



MiniEURO 2014

Referees, schedule, pitch and goal sizes, rules and discipline for the tournament

Important document regarding MiniEURO 2014

Please read this document in full as it contains essential information for MiniEURO this year. Please note that changes from last year in the rules and discipline have been highlighted for your information.

Referees

Stuart Winton comments

1. 13 countries have applied to send referees to MiniEURO 2014. I have decided that a maximum of 13 referees will be required, which is an increase from the 9 we had in 2013. It has been extremely difficult deciding which referees will be required so I have decided on taking the 9 referees from last year from the UK, Romania, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Montenegro and Italy, as well as referees from, Turkey, Kazakhstan and Russia. This means that there will be no referees from Latvia, Spain and Croatia unless referees drop out before the tournament.

Why did I choose these countries?

Stuart Winton comments

2. From the remaining countries (Turkey, Russia, Latvia, Kazakhstan, Croatia and Spain) I chose Russia because the Russian Federation has produced an excellent statistical document showing that they have a high knowledge of statistics. I chose Turkey because they are a large Association and have been an integral member of the EMF from its inception. I have selected a referee from Kazakhstan to provide a learning opportunity, as the sport is played differently in Kazakhstan to the rest of Europe. I have also offered to take a second referee from Italy as this will provide them with an excellent experience in advance of MiniEURO 2015 in Turin. For MiniEURO 2015 I will be inclined to offer opportunities to referees from Croatia, Latvia and Spain as a first option.

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3. Within the budget provided by the EMF, all referees will have their expenses including flights, accommodation and key meals paid for by the EMF. This will be dependent on payment of the invoices issued by the EMF to all member Associations recently. If there are any funds left over then these funds will go towards a referees kit and tracksuits and other essential referee items, however if EMF funds do not cover this then the UKMA will provide the referee kit. The referee kit will be distributed at the referees meeting prior to the tournament.

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4. Therefore, the following list of referees have been agreed as officiating at MiniEURO 2014 in MiniEURO:

1.	Stuart Winton (UK)	8.	Nemanja Ljumović (Montenegro)
2.	Richard Butler (UK)	9.	Salvatore Griguolo (Italy)
3.	Nicolae Chiş (Romania)	10.	Ümit Yalman (Turkey)
4.	Gheorghe Ciule (Romania)	11.	Dmitry Yershov (Russia)
5.	Bogomil Marinov (Bulgaria)	12.	Salimow Valeriy Albertovich (Kazakhstan)
6.	Stoyno Chachov (Bulgaria)	13.	Massimiliano Maccarone (Italy)
7.	Gedimas Macevicius (Lithuania)		

Tournament Schedule

Please find below the table for the tournament schedule.

Stuart Winton comments

1. Some countries have notified me of their preferred times for their own TV stations in their countries. Once the draw is made I shall endeavour, as much as possible, to accommodate all of these requests and will let everybody know shortly after the Draw. However, I have already marked on the schedule when the host matches will be in the group games which are the preferred times for Montenegro. I have also marked on the potential times when Montenegro will play if they get through to the knock out stages, however this will obviously be potentially something to change depending on where Montenegro finish in their group/ how far they get in the competition. I will, however, endeavour to ensure that Montenegro, as the Home Nation, receive preferred times in relation to their TV, in the way that Greece had preferred times as the Host Nation in 2013.

