MONDIAL PUPILLES DE PLOMELIN

U13 INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
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11-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

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U12 U13 age groups
(Players born between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2015)

2027 BOYS' TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1: General presentation

At the initiative of AS Plomelin and the 11 other organising clubs, the Mondial Pupilles takes place from **Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 May 2027**, under the auspices of FIFA, UEFA, the French Football Federation, the Brittany Football League and the Finistère Football District.

ARTICLE 2: Organisation

The tournament is organised by a committee comprising members of AS Plomelin and one representative from each of the 8 boys' venues and 3 girls' venues.

ARTICLE 3: Age groups and squad sizes

The tournament is open to U12 and U13 players born between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2015.

Up to 3 U11 players per team may participate if duly authorised to play in an older age group under the relevant provisions of the French Football Federation's General Regulations. Medical certification must be provided.

Each team must have a **squad of 14 to 16 players and 3 team officials**.

No exemptions allowing more than 16 players will be granted.

Foreign teams must provide the organiser with a copy of their national federation's authorisation.

ARTICLE 4: Guest players

Clubs and groups of clubs may field **a maximum of 5 players** registered with other clubs, subject to the following conditions:

The lending club must not be taking part in the tournament. If it is participating, consent from both the parents and the lending club is required.

The players' registration licences must be presented, together with authorisation from each lending club.

Players covered by a Non-Solicitation Agreement (ANS) or in the process of being recruited remain administratively classified as guest players until they hold a valid registration licence with the participating club. For these players, a letter from the participating club confirming that a Non-Solicitation Agreement has been signed is sufficient supporting evidence.

These provisions do not apply to representative teams. A representative team may represent a Mondial Pupilles venue, a district or a regional league. Under no circumstances may it be formed by a professional club, whether French or foreign.

ARTICLE 5: Team selection

The organiser will announce the list of selected teams at the end of December.

After the draw, a representative of the host venue will contact each selected team. The team must send its list of players and three team officials as soon as possible, and no later than one month before the tournament begins.

Registration fees will not be refunded for withdrawals after 15 January.

ARTICLE 6: Identity and squad checks

Checks before the first match

The venue manager or organising committee **checks players' identities and age groups** and, where applicable, the lending clubs' consent. This check takes place on the team's arrival and, in all cases, before its first match.

Team officials must be able to present the following for each of the 14 to 16 players and the three team officials:

• A registration licence with a photograph.

• An official identity document, such as a national identity card or passport.

• For loan players, written consent from the lending club must also be presented.

Consequences and further checks

Any team unable to comply with this check before its first match will be disqualified. Every match, whether played or not, will be recorded as a 3–0 defeat.

This check will be repeated from the round of 16 onwards.

Identification wristbands

Each player and each of the three team officials will receive a coloured wristband. It must be worn throughout the tournament, subject to the disciplinary provisions of Article 9.

The wristband also serves as an admission pass to the stadium on Sunday.

ARTICLE 7: Competition format and rankings

The 72 teams are allocated by draw to the 8 boys' host venues. 9 teams per site.

The tournament has a single level of competition and is played 11-a-side on full-size grass and/or artificial pitches, depending on the venue.

Group stage and match duration

The qualifying group stage takes place from Thursday to Saturday in a round-robin format. All teams are guaranteed to play for three days. Each team plays no more than three matches per day.

Qualifying rounds, Thursday to Saturday: two 12-minute halves.

Final rounds, Sunday: one 24-minute period.

Group standings

Points are awarded as follows:

- Win: 3 points;
- Draw: 1 point
- Defeat: 0 points.

If two teams finish the group stage level on points, they will be separated by the following criteria, applied in order:

1. Best goal difference.
2. Most goals scored.
3. Goal difference in their head-to-head match in the same group.
4. The result of a series of five penalty kicks per team.

Qualification and knockout stages

The top two teams at each venue qualify for the round of 16. These matches take place late on Saturday afternoon, with one match at each of the eight venues.

From the quarter-finals onwards, matches take place **on Sunday in Plomelin**.

