

2016 CYPRUS WOMENS CUP

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1. PARTICIPATING NATIONS AND TOURNAMENT HOSTS

1.1 The following women's A-national teams will participate in the tournament: Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Republic of Ireland and Wales.

1.2 Football Association of Finland will be hosting the tournament.

2. COMPETITION SYSTEM

2.1 Group phase

The format of the Tournament will be two groups of four teams, where each team in the group will play each other once (groups A and B).

2.2. Placing matches

The group phase will be followed by placing matches where:

1st/2nd place: The winners of group A play the winners of group B

3rd/4th place: 2nd place team of group A play 2nd place team in Group B

5th/6th place: 3rd place team of group A play 3rd place team in group B

7th/8th place: 4th place team of group A play 4th place team in group B

2.3 Points awarded

The points awarded will be; 3 points awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and no point for a defeat.

2.4 Equality of points

2.4.1 If two or more teams in the same group are equal on points on completion of the group phase, the following criteria are applied, in the order given, to determine the rankings:

a – higher number of points obtained in the group matches played among the teams in question;

b – superior goal difference resulting from the group matches played among the teams in question;

c – higher number of goals scored in the group matches played among the teams in question;

d – if, after having applied criteria a-c, teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a-c are reapplied exclusively to the group matches between the teams in question to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e-h to apply;

e – superior goal difference in all group matches;

f – higher number of goals scored in all group matches;

g – position in the latest FIFA ranking

h – a draw made by the representative of the tournament hosts

2.5 Extra time and kicks from the penalty mark, playing time

2.5.1 Should the placing matches for 3rd/4th place, 5th/6th place and/or 7th/8th place end in a draw, kicks from the penalty mark determine the winner.

2.5.2 The Final, after normal time, if required, will have extra-time of two periods of 15 minutes. If the two teams are still equal after extra-time, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.

2.5.3 All matches are played in conformity with the IFAB Laws of the Game, and shall be played in two parts of 45 minutes, separated by an interval of 15 minutes.

3. PLAYER LISTS

3.1 A maximum of 23 players may be used by each participating team during the course of the Tournament.

3.2 The list of the participating players, containing name, date of birth, club and shirt number used by them during the tournament, shall be sent over to the tournament hosts 48 hours before the start of the tournament.

3.3 In case of proven injury or other extenuating circumstances, all teams may replace players during the tournament, as long as the control and disciplinary committee is properly informed and accepts the reasons presented.

4. MATCH SHEETS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

4.1 Before each match, each team shall indicate in the relevant match sheet the numbers and full names of the players in the squad, together with the full names and functions of the officials sitting on the substitutes' bench and on the additional technical seats. The match sheet shall be given to the referee at least 60 minutes before the kick-off.

4.2 The 11 players indicated on the match as forming the starting 11 must commence the match. The others are designated as substitutes. The goalkeeper and the team captain must be indicated.

4.2 In each match, each team is allowed to use 6 substitutes. The substituted player is not allowed to re-enter the field. A player who has been sent off by the referee may not be substituted.

4.3 No replacement to the match sheet is allowed after it has been given to the referee, except in the following case: if any of the 11 starting players are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the match sheet. The quota of substitute players is reduced accordingly for the match in question. During the match, six players may still be substituted.

4.4 If any of the substitutes listed on the match sheet are not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute players will be reduced accordingly for the match in question.

5. TECHNICAL AREA

5.2 A maximum of 6 team officials and 12 substitute players are allowed to sit on the substitute bench.

5.3 If space so permits, up to five additional places are allowed for technical staff supporting the team during the match. These additional seats will be situated just outside the technical area. The names and functions of all these persons shall be detailed on the match sheet, or listed on a separate sheet that is submitted along with the match sheet.

6. COLOURS OF THE TEAMS

Every participating team must bring their standard playing kit and a reserve kit. Colours for each match will be decided at the initial Team Meeting prior to the start of the tournament.

7. MATCH OFFICIALS

All match referees and assistant referees will be appointed by the Football Association of Cyprus and Finland, UEFA and/or FIFA as determined by the tournament hosts.

8. CONTROL AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

8.1 The Committee will comprise of the heads of delegation from the participating countries. The committee will deal with all disciplinary matters during the tournament, in accordance with FIFA regulations.

8.2 The Committee will be convened by the tournament hosts.

8.3 The Committee shall deal with protests, disciplinary measures and other matters concerning the tournament which are not covered in these regulations. Members of the committee may not take part in the settlement of matters relating to their own Association.

8.4 There will be a record of proceedings for all meetings, and a copy will be distributed to all members.

8.5 The committee may appoint match observers if it is considered necessary.

9. PROTESTS

9.1 Protests regarding the validity of any match, shall be made orally to the tournament hosts no later than two hours after the end of the match, and written confirmation must be delivered before 11pm, in that same day.

9.2 The protest shall be considered promptly and decisions given are final and binding.

10. EXPULSIONS

10.1 In case of direct expulsion or expulsion caused by two yellow cards in the same match, a player cannot take part in the following match.

10.2 Yellow cards shown do not accumulate for the following matches. Therefore, the player is suspended for the next match, only if the cards (2 yellow or 1 red) are showed in the same match. This applies for group matches and placing matches.

11. REFEREES REPORT

After the match, the referee shall deliver a report directly to the tournament hosts, containing information regarding expulsions, cautions, or other related facts for the organisation.

12. OFFICIAL TEAM MEETINGS

11.1 An initial team meeting prior to the start of the tournament will be held with representatives from each participating country attending. The representatives shall bring the national anthem, flag, players match kit (1st and 2nd choice), players list and passports to the meeting.

13. ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

12.1. In each match, the flags of the two participating countries shall be flown in the stadium. Countries are reminded to bring with them their flag and National Anthem.

12.2. Venues shall be selected to ensure that travelling time does not exceed one hour from the hotel.

12.3. The Tournament hosts may prepare an official meal for the representatives of all the participating teams during the tournament.

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14. INSURANCE

Each participating team is responsible for its own insurance coverage.

15. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The financial conditions are as stated in the invitation, and on selection of one of the recommended hotels, all internal transport from the airport to the hotel and also to and from training and matches will be covered.

16. ALTERATIONS TO REGULATIONS

Any alteration to these regulations can only be done with the consent of the Control and Disciplinary Committee.

17. ATTRIBUTION OF PRIZES: TOP GOAL SCORER

This prize will be attributed to the best scoring player. In case two or more players score the same number of goals, the prize will be attributed to the player having played less time. If there is still more than one player in that condition, the prize will be attributed to the youngest player.