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2. I have made some minor changes to the tournament schedule based on advice from Hannah Wallis, who has been liaising with all countries in relation to when there can be a GA meeting particularly. I have therefore moved, from my provisional schedule, the semi-final matches to start at 15:00 hours on Sunday 30th November which will increase the time for the General Assembly meeting on Sunday morning to 5 hours (9am- 2pm). Further, I have arranged the referees meeting for 17:00 – 18:00 hours, just before the opening ceremony. This is because at this time all referees will certainly be present for the meeting. I do not expect the referees meeting to be long. I expect all the issues that referees will need to discuss will have already been finalised prior to the tournament and the main reason for the referees meeting will be introductions, handing out of clothing, lanyards, ID etc. as well as any other queries.
3. There have been many discussions amongst the EC regarding the draft tournament schedule and I want to explain to you some issues. 13 countries indicated preferred times for their TV. It was obviously impossible to accommodate all of these requests. The main factors I have taken into consideration are the fact that both teams and referees need adequate rest times, so, for instance I have ensured that teams have adequate rest times before all matches, which was a problem at MiniEURO last year. Referees also need rest times but I have also ensured that referees do not officiate in matches where they may have an interest. I appreciate that not everybody is going to be completely happy with everything. There was also a discussion about whether or not there should be matches before the opening ceremony. In view of the fact that some match officials and teams would not be present it was logistically impossible to do this. Also, due to the suggestion some weeks ago that the opening ceremony would be on Wednesday, teams naturally were arranging their transportation assuming that matches would start on the Wednesday evening and not on Wednesday afternoon. I have taken this into consideration and I have also considered the fact that there was a consensus last year in the GA that there should be an extra day for matches. Although this has not been possible this year, I expect that next year this will be the case in Italy.

WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2014

17:00 HRS- 18:00 HRS: REFEREES MEETING

18:30HRS - 19:30HRS : OPENING CEREMONY

<u>Time</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Pitch</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Group</u>		<u>Match</u>				
20:00	1	1	1	Group	D		Montenegro	D1	-v-	D4	Scotland
21:00	2	1	1	Group	E		Czech	E1	-v-	E3	Spain
22:00	3	1	1	Group	D		Israel	D3	-v-	D2	Moldova
23:00	4	1	1	Group	A		Croatia	A1	-v-	A3	Italy

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2014

<u>Time</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Pitch</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Group</u>		<u>Match</u>				
08:00	5	1	1	Group	A		Kazakhstan	A2	-v-	A4	Ireland
09:00	6	1	1	Group	E		Turkey	E2	-v-	E3	England
10:00	7	1	1	Group	C		Greece	C2	-v-	C4	Lithuania
11:00	8	1	1	Group	C		Romania	C1	-v-	C3	Slovenia
12:00	9	1	1	Group	B		Bulgaria	B2	-v-	B3	Poland
13:00	10	1	1	Group	B		Slovakia	B1	-v-	B4	Wales
14:00	11	1	1	Group	F		Germany	F1	-v-	F3	Cyprus
15:00	12	1	1	Group	F		Russia	F2	-v-	F4	Latvia

16:00	13	1	2	Group	E	Czech	E1	-v-	E3	England
17:00	14	1	2	Group	C	Greece	C2	-v-	C3	Slovenia
18:00	15	1	2	Group	D	Moldova	D2	-v-	D4	Scotland
19:00	16	1	2	Group	C	Lithuania	C4	-v-	C1	Romania
20:00	17	1	2	Group	D	Montenegro	D1	-v-	D3	Israel
21:00	18	1	2	Group	E	Spain	E4	-v-	E2	Turkey
22:00	19	1	2	Group	A	Ireland	A4	-v-	A1	Croatia
23:00	20	1	2	Group	A	Italy	A3	-v-	A2	Kazakhstan

