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1. Rules

1.1. Generic Rules

- 1.1.1. During The Elite Neon Cup will be conducted in accordance with the relevant sections of the FIFA rules. In matters of interpreting FIFA rules, the English text shall be considered authoritative.
- 1.1.2. For eligibility, a club must be a member of a national football association affiliated with FIFA. In countries where football is organized by schools, we also permit teams associated with the football school association to participate.

1.2. Group Stage

- 1.2.1. Teams will be grouped into sets of four.
- 1.2.2. Team rankings will be determined based on their accumulated points, with three points awarded for a win, one point for a draw, and zero points for a loss.
- 1.2.3. In the event of two or more teams finishing with the same number of points, the ranking will be decided as follows:
 - 1st : The greatest number of points obtained in the group matches among the teams concerned.
 - 2nd : The goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams Concerned.
 - 3rd : The greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned (best offense).
 - 4th : The fewer number of goals conceded in all group matches between the teams concerned (best defense).
 - 5th : The 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 (2nd Yellow Card): minus 3 points
 - Direct Red Card: minus 4 points
 - Yellow Card & Direct Red Card: minus 5 points
 - 6th : If all criteria remain equal, the two teams will proceed directly to a penalty shootout.
- 1.2.4. The teams compete against each other in a single-round group stage.
- 1.2.5. The ranking among the teams will be determined based on points.
- 1.2.6. In the event of a team disqualification or withdrawal during the group stage, all outcomes will be amended to 0-3 in favor of the opponent.

1.3. Generic Playoffs Stage

- 1.3.1. The playoff matches will be conducted based on the teams' placements in the group stage.
- 1.3.2. In playoff matches, a tie will be resolved through penalty kicks in adherence to FIFA rules.
- 1.3.3. For Boys U15, U13 and Girls U17: Only players who are on the field of play at the end of regular time are eligible to participate in the penalty shoot-out.



- 1.3.4. For Boys U11, U9: Any player, whether a starter or a substitute, is eligible to participate in the penalty shoot-out, provided they are included on the official team list.
- 1.3.5. In the event that teams remain tied after the initial 5-penalty round, the victor will be determined by the first team to score when the opposing team fails to score.
- 1.3.6. If a team is disqualified or withdraws during the play-off, the opposing team will assume its position.

1.4. Boys U15, U11 Playoffs Stage

- 1.4.1. Each category shall consist of thirty-two (32) teams., divided into eight (8) groups of four (4) teams each.
- 1.4.2. Following the Group Stage, teams shall advance to the Playoffs Stage according to their final group rankings, as follows:
 - 1.4.2.1. Teams finishing first in their respective groups shall compete for positions 1–8.
 - 1.4.2.2. Teams finishing second in their respective groups shall compete for positions 9–16.
 - 1.4.2.3. Teams finishing third in their respective groups shall compete for positions 17–24.
 - 1.4.2.4. Teams finishing fourth in their respective group shall compete for positions 25-32.

1.5. Girls U17 Playoffs Stage

- 1.5.1. The U17 Girls category shall consist of eight (8) teams.
- 1.5.2. Following the Group Stage:
 - 1.5.2.1. Teams finishing in the first and second positions shall qualify for the Playoffs and shall compete for positions 1–4.
 - 1.5.2.2. The remaining teams shall compete in classification matches for positions 5–8.

1.6. Boys U13 Playoffs Stage

- 1.6.1. The U13 category shall consist of forty (40) teams, divided into ten (10) groups of four (4) teams each.
- 1.6.2. Following the Group Stage:
 - 1.6.2.1. The ten (10) group winners and the six (6) best second-placed teams shall compete for positions 1–16.

1 st FIRST	VS	6 th SECOND
2 nd FIRST	VS	5 th SECOND
3 rd FIRST	VS	4 th SECOND
4 th FIRST	VS	3 rd SECOND
5 th FIRST	VS	2 nd SECOND
6 th FIRST	VS	1 st SECOND



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	7 th FIRST	VS	10 th FIRST
	8 th FIRST	VS	9 th FIRST
1.6.2.2.	The remaining four (4) second teams, all third teams and the two (2) best fourth teams shall compete for positions 17-32.		
	7 th SECOND	VS	2 nd FOURTH
	8 th SECOND	VS	1 st FOURTH
	9 th SECOND	VS	10 th THIRD
	10 th SECOND	VS	9 th THIRD
	1 st THIRD	VS	8 th THIRD
	2 nd THIRD	VS	7 th THIRD
	3 rd THIRD	VS	6 th THIRD
	4 th THIRD	VS	5 th THIRD
1.6.2.3.	The remaining eight (8) fourth teams shall compete for positions 33-40.		
	3 rd FOURTH	VS	10 th FOURTH
	4 th FOURTH	VS	9 th FOURTH
	5 th FOURTH	VS	8 th THIRD
	6 th FOURTH	VS	7 th THIRD

