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REGULATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN FLAG Seniors CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

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Conditions of participation

The European Flag Senior Championships tournament is the annual competition for the Flag Senior 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 Senior program.

§1 General provisions

The entry fee is EURO 750

The entry fee has to be paid latest July 1st, 2013
to the EFAF account in Germany

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 the EFAF or local organizing committee.

The fines are if the team refuses to play after paying the entry fee (EURO 750,-):

- 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 Senior 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 Senior Championships.

§3 Qualification round

There will be no qualification tournament played.

§4 Championship round

The final tournament pooling depends on which teams will participate in the final tournament. The final championship groups will be determined after the qualification games are completed. This must not be later than August 15th, 2013.

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 will be organized by the LOC, but has to be paid by the participants. Each team will only be allowed to bring 12 players, coaches/ others is unlimited.

The details for travel and accommodation as well other conditions will be given after the qualification rounds in August 2013 by the LOC to all the teams travelling to the Finals.

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.

§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
- net points overall
- most touchdowns
- coin toss

§7 Eligibility of a player

Overall requirements :

Player is only eligible to play for the National Federation/Association of his own nationality. If a player has changed his nationality or holds two or more nationalities he is eligible to play for his new or chosen nationality. However, if a player has represented one National Federation/Association in any official EFAF or its continental representative tournament, including both senior and junior tournament, the player is not eligible to play for any other National Federation/Association. Players nationality must be proven on game day.

Player have to be of the equivalent sex of the tournament entered. (women for women tournament, men for men tournament)

To be eligible for a qualification game a player must be listed on the 20-men preliminary roster released 14 days prior to a qualification game.

Game day requirements :

Each team shall on game day indicate, on the official EFAF team roster form, the names of the 10 players for 5on5 and their staff. The EFAF supervisor will request presentation of a passport or government accepted identity card (that proof the nationality) of each player. In case of no EFAF supervisor being present the head game official will carry the above identity check.

Identity documents must be a passport or a government accepted document which includes photograph, date of birth and nationality. In case of a player/ team is not able to present identity document the player will be ineligible to play.

Violation of players eligibility regulations can lead to the teams or players disqualification and/or of a fine of no more than 5.000,00 Euros.

A player has to be for minimum 16 years old on the day of the game.

Tournament Requirements:

The preliminary player roster of 30 players for the Championships round must be submitted no 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 30 player preliminary roster the team has to chose the players for the final roster. The final roster has to be presented to the chairman of EFJCTC latest at 8 pm the day be-

fore 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 an alternate color jerseys for the tournament.

§9 Publicity

Publicity on player's equipment shall be permitted but the publicity must be in accordance to 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 July 1st, 2013. If there is no nomination by the participating federation EFAF Officiating Committee by nominate an official from a different country.

§11 Other financial provisions

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

The travel as well as the accommodation for one game officials per team who travel with the team will be the responsibility of the team. This applies for the qualification round as well as for the championship round. If a federation participates with a male and a female team the federation has to send two officials.

For each missing officials there is an automatic fine of 1.000 EUR to be paid to EFAF with 14 days after notification given to the federation.

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.

The 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 EFSCTC is entitled to request the presentation of contracts.

§13 Doping

The EFSCCTC 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 EFSC finals. The finals are beginning with the opening ceremony and are closing with the leaving Vienna 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 12 medals. Winner-gold, second place- silver and third place-bronze. All others plain-medal. A Fair Play prize will be awarded to the most Fair Play team decided by EFSCCTC.

§15 Laws of the Game

The games shall be played in conformity with the 2013 EFAF Flag Football International Competition rules.

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

Game time, see §5.

§16 Game supervisors

Game supervisors will be appointed by the Director of Flag Senior 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 Senior Championships.

The EFAF Game supervisor will take a copy of the EFAF Flag Senior 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 EFJSTC, 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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