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0. PREAMBLE

5th European football championship of the autochthonous national minorities of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) from 28 June – 07 July 2024 in the German-Danish borderland

European football championship of the autochthonous, national minorities is being organised by the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN). FUEN is the European umbrella organisation that represents the interests of the autochthonous, national minorities, with more than 100 member organisations.

Over 400 autochthonous, long-established minorities live in Europe with a total population of around 100 million. This means that almost one in seven Europeans belong to an autochthonous, national minority. These include national minorities and stateless nations that have arisen as a result of European history, through the drawing and redrawing of borders and other historical events, the Roma and other European peoples that have never established their own state and who live as a minority in the territory of a state.

At the same time as UEFA EURO 2024, the FUEN teams representing the European minorities will meet. With EUROPEADA 2024, as a European sporting event, the contribution of minorities to linguistic and cultural diversity and to the distinctive character of European regions will become visible.

This clearly demonstrates that Europe is not just made up of nation states, but that there are also many national minorities and small ethnic groups that make our continent so appealing.

Their ambassadors are the teams/associations participating in the men's and women's tournaments, their delegations and fans.

At such a critical time in history, it is very important that we show our commitment to peaceful coexistence in Europe and the world, to our common fundamental values and to the protection of minorities. Dealing with minorities as equals is prerequisite for this.

In addition to the sporting events there will also be a rich side-events programme for the active sportsmen and women, coaches and attendants, delegation members, fans and guests from all over Europe. The focus is on encountering and getting to know the culture and identity of the other peoples and minorities.

After the first four European football championships, hosted in 2008 by the Romansh people in Graubünden/Grisons (Switzerland), in 2012 by the Lusatian Sorbs (Germany), in 2016 by the Ladins and the German-speaking South Tyroleans (Italy) and 2022 by the Slovenes in Carinthia/Koroška (Austria), the 5th EUROPEADA was awarded to 4 minorities from the German-Danish borderland: the Danes in Germany, the Germans in Denmark, the Frisians and the Sinti and Roma in Schleswig-Holstein.

The games will be held across borders. The following locations in the far north of Germany in Schleswig-Holstein as well as in neighbouring North Schleswig in Denmark are to be the competition venues:

Denmark:

- » Apenrade/Aabenraa
- » Sonderburg/Sønderborg
- » Tønder/Tønder
- » Krusau/Kruså

Germany:

- » Flensburg/Flensburg (diff. Venues:
DGF Flensburg, IF Stjernen, SC
Weiche Flensburg 08)
- » Schleswig/Slesvig
- » Eckernförde/Egernførde
- » Tönning/Tønning
- » Bredstedt/Bredsted/Bräist
- » Risum-Lindholm/Risem Lonham
- » Niebüll/Nibøl/Naibel
- » Harrislee/Harreslev

1. GENERAL RULES

1.1. EUROPEADA 2024

1. EUROPEADA 2024 is the European football championship of the autochthonous national minorities. It is organised by FUEN, the Federal Union of European Nationalities.

2. FUEN has appointed the local organizing committee, represented by the association Europeada gGmbH, as the hosts of EUROPEADA 2024, and entrusted them with the organisation and realisation of the European championship.

3. EUROPEADA 2024 takes place from 28 June 2024 – 07 July 2024 across the border in the German-Danish borderland. The venues are the ones of regional sports clubs with the centre around Flensburg / Flensburg. These are the expected venues:

Denmark:

- » Apenrade/Aabenraa
- » Sonderburg/Sønderborg
- » Tønder/Tønder
- » Krusau/Kruså

Germany:

- » Flensburg/Flensburg (diff. Venues:
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- » Harrislee/Harreslev

4. For the EUROPEADA 2024 27 men's Teams and 9 women's Teams are admitted.

5. In compliance with the customary procedure, the Host has set up a local organisation committee (united in the Europeada gGmbH) and appointed a chief officer (Ruwen Möller, Project Manager). The local organising committee and their executive management (Jens A. Christiansen, Anders Kring) are considered the organisers of the tournament (hereinafter referred as Host).

6. The Host is responsible for the planning, organisation and realisation of the tournament, and also responsible for the safety of the participants and the spectators. The Host will establish an independent tournament management committee comprised of the OC president, one referee and other experts.
7. FUEN has the right to monitor and supervise general, tournament-specific and marketing issues. Decisions at “highest level” or in the event of force majeure will be made by FUEN.
8. A contractual agreement regulates the relationship between the Host and FUEN as well as the rules, the supplementary guidelines, instructions and rulings.
9. The Book of Rules for EUROPEADA 2024 regulates the tasks, duties and rights of all participating teams/associations, their officials and players, and those of the host. The Book of Rules and all guidelines, instructions and decisions issued by FUEN and the Host are binding for all the parties involved in the preparation, organisation and execution of EUROPEADA 2024.
10. EUROPEADA is a registered trademark of FUEN. The EUROPEADA logo is the property of FUEN.
11. FUEN owns all rights relating to EUROPEADA 2024, subject to the rights of use granted and transferred to the Host.

