

# Rules

## Rules and regulations

Kniksen Invitational will be played in accordance with applicable sections of the FIFA rules and the Norwegian F.A. rules. In questions of interpretations of FIFA rules, the English text applies.

## Class

There are 2 classes in the tournament:

Class Boys -2010: Boys born 2010. 01.01 or later

Exceptions: The team can bring maximum 3 player born in 2009

Class Girls -2010&2011 : Girls born 2010.01.01 or later (4 teams, league system + positional games)

Exceptions: The team can bring maximum 3 player born in 2009

## Dates

The tournament is played between 21th – 23th Februar 2025

## Format

All games are played 11-a-side.

## Gamehosts

There will be appointed gamehosts in all matches in the tournament.

- **Rules of the game**

The club has to be a member of their FIFA affiliated national association, or have a clearance from the tournament management/local federation.

The teams are divided into groups of three or four where all the teams will meet in a round robin series. The order among the teams will be decided according to points.

Three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

If two or more teams have the same number of points, the order will be decided as follows:

1. Goal difference.
2. Highest number of goals scored.
3. Results of match/es between teams with equal points.
4. Less Yellow Cards

- **Playing period** All classes are playing 2x24min, with 4 minutes brake half way.
  - **Play Off** A draw in the playoff will be decided by penalty kicks according to FIFA rules. (5 penalties per team)
  - **Dispensations** Dispensations will not be given for players who are overaged.
  - **Kick off** Hometeam (first in program/site) will start the kick off, and the awayteam will pick pitchside.
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- **Number of players**

There is no maximum number of players for a team in the tournament.

A substituted player may re-enter in the match. Substitution can be done without stopping the game, but the referee must be informed. Notice that the game has to be stopped and the referee must be informed by substitution of a goalkeeper. All substitutions should be done within the technical area of the team. Incorrect substitutions will be punished with a yellow card.

A player may participate for two teams in different classes in the tournament.

All players in the official team-sheet must be member of the club or/and the club can use players from other clubs (hospitants), but need a clearance from the tournament management in forehand. All hospitants must have approval in writing from their own club, saying that they can participate in the tournament. The hospitants can not be overaged.

- **Match schedule**

The final schedule for the matches will be posted at [www.knikseninternationalcup.no](http://www.knikseninternationalcup.no) of January 2025.

- **Important match details**

Team list:

Every players name, birth date and number of jersey needs to registered in the administration system.

If you need to do changes during the tournament, please contact the administration office, no later than 45 minutes before kick-off.

- **Players uniforms**

All teamshirts must be numbered and the numbers must correspond to the numbers on the team list. Numbers must be on the back of the shirts.

Two players may not use the same number in any given match.

If the two teams have similar or the same shirt color, the team listed as the away team will be asked to use their away kits.

If the referee still decides that one team should change shirts due to similarity to the opposing team's shirts, the team appearing last in the program must change.

- **Before match**

All teams must be ready at the field no later than 10 minutes before kick-off. The team manager must make sure that his players are adequately insured. All players **MUST** wear shinguards. Not using shinguards is not a reason for protest.

The teams are responsible for their supporters' conduct.

- **Match fields**

All pitches are artificial grass.

- **Balls**

All matches are played with balls of size 5 in boys/girls 2010

- **Referees**

All main referees are members of the Norwegian Football Association.

- **Tournament jury**

The jury of the tournament consists of representatives from the administration office.

- **Protest and sanctions**

All protests must be in writing, and handed in to the tournament administration office by the team manager. The referee must also be informed if the protest is about broken rules within the rules of the game. Protests must be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the match is finished. A protest fee of NOK 500 will be paid at that time. This fee will be returned if the protest is approved.

- **Cautions and Sending-Off Offences**

Any player given a red card is automatically suspended from participation in the following match. The tournament jury can decide about suspension for further game(s). Yellow cards are not accumulated.

- **Walkover**

Any team not appearing at the appointed time and place for a match without a valid excuse can be declared looser by 3-0, after a decision by the jury. If a team repeatedly fail to appear at the games, the team may be excluded from the tournament. A fee of 5000 NOK will be charged to teams that don't appear at the appointed time of match.

- **Organizer**

The Norwegian club SK Brann organizes the "Kniksen International tournament".

- **Regulations for accommodation**

The team manager as indicated on the Participants' list is responsible for any damage caused by his/her players. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is absolutely forbidden at the hotels and at the pitches during the tournament.

- **Insurance and responsibility**

Make sure that all your players are insured both on and off the playing field. The tournament (Kniksen International ) does not carry any group insurance protecting participants in case of injury, illness, theft or damage to property.

Brann Kniksen International is in no way responsible for injury or economic loss which may arise in the case of war, warlike events, civil war, revolution or civil disturbances or because of the actions of the authorities, strikes, lockouts, blockades or similar events. Participants from countries that have no medical insurance agreement with Norway must have personal medical insurance.