

Tournament regulations Norway Cup 2020

Norway Cup is played in accordance with regulations from FIFA, the Norwegian Football Association and The Norwegian Sports Association (NIF) and Olympic and Paralympic Committee's regulation for "Children's sports" chapter 2 for competitions in children's sports, with exemptions in the tournament regulations below.

The regulations have been made in close cooperation with the Norwegian Football Association and are almost similar to the recommended suggestion from the Norwegian Football Association called "Competition classes and ages in cups and tournaments with participating teams from several counties."

Classes 11-and 12- year-old are played in accordance to the Norwegian Football Association's game regulations for football on small pitches for players under 12 years of age.

Classes 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19-year olds are played in accordance to the Norwegian Football Association game regulations for football on small pitches for players over 12 years of age and regulations for 11 aside football.

JURY

The tournament jury consists of three members. The jury members are:

1. Kjartan Berland, Lillestrøm SK, leader
2. Pia Fjeld, Tofte Fremad IF
3. Jan Olav Knutsen, Haugsbygd IF

Decisions made by the jury are final and cannot be appealed.

The tournament regulations are divided into three chapters:

1. Match regulations
2. Regulations for competition- and sanctions
3. Regulations for player's eligibility

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Chapter 1 - MATCH REGULATIONS

§1-1 Classes

Boys:

11 aside

B 19	born after 1.1.2001
B 17	born after 1.1.2003
B16	born after 1.1.2004
B 15	born after 1.1.2005
B 14	born after 1.1.2006

9 aside

B 13	born after 1.1.2007
B 12	born after 1.1.2008

7 aside

B 15/16	born after 1.1.2004
B 13/14	born after 1.1.2005
B 11	born after 1.1.2009

Girls:

11 aside

G 19	born after 1.1.2001
G 17	born after 1.1.2003
G 16	born after 1.1.2004
G 15	born after 1.1.2005
G14	born after 1.1.2006

9 aside

G 13/14	born after 1.1.2007
G 12	born after 1.1.2008

7 aside

G 15/16	born after 1.1.2004
G 13/14	born after 1.1.2006
G11	born after 1.1.2009

§1-2 PLAYING TIMES

Classes 17 and 19 y/o:	2 x 30 minutes with 5 minutes break
Classes 15 and	2 x 25 minutes with 5 minutes break
Classes 13	2 x 20 minutes with 3 minutes break
Classes 14	2 x 20 minutes with 3 minutes break
Classes 11, 12 and Unified	2 x 15 minutes with 3 minutes break

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§1-3 BALL SIZES

In the classes 15, 16, 17 and 19 y/o, ball size No. 5 is used. In all other classes' ball size No. 4 is used. Using the wrong size ball is not a reason for protest. The home team will provide an approved ball with the correct size. In all A-finals the Organizer will provide the necessary balls.

§1-4 PITCH HALF

The referee performs a coin toss, and the winner choose half. The opponent takes kick-off.

§1-5 SUITS

The away team will change suits if the referee finds that the colours are too similar. Substitute suits may be borrowed in the Technical information, or the local secretariat on fields outside Ekeberg.

§1-6 LINES MEN

In the games where there is only one referee, the teams are required to provide linesmen if requested by the referee.

§1-7 PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

All players are required to use leg pads. It is the responsibility of the team leaders to make sure that the player's equipment is correct at the start of the game. Not using leg pads is not a reason for protest.

§1-8 NUMBER OF SUBSTITUTES

The team may utilize all players listed on the team rooster. There is no restriction for substitutes utilized in each game. A player that has been changed may re-enter the match.

§1-9 MEETING TIME

The games will, at all times, start at the scheduled time. Teams are required to be present at the field, fully changed, in ample time prior to the game. If a team is delayed, please inform the Technical as soon as possible.

If a team does not meet at the start of the game, this is no show and the team may, if there is no legitimate reason, loose the game on "walk over". If there is a no show for a team, the referee must report this immediately to the Technical Department.

A legitimate reason is if the team is late due to delays during the travel time that could not have been foreseen in advance. It is the Jury that decides at all times if the team had a "valid reason", and what the end result of the game will be, please see §2-6.