1.2. THE HOST'S OBLIGATIONS

1. The Host is responsible for the planning, organisation and realisation of the tournament.
2. The Host's tasks and obligations are defined by this Book of Rules and where applicable by other rules, directives, instructions and decisions.
3. The Host is particularly duty bound to:
 - a. Establish an independent tournament management committee.
 - b. Appoint sufficient referees and sufficient assistants
 - c. Ensure order and security working together with the local police and local authorities. Measures must especially be taken in and around the game venues to enable a peaceful tournament.
 - d. Ensure order and security at the training grounds of the participating teams.
 - e. Take out insurance cover for all risks associated with hosting EUROPEADA 2024. Extensive liability insurance cover should be obtained in particular.
 - f. Provide sufficient stadium and security personnel to ensure security.
 - g. Provide an accreditation system during the tournament
4. The Host is responsible for the matches and the side-events programme. It can offer the participating associations/ teams additional services/activities, dependent on the securing of the overall financing. It is not obliged to.
5. The Host is responsible for the PR, under the control and cooperation of FUEN. FUEN provides the latest technical requirements. This also applies to the contacts and contents of the participating minorities/Teams.

6. The Host absolves FUEN of all liability and renounces any claims against FUEN and its delegation members for any damages resulting from any act or failure to act in association with the organisation or course of events of EUROPEADA 2024. This does not apply to liability cases, the occurrence of which is due to the sole decision of FUEN.

1.3. FUEN RIGHTS AND COOPERATION OBLIGATIONS

FUEN, or a representative, is especially entitled and obliged to:

- a. Regulate the approval of the teams/associations for the tournament.
- b. Monitor the general preparation and rulings relating to competition format, the draw and creation of groups
- c. Monitor the fixing of the dates and venues for the preliminary and final round matches
- d. Monitor the fixture lists and kick-off times for the preliminary and final round matches
- e. Receive information regarding further action, with consultation if necessary
- f. Assess protests and examine the admissibility of the same, with consultation if necessary
- g. Replace teams that have cancelled or withdrawn their participation in EUROPEADA 2024
- h. Judge cases of force majeure

Decisions made by FUEN are not contestable.

1.4. PARTICIPATING TEAMS

1. The teams/associations participating in EUROPEADA 2024 represent the European autochthonous national minorities as noted in the preamble.
2. During EUROPEADA 2024, each participating team is responsible for the following:
 - a. Putting together a delegation of a maximum of 30 persons (incl. players and officials)
 - b. The behaviour of its registered delegation members and all persons acting on their behalf during EUROPEADA 2024 for the whole period of their stay
 - c. Taking out sufficient insurance cover for all risks (including material damage, personal injury and financial damage) and insurance for the players as included in the rules and regulations of the own national football association.
 - d. Bearing all costs and expenses incurred by its delegation members
 - e. Where necessary: timely application for visas for the host countries (Germany and Denmark), or any other documents needed for a stay in Germany and Denmark. Timely notification (upon registration!) of which documents/visas are required for the stay in those countries.

- f. Securing participation in PR activities, draw, press conferences, public presentations, and the peripheral political and cultural programme relating to the tournament
- g. Guaranteeing that all delegation members accept the FUEN rules for EUROPEADA 2024
- h. Nominating a head of delegation as chair of the participating team, who officially represents the team in all dealings with FUEN and the Host.

3. The participating teams/associations, their players and officials, undertake to adhere to the match rules, the FUEN Book of Rules for EUROPEADA 2024 and all the rules and provisions mentioned in this and other documents, including provisions for all areas, not only the provisions directly relating to events on the field (Marketing Rules etc.).

4. The delegation members of the participating teams/associations undertake to abide by all the rules, instructions and decisions of FUEN and/or the local organisation committee.

5. The participating teams/organisations, their players and officials undertake NOT to maintain contacts with or cooperate with right-wing or left-wing extremist groups and/or individuals and/or to cultivate and/or disseminate extremist ideas themselves. For the avoidance of doubt, it is pointed out that any contact with groups and/or individuals whose extremist aspirations are actually suspected will lead to exclusion from the tournament.

