------|-------------------|------|---------------------|
| - prior to the tournament | within two months | EURO | 500 or equivalent   |
| -                         | within one month  | EURO | 1.000 or equivalent |
| -                         | within two weeks  | EURO | 2.000 or equivalent |
| - during the tournament   |                   | EURO | 3.500 or equivalent |

The team refusing to play will be disqualified from the tournament. If a team refuses to play, the team's opponent will win the game with a result of 50-0 and in case of tournament rounds all of its games will be nullified (in this case also the one it has been determined to lose by forfeit.)

In the case of a fine and a non-payment of the fine the EFAF Disciplinary regulations will apply.

## **§2 Grouping and seeding**

The EFAF European Flag Junior Championships final round will be a system of Final Tournament. According to the confirmations of participation EFAF Board of Directors (EFAF BoD) will seed the teams for qualification games with the basis being previous results from European Flag Junior Championships.

## **§3 Qualification round**

There will be no qualification round.

## **§4 Championship round**

The final tournament pooling depends on which teams will participate in the final tournament.

All teams travelling to the host country are responsible for the transport of their team to the site of the championships and home again.

Ground transportation (teams to practice, game and other planned events) once at the championships site and food and lodging has to be covered by the participants and this is included in the tournament fee. LOC organises this for all participants at Lelystad.

Each team will only be allowed to bring a maximum of 12 players. Number of coaches and others is unlimited as each federation pays for them (also see §1).

Each participating federation will be required to pay for the transport of one game official determined by EFAF Officiating committee to the championships from their respective country. The name of the official has to be announced to EFAF and LOC by latest September 1<sup>st</sup>,2012. In case of not sending an official or not announcing the official in time EFAF and LOC may assign an official from the hosting federation or from neutral country on costs of the participating federation.

#### **§5 Game time**

The effective playing time is 2x20 minutes for both the qualification and championship rounds.

#### **§6 Tie breakers**

In group games is not tie breaker required.

In all play off games – not group games - there has to be a winner and the game may not end as tied. If the score is equal after the normal game time, the EFAF Flag Football international Competition rule in EFAF tournaments on tie-breakers will be used to break a tie.

The winners of championship pool will be decided in the following way:

- head to head results
- head to head net points differential
- Total net points differential
- most touchdowns
- coin toss

#### **§7 Eligibility of a player**

A player has to be born on or after January 1st 1997 to be eligible to play in U-15 category and on or after January 1st 1999 to play in U-13 category. The players are only eligible to play for the federation they have the passport of.

At games, 60 minutes before the toss at the latest, each team shall indicate on the official referee's report form the names of not more than 12 players and 2 team officials.

The referee or an EFAF supervisor will request presentation of the personal identity cards of the players whose names are included in the referee's report form. Identity documents must be a passport which includes photograph, date of birth and nationality.

The preliminary player roster of 20 players for the Championships round must be submitted not later than 10 days before the Championships rounds starts to the EFJCTC in order to ensure accurate information in the event program. Out of this 20 player preliminary roster the team has to choose 12 players for the final roster. The final roster has to be presented to the chairman of EFJCTC latest at 8 pm the day before the first game of the tournament starts. No changes to this roster are permitted after its submission to EFJCTC

#### **§8 Colours of the teams**

Each team is to provide its own game uniforms. Each team is to nominate its primary jersey colors 1 month prior to the tournament. Each team is also required to have alternate color jerseys for the tournament.

## **§9 Publicity**

Publicity on player's equipment shall be permitted but the publicity must be in accordance to local laws, EFAF regulations and in accordance to the spirit of the youth sports.

## **§10 The game officials**

The EFAF Officiating Committee shall designate referees for the tournament. Only referees whose names are included in the official EFAF official's list shall be appointed.

Each participating federation has to nominate one game official for the final tournament latest September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. If there is no nomination by the participating federation EFAF Officiating Committee shall nominate an official from a different country.

## **§11 Other financial provisions**

Each federation shall retain its receipts and shall bear all the organisational expenses.

In 2012, LOC will only provide accommodation, meals and ground transportation for all participants as part of the LOC fee if booked by the LOC.

In addition to these refunds to the travelling federation the hosting federation will be subject to EFAF Disciplinary regulations. The federations are responsible for their own travelling arrangements.

There will be no fees or levies to be paid to EFAF by the organising party for the qualification game or for the fees received for television, closed circuit, sound broadcasting, films and video cassettes in 2012 .

EFAF, its member federations, their affiliated organisations and clubs are the holders of the exclusive rights to authorise the broadcasting, transmission and reproduction of events by television and radio which come under the EFAF's jurisdiction, irrespective, as well as any other use and distribution by whatever audio-visual and sound broadcasting media.

All games which shall be transmitted by television, closed circuit, broadcast by radio stations or shot by film producers shall be covered by a written contract. The EFJCTC is entitled to request the presentation of contracts.

## **§13 Doping**

The EFJCTC will inform the Anti Doping Committees of respective countries of the game dates of qualification rounds and the championship round. The possible testing will be carried out according to the rules of respective Anti Doping Committees and the WADA. EFAF Anti Doping regulations shall always apply.

The use of THC and Cannabis is strictly forbidden during the EFJC finals. The finals are beginning with the opening ceremony and are closing with the leaving tournament venue on. Use of THC and/ or Cannabis will be penalized with a ban of three months.

## **§14 Medals**

All teams participating at the Championships rounds will receive 15 medals per team: winner-gold, second place- silver, third place-bronze and fourth to last place plain-medal. A Fair Play prize will be awarded to the most Fair Play team decided by EFJCTC.

## **§15 Laws of the Game**

The games shall be played in conformity with the 2012EFAF Flag Football International Competition rules with the exceptions mentioned in this document.

Player Ejection: Any player ejected from the game will not be eligible to play in their team's next game in this competition

Mixed (male and female players) teams are allowed.

Game time, see §5.

## **§16 Game supervisors**

Game supervisors will be appointed by the Director of Flag Junior Championships. The supervisor will be the official representative of EFAF and have the responsibility to control player identifications and eligibility, the field/arena and the security measures. Infractions of the Competition Regulations shall be reported to the EFAF game supervisor who will take necessary action at the game site and forward a game report to the Director of Flag Junior Championships.

The EFAF Game supervisor will take a copy of the EFAF Flag Junior championships regulations and the EFAF game supervisors form with them to the game. Completed game supervisors form must be returned to EFAF within 24 hours of the game.

## **§17 Disciplinary rules**

EFAF Disciplinary Rules are in effect. The teams are responsible for the behavior of their players, officials, members, and of any person fulfilling a position or function on behalf of the team.

## **§18 Unforeseen Circumstances**

The EFJCTC, EFAF Board of Directors or the disciplinary committee, respectively, shall take decisions on all matters not provided for in these regulations as well as in cases "force majeure". Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.

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