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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Tournament

The Elite Neon Cup is the biggest international youth football tournament in Greece. The purpose of the tournament is to develop high-level sporting activities by promoting Greek hospitality and culture. In the first two years of his existence, the Elite Neon Cup hosted teams of the age group U-15. In 2016, the tournament grew, with the participation of both U-15 and U13 teams as well as the organization of the Elite Neon Cup 2016: Belgrade Edition in Serbia for the U-16 and U-14 categories. In 2017 and 2018 the Elite Neon Cup hosted three age classes (U15, U13, U11). In 2019 in Greece, the Elite Neon Cup 2019 hosted three ages classes (U-11, U-13 & U-15) Athens Edition, and two ages classes (U12 & U14) in Corinth Edition, the Elite Neon Cup 2022 was held in April and May at Athens and Corinth for the ages U16-U14-U11 and U12-U10. In 2023 the tournament will be held in Athens for U14-U16 categories, and on October for categories 2012-2014.

2. Registrations

The Elite Neon Cup will be held in accordance with the FIFA rules. If the maximum registration of the groups before the deadline is achieved, registration will be closed before the scheduled date. The first teams to make quicker entries will have a greater chance of participating. Participation is guaranteed if all payments are made and confirmed.

3. Who can participate

Professional teams selected academies, as well as all the clubs that are members of the FIFA Associated National Associations.

4. Structure of the Tournament

The tournament starts with the group stage. Teams/Clubs are divided into groups, and matches are played by following the round-robin system. All the teams will play 5 group stage matches and playoff games.



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5. Participants

The tournament will have 48 teams in the category U12 and 48 teams in the categories U10.

REGULATIONS

1. Rules

1.1 - The Elite Neon Cup will be played in accordance with FIFA rules.

1.2 All the games of the tournament will be held with **no** Offside

1.3 - Group Stage:

1.3.1 - At the group stage, teams are divided into groups, where all the teams will meet in a round robin series. Ranking between the teams will be decided according to the gathered points. Three points will be awarded for the win, one point for the draw and zero points for the defeat. The group stage matches will be **30 min game without half time**

1.3.2 - If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their rankings shall be determined as follows:

- a) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- b) goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- c) greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- d) greater number of points obtained in the fair play conduct of the teams based on yellow and red cards received in all group matches as follows:
 - yellow card: minus 1 point
 - indirect red card: minus 3 points (as a result of a second yellow card)



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- direct red card: minus 4 points
 - yellow card and direct red card: minus 5 points
- e) Penalty competition according to FIFA rules.

1.4 - Playoffs

Both categories will have 48 teams. Each category will have 8 groups with six teams, each team will play 5 games in the group stage, after that all the 1st position will play playoff matches for the positions 1-8, the 2nd places of each group will play for the positions 9-16, all the 3rd places will play for 17-24 positions, all the 4th places of each group will play for the positions 25-32, all the 5th places of each group for the positions 33-41 and all the 6th places of each group for the positions 42-48. The time for playoff games for all the teams is 2x25min per game.

2. Age Categories

- U12 – 2012 – 9v9
- U10 – 2014 – 7v7

3. Players

3.1 - The maximum number of players per team is 20 and the minimum is 10 players

3.2 - All players must be able to prove their age and identity.

3.3 - All players must use the same number in their kit throughout the tournament.

3.4 - Teams can use all players from the squad list in a match(maximum 20 players can the squad list have).

3.5 - For substitutions, players must follow the following rules:

3.5.1 - A player who has been replaced can return.

3.5.2 - The sub takes place without stopping the game.

3.5.3 - Subs must be made in the centre line of the field (centres).



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- 3.5.4 - A player may enter the field only when his teammate is out of the playing area.
- 3.5.5 - Incorrect subs will be penalized with a yellow card.
- 3.5.6 - If a goalkeeper is replaced, the game must be stopped and the referee must be informed.

4. Duration of the matches

- 4.1 - Group Stage: **30min without halftime**
- 4.2 - Playoffs: 2x25min with 5 min halftime
 - 4.2.1 - In case of a draw, the match is determined in penalties.
- 4.3 - Final: 2x30min with 5 min halftime
 - 4.3.1 - In case of a draw, there will be 10 minutes of extra time, and if there is still a draw, the match will be determined in penalties.