6. The participating associations undertake to reimburse FUEN, the Host and all their officials, representatives and helpers for all liability claims, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, suits, fines and costs (including legal costs/costs of proceedings) of all kinds, to indemnify them and to defend them against the same, in so far as these relate to a violation of the Book of Rules by the participating association, the participating team, its delegation members, business partners or any contract partners.

1.5. REGISTRATION FOR EUROPEADA 2024

1. EUROPEADA takes place in principle every four years (except in case of force majeure). In principle, all teams that fulfil the FUEN provisions can take part.

2. For EUROPEADA 2024 in the German-Danish borderland, 27 men's teams and 9 women's teams are admitted.

3. EUROPEADA 2024 will take place in the following stages, in both men's and women's sections, in the period from 28 June – 07 July 2024 in Germany/Denmark:

- » Preliminary round (groups)
- » Final round (incl. quarter-finals* only men's tournament, semi-finals and the placement matches).

4. By registering for EUROPEADA 2024 the participating teams/associations and their delegation members automatically undertake to:

- a. Accept and follow the Book of Rules and further guidelines, instructions and decisions.
- b. Accept that FUEN (together with the Host) deals with all administrative and disciplinary issues relating to EUROPEADA 2024 in accordance with the Book of Rules. There will be a disciplinary commission for the sports sector.
- c. Not be involved in any unfair competition, that is not to fix any results or similar

- d. Accept all decisions made by the tournament management in consultation with FUEN regarding EUROPEADA 2024.
 - e. Recognise that FUEN as well as the Host (to the extent of its right of use) has the right to use all recordings, names, photographs and images (moving and still), created or arising in the context of the participation of team and delegation members in both phases of EUROPEADA 2024, in accordance with the FUEN marketing and media guidelines applicable at the time of the final round and the preliminary round non-exclusively, permanently and free of charge and/or sub-licence their use. If FUEN's right to sub-licence the use of recordings, photographs and images, is held by and/or under the right of disposal of a third party, the participating teams/associations and their delegation members unreservedly undertake to permanently cede and assign these rights of unlimited use to FUEN with immediate effect.
 - f. Respect the rules of fair play
5. The official registration is made in writing to FUEN by 01.05.2023, with signing of the regulations by a legal representative of the team/organisation and payment of the deposit and participation fee.
 6. A participation fee will be levied for each team on official registration. The fee for the women's teams is € 250 and for the men's teams € 500. A deposit of € 500 is to be paid for both. The registration fee and the deposit will be refunded immediately if the registration is rejected or if EUROPEADA 2024 is cancelled by the organisers (e.g. due to force majeure). The deposit will be refunded to the participating teams at the latest by 30.09.2024 after the organiser has confirmed their participation without any damage.
 7. FUEN decides about new enrollment on the basis of the expression of interest of the member organizations.

1.6. WITHDRAWAL, CANCELLATION OR ABANDONMENT OF A MATCH

1. The participating teams undertake to play all matches up to their elimination from EUROPEADA 2024.
2. Should a team withdraw from the tournament or refuse to play tournament matches for reasons for which they are solely responsible, the deposit will not be returned to the association.
3. Depending on the reason for withdrawal, FUEN reserves the right to exclude the team or the association from further participation in EUROPEADA.
4. If a match is abandoned, a replay can be ordered.
5. FUEN can, together with the Host, oblige each participating team to reimburse FUEN, the Host or every other participating association/team for the costs incurred.
6. In the event of a withdrawal due to force majeure any decisions in this regard will be made by FUEN alone in consultation with the Host.
7. In the event of a cancellation or abandonment of a match (e.g. due to bad weather) FUEN can, in consultation with the Host, order a replay of the match.

1.7. SUBSTITUTION

1. In the event of a withdrawal or the exclusion of a team, FUEN alone will decide on any action and take any measures required. In particular, FUEN can order the substitution by another team.
2. If no replacement is found for the team that is not competing or excluded, all matches of this team will be penalized with 0:3 in favour of the opposing team.

This regulation applies immediately after the draw on 10 December 2023 and affects the women's and men's tournament.

If a team withdraws from the women's tournament, there will be a new draw with 2 groups of 4 teams each. If other teams withdraw, the organiser will decide on a new format together with FUEN.

In the men's competition, there will only be a new draw in the event of three or more withdrawals. In the event of one or two cancellations, these teams will be cancelled without substitution and their matches will be scored 0:3. Exception: if one or two cancellations affect the group of three, the last team will be drawn into another group, which will then become a group of five - the match schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

1.8. ELIGIBILITY

1. Each participating association shall, in the composition of its team and in the selection of players, take into account the principle set out in the preamble that it is a tournament of European autochthonous, national minorities and regional and minority languages.