Drawn matches and ranking of eliminated teams

From the round of 16 onwards, any knockout match ending in a draw is followed by one or more series of penalty kicks, in accordance with FIFA rules. In each series, five different players, chosen from those who finished the match, take the kicks. The referee determines the order by drawing lots.

Teams losing knockout matches are ranked by the best goal difference in the tournament's qualifying rounds, then by the most goals scored.

ARTICLE 8: Match sheet and substitutions

A match sheet is completed for every match. A team official enters the surname, first name and shirt number of each of the 14 to 16 players. It is checked by a venue delegate.

All players may come on during a match. A substituted player becomes a substitute again and may return to the field of play.

Each player keeps the same shirt number throughout the tournament. Each team must have two sets of shirts in different colours, with identical numbering.

Only substitutes and the three team officials are allowed on the bench. They must wear their wristbands.

Any protest concerning a player's eligibility must be entered on the match sheet before kick-off. Any technical protest raised during the match must be recorded on the match sheet at the end of the match.

Any fraud relating to team composition will be penalised. Penalties may include demotion in the rankings or disqualification of the team.

ARTICLE 9: Refereeing and discipline

Referees are appointed by the Finistère District and may also come from other leagues. The main referee must be an officially accredited referee. The FIFA refereeing rules in force apply.

As this is an official tournament, sanctions for serious misconduct, including sending-offs and the conduct of players or team officials on or off the pitch, are imposed immediately by venue managers, in consultation with the referees and, if necessary, the Mondial Pupilles Executive Committee.

Before each match, referees may carry out further checks of players' registration licences and/or identities, in addition to the measures set out in Article 8.

Matches are played with size 4 balls, in accordance with FFF specifications. Shin guards are compulsory.

Two yellow cards or one red card result in suspension for the match following the one in which the second yellow card or the red card was received. **The wristband is cut off at the end of the match giving rise to the sanction**.

Yellow cards are cleared at the end of the group stage. The same disciplinary rules apply again from the round of 16 onwards.

Any unsporting behaviour, fraud, insults towards referees or opponents, or deliberate damage to facilities may lead to expulsion from the tournament by decision of the organising committee. Team officials, coaches, players and parents must uphold and enforce the principles of respect and fair play.

These 4 days must remain a great celebration of football.

ARTICLE 10: Sporting awards

Only goals scored during the first three days, in the qualifying tournament, count towards the following trophies:

- Highest-scoring team.
- Top goalscorer.

A weighting coefficient is applied at venues with an exceptionally different number of teams, particularly following a late withdrawal.

ARTICLE 11: Sunday afternoon celebration

Each team undertakes to participate in and attend the closing celebration on Sunday afternoon, when trophies, cups, medals and other awards are presented.

Teams may leave the tournament only after the Sunday parade, scheduled for early afternoon.

ARTICLE 12: Accommodation and off-field activities

Teams are welcomed on Wednesday in the late afternoon or evening. Players stay with host families, with two children per family. Reception and accommodation are also arranged for the three team officials.

Accommodation and meals are provided from Wednesday evening to Sunday lunchtime, or up to and including Monday morning, depending on departure times.

Teams and their officials must respect the arrangements for off-field activities proposed by host families. **One official from each team must be contactable at all times in the event of an off-field problem.**

Under no circumstances may venues be **held responsible in place of team officials**.

ARTICLE 13: Responsibilities of participating clubs

Each participating club is responsible for insurance covering accidents, theft and civil liability for its players and team officials. The committee accepts no responsibility in this respect.

If a player requires hospitalisation or a medical consultation, they must be accompanied by an official from their club and a representative of the host venue. Costs are borne by the participating club. The venue manager provides a hospitalisation or consultation form.

The committee accepts no responsibility for theft affecting players, accompanying persons or team officials during the tournament.

ARTICLE 14: Amendments to the regulations and disputes

The Executive Committee reserves the right to change the tournament format and these regulations where necessary for the smooth running of the event. Any changes will be communicated to participating teams.

It will rule on disputes not covered by these regulations, including cases of force majeure.

The Mondial Pupilles Executive Committee