



1. Welcome

The IDA Easter Cup 2026 is an elite international youth football tournament hosted in Valencia, Spain, bringing together top academies and competitive clubs from across Europe and abroad.

The tournament is designed to provide a high-performance environment that promotes development, sportsmanship, and international competition.

All matches will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, unless otherwise stated in this handbook.

2. Tournament Venues

Matches will be played at:

Mas Camarena Sports Complex

- Mas Camarena 1
- Mas Camarena 2
- Mas Camarena F8

Cracks Sports Center

- Cracks 11v11
- Cracks F8-1
- Cracks F8-2



3. Age Categories & Formats

Boys Divisions

- U14 Boys – Born on or after January 1, 2012 (11v11)
- U12 Boys – Born on or after January 1, 2014 (8v8)
- U11 Boys – Born on or after January 1, 2015 (8v8)

Girls Divisions

- U16 Girls – Born on or after January 1, 2010 (11v11)
- U14 Girls – Born on or after January 1, 2012 (11v11)
- U12 Girls – Born on or after January 1, 2014 (8v8)

Proof of age must be available upon request. **Teams are allowed to include up to three players born one year older in the 11v11 categories, and up to two players born one year older in the 8v8 categories.**

4. Competition Structure

Teams will compete in groups of 4 or 5.

- Groups of 4: Each team plays 3 matches.
- Groups of 5: Each team plays 4 matches.

Points System:

Win: 3 points

Draw: 1 point

Loss: 0 points



After the group stage:

- Top two teams advance to the Gold Stage.
- Bottom two teams advance to the Silver Stage.
- In groups of five, the 5th placed team will not advance unless determined otherwise by tournament organization.

Knockout matches that end in a draw will proceed directly to penalty kicks (5 per team, then sudden death).

5. Match Duration

All matches in all age categories will be played as:

- Two (2) halves of 25 minutes
- 5-minute halftime interval

There will be no added time. Matches will operate on a strict schedule.

6. Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions are permitted in all matches.

Re-entry is allowed.

7. Tie-Breaking Criteria (Group Stage)

If teams are level on points, rankings will be determined by:

1. Head-to-head result
2. Goal difference



3. Goals scored
4. Fewest goals conceded
5. Drawing of lots (coin toss conducted by the Tournament Committee)

All decisions are final.

8. Team Rosters & Player Eligibility

- No maximum squad size.
- Minimum roster size:
 - * 16 players for 11v11 categories
 - * 12 players for 8v8 categories

All players must be properly registered and meet age eligibility requirements. Proof of age must be available upon request.

9. Discipline & Suspensions

- Two (2) yellow cards = one-match suspension.
- A red card = automatic one-match suspension.

The Tournament Committee may impose additional sanctions when necessary.

10. Match Administration

- Teams must be present at the field at least 30 minutes before kickoff.
 - All matches will begin at the scheduled time.
 - In case of uniform color conflict, the team listed second must change.
- Shin guards are mandatory for all players.



11. Medical & Insurance

The IDA Easter Cup has its own private event insurance coverage, providing protection within the scope of the tournament's organizational policy.

Basic first aid services will be available at all tournament venues.

Participating teams are responsible for ensuring that their players have valid individual medical coverage for travel and personal medical needs outside the scope of the event policy.

12. Protests & Disputes

All protests must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the match.

The Tournament Committee's decisions are final and binding.

13. Weather & Force Majeure

In the event of severe weather or unforeseen circumstances, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify schedules or competition formats as necessary.

All decisions are final.

14. Authority

The IDA Easter Cup Tournament Committee reserves the right to interpret and enforce these regulations. Participation in the tournament implies full acceptance of these rules.