5. Match Details

5.1 - Squad List:

- 5.1.2 The team must send the list at least 10 days before the tournament.**
- 5.1.2 - In all games, it is mandatory to complete the squad list.
- 5.1.3 - The list must be delivered to the referee before each match.
- 5.1.4 - Team coaches must confirm the numbers in players' jersey before handing over the list, in order to avoid any errors in the statistics service.
- 5.1.5 - Each player's number in the squad list must be the same as the number he is wearing.
- 5.1.6 - All players included in the squad list are deemed to be participating in the match.
- 5.1.7 - Random checks will be made from the tournament management throughout the tournament.



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5.2 - Jerseys

5.2.1 - Numbers are mandatory.

5.2.2 - The number of the player in the squad list, must be the same in his jersey.

5.2.3 - All jerseys must be numbered and must correspond to the numbers listed in the squad list.

5.2.4 - The numbers must be on the back of the jersey.

5.2.5 - Two players cannot use the same number in any match.

5.2.6 - No player can change his number during the match.

5.2.6.1 - Failure to comply with this rule will punish the player with a yellow card and he must exit the pitch to get the right jersey.

5.2.6.2 - The player may re-enter the match when properly dressed and with the consent of the referees.

5.2.7 - If two teams have the same colour of jerseys, the team that first appears in the program should change jerseys.

5.2.8 - The use of shin guards is mandatory in all competitions.

5.3 - Before and after the match:

5.3.1 - All teams must be ready on the pitch 10 minutes before the start, with appropriate documents for age control.

5.3.2 - The coach/team manager of the team must make sure that his players are insured.

5.3.3 - The teams are responsible for the behavior of their fans.

5.3.3.1 - Teams can lose a match if the referee decides to end the match based on the violent and verbal behavior of their supporters towards the referee.

5.3.3.2 - Teams can be eliminated from the tournament based on the behavior of the supporters to the referee or another team.

5.3.4 - Every coach must sign the match card immediately after the end of the match.

Failure to sign can lead to a reprimand from his organizing committee.

5.4 - Balls:

5.4.1 - U12 & U10: All matches are played with No4 balls.



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6. Squad list and age control

6.1 - Each team must submit the squad list to the administration of the Elite Neon Cup before October 10th. After that date, we will charge an extra € 5 per player.

6.1.1 - The list of rooms to be sent to the team should be received by Elite Neon Cup before October 19th. After that date, we will charge an additional € 10 per person.

6.2 - Players will be controlled through the squad list that is sent from the start to the tournament management through the following procedure:

6.2.1 - The team leader must bring all documents for the accreditation of the players/athletes (valid passport or ID document by the players).

6.2.2 - For all teams, accreditation will be done at the tournament desk.

6.2.3 - Only the team leader should be present in the accreditation procedure.

6.2.4 - Players do not need to be present for age control on this day.

6.2.5 - Team leaders must be present at the tournament office and present the identities of the players who are on the squad list on that day.

6.2.6 - If team leaders do not come to the accreditation procedure at the tournament office, their teams cannot participate in the first match.

6.3 - All teams must bring valid players' documents for the matches. (Athlete's card)

6.3.1 - Random age control can be done at any time by the staff of the tournament.

6.3.2 - Age control will be through the players' list sent from the start in our tournament along with a valid ID document.

6.4 - All teams must be ready to play at least 30 minutes before the match. This time is necessary, in order to allow us, to check the squad list.

6.5 - Teams who will not submit the list 15 minutes before the match can be excluded as a nonattendant team.

6.6 - Teams that use non-listed players can be excluded from the tournament.

7. Match Fields

7v7 U10 SYNTHETIC AND HYBRID



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9v9 U12 GRASS AND SYNTHETIC

8. Match Program

8.1 - The organizing committee has the right to change the groups, times and fields, until the 1st day of the competition.

8.2 - The organizing committee also has the right to change matches, times and fields, during the competition.

8.3 - In case of any changes team leaders will be promptly informed.

9. Referees

9.1 - All referees are members recognized by the federation in the tournament

9.2 - The coordinator for the referees during the tournament will be available at the Tournament Office.

10. Organizing committee of the tournament

10.1 - The organizing committee of the tournament consists of representatives from Elite Neon Cup.

10.2 - The organizing committee handles protests, sanction matters, and unpredictable situations.

10.2.1 - All situations that occur will be analysed always with "Fair-Play".

