IMPORTANT ADVICE: All teams participating in our tournament are recommended to bring and use their own balls for the warm-up phases. If any team wishes to use the organisation's balls for such warm-ups, they must leave a deposit to the field coordinator of €20 for each borrowed ball, which will be refunded as soon as the balls are returned. Each team will receive mineral water from the organisation before the start of every match.

COMPETITION RULES

During our tournament we will follow the current FIFA rules, taking into account certain exceptions that will be explained in the regulations included in this document.

COMPETITION SYSTEM

U18 CATEGORY (2009-2010)

8 teams divided into 2 groups of 4 teams. In the qualifying phase, 3 matches per team against the other 3 teams. The 2 first teams of every group will play the FINAL GOLD PHASE, competing for places 1st to 4th. Third and fourth in every group will compete in the FINAL SILVER PHASE for places 5th to 8th.

PLAYING TIME

All matches of the tournament will be played in 2 halves of 25 minutes, with a break of 5 minutes. In case of a tie in the final phase matches, a penalty shootout will be held (3 per team).

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

The number of players is not limited, but all must be included in the official tournament list of every team. Any player of a team can be registered in the players' list of any other of their teams (same club), if both teams are in the same age group or the second is in an older category, with a maximum of 3 players per match. Any team violating this rule will be sanctioned and will lose the game 3-0, and may face disqualification from the tournament.

Before the first game, all players must pass the relevant age control by presenting ID, passport or federation card. We recommend arriving with enough time before the first match of the tournament.

Only in SPECIAL CASES, and with direct permission from the organisation, a team may register a player/s one year older than the category in which they are competing.

SUBSTITUTIONS

You can make all substitutions you want, as long as you use a maximum of 4 turns during the entire match (maximum 3 turns in the second half). Substitutions made during half-time do not count as a turn.

Permission to make substitutions will always be requested from the referee, with new players entering the field from the centre of the sideline and with the game stopped. A player who has been substituted can re-enter the game using a new substitution turn. Simultaneous substitutions for both teams will subtract one turn for each.

PRESENCE OF TEAMS IN THE FIELD

Teams must be ready on the field to start their matches 5 minutes before the time set in the official tournament calendar.

Teams will enter the field following the start protocol: from the centre of the field and with the referees in between, the 11 starting players of both teams will line up in single file. Once the match is finished, the field must be vacated immediately.

PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

In case of a clash in kit colours, the team listed first in the official calendar will play with their first kit and the team listed second will use their second kit.

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

In case of tied teams in the qualification round, the system will be governed by the following rules:

1st Highest goal difference.

2nd Highest number of goals scored.

3rd Result among the teams involved.

4th Draw.

SUSPENSIONS — SENT-OFF PLAYERS

If a player receives a red card or two yellow cards, the tournament committee will meet to decide the sanction, which will be communicated to the team as soon as possible. Severe offences will be reported to the relevant football federations.

IMPORTANT: If a suspended player participates in a subsequent match, the team automatically loses that match 3-0.

Other Suspensions

If a team uses a player not included in the official list, or commits any other irregularity, they will be sanctioned and will lose the game 3-0.

PENALTY-KICK ROUND

In case of a TIE in a match of the FINAL PHASES, the winner will be decided through a penalty-kick round, following this procedure:

- 3 penalties per team; the winner is the team that scores the most.
- Only players who were on the field at the end of regular time may participate.
- If still tied after the initial kicks, penalties continue one by one, alternately, until one team misses and the other scores.
- No player may re-kick until all players who finished the match have taken theirs.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

There will be a COMPETITION COMMITTEE that will oversee fair play, sanctioning and resolving any infractions or irregularities that may occur during the tournament.

Against the decisions of the COMPETITION COMMITTEE, a team may file an APPEAL delivered to the venue Coordinator within 60 minutes after the end of the match, and upon payment of €60 as a guarantee. This amount will only be returned if the appeal is successful. Once resolved, the decisions of the Competition Committee are FINAL AND UNQUESTIONABLE.

RULES ACCEPTANCE

All teams participating in our tournament accept its rules. Every situation not covered by this document will be resolved according to the Official Rules of the Royal Spanish Football Federation.