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§1-10 TIME SCHEDULE

The matches are played on fields appointed by the Organizer.
The matches may be played on grass or artificial turf.

§1-11 RESERVATIONS

If weather and/or the state of the fields cancels games, the organizer reserves the right to change the game system and the game plan, or cancel the tournament in its entirety.

The organiser reserves the right for cancellation of the B play-offs in accordance with the weather conditions.

The B play-offs will at all time defer to the A play-offs.

§1-12 PLAYING SYSTEMS

Classes 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19 y/o

The teams will be divided into groups of three to five teams (normally four). These play a round-robin. The two best teams in each group advances to the A play-offs. The rest of the teams go to the B play-offs. All Play-offs games are played as a cup.

The ranking in each group is decided in the following manner:

A) The ranking of the teams is decided by points. 3 points for victory, 1 point for a draw and 0 point for a loss.

If 2 or more teams are equal in points, the ranking is decided as follows:

B) The team that has met to most games goes ahead.

C) Goal difference: Meaning the difference between won and lost goals.

If the teams are still equal in points, the ranking is decided as follows:

D) Number of goals: The difference between scored and allowed goals. If the teams are still equal in points, the ranking is decided as follows:

E) Result of mutual game

If the teams are still equal, the following is decisive:

F) If the decision concerns the right to participate in the A play-offs, this will be carried out with penalty kicks in the classes 13,14,15, 16, 17 and 19 y/o. Other than that, the order of the group will be decided by a ticket draw.

- 1) The ticket draw will take place in Technical Information with the two team leaders and a member of the jury or a member of the Technical Information is present.

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§1-13 DRAWN MATCHES IN THE PLAY-OFFS:

In drawn games in the play-offs there will be played additional time 2 x 5 minutes without a break. The team scoring the first goal in extra time will be declared as winner, and the match is stopped (golden goal).

If the result is still a draw after extra time the game will be decided as follows:
Penalty kick competition.

§1-14 REGULATIONS FOR B PLAY-OFFS

The B play-offs is arranged as a cup.

The organiser reserves the right for cancellation of the B play-offs in accordance with the weather conditions.

The B play-offs will at all time defer to the A play-offs.

§1-15 Tournament regulations for the classes 13, 14, 15 and 16 y/o:

An elite tournament is held for invited teams. The elite tournament is played according to a separate tournament rules based on the NFF's rules for the national G16 series

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CHAPTER 2 - COMPETITION AND SANCTION REGULATIONS

§2-1 PROTESTS

Norwegian Football Association's Reaction Regulation Section 5 on protests applies with the necessary adjustments and the following additions:

§2-1.1 Time limits

Protest shall be delivered in writing at the Technical Information by the team leader no later than 60 minutes from the end of the game. For games played on the other arenas the protest is to be delivered to the local secretariat. The time limit is the same.

§2-1.2 Alerting

With every protest for breaking the rules during the game, the referee are to be informed that a protest will be handed in, before the referee leaves the field or the vicinity.

§2-1.3 Regarding protests on age

When presenting a protest the team handing in the protest will have to point out the player or players that the protest concerns. A general protest for the entire team will not be accepted.

§2-1.4 Fee

When submitting the protest, a fee of NOK 500 has to be paid. The fee will be refunded if the protest is approved. The decision of the jury is final.

§2-2 EXPELLING - RED CARD

Regulations from The Norwegian Football Association applies with the following adjustments and amendments:

§2-2.1 RED CARD SUSPENSION

The jury decides sanctions for the red card send off. The penalty is in accordance to guidelines from The Norwegian Football Association. The jury's decision is final. For this reason, it is important that the sanctioned player is given a written statement after the send-off. The jury can maximum sanction 3 (three) matches' suspension. If the offense requires a stricter sanction, the case will be sent to the national football association.

§2-2.2 Right to explain

Players that have been given a red card have the right to give the jury a written statement with regards to the expelling. Such statements have to be given within two hours after the end of the game.

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§2-2.3 One match suspension

When being expelled for one game, one game is to be served in the first game in the tournament after the sending off. If the expelling is in the last game of the tournament, there will be given no suspension.

