



## **RULES OF THE POLISH SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

**ORGANIZER:** S.C. "WISLA" CHICAGO

**DATE:** 22 - 23 JULY 2017

**LOCATION:** SPORTS AND SPORT CENTER PNA IN YORKVILLE

10701 RIVER RD. PLANO, IL. 60545

**GOAL:** POPULARIZATION OF THE POLISH SOCCER

### **1. PARTICIPATION**

1. Only polonia clubs registered in United States and Canada through States Soccer Federation can participate in the tournament.
2. Clubs participating in the tournament must obey the rules.
3. Competitions are held in the categories: Open, Over 30, Over 40, Over 50
4. Each player must have a valid PASS card and proof of identity (driving license, passport, ID).
5. Entry to the tournament as a submission application should be sent to the organizer by May 15, 2017. Down payment of \$ 100 should be sent prior to that date.
6. Participation fee is \$ 550 in categories Open, Over30, over 40, and \$200 in the Over 50 category. The fee should be made in before deadline preceding the Technical Checkup, which will take place June 29 2017 (dates after consultation with the teams may change).
7. Each team has the right to submit to the tournament 18 players, plus coach and manager. Only 18 players can play each match.
8. Entry requirements for players plus team leaders must be provided to organizer before the check-in deadline.
  - Match Lineups and IDs (PASS) of each player must be provided to referee before the first game of each team.
  - Player cards (PASS) will be kept throughout the tournament period with the tournament manager (assignor) and cannot be changed.
  - Each team before each game is obliged to delivery of new lineup.
  - Each team has the right to check the player and his ID at the half time or after the game.
9. During the tournament, the player may only play in one team, in one age category.
10. Each club may submit up to 3 teams in a given category.
11. Each team is required to register a minimum of 50% of Polish players or with their Polish origin.

## 2. ORGANIZER

1. The organizer provides trophies and prizes for teams in the following categories:
  - Open: 1st place - \$ 1500, 2nd place - \$ 1000, 3rd place - \$ 500
  - Over 30: 1st place - \$ 1000, 2nd place - \$ 500
  - Over 40: 1st place - \$ 500
  - Over 50: trophies
2. The Organizer also provides rewards for the best players in each category (best scorer, best goalkeeper, best player).
3. The Organizer is responsible for securing the team of referees.
4. The Organizer secures technical referees at each game whose task will be to check the passes and execute others tournament activities in accordance with the rules.

5. Organizer are not liable for the health of players and their participation in the games. Players taking part in the tournament should be subjected to prior check on their own with medical practitioner who states that they are in good health and able to participate in tournament.

6. Within the entry fee, the organizer provides one hot meal during each day of the tournament.

### 3. TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

1. Technical Checkup will take place on June 29, 2017 (deadline after team consultation may change)

2. At the technical briefing each team should have a representative, his no-show does not exclude the team from the competition.

3. At the technical briefing will be appointed 5-person committee: 2 organizers, 3 representatives of participants selected by others.

4. The chairman of the committee is appointed by the organizer.

5. The committee will resolve the issues arising during the tournament, i.e. protests.

6. At the technical briefing will be the draw of the elimination teams and the game structure setup.

### 4. GAME RULES

1. Matches are played according to FIFA regulations with modifications of offsides, time duration of the games, and possibility of changing players.

2. The Offside rule does not apply to elimination games

- In the Open category Offside rule starts from the quarterfinal games

- In the Over-30 and Over-40 categories Offside rule starts from the semi-finals games

3. During all games unlimited substitutions are allowed and return substitutions are permitted

4. Matches in qualifying groups are played in round-robin format in which each team meets all other teams in turn

5. The order in the group is determined by:

- Points earned

- Direct result between the teams concerned

- Goal difference

- Number of goals scored

- Draw

6. Starting with quarter-finals, the games will be played using elimination format where the team that loses the game is out of competition

7. For the victory in the game the team will get 3 points, for the draw teams receive 1 point each, for lose 0 points.

8. For the forfeit, the winning team gets 3 points and score of 1: 0  
9. Time to play qualifying games in groups is 2 x 25 minutes with 5 minute break.

10. Playing time:

- Qualifying group games: 2 x 25 minutes with 5 minute break
- Quarterfinals: 2 x 30 minutes with a 10 minute break.
- Semi-finals: 2 x 30 minutes with a 10 minute break.
- Finals: open - 2 x 45 minutes with 10 minutes break, Over 30, Over 40 -  
2 x 40 minutes with a 10 minute break.

11. In case of tie game, 2 x 5 minutes overtime will be played. If the overtime does not give the winner there will be penalties executed. If the series after five penalties will not emerge the winner the shootout will proceed to sudden death.

12. Yellow card in the match means a warning. Red card means excluding a player from a game in a match. The organizer has the right to continue to penalize the player with exclusion until the end of the tournament inclusive.

13. The 5 minute delay of the team at the appointed hour of the game is equivalent to the forfeit.

14. Game arrangement

- Category Open – 4 groups with 4 teams in each group
  - 4 group leaders:
    - Wisła Chicago A
    - Wisła Chicago B
    - Wisła Chicago C
    - Eagles Chicago
- Group games
  - 1:2
  - 3:4
  - 1:3
  - 2:4
  - 1:4
  - 2:3
- Quarterfinals
  - Zwycięzca grupy 1 z druga drużyna grupy 2
  - Zwycięzca grupy 2 z druga drużyna grupy 1
  - Zwycięzca grupy 3 z druga drużyna grupy 4
  - Zwycięzca grupy 4 z druga drużyna grupy 3
- Semifinals
  - Zwycięzca meczu nr 1 ze zwycięzcą meczu nr 3
  - Zwycięzca meczu nr 2 ze zwycięzcą meczu nr 4

Organizor has a right to insert automatically additional team in any group if such team signs up to the tournament after technical meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2017.

## 5. REFEREES

1. The referees must have the licenses of their state federations

2. Referees:

- In the elimination tournament organizer provides one main referee: the assistant referees (linesmans) are appointed by each team in the game

- In the quarter-finals, the organizer provides 2 referees in each game

- In the semi-finals, in category Open, Over 30 and Over 40, 3 referees are provided by organizer

- In Over 50 game, the organizer provides one main referee.

## 6. PROTESTS

1. The protests are settled by a committee of regulators.

2. The time of submission of any protest related to the games played is 30 minutes after the end of the game.

3. Protests must be handled by the committees before the next meeting of interested teams.

4. In the examination of the protest without voting rights, the main referee participates in meeting and the representatives of the teams concerned.

## 7. FINAL PROVISIONS

1. The right to interpret this Regulation shall be exclusive only to organizer.

2. Any changes to the rules during the tournament are not allowed, i.e. regarding the team promotion from elimination groups

3. The organizer will charge \$20 one-time parking fee at the time of entry valid for the duration of the tournament

Organizing Committee of the Polish Soccer Tournament

Chicago, 6/29/2017