1.7. Boys U9 Playoffs Stage

- 1.7.1.** The U9 category shall consist of twenty (20) teams, divided into four (4) groups of five (5) teams each.
- 1.7.2.** Following the Group Stage, teams shall advance to the Playoffs Stage according to their final group rankings, as follows:
- 1.7.2.1.** Teams finishing first and second in their groups shall compete for positions 1–8.
- 1.7.2.2.** Teams finishing third in their respective groups shall compete for positions 9–12.
- 1.7.2.3.** Teams finishing fourth in their respective groups shall compete for positions 13-16.
- 1.7.2.4.** Teams finishing fifth in their respective groups shall compete for positions 17-20.

2. AGE CATEGORIES & FORMATS

2.1. Boys

- 2.1.1.** U9 | Born in 2017 and thereafter | 7v7
- 2.1.2.** U11 | Born in 2015 and thereafter | 9v9
- 2.1.3.** U13 | Born in 2013 and thereafter | 11v11
- 2.1.4.** U14 | Born in XXX and thereafter | 11v11



2.1.5. U15 | Born in 2011 and thereafter | 11v11

2.2. Girls

2.2.1. U17 | Born in 2009 and thereafter | 11v11 (* They can use older players)

3. PLAYERS

3.1. Boys

- 3.1.1. A boys' U15 and a boys' U13 team shall consist of a minimum of 14 players and a maximum of 24 players. A boys' U11 team shall consist of a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 20 players, while a boys' U9 team shall consist of a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 18 players.
- 3.1.2. A girls' U17 team shall consist of a minimum of 14 players and a maximum of 24 players.
- 3.1.3. All players are required to provide proof of their age and identity.
- 3.1.4. Throughout the tournament, each player must consistently use the same number on their kit.
- 3.1.5. During a match, teams can utilize any player from their squad list.
- 3.1.6. If a club fields two or more teams in the same category, players from those teams are prohibited from switching between them. Should such a violation occur, the players involved will be disqualified from the competition, and the team will forfeit the matches in which these players participated with a score of 0-3.
- 3.1.7. Teams that have players not listed on the entry team-list may face exclusion from the tournament.
- 3.1.8. Player registration during the course of the competition is not permitted.

3.2. Substitutions

- 3.2.1. For U15 and U13 age categories players who have been replaced cannot return.
- 3.2.2. For the U11 and U9 age category players can return after being substituted.
- 3.2.3. For U17 girls age category players who have been replaced cannot return.
- 3.2.4. The substitution takes place without stopping the game.
- 3.2.5. Substitutions must be made at the center line of the field.
- 3.2.6. A player may enter the field only when their teammate is out of the playing area.
- 3.2.7. Incorrect substitutions will be penalized with a yellow card.
- 3.2.8. If a goalkeeper is replaced, the game must be stopped, and the referee must be informed.



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4. MATCHES DURATION

4.1. Boys U15, U13, U11, U9 and Girls U17

- 4.1.1. Group Stage: Two halves of 20 minutes each with a 5-minute halftime break.
- 4.1.2. Playoffs: Two halves of 20 minutes each with a 5-minute halftime break (in the event of a draw, the match will be decided by penalties).
- 4.1.3. Final: Two halves of 20 minutes each with a 5-minute halftime break (in the case of a draw, there will be an additional 10 minutes of extra time, and if the match remains undecided, it will be determined by penalties).

5. MATCH BALLS

5.1. Boys U15, U13 and Girls U17

- 5.1.1. All matches are played with No.5 balls.

5.2. Boys U11, U9

- 5.2.1. All matches are played with No.4 balls.

6. COMPETITION FORMATS RULES

6.1. 7x7

- 6.1.1. Teams field seven players, consisting of one goalkeeper and six players on the field.
- 6.1.2. There will be no offside rule applied in any of the matches.

6.2. 9x9

- 6.2.1. Teams field nine players, consisting of one goalkeeper and eight players on the field.
- 6.2.2. There will be no offside rule applied in any of the matches.

6.3. 11x11

- 6.3.1. Teams field eleven players, consisting of one goalkeeper and ten players on the field.
- 6.3.2. Offside will be in effect for all the matches.