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§2-2.4 Several matches' suspension

If the player has committed an offence that implies suspension from two or more games, the player must serve all the games in the tournament. The club will receive a written warning. Games that cannot be served in the tournament, with exception of one game, will be transferred to obligatory games. The player's football district or National Football Association will automatically be alerted to sanctions not served in the tournament.

§2-3 WARNING - YELLOW CARD

Regulations from The Norwegian Football Association applies with the following adjustments and amendments:

§2-3.1 Suspension

In the classes 17 and 19 y/o, players that have received two warnings will automatically be suspended from the team's next match. The player will then have to forfeit one game for each additional warning given.

§2-3.2 Time limited yellow card penalty

In the other classes, a yellow card, will directly give time in the penalty box, following The Norwegian Football Associations rules §4-8. The above §2.3.1 does not count in these classes. All time limited suspensions are completed by the end of the match. This means that a player who have been given a time limited suspension can take part in a penalty shootout at the end of the game.

§2-3.3 Team Leader's responsibility

The team leader and the player are independently responsible to enforce the suspension regulations when given a warning.

§2-3.4 Classes 11 and 12 y/o

There will be no cards used in classes 11 and 12 y/o. The Referee should approach players to give them guidance/directions after repeated offences.

§2-4 BEHAVIOUR OF SUPPORTERS, CLUBS, TEAMS AND LEADERS

§2-4.1 Improper behaviour from leaders etc.

Referees and referee observers will report to the jury inappropriate behaviour from team leaders, coaches, players and the team's supporters in connection with matches.

It is the responsibility of the team leader to make sure that everyone connected to the club/team, including fans and parents, do not behave in a manner that is obviously inappropriate, indecent or damaging to the reputation of the sport. Clubs, teams, players or team leaders will be given sanctions from the tournament jury for breaking the tournaments rules.

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§2-4.2 Improper behaviour from participants

The jury may sanction participants that are outside the jurisdiction of the referee when behaving openly inappropriate, indecent or in a way that may damage the reputation of the sport.

§2-4.3 Sanctions for improper behaviour

Behaviour that is seen as obviously inappropriate, indecent or damaging to the reputation of the sport are when players, referees, team leaders and supporters verbally or in other manners behave so that other players, referees, team leaders or the spectator are exposed to insulting behaviour.

2-4.4 Procedure

The jury will call the involved parties, and the clubs are called to the jury to provide an explanation. If the clubs denies meeting the jury, this might be held against them when deciding the question of guilt – and punishment.

Jury may also use the report from the referee observes in cases where appropriate.

The decision of the jury is final and cannot be appealed.

§2-4.5 Forwarded to the Norwegian Football Association

Abusive violations in law or regulations will be reported to the Norwegian Football Association for further consideration and decisions.

§ 2-4.6 Suspension

If the jury finds it necessary, it can suspend the concerned team immediately after a report is received. The suspension will be notified to the team as soon as possible and cannot be appealed.

§2-5 Expelled leader/trainer

Regulations from The Norwegian Football Association apply for suspensions with the following adjustments and amendments:

§2-5.1 Automatically suspended

Coaches or leaders that by the referee is expelled from the field or the adjacent area for openly inappropriate behaviour, will lose the right to lead the team for the rest of the game and is expelled from the team's next game in the tournament, unless otherwise stated by the jury.

§2-5.2 Suspensions for several games

If the suspension is for two or more games, the coach or leader will not be able to have any function with regards to the club's teams before the penalty has been served. Such sanctions will be given in writing.

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§2-5.3 Rights

Suspended trainer/leader should give a written statement to the jury, at the latest 2 hours after end of match. If not, the jury's judgement will be based on the referee report.

§ 2-6 No show or withdrawal from match

Teams not meeting to a match without a valid reason will lose the game. The result is set at 3-0. If there are special reasons that the team did not meet for the game, it can be barred and all the results of the team cancelled. It is the jury that always decides what a special reason is. A team that withdraws from an ongoing match will be treated as a no shown.

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CHAPTER 3 -REGULATIONS FOR PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY

§3-1 GENERAL

A player is eligible to play for his/her club in accordance to his/her countries regulations for playing eligibility, but in accordance to the age rules of Norway Cup. To be eligible to play a player must also follow the regulation for "Children's sports" chapter 2 for competitions in children's sports.

