



Tournament Regulations

All matches will be played according to the rules of the KNVB and FIFA, extended by the regulations stated below. The decisions of the referees are final and binding; protests are not allowed.

Each team must submit a players list upon arrival on Friday at the tournament venue. This list must include the first and last name, date of birth, and a **fixed** shirt number of each player. In addition, a copy of the passport or ID of **all** players must be handed in to the tournament committee.

The schedule will follow the match times published in the tournament booklet and on <https://www.tournify.nl/live/olympiatalentcup2025>. Teams that are not present within 5 minutes of their scheduled kick-off will forfeit the match 3-0.

The tournament consists of two groups of five teams each. Each group plays a single round-robin format. Group standings are determined by total points. If two or more teams are tied, the ranking will be decided by the following criteria:

- Highest number of points
- Head-to-head result
- Goal difference
- Most goals scored
- Fewest Fair Play penalty points (yellow card = 1 point, red card = 3 points)
- If still equal, a 3-penalty shootout will decide

The top 3 teams from each group will qualify for the winners' groups on the second tournament day. The group winners will be placed with the runners-up and third-place teams from the other group. The 4th and 5th place teams from each group will play in the losers' group on day two.

Winners' Groups

Each team plays once against each other. The final ranking will be:

- The winners of the two winners' groups play the final
- The runners-up play for 3rd and 4th place
- The third-place teams play for 5th and 6th place

Losers' Group

In de verliezerspoule spelen alle teams één keer tegen elkaar.

- 1st = 7th place overall
- 2nd = 8th place
- 3rd = 9th place
- 4th = 10th place

In the final, if the score is tied, a penalty shootout will take place immediately.

All group matches are played in two halves of 15 minutes, with a maximum 2-minute halftime break. After halftime, teams switch sides. The team listed first on the schedule will kick off.





Fair-Play

This year, the Fair Play Cup will again be awarded to the most sporting team. Both on- and off-field behavior will be taken into account. Fair play and respect are highly valued by the organization!

Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions are allowed during a match (rolling subs permitted). However, there are only two substitution moments per match plus halftime. Substitutions can only occur with the referee's permission and from the halfway line. All substitutions must be reported to the assistant referee.

Age Category

Only players born on or after 01-01-2013 (U12) are eligible. An exception is made for Longa'30, who will play with a U13 team (born in 2012).

Each team may have a maximum of 2 overage exemption players (born in 2012) with official approval from their national football association, based on biological age. Requests to use these players must be submitted at least two weeks before the tournament via email to toernooi@olympiatalentcup.nl, including:

- Name of player
- Copy of the official exemption proof
- Copy of passport

Match Kit

Each club must bring both their home and away kits. The team listed first on the schedule is considered the home team and must wear the away kit if there is a color conflict.

During the team representative meeting, the kit choices for group stage matches will be confirmed by the organization. After the last group match on Saturday, kit colors for Sunday will be decided by the tournament committee.

Substitute players must wear a bib or alternate shirt while on the bench and during warm-up.

Disciplinary Measures

A yellow card results in a 5-minute time penalty for field players (not for goalkeepers). If a goal is conceded during the penalty time, the player may re-enter the field.

A player or goalkeeper who receives two yellow cards during the tournament is suspended for the next match. The same applies if a fourth yellow card is received.

A player or goalkeeper who is sent off (2 yellows or a direct red) is automatically suspended for the next match.

Yellow cards from the group stage do NOT carry over to the second day.





General Information

All matches are officiated by a referee trio. The head of refereeing will advise the organization on all referee-related matters.

First aid and medical support are provided by Red Cross staff and are available in the medical room located between dressing rooms 7 and 8.

Clubs are encouraged to bring and exchange club pennants before their matches. Before each game, both teams will enter the field together and shake hands before and after the match.

The organization is not responsible for lost or damaged clothing and/or personal belongings. Please take precautions against theft. Cleanliness in the clubhouse, cafeteria, lunch area, dressing rooms, and around the pitches is expected of everyone.

In all cases not covered by these tournament rules, the organization will decide. No appeals are possible. The organization assumes that all participating teams are fully aware of the rules. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please contact the tournament committee.

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