2. The teams will ensure that they do not nominate non-eligible players.

Failure to observe these rules can result in consequences (such as the exclusion of a team or other disciplinary penalties).

3. Non-eligible players are such players that:

- a. Are younger than 16 on the first match day of EUROPEADA 2024, unless they are 15 years of age and can produce a written parental permission and a doctor's certificate of athletic capability to the tournament management committee
- b. Are, by definition of the football association in which they play, professional and/or have a professional status in the FIFA/UEFA reporting system
- c. Have played a match in a professional football league in the 2023/2024 season
- d. Are former professionals, but less than a year has passed between the end of their professional status and the first match day of EUROPEADA 2024
- e. In regards to women players in addition to item a., players who have played in a women's A international match

4. The tournament management committee will examine the eligibility to play once the player list has been received. Any protests relating to eligibility will be dealt with by the tournament management committee in consultation with FUEN.

1.9. REFEREEING

1. The Host is responsible for providing the referees and assistant referees.
2. The matches will be refereed by one referee and two linesmen/women. The referees and assistant referees will be announced before each preliminary and final round match.
3. The referee's decisions are binding and count as factual decisions. Only in exceptional cases, such as where there is a suspicion of match fixing or something similar, the tournament management committee is entitled to take action.
4. The referees and their assistants must wear kit that clearly differentiates them from members of the teams.
5. If the referee cannot properly perform his tasks and duties he must be replaced.
6. The referees identify the players on the basis of the player sheets.
7. After the match the referee must complete, sign and submit his match report to the tournament management committee. The tournament management committee certifies the results of the games.
8. The report must include all the relevant events of the match.
9. If a player is sent off, that player will be automatically banned from playing at least the following match. A one-match ban is also declared when a player has received two yellow cards. Yellow cards that have not led to a ban will be cancelled after the group phase.

1.10. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES

1. Disciplinary incidents will be dealt with in accordance with this current applicable Book of Rules for EUROPEADA 2024.

In the event that this Book of Rules is not sufficient for dealing with a disciplinary issue, a decision will be made in consultation between FUEN, the Host and the tournament management committee.

2. The teams/associations, their players and delegations undertake to adhere to the Book of Rules.

3. In consultation with FUEN and the Host, the tournament management committee can create new disciplinary rules during the tournament, whereby all teams must be informed of this in advance.

4. The players especially undertake to:

- a. Adhere to the general principles of fair play and non-violence, to respect the authority and powers of decision of the match officials
- b. Observe and respect all FUEN and local organisation committee rules and instructions.

5. Players, teams and their delegations undertake to adhere to ethical standards. This is primarily aimed at combatting racism and match fixing.

1.11. DISPUTES

1. All disputes relating to EUROPEADA 2024 are to be settled promptly by negotiation.
2. Associations, players and officials are not allowed to take disputes to ordinary courts of law. Tournament-specific issues are to be dealt with exclusively by the tournament management committee, the FUEN, the Host and the parties to the dispute. This excludes disputes that involve massive civil or criminal issues (theft, bodily harm, etc.).

1.12. PROTESTS (RECOURSES)

1. Protests within the meaning of the Book of Rules are any kind of complaint relating to events and/or circumstances that have a direct impact on preliminary or final round matches, such as:

- » Condition of the playing field
- » Equipment of all kinds
- » Eligibilities

2. Protests need be submitted with a notice within 2 hours after the match to the tournament management committee. A full protest must be addressed to the tournament management committee in writing and stating the reasons by midnight on the day of the game. A copy will be given to the opposing team. The nominal charge for the submission of a protest is € 100, and will only be returned if the judgement is in favour of the protest.

3. Protests about the equipment and the condition of the pitch must be made to the referee, in writing and verbally before the start of the match, by the captain of the team lodging the protest in the presence of the captain of the opposing team.

4. Protests about factual decisions made by the referee team are inadmissible. The decisions of the tournament management committee are not contestable.

5. If an unfounded protest is submitted, the tournament management committee reserves the right to impose disciplinary penalties on the “unjustly” protesting team.

6. A protest will not be appraised if the formal conditions of a protest are not satisfied.

7. The tournament management committee adjudicates on the protests. Also in consultation with FUEN and the Host should this be necessary.

1.13. FLAGS AND ANTHEMS

1. During the tournament in every match the flags of EUROPEADA 2024 and/or FUEN and those of the teams competing against each other (if existing) will be raised.
2. The EUROPEADA anthem will be played when the players enter the pitch, if demanded by FUEN.
3. The anthems of the competing minorities, if available, will be played before the start of the game.