10.3 - Organizational committee 's decisions cannot be appealed. Notice that the final decision may not correspond to a FIFA rule based in Fair-Play.

10.4 - In the case of any protest, a deposit of 100€ must be done in the tournament office (it may be an extra tournament office in the venues).

11. Protest and Sanctions

11.1 - All protests must be made in writing by the team leader and delivered to the Organizing Committee at the latest 90 minutes after the match is completed.

11.2 - Protests must be handed over to the Tournament Office.

11.3 - A protest fee of € 100 will be paid. This amount will be refunded if the protest is approved.



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11.4 - Protests concerning referees will not be accepted.

11.5 - Warnings and violations of the squad:

11.5.1 - Any player who is punished with a red card loses the right to participate in the next match.

11.5.2 - The tournament organizing committee may decide to suspend for further matches in the event of a direct red card being given.

11.5.3 - If a player is suspended for more than one misconduct, this information will be given in writing to the team.

11.5.4 - The yellow cards do not accumulate.

11.5.5 - If a suspended player plays in a match, the team with the suspended player automatically loses the match 0-3.

11.5.6 - Serious offences by teams or players will be directly reported to the team's Federation.

12. Race cancellations and ratifications

12.1 - If a team does not appear in a match without significant reason, it may be declared lost with a final score of 0-3 in favour of the opposing team after a decision by the organizing committee.

12.2 - If a team does not appear on time due to congestion delays or other delays, the organizing committee may decide to delay the match (up to 10 minutes after the match program) until the teams arrive or carry the match on the same day.

12.3 - If a team repeatedly does not appear in the scheduled matches, it can be excluded from the tournament.

12.4 - In special cases, the tournament organizing committee may decide to exclude a team tries to deliberately benefit against other teams.

12.5 - If a match is interrupted for some reason and cannot be continued until the end, the organizing committee will decide on these 5 alternatives:

12.5.1 - If the match is repeated from the start.

12.5.2 - If the match starts from the minute when it is interrupted.

12.5.3 - If the result that has occurred until the interruption is determined as the final result.

12.5.4 - If one of the teams won 3-0.

12.5.5 - If both teams lose 0-3.

12.6 - If a team does not appear in the last match, without a significant reason for its own benefit, it can be excluded after a decision by the organizing committee.



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13. Safety and responsibility

13.1 - Each player must have medical insurance. The academy is compelled all your players to be insured both inside and outside the game.

13.2 - The Company does not have any group insurance to protect participants in case of injury (international participants), illness (international participants), theft or material damage and does not accept liability in any way for accidents, injuries or financial losses that may arise in the event of war, war, civil war, revolution or political disturbances or because of the actions of the authorities, strikes, exclusions, exclusions or similar events.

13.3 - Participants from abroad must have personal medical insurance.

14. Water for The Games

14.1 - Elite Neon Cup staff at the field will provide water bottles for the teams.

14.2 - The organizing committee will indicate to the head coach/team manager of each academy the point where the bottled water will be delivered.

15. Parents and supporters

15.1 - The teams are responsible for the behaviour of their fans.

15.2 - A team may lose a match if the referee decides to end the match on the basis of the violent and verbal behaviour of their supporters towards the referee.

15.3 - A team may be eliminated from the tournament in the first event based on the behaviour of the supporters to the referee or the opposing team.

15.4 - Throughout the event, parents and supporters are prohibited from taking pictures and videos of games, and in particular on the field by using unauthorized professional equipment without the permission of the organizers.

15.5 - Our company having subscribed to the contract-participation between itself and the teams has every right to take and record the sporting activities and the possibility of any use of the material. Elite Neon Cup provides the ability to purchase photographic and video material from our licensed partners.

15.6 - Inappropriate behaviour caused by parents, relatives or supporters, gives the company every right to expel – withdraw them from the field by any legal and appropriate means.



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16. Loss or Theft

The company assumes no responsibility in the event of theft of sports equipment or personal belongings of participants in the hotel or athletic venues.

17.PAYMENTS RULES

Each team must pay the 30% of the total cost, in order to book their place and the rest of money 1 month before the tournament.

Also, the residence tax must be paid from the to the hotel at the first day.

19.RACE OF CANCELLATIONS

If one team after their confirmation letter, will not put the the payment in advance (30%) in next 3 weeks, automatically they don't have their place booked, and they can be replaced.

20.Organizer

YellowFields organizes the Elite Neon Cup.

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