

## **Mallorca International Football Cup – Vicente Del Bosque (IV Edition)**

**From Friday, June 20 to Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

### **1. Tournament Regulations**

The Mallorca International Football Cup tournament is open to teams belonging to federated football clubs, football schools, academies, and legally constituted sports associations. The tournament will be governed by FIFA rules, as well as the regulations of the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) and the Balearic Islands Football Federation (FFIB). These rules apply to 11-a-side football, 8-a-side football, and futsal competitions.

### **2. Documentation and Age Control**

Each team's manager must register their squad in the OWQLO APP. If needed, they will receive copies of the player list from the organization. 30 minutes before the first match, one of these lists must be submitted to the field delegate, specifying the jersey numbers each player will wear throughout the tournament—these numbers cannot be modified without organizational approval.

All players must present valid identification such as a federation license, DNI, passport, or another official photo ID verifying their age. Teams must carry the identification of all their players and technical staff at every match.

Players may be assigned colored wristbands certifying their birth year before the competition starts or via the tournament's APP, especially if up to two players per team are given special permission to play in a higher category. Wearing this wristband or holding authorization is mandatory for participation, and officials will verify them before every match if required.

### **3. Categories & Special Permissions**

Men's Football:

- U10 (2016 – 2015) → 8-a-side football
- U11 (2014) → 8-a-side football
- U12 (2013) → 8-a-side football
- U14 (2012 – 2011) → 11-a-side football
- U16 (2010 – 2009) → 11-a-side football

Futsal:

- U12 (2014 – 2013) → Futsal
- U14 (2012 – 2011) → Futsal

Players may participate in two teams from the same club, provided they are in different age categories and the registration procedure outlined in Article 12 is followed.

However, no player may compete in two or more teams within the same category, even if they belong to the same club.

Female and mixed teams may register, as long as they meet the respective age category requirements.

Up to two players per team may be one year older than their category, based on international federative competition format requirements.

#### **4. Competition Format**

Teams will be divided into groups of 4, 5, or 6 teams, competing in a single-round league format over two or three days. Due to scheduling constraints, teams may play 2–3 group matches on the same day. The 5th or 6th place teams will be eliminated or play a placement final. The top two teams in each group will qualify for the final stage semifinals or a direct final between group champions. The 3rd and 4th teams will compete in a Playoff for the Silver final or a placement final.

Match Points:

- Win → 3 points
- Draw → 1 point
- Loss → 0 points

If a group match ends in a draw, three penalty kicks will be taken and only considered if both teams remain tied in points at the end of the group stage to determine rankings. If three or more teams are tied, penalties will only be counted if all matches between the tied teams ended in draws and penalties were taken in all those matches.

Match Duration:

- 11-a-side football: 2 x 25 minutes
- 8-a-side football: 2 x 20 minutes
- Futsal: 2 x 20 minutes

Breaks:

- 2-minute break (on the field)

Results Policy:

If a match ends with a large goal difference, the official recorded score will be capped at 10-0. Any additional goals will not be reflected in official standings.

#### **5. Classification Criteria**

Group Stage:

If two or more teams finish with the same points, the following criteria apply:

- Head-to-head result (goal difference between tied teams).
- Penalty shootout winner (if applicable).

- Overall goal difference in all group matches.
- Total goals scored across all matches.
- Fair Play (fewest disciplinary sanctions).
- Random draw (in presence of team delegates).

#### Knockout Stage:

The top two teams in each group—and possibly the best third-place teams—advance to the Gold or Silver finals, depending on the category structure. If two teams from the same group meet in an elimination round, the organization may adjust the matchups to avoid repeat group-stage clashes.

If a final-stage match ends in a draw, it will be decided by penalty shootout (3 penalties per team) without extra time, following FIFA rules.

### **6. Players & Substitutes**

#### 11-a-side football:

Maximum 20 players per match

Maximum 3 technical staff members

Rotating substitutions allowed, but teams have only three substitution windows per match (excluding halftime).

#### 8-a-side football:

Maximum 16 players per match

Unlimited rotating substitutions allowed

#### Futsal:

Maximum 15 players per match

Unlimited rotating substitutions allowed

In all cases, substitutions must occur at midfield, with prior authorization from the field delegate. Only one coach may stand in the technical area; all others must remain seated.

### **7. Match Records**

All match records will be digitally managed via OWQLO APP. Before kickoff, delegates must ensure the official player roster and jersey numbers are accurately recorded. Post-match, teams are encouraged to review the final score and disciplinary cards with the field delegate.

## **8. Uniforms**

Jerseys must feature numbers matching the match record.

If uniform colors clash, the away team (listed second) must change jerseys.

If the clash persists, the organization will provide bibs in a different color.

## **9. Playing Fields**

All football fields have artificial grass surfaces, and futsal matches will be played in indoor sports halls.

## **10. Punctuality**

Match schedules will be strictly adhered to. Teams must arrive at the sports facility at least one hour before their match and be ready 10 minutes before kickoff. Failure to do so without a justified reason may result in a forfeit with a 3-0 loss for the offending team.

The Competition Committee will make the final decision. Match breaks will last 2 minutes and must be taken on the field.