4. The competing teams/associations must ensure that their team is presented in the respective minority language before the start of the match.

1.14. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

1. Teams taking part at the tournament will bear the responsibility and the cost for:
 - a. Taking out sufficient insurance cover as described elsewhere in the Book of Rules for EUROPEADA 2024 to cover all risks (injury, accident, sickness etc.)
 - b. Travel of team/association to and from the tournament and board and lodging during the tournament
 - c. Equipment for the team/association
2. The Host bears the costs of the proper execution of the tournament and the running of the matches.
3. All other costs and expenditures incurred by the participating associations that are not mentioned in this Book of Rules, will be covered by the respective Team/association.

1.15. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

1. FUEN is without any content, temporal, regional and legal limitations, the owner of all rights relating to EUROPEADA 2024 and any other events associated therewith under their authority. These rights include:

- » Audio-visual rights
- » Radio recordings
- » Reproduction and broadcasting rights (e.g. streaming)
- » Multimedia rights
- » Marketing and advertising rights
- » Trademarks and copyrights

FUEN grants the Host all rights of use and reproduction of the rights mentioned in this provision. This right expires on 31.12.2024.

2. FUEN publishes a separate summary of media and marketing issues. All associations/teams are obliged to adhere to the rules formulated therein and to confirm this with the signature of the head of delegation.

They must also guarantee that their members, officials, players, delegation members and business partners adhered to these rules.

3. EUROPEADA is a registered trademark of FUEN. The EUROPEADA logo is the property of FUEN.

4. Income from the exploitation of the commercial rights, transmission and streaming rights as well as the sale of fan articles are due to the project partner (FUEN/Host) who bears the financial responsibility for the respective product. In this context, the Host may only act in consultation with the FUEN.

5. FUEN will provide the Host and all participating teams with the necessary amount of available know-how, the official logos and slogans free of charge. This includes the patented FUEN trademarks (e.g. EUROPEADA).

6. If any team/association uses the EUROPEADA logo or any symbol slogan or other intellectual property belonging to FUEN that relates to EUROPEADA 2024, they undertake to adhere to the marketing guidelines and to notify FUEN in advance. FUEN will not make any financial claim for a percentage of the net proceeds for the commercial use of advertising and marketing material by the teams/associations for EUROPEADA 2024.

7. If any outside organisation, enterprise or media enterprise plans to produce EUROPEADA merchandising and advertising articles, products and media products, such as brochures or DVDs, they must obtain prior written permission from FUEN/ the Host and negotiate the conditions. For participating associations, the rules in Section 1.15.6 shall apply.

1.16. MEDIA

1. FUEN and the Host will provide a sufficient number of seats and the necessary infrastructure for media representatives.

1.17. ACCREDITATION

All members of the press and persons belonging to the respective team delegation as well as contributors of the Host and FUEN must be legitimized with an accreditation. These persons must carry the accreditation during the entire tournament and, if necessary, show it before the start of the match.

2. GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES

2.1. MATCH RULES

1. The matches will be played in accordance with FIFA rules. Additional rules are included in the published Book of Rules.

2. All matches are to be played in accordance with the agreed valid match rules.

In the event of any differing interpretations of the rules resulting from the different language versions, the German version is decisive.

3. The tournament is divided into preliminary and final stages. The preliminary rounds include the group matches.
4. Every match, apart from the placement games in the men's and women's tournament (which have a match time of max. 2 x 30 minutes) lasts 90 minutes (2x45 minutes) including a half-time break of 15 minutes, in accordance with standard FIFA rules.
5. If the result in a final match for 1st Place is a draw after the end of the regular playing time, there will be extra time of 2 x15 minutes, with a break of 5 minutes between the end of the regular playing time and the extra time.
6. If the result is still a draw at the end of the extra time, there will be a penalty shoot-out. If there is a draw at ¼ or ½ Finals or at a placement game after regular playing time, a penalty shoot-out follows immediately.
7. The penalty shoot-out involves five penalty shooters per team. If there is still no winner at the end of the penalty shoot-out, one shooter per team can take a penalty shot in turn.
8. This procedure will be continued until there is a winner.

2.2. FOOTBALLS

1. Size 5 footballs must be used for both men's and women's games at EUROPEADA 2024. The chief referee must also check this before kick-off and before the start of the second half.
2. Each team must be provided with at least three balls for warming up before the start of the match.

