

《Tournament regulations》

■Tournament name

U-12 Junior Soccer World Challenge 2024



■Tournament schedule

Tuesday, August 20th – Friday, August 23rd, 2024

■Venue

Chiba City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan

■Regulations

All participating players must be born after January 1, 2012.

All matches will be played in 11-a-side.

The final round will follow a knockout system, with 32 teams qualifying from the qualifying round.

The matches will be played according to the Soccer Regulations (as of 2023-24) and in accordance with the rules set by the Japan Football Association. The match will be played using size 4 soccer ball.

■Regulation time

The match duration for the qualifying round and consolation tournament have a duration of 30 minutes, consisting of two periods of 15 minutes each, with a 5-minute interval in between. Substitutions and drink breaks will be included in each match within a specified time frame.

The match duration for round of 32 and quarter-final matches are 40 minutes, consisting of 2 periods of 20 minutes, with a 5 minute interval in between. Substitutions and drink breaks will be included in each match within a specified time frame.

The match duration for the semi-finals, third place match and final are 50 minutes, consisting of 2 periods of 25 minutes, with a 10 minute interval in between. Substitutions and drink breaks will be included in each match within a specified time frame.

In the knockout system stage and consolation tournament , if there is a tie at the end of the specified time, the winner will be determined by a penalty shootout (3 players per team).

■Substitution

Registered players can be substituted up to a maximum of three times during a game, including both halves.

Substitutions during halftime do not to be counted.

There is no limit to the number of substitutions each team can make, and teams are allowed to use returning substitutions.

This means that a player sent off as a substitute can later return to the match as a substitute.

■Warning/Sent off

Any player who receives a red card (is sent off) during a match will be suspended in the next match.

During the qualifying round, a player who receives 2 yellow cards in different matches will be suspended in the next match.

If the suspension cannot be applied for the qualifying round, the suspension will be applied to the next match in the final round.

Please note that players who receive one yellow card during the qualifying round will not need to carry that yellow card to the final round.

■Decision of suspension due to thunderstorms, etc.

The decision of suspension will be made by the U-12 Junior Soccer World Challenge 2024 Executive Committee.

■Qualifying team ranking

Each team plays one match against all other teams in the same group.

Team gets 3 points for win, 1 point for draw and 0 points for defeat.

The total number of points got in the qualifying round matches will determine the ranking within the group.

If two or more teams are tied with the same number of points at the end of the qualifying round, the following tie-break criteria will be used to determine placement in the specified order :

1) Goal difference 2) Overall score goals 3) The results of among the teams involved 4) Drawing by committee

If a match is unable to take place or is canceled due to reasons attributable to either team (such as disqualification), the team responsible for cause will be deemed to have lost match 3-0.

■Prize

The following teams and players will be commended:

A) Winning team B) Runner-up team C) 3rd place team D) 4th place team E) Tournament MVP

■Others

Matters not stipulated in this regulation and conditions will be determined by the organizer after consultation.