

Rules for small pitch soccer tournament

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Tournament rules

The tournament is limited to 16 teams. The tournament is divided into a group phase and a knockout phase with quarter-finals, semi-finals and final.

In the group stage, the winning team receives 3 points and the losing team 0 points. In the event of draw, both teams receive 1 point.

In case of equal points, goal difference determines the ranking.

In the event of a tie on points and goal difference, the goals scored decide the ranking.

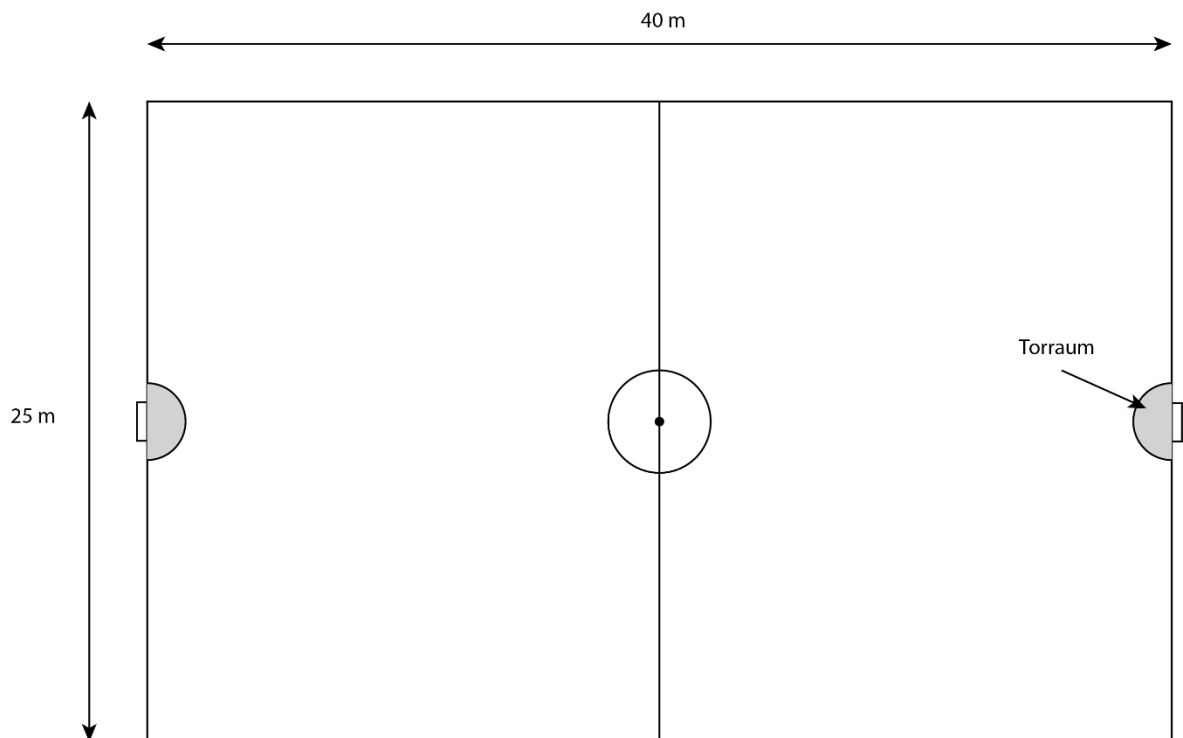
In the knockout phase (from the quarter-finals onwards), if the score is equal at the end of the match, the golden goal decides the match.

Playing field

The size of the pitch is 40 m x 25 m.

The goal area is a semicircle with a radius of 3 m from the center of the goal. No player may block the goal with his hands or step into the goal area.

The substitution benches are located on the touchline.



Goal

The goals measure 1.5 m x 1.0 m.

Number of players

5 outfield players per team, no goalkeeper.

Flying change, outfield player must “high-five” substitutes.

Duration of the game

The playing time is 12 minutes.

Referees

There is one referee per match. The referee’s decisions are final.

Start and resumption of the match

- Kick-off from the center of the pitch by team goal A.
- Out of bounds by shooting in
- Goal out (goal kick) by shooting in
- Goal out (corner) by shooting in
- Kick-off after goal: dribble or shoot-in from own goal area, opposing team retreats into own half

Penalty kick, free kick, yellow & red cards

- Fouls are penalized with an indirect free kick.
- In case of a penalty kick, the kicker shoots from the halfway line while the players of both teams are behind the halfway line.
- The penalty kick is released by a signal from the referee.
- In the event of two yellow cards for a team within a match or a red card, a penalty kick is awarded.

Health and safety

- Players may not use or wear dangerous objects (necklaces, rings, earrings, bracelets, watches, etc.).
- In order to prevent injuries, the tournament management advises players to wear appropriate soccer equipment.