2.3. EQUIPMENT

1. Players and officials are not allowed to express any political or religious statements in any language or form on their kit, equipment (including sport bags, drink containers, doctors' bags etc.) or on their bodies.
2. Players and officials are also forbidden, apart from the official sponsors, to spread any advertising messages and slogans during any official FUEN events (including official games and training sessions in the stadiums and official press conferences and activity in the mixed zone) in any language or form.
3. Every team must be in possession of official and reserve kit. The reserve kit must be clearly a different and contrasting colour from the official kit. The reserve kit must be brought to every game. If both team's kit is not contrasting enough, the team listed second in the official pairing has to change its kit.
4. Each player wears a number between 1 and 25. on the back of their jersey. The colour of the number must be in clear contrast with the main colour of the jersey, and clearly legible for the spectators in the stadium or live stream viewers. The players' names do not have to be on the jerseys.
5. If FUEN provides badges with the official EUROPEADA 2024 logo, these must be affixed to the team outfit.

6. In addition to the official EUROPEADA 2024 logo, as described in section 5, the emblem, lettering or logo of the minority as well as up to four other logos can be printed in the team kit. Weapons, tobacco products, strong alcoholic beverages and gambling products can not be advertised. The contributions of the kit sponsors will go to the teams / associations.

7. Involving commercial sponsors on the workout kit and equipment (including kit bags, beverage containers, medical bags etc.), as described in section 6, is allowed, if the boundaries of good taste are not crossed. Contributions of sponsors will go to the Teams / associations.

2.4. LIABILITY

The Host releases FUEN from all liability and waives the right to claim any damages whatsoever against FUEN and its delegation members based on claims relating to a match during the entire tournament. This does not apply to liability cases, the occurrence of which is due to the sole decision of FUEN.

3. PRELIMINARY ROUND

3.1. REGISTRATION

The participating teams/associations must submit their participation by the end of the registration period on 01.05.2023 by sending the fully completed official registration form to FUEN. Only registration forms with the signature of the legal representative and payment of the deposit sent to FUEN in time can be considered. The team will be informed by FUEN about the admission to the tournament.

3.2. LIST OF PLAYERS

1. The list of players list must be submitted to the organizer by all participating Teams by 31.05.2024. The tournament management committee will examine the eligibility to participate. Players must identify themselves at the beginning of the tournament using an official identity card or passport in order to obtain accreditation from the Host. The accreditation has to be carried by the players during the entire tournament and has to be shown before the start of the match.

The list must include the full family name, first name, date of birth, the minority, nationality and passport number of each player. These details must also be provided for all other members of the delegation (e.g. trainer, head of delegation and media representatives).

2. Up to 25 players can be included on the player sheet. The 11 players of the starting line-up as well as the seven substitutes bear the numbers 1 to 25. The goalkeepers and the captains must be identified therein. The numbers on the backs of the players' jerseys must match the numbers on the player sheet.

3. The player sheet for each match must be drawn up in full on the pre-printed forms as well as the online match report and handed over to the referee along with their ID papers by 15 minutes before the start of the match.

4. The following provisions apply between the referee receiving the player sheets and the start of the match:

a. If one of the eleven players initially named on the player sheet cannot be fielded for whatever reason, he/she can be replaced by one of the seven substitute players. The replaced player can then no longer take part, and the number of substitutes is reduced accordingly. Five players can still be substituted during the match.

5. Only the substitutes and a maximum of five other persons with accreditation may take their place on the bench.

3.3. DRAW, COMPETITION FORMAT AND GROUP FORMATION

1. The Host decides on the format of the competition, the formation of groups and the duration of the preliminary round. The groups are drawn in such a way that a maximum of two minorities from the same country can meet in the group stage (applies to women's and men's tournaments).

2. The group-draw will take place in the 2nd part of the year 2023.

3. In case of withdrawal of a team, the Host may change the composition of the groups. FUEN and the Host reserve the right to adapt the part of the Book of Rules that governs the play in the preliminary and final rounds to the actual field of participants.

This regulation applies immediately after the draw on 10 December 2023 and affects the women's and men's tournament.

If a team withdraws from the women's tournament, there will be a new draw with 2 groups of 4 teams each. If other teams withdraw, the organiser will decide on a new format together with FUEN.

In the men's competition, there will only be a new draw in the event of three or more withdrawals. In the event of one or two cancellations, these teams will be cancelled without substitution and their matches will be scored 0:3. Exception: if one or two cancellations affect the group of three, the last team will be drawn into another group, which will then become a group of five - the match schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

4. The preliminary round begins on the first day of the tournament.

5. The preliminary round matches will be played in the following format:

League system: All teams in a group play against each other once, with three points for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat.