5 minutes before kickoff, both teams must be ready in the tunnel, exiting in two rows behind the referee. Before the field draw, teams will line up facing the stands and exchange a sportsmanship greeting.

## **11. Disciplinary Actions – Penalties**

Players or staff members receiving a direct red card will be suspended for one or more matches or even expelled from the tournament, depending on the offense.

Any player accumulating three yellow cards will be suspended for the next match. These yellow cards accumulate throughout the tournament and do not reset in later rounds—except for the Gold and Silver Final, where yellow card accumulation is waived. However, red card suspensions always apply, even in the finals.

A suspended player cannot participate in any category until their suspension is served in their registered category—even if the infraction occurred in a different category match.

Minimum Players Rule:

11-a-side football: If a team has only 6 players remaining, the match will be suspended and reviewed by the Competition Committee.

8-a-side football: If a team has only 5 players remaining, the match will be suspended and reviewed by the Competition Committee.

Fair Play System:

In case of a tie in standings, accumulated cards will impact ranking:

Yellow card → 1 point

Two yellow cards (double yellow/red) → 2 points

Direct red card → 3 points

This Fair Play classification is determined exclusively by tournament sanction reports and can be checked via the official website or the OWQLO APP.

If a team exhibits violent behavior, such as inappropriate protests, confrontations with referees or officials, or misconduct towards the organization, they may be expelled from the tournament. Severe cases will be reported to the national federation of the affected team.

**Team and Coach Responsibilities:**

Coaches and team delegates must ensure their players respect referees, teammates, opponents, spectators, and the sports facilities (lockers, benches, fields).

The organization will inspect locker rooms before and after matches with a team delegate to certify proper use. If any damage occurs to lockers, benches, or fields, the team and responsible individual will be held liable. Lockers are only for changing and showering—no bags, equipment, or technical talks are allowed inside.

Any team suspected of intentionally losing matches to qualify for a lower-tier playoff or placement final may be expelled from the tournament.

## **12. Player Registration**

Players from the same club competing in different categories or modalities must be registered in only one category, ensuring they meet the age requirements outlined in Article 3.

To participate in a second team from their same club, coaches must submit the official player roster and register the player on the match sheet before kickoff, following Article 7 procedures.

Under no circumstances may a player compete in another team from the same club and category in which they are registered.

## **13. Referees**

All matches will be officiated by FFIB-certified referees, who have full authority over the game. Both the referee and tournament officials may pause or suspend a match if they witness unsportsmanlike conduct by one or both teams or inappropriate spectator behavior that interferes with gameplay.

Final match results and disciplinary actions will be determined by the Competition Committee, which will report findings to the federation.

#### **14. Complaints & Appeals**

Complaints must be submitted in writing to the field delegate within 60 minutes after the match ends—complaints filed after this deadline will not be accepted.

A €50 complaint fee must be paid upon submission. If the complaint is approved, the fee will be refunded. The Competition Committee will review all complaints, and resolutions will be communicated to the affected teams by the tournament's Sports Management Committee.

The organization will not accept protests regarding referee decisions, as these fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the FFIB Football Federation.

#### **15. Competition Committee**

The Competition Committee operates independently from the Sports Management Committee and is responsible for reviewing all match incidents and applying appropriate disciplinary actions.

Sanctions will be published on the tournament website, with urgent or severe decisions directly communicated to affected teams.

All decisions made by the Competition Committee are final and must be respected by all participants.

#### **16. Match Schedule Adjustments**

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify the match schedule, including group distribution, match times, and venues. Teams will be notified of any changes via the official website and tournament APP, which are the official channels for all updates.

#### **17. Match Balls**

11-a-side football → Size 5 ball

8-a-side football → Size 4 ball

Futsal → Official futsal ball

The organization will not provide balls for warm-ups, so teams must bring their own.

## **18. Insurance Coverage**

All clubs/teams must have valid insurance covering their players on and off the field, either through federation mutual funds or private accident insurance.

The organization has civil liability insurance, covering incidents occurring on football fields. Fields also have first-aid services, and medical transport is provided by a private ambulance company contracted by the tournament.

The tournament is not responsible for theft, injuries, illnesses, accidents, or any actions related to public authorities or transport disruptions due to protests or strikes.

Additionally, the tournament does not take responsibility for self-inflicted injuries or damages caused by participants.

Each participating club is responsible for its members and must confirm that all registered players are in optimal health and do not suffer from any conditions preventing their participation.

## **19. Data Protection & Image Rights**

All participants registered in the official tournament platform must complete the data protection form, signed by their legal representatives and submitted to the organization before the tournament begins. This consent allows the organization to process personal data.

By participating in the event, players authorize the use of their images in any tournament-related media.

Players and clubs who fail to submit image rights authorization before the competition starts will not be permitted to participate in the Mallorca International Football Cup.

## **20. Modifications**

Any circumstances not covered in these regulations fall under the exclusive authority of the tournament organizers. Their decisions are final and cannot be appealed. The organizers reserve the right to add, modify, interpret, and apply the rules according to their own criteria and the needs of each tournament.

The Mallorca International Football Cup reserves the right to amend these rules for the benefit of the competition.

All modifications to this regulation will be officially communicated in writing via the tournament's official website: [www.mallorcafootballcup.com](http://www.mallorcafootballcup.com)