



Tournament rules STEKA-Cup 2022

The STEKA-Cup is played in accordance with the rules of FIFA and the “Deutscher Fußball-Bund” (DFB), unless stated otherwise in the following.

1. Playing permit/number of players

- Only players with a valid playing permit may play in the tournament. The participating clubs are responsible for the compliance with this rule. The participating teams must submit a list with the names of all nominated players no later than 15 minutes before the start of their first match.
- The jerseys must display back numbers. The nominated players must wear their respective player numbers throughout the entire tournament.
- The participating teams may nominate any number of players.
- The amount of player substitutions throughout one match is not limited. A previously substituted player may not be sent again during the same match.
- In case of color-matching jerseys, the first-listed team in the schedule must wear replacement shirts.
- The use of shin guards is mandatory.

2. Match length

- The match length is 30 minutes (preliminary round) and 25 minutes (knockout stage) without a break. The matches will be played according to the drawn tournament schedule.
- The first-listed team in the schedule plays from left to right (seen from the club house).

3. Ranking

- The teams are divided into two groups A and B.
- Three points are awarded for a victory, one point for a draw and zero points for a defeat.
- In the event of a team not competing in one of their matches without valid reason, that match is rated as a 0:3 defeat.

The ranking in the preliminary stage is conducted in the following priority:

- a) Number of points
- b) Goal difference
- c) Number of scored goals
- d) Direct comparison
- e) Penalty shoot-out according to FIFA rules (each team shall appoint 5 shooters to shoot from the penalty mark until a decision is made. If no decision has been made after 5 shots in each case, the remaining players of the teams compete until one team has scored one more goal than the other with the same number of shots).

- The 1st and 2nd ranked teams from each group reach the semi-finals.
- If a knockout-stage game ends in a draw, a penalty shootout according to the rules of FIFA is carried out immediately.



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The tournament organizers have the right to alter the tournament schedule if it is deemed necessary due to circumstances such as extreme weather conditions or the short-term retirement of one team.

4. Match penalties

1st warning = yellow card,

2nd warning = yellow / red card,

3rd warning = send-off with red card.

A player sent off from the field with red card is automatically suspended from all matches for the rest of the tournament.

5. Tournament management/arbitration

- In case of disputes, the tournament organizers take the final decision. That decision is unchallengeable.
- Objections against the match rating must be submitted after the match by a responsible of the respective team. The tournament organizers do not concern themselves with factual decisions taken by the arbiters. The arbiter's decision during a match is final.

The tournament organizers with all teams a successful tournament. The STEKA-Cup shall promote women's football and mutual fairness. A fun experience should always be valued higher than the individual result.

This is an unofficially translated version of the ruleset. In case of disputes, the German version is relevant.