The men's tournament starts with 27 participating teams * played in 7 groups. 6 groups (A to F) with four teams each and the seventh group (G) with three teams.

The group stage will be played in a single round format. The seven group winners and the best second-placed team qualify for the quarter-finals.

To ensure a fair comparison between the groups of four and the group of three, the results against the last-placed teams in the groups of four will be cancelled AFTER the preliminary round. Only the results of the matches against the teams finishing second and third in the groups will be counted to determine which team is the best second-placed team.

This ranking is also the one used to determine the distribution for the placement matches.

The other teams play for places in the placement tournament. Places 25 to 27 will NOT be played.

* Should less than 27 teams participate, the number of groups or teams may be reduced/adjusted.

This regulation applies immediately after the draw on 10 December 2023 and affects the women's and men's tournament.

If a team withdraws from the women's tournament, there will be a new draw with 2 groups of 4 teams each. If other teams withdraw, the organiser will decide on a new format together with FUEN.

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The women's tournament is organised with 9 teams in three groups of three teams each.

The three group winners and the best second-placed team qualify for the semi-finals.

The semi-finals will be drawn after the preliminary round. The best second-placed team cannot meet the winner of the same preliminary round.

Depending on which home team reaches the semi-finals, the venues may be changed at short notice.

FUEN and the Host reserve the right to adapt the part of the Book of Rules that regulates the play in the preliminary and final rounds to the actual number of participants in case of a deviating number of participating Teams (maximum 12 teams possible).

6. The following criteria are applied in drawing up the tables, and in the order given here:

- a. Points scored
- b. Goal difference
- c. Number of goals scored
- d. Direct Duel
- e. Fair play statistics (yellow and red cards)
- f. Random draw

3.4. VENUES, KICK-OFF TIMES AND TRAINING

1. The Host determines the venues. The participating teams are notified of the kick-off times at the start of the tournament.

2. Both teams due to meet one another are provided with sufficient adequate training ground before the match in question, for at least 30 minutes duration.

3. During the tournament, the teams will be provided with similar training grounds as far as capacity permits.

4. The teams due to meet each other on the field must be allowed at least 15 minutes to warm up before the start of the match, as far as weather permits.
5. If the condition of the pitch is doubtful, the referee will decide if it is playable. If the pitch is deemed unplayable, Section 6 shall apply.
6. If a match is abandoned before the end of the regular playing time as a result of extreme weather conditions or for another reasons beyond the Host's control, the tournament management committee reserves the right to arrange a replay at short notice.
7. Matches can be played by daylight or floodlight. If matches are played in the evening there must be adequate floodlight illumination of the pitch.

3.5. STADIUMS, PITCHES, CLOCKS, DISPLAYS

1. The Host must ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the preliminary round matches are played satisfy the provisions and Book of Rules, and guarantee security.
2. The pitches, equipment and infrastructure must be in optimum condition and correspond to the Match Rules.
3. The Host must ensure that regular security checks are carried out in the stadiums in which the preliminary round matches are played to ensure the safety of the spectators, players and officials.
4. The matches can be played on natural or artificial grass. These must be in a good, playable condition.
5. Display boards and stadium clocks indicating the time played during the game must be stopped after the end of the normal playing time of each half.

4. FINAL ROUND

4.1. PARTICIPATION

The participating teams must confirm their participation in the final round in writing to the tournament management committee, using lists provided by the Host, at least 6 hours before the start of their first final round match.

4.2. LIST OF PLAYERS

Changes to the player list compared to the preliminary round must be communicated immediately. In case of a change, it must first be authorised by the tournament management, otherwise it is not effective.

Furthermore, the regulations of the preliminary round regarding the player list apply to the final round. (according to point 3.2 of these regulations)

4.3. TEAMS AND DRAW

1. Final round participants are defined as follows:

Men's tournament: 27 participating teams: The seven group winners and the best group second-placed team qualify for the quarter-finals (see point 3.3.). The quarter-final pairings will be drawn by the draw. The best group second-placed team cannot meet the winner of its preliminary round group, otherwise all pairings are possible. The winners advance to the semi-finals: the winner of the quarter-finals 1 meets the winner of quarter-final 2 in the semi-finals, the winner of quarter-final 3 meets the winner of quarter-final 4. The losers of the quarter-finals play the semi-finals of the consolation round in the same composition for places 5-8.

Depending on which pairings involve the home teams of the North Frisians, North Schleswig and South Schleswig teams, the venues may change at short notice. This also applies to the semi-finals and all placement matches.

