**I FIFA Laws of the Game**

The international youth football tournament Saaremaa Cup 2018 shall follow the international laws of the game provided by FIFA.
NB! If there are conflicting claims in the FIFA rules and in the Saaremaa Cup 2018 rules and regulations, the tournament guide shall apply.

**II Size of the team and duration of the match**

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| **Age group** | **Number of players** | **Duration of the game** | **Ball size** | **Offside** | **Substitutions** |
| B-14 (2004-2005) | 11 vs 11 | 2x 20 min | nr. 5 | + | Back and fourth |
| B-12 (2006) | 9 vs 9 | 2x 20 min | nr. 4 | + | Back and fourth |
| B-11 (2007) | 9 vs 9 | 2x 20 min | nr. 4 | + | Back and fourth |
| B-10 (2008) | 7 vs 7 | 2x 20 min | nr. 4 | - | Back and fourth |
| B-9 (2009) | 7 vs 7 | 2x 20 min | nr. 4 | - | Back and fourth |
| B-8 (2010) | 5 vs 5 | 2x18 min | nr. 3 | - | Back and fourth |
| G-13 (2005) | 9 vs 9 | 2x 20 min | nr. 4 | + | Back and fourth |

**III Use of older players in the tournament**

In the boys’ age groups 2004-2005, it is allowed to use in one team up to three older players, who have been born later than 1 August the prior year.

**For example**: In the boys’ age group 2004-2005, it is allowed to have in one team three older players, who have been born later than 1.08.2003.

In the boys’ age groups 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, it is allowed to use in one team up to two older players, who have been born later than 1 August the prior year.

**For example**: In the boys’ age group 2006, it is allowed to have in one team two older players, who have been born later than 1.08.2005.

**IV Players participating in several teams**

During the youth football tournament Saaremaa Cup 2018, it is not allowed for the players to play in more than one age group. If this rule is ignored, the player will be disqualified from the tournament and the game of the violating team will be cancelled. The result -/+ will be noted in the tournament chart and this means that the other team has won.
 **V Stadiums:**

Saaremaa Cup 2018 matches will be held on various stadiums in Kuressaare. The matches of the tournament will be played on natural grass and artificial turf.
 - Titerand I (green arena)
– Titerand II (grass arena)
– Täiskasvanute Gümnaasiumi stadium (grass arena)
 – Kuressaare Gymnasium stadium(grass arena)
 - Kuressaare Football stadium 1 (artificial turf)
- Kuressaare Football stadium 2 (artificial turf)

NB! Tournament organizers reserve the right to make changes in the time schedules during the tournament!

**VI Tournament system**

Saaremaa Cup 2018 is divided into two phases: subgroup tournaments and playoffs. In the subgroup tournaments, the teams are divided into subgroups of 4-6 teams, where all teams will play against each other once. In the matches held during the subgroup tournament, a victory gives each team 3 points, a draw game 1 point and loss 0 points.
If some teams get equal scores in subgroups, the final ranking will be decided according to:
1. match between each other
2. overall goal difference
3. number of goals
4. disciplinary actions
5. abandoned matches, cancellation of results
6. red cards
7. drawing lots

All places in the Saaremaa Cup 2018 tournament will be determined in the playoff system. The playoff system for each age group will be announced by the organizers one week before the tournament begins.

**VII Penalties**

During the playoff and final match, if the match ends with a draw after the end of match time, the teams have to start shooting penalties immediately. There will be no extra time during the tournament matches.

The number of penalties in each age group:
Boys in age groups 2004-2005– **5 penalties**
Boys in age groups 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and girls in age group 2005– **3 penalties**

**VIII Protest**

A protest is directed against the validity of the result of the match. A protest has to be based on that whether the player has right to participate or not, on serious violation of the rules by the referee or on some other incident that affected the result of the match. The protest must be submitted in writing by a team representative (a person who has been designated on the registration form as team leader) no later than 30 minutes after the end of the protested match. A general protest against the whole opposing team is not acceptable. Protest against the yellow or red card or against the removal of player from the field after the referee has showed two cards, is only allowed if referee made a mistake against thecorresponding player. Protest processing fee is 250 EUR. This amount will be refunded if the protest is successful.

**IX Jury**

The possible disagreements and protests will be solved by a three-member jury. The jury includes the head referee and two head organizers of the tournament.
NB! Jury’s final decision cannot be appealed!

**X Referees**

 All the referees are accepted by the Estonian Football Association or the head referee of the tournament. The head referee of the tournament is Miko Pupart.

**XI Defaulters**
If on the football field there is not at least 7 players (age groups 2004-2005) or 5 players (boys age groups 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and girls 2005) and 4 players (boys age group 2010) then in 5 minutes after the start of official match time, a +/- loss will be entered into the tournament table.

**XII Awards**

The teams having won the first, second and third place will be awarded with trophies and medals.

**XIII Medicine/medical aid**

The organizers of Saaremaa Cup 2018 football tournament will not take any responsibility for injuries, which happen during the football tournament. Teams have an obligation to ensure that all trauma situations will be resolved. If possible, the football tournament organizers will assist with their medical skills.

**XIV Warnings and removals**

A player removed from the field will be disqualified for the next match held during Saaremaa Cup 2018 tournament.
NB! The referee, who serves the match, has the right to demand harsher punishment for the disqualified player. The referee must submit a written application to the tournament head referee, who makes the final decision. The decision of the head referee is final and cannot be appealed. The decision will be notified to the team representative specified on the registration form.

 **XV Recognition of fair play**

For the recognition of fair play it is recommended that players shake hands with the opposing players and referee right after the line-up (before the match starts) and after the final whistle.

**XVI Warranty**

By participation in Saaremaa Cup 2018 football tournament, the team confirms being aware of all the rules of the tournament.

**XVII Balls used in matches**

All the balls used during the Saaremaa Cup 2018 have a marking “FIFA APPROVED” or “FIFA INSPECTED”.

**XVIII Registration of the team**

When arriving to the tournament, all the teams have to submit the completed registration form to the tournament organizers before their first competitive match. If possible, the signed registration form can be e-mailed to info@fckuressaare.ee.
The players not listed on the registration form cannot participate. Teams are not allowed to add more players to the registration form during the tournament. The representative of each team is required to sign a statement, confirming the arrival to the tournament, acceptance of the Saaremaa Cup 2016 rules and the team’s awareness of possible changes.
NB! A team, who has not met the aforementioned demands, will not be allowed to play in the tournament.

**XIX Start of the match and its accompanying rules**

The team has to be on the match field 10 minutes before the match starts. If the uniforms of both teams are in the same colour, the team who has been listed as the second team has to change shirts or wear vests. Vests are guaranteed by the tournament organizer. Team size for boys in age groups 2004-2005 is 18 players. Team size for boys in age groups 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and girls age group 2005 is 15 players. Team size for boys in age group 2010 is 12 players.

**XX State of emergency, tournament management**
 **The jury of the tournament has right to make changes in match times and locations, if it is necessary and an inevitable event requires it! NB! Tournament organizers are not responsible for the event of theft during the tournament!**