A team in the tournament may use up to two – 2 - players registered in another club. The team must show proof of the agreement between the clubs prior to the start of the tournament. The teams must in good time, and before 15th June, have this documentation from their regional football association. The team must present a written agreement between the two clubs. In the agreement it must be noted that if the player is given a quarantine of 2 games or more, and this cannot be served at Norway Cup, the player can be required to serve the quarantine in regular season matches.

When requested by the opponent or the organizers the player's eligibility must be documented.

A player can play for two teams within the same club. However, they cannot participate in teams playing in the same age class. This rule does not apply for overage players or players playing for a team in a higher age bracket.

For classes 11 and 12 y/o players can play for two teams in the same class. The player should be added on both team's team lists.

§3-2 COOPERATING TEAMS

Cooperating teams are required to have a dispensation from either their district or their National Football Association given prior to the start of the season.

§3-3

All players must document their age by providing satisfactory identification with photo. The jury always decides what identification is satisfactory. Random checks will be carried out during the tournament with regards to age and player's eligibility.

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§3-4 TEAM LIST

All teams are required to submit, in ample time before the first game, a list naming the players the team will utilize in the tournament. The team list must contain name and birthdate, and year of birth for all players. In classes 11aside and 9aside it is possible to list up to 3 overaged players on the roster. In all other playing forms, it is possible to list up to 2 overaged players on the team roster. In the 11aside and the 9aside you may utilize two overaged players in each game. In the rest of the classes you may utilize 1 overaged player in each game. For the use of overaged players please see § 3-5.2 in these regulations.

The team roster may not contain more than 24 players without an acceptance from the Jury prior to the start of the tournament. A player is not eligible for play before he or she is entered on the team list.

Teams may not remove players from the team list after the first game is played. The team may enter more players on the list during the tournament, with a maximum of 24.

Teams that have not submitted team lists before their first game, can unless there is a valid reason, lose the right to participate in the play-offs. It is the Jury, that at all times, defines a valid reason.

The team list must indicate the player's suit number.

On each team list please enter the name and mobile telephone number to the leader in charge.

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§3-5 USING OVERAGE PLAYERS

§3-5.1

Norway Cup are following the Norwegian Football Association's rule § 2-3 (1) exception from rules about age.

§ 3-5.2 Number of overaged players

All classes a team can use up to 2 overage players in 9 and 11 aside games. In 7 aside teams can use up 1 overage player. Overage players cannot be used in a lower age group if the club has a team in the players own age group at Norway Cup.

Overage players cannot be more than 1 year older in accordance to Norway Cups age grouping.

§3-5.3 Dispensation for age given by the regional football association

Girls who have been granted dispensation by their regional football association to play as an overage player on boys' teams, while playing in teams in their own year age group or higher, are also eligible to play in the tournament. Players who are granted exemption cannot be more than 2 years older. The limitation in the first and second sentences in § 3-5.3 applies.

General dispensation for age requirements, given by the players' regional football association, does not provide eligibility to play in the tournament, if the dispensations go beyond Norway Cups rules for overage players. Norway Cup does not grant exemptions to this rule to any participating teams.

§3-5.4

In addition, a team has the possibility to use overage players who have a dispensation based on social, medical grounds given by the regional football association within the set deadline before the season start. Any dispensation must be enclosed with the team list. Exemption cannot be issued solely for participation in Norway Cup.

§3-5.5

Team leaders must inform the opponent of any overage players before the match and show them who these are. The lack of highlighting who the players are before the match is not a valid ground for protest.

Any dispensations must be submitted to the opponent's team management before the match.

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§3-6 NOT ELIGIBLE PLAYER

Players have to be eligible in accordance to the Norwegian Football Associations/FIFA's laws and regulations for the club or the team he/she is playing for. If a club or a team utilizes a player that is not eligible, the team using the not eligible player will lose the match. In addition, the jury may post sanctions.

§3-7

The jury may move a team from one class to another to enhance the cup from a sporting point of view.

It is allowed to use players from the same club on multiple teams during the tournament. However, they cannot play for two teams in the same age group. This rule does not extend to overage players or players who play in an age group higher than their age during the tournament.