The remaining teams will play for places 9 to 24 in rounds of four. The placings from the preliminary round, including the strike result (see point 3.3), will be used for this.

A "consolation semi-final" is played first, followed by a "consolation final". Example: Places 9 to 12 are played as follows:

- » "Semi-final 1": Preliminary round 9th - Preliminary round 12th
- » "Semi-final 2": 10th in the preliminary rounds - 11th in the preliminary rounds
- » Match for 9th place: winner of "HF1" - winner of "HF2"
- » Match for 11th place: loser of "HF1" - loser of "HF2"

Only places 25 to 27 will NOT be played.

All placement matches only last 2 x 30 minutes and a penalty shoot-out follows immediately in the event of a draw.

Women's tournament: 9 participating teams. The three group winners and the best group second-placed team advance to the semi-finals. The winners will play the final, the losers the match for third place. The semi-finals will be drawn by the draw (the best group second-placed team cannot meet the winner of its own preliminary round group, all other pairings are possible). Depending on the participation of the host teams, the venues for the semi-finals may change at short notice.

All other teams in the preliminary round will play for places 5 to 9 in a single round of each-against-each. In addition, 5 placement matches will be played on one day. This means that each team will play two matches in the placement round on one day. The placement matches each last 2 x 30 minutes.

FUEN and the Organising Committee reserve the right to adapt the part of the regulations governing the final round to the actual field of participants.

2. All decisions made by FUEN and the Host with regard to the draw procedure and the final and placement matches are inviolable. FUEN and the Host reserve the right to adjust the part of the Book of Rules that regulates the rules for the final round to the effective field of participants.

4.4. VENUES, DATES, KICK-OFF TIMES

1. The Host must notify FUEN of the venues, stadiums, dates and kick-off times in sufficient time.
2. The Host determines the dates and venues for the final round matches.
3. Subject to these provisions, the rules for the preliminary round in point 3.4 of these regulations shall apply to the final round.

4.5. STADIUMS, PITCHES, DISPLAYS

1. The Host must ensure that the stadiums and facilities in which the final round matches are played satisfy the provisions (according to point 3.5 of these regulations) and guarantee the necessary security.

4.6. TROPHY, AWARDS AND MEDALS

1. The winner of the finals of both the women's and men's tournaments at EUROPEADA 2024 will be awarded the EUROPEADA trophy.
2. The top three teams in both the women's and the men's tournaments receive 30 medals each.
3. All teams who take part and their delegation are awarded a certificate of participation.
4. The game officials for both the finals (men's and women's tournaments) each receive a medal.
5. FUEN awards a fair play prize at the end of EUROPEADA 2024 based on consultations with the local organization team.
6. The best goal scorer will be awarded a trophy.
7. Further prizes and awards are possible.

5. FINAL PROVISIONS

5.1. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event of special circumstances, FUEN and the Host will issue instructions that may be necessary for EUROPEADA 2024. These instructions will then be a fixed component of the Book of Rules.

5.2. CONTINGENCIES

Anything unforeseen in this Book of Rules and incidents of force majeure (e.g. outbreak of a pandemic) will be decided on by FUEN in consultation with the Host.

5.3. APPLICABLE BOOK OF RULES

This Book of Rules is exclusively binding for all tournament matters. FUEN and the Host reserve the right to adjust the part of the Book of Rules that regulates the rules for the preliminary round and end round to the effective field of participants.

5.4. LANGUAGES

In the event of any differing interpretations of the rules resulting from the different language versions, the German version of the Book of Rules take precedence.

5.5. COPYRIGHT

The copyright for the tournament data corresponding to the provisions of this Book of Rules is the property of FUEN.

5.6. LEGAL VENUES

Legal venue is Flensburg, Germany, also during the tournament.

6. FAIR PLAY RULES

FUEN also stands for fair play in football. This is why all teams undertake to observe and comply with the following rules of fair play:

1. The teams observe the written and unwritten rules. Winning and losing are both part of sport. Good manners are to be maintained both in victory and in defeat.
2. Tolerance must be assured. The referee's decisions must be accepted. Opponents, teammates, officials and spectators are also to be shown respect.
3. The teams are responsible for the physical and mental integrity of their opponents.
4. Teams are to take sincerity, tolerance, helpfulness and responsibility for granted.
5. The teams stand shoulder to shoulder against violence, racism and discrimination.
6. Match-fixing or any attempt to do so is strictly forbidden and can lead to exclusion from the tournament and other FUEN events.
7. The teams use their mutual enthusiasm for the sport and for EUROPEADA 2024 to campaign for the concerns of the minorities.

7. ADDRESSES



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