FUNCUP
Rules of Play

Game Duration

On Saturday and Sunday, each game will consist of two 10-minute periods with a running clock. Timekeeping will be managed centrally in each gymnasium.

For the U8, U10, and U12 age groups, the 5-second, 8-second, and 24-second rules do not apply. The 3-second rule will be applied at the referee's discretion, with potential guidance provided in cases where a significant height advantage exists.

Courts/Basket Height

In the main gymnasium, we will be using three courts simultaneously, designated as Section 1, Section 2, and Section 3. The secondary (double-court) gymnasium will feature one court, alongside a designated area hosting a sales stand by "43" and a photography booth by Thomas Mohn.

Additionally, some group-stage games will take place in the sports halls of the Kinderhaus-West primary school and the Waldschule. For the FUNCUP, the basket height will be adjusted for the U8, U10, and U12 age groups; however, there may be occasional U12 games played at the standard (full) basket height.

Substitutions

"Rolling" (flying) substitutions are used across all age groups: a player leaving the court must "high-five" the incoming teammate before the latter may enter the playing area. This method has proven effective for younger age groups in previous years.

Number of Players

The U8 through U12 age groups play 4-on-4. From the U14 age group upwards, games are played 5-on-5.

Fouls (No Free Throws)

Games follow standard basketball rules. A player must leave the court after committing 4 personal fouls. As a special rule, given the running clock, there will be no free throws. From the 5th team foul onwards, or in the event of a foul during a basket attempt or shot, the attacking team is awarded one point, followed by an inbound pass (possession of the ball). The primary focus here is the spirit of fair play.

Inbound pass procedure

The inbound pass is initiated only after making eye contact with the referee—no direct hand-off is permitted. Exception: Final matches officiated by two referees in age groups U12 and older!

Referees

We will assign referees to every game. For the younger age groups, newly trained referees will also be officiating, and they will receive coaching/mentoring during the games. Above all, we ask that everyone interacts with all referees in a fair and relaxed manner!

Jerseys/Balls

All teams are requested to bring one set of jerseys, as well as a set of scrimmage vests (pinnies). Please also bring two balls for warm-ups, as we will not be providing any. The official game ball for matches held in the triple-court and double-court sports halls will be the WILSON EVOLUTION.

Changing Rooms

Changing rooms are provided for teams to get ready; please note that they may be shared by up to 3 teams simultaneously. You may leave your sports gear there, but please ensure that all valuables are removed. Alternatively, you are welcome to set up in a corner of the spectator stands—where fans, parents, and friends can also find a place to sit.

First Aid

Naturally, we hope that no sports-related injuries occur during the tournament. A first-aid kit containing ice spray and cold packs will be available on-site. In the event of a more serious injury, we will consult with the team coach before calling an ambulance.

Liability

We assume no liability for accidents, damage to property, or the loss of valuables.

Have fun at the FUNCUP!

While winning games at a tournament is always great, it is not our primary focus. Instead, we want to provide teams, coaches, referees, and participants with the opportunity to make new connections and expand their personal networks. It's all about having fun and playing basketball—regardless of whether you win or lose!