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2014

08:00	21	1	2	Group	F	Cyprus	F3	-v-	F2	Russia
09:00	22	1	2	Group	F	Latvia	F4	-v-	F1	Germany
10:00	23	1	2	Group	B	Poland	B3	-v-	B1	Slovakia
11:00	24	1	2	Group	B	Wales	B4	-v-	B2	Bulgaria
12:00	25	1	3	Group	A	Italy	A3	-v-	A4	Ireland
13:00	26	1	3	Group	C	Slovenia	C3	-v-	C4	Lithuania
14:00	27	1	3	Group	E	England	E3	-v-	E4	Spain
15:00	28	1	3	Group	F	Cyprus	F3	-v-	F4	Latvia
16:00	29	1	3	Group	E	Czech	E1	-v-	E2	Turkey
17:00	30	1	3	Group	A	Croatia	A1	-v-	A2	Kazakhstan
18:00	31	1	3	Group	D	Israel	D3	-v-	D4	Scotland
19:00	32	1	3	Group	C	Romania	C1	-v-	C2	Greece
20:00	33	1	3	Group	D	Montenegro	D1	-v-	D2	Moldova
21:00	34	1	3	Group	B	Slovakia	B1	-v-	B2	Bulgaria
22:00	35	1	3	Group	F	Germany	F1	-v-	F2	Russia
23:00	36	1	3	Group	B	Poland	B3	-v-	B4	Wales

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2014

<u>Time</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Pitch</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Match</u>			
09:00	37	1	4	Last 16		Wnr Group A		-v-	Best 3rd Place
10:00	38	1	4	Last 16		R/U Group B		-v-	R/U Group E
11:00	39	1	4	Last 16		Wnr Group F		-v-	Best 3rd Place
12:00	40	1	4	Last 16		Wnr Group C		-v-	R/U Group D
13:00	41	1	4	Last 16		Wnr Group D		-v-	Best 3rd Place
14:00	42	1	4	Last 16		R/U Group C		-v-	R/U Group F
15:00	43	1	4	Last 16		Wnr Group E		-v-	Best 3rd Place
16:00	44	1	4	Last 16		Wnr Group B		-v-	R/U Group A
19:00	45	1	5	Quarter Final	QF1	Winner 09:00		-v-	Winner 10:00
20:00	46	1	5	Quarter Final	QF2	Winner 11:00		-v-	Winner 12:00
21:00	47	1	5	Quarter Final	QF3	Winner 13:00		-v-	Winner 14:00
22:00	48	1	5	Quarter Final	QF4	Winner 15:00		-v-	Winner 16:00

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2014

09:00 HRS- 14:00 HRS: GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

<u>Time</u>	-	<u>Pitch</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Group</u>		<u>Match</u>			
15:00	49	1	6	Semi Final			Winner QF1	-v-		Winner QF2
16:00	50	1	6	Semi Final			Winner QF3	-v-		Winner QF4
20:00	51	1	7	Plate Final			Loser 15:00	-v-		Loser 16:00
21:00	52	1	7	MAIN FINAL			Winner 15:00	-v-		Winner 16:00

Size of the goals

Hannah Wallis comments

The size of the goals will be 4m by 2m. The organisers in Montenegro have been informed that the size of the goals should not be any larger from the outside edge of the posts from these dimensions. For instance, if the goal size within the posts is 4m by 2m that would mean that the goal size from the outside edge of the post would be slightly larger than 4m by 2m. I have impressed upon the organisers in Montenegro that in view of the wide ranging discussion over goal sizes it is important that 4m by 2m is the absolute maximum size and there should be no discrepancy to go over that size whatsoever.

Rules for MiniEURO

Stuart Winton comments

There have been some changes and additions to the MiniEURO rules since 2013 which primarily have come from recommendations made at the GA meeting during MiniEURO in Greece and the GA meeting in Poland. Therefore the rules for MiniEURO 2014 are listed below. All matches must be six a side.

1. Matches are 20 minutes in each half.
2. Half time is 5 minutes.
3. The goal size is 4 x 2 meters.
4. There are a maximum of fifteen players in a squad.
5. Players must only be nationals of the country they represent, and must be able to provide evidence of this by showing a hard copy or photocopy of their ID card or passport.
6. Players must be male and must be over 16. Any player that is younger than 18 must have signed permission from their legal representative.
7. If a team is late (they arrive after the official start) they will lose their game by default. A default loss is 5-0.
8. A maximum of six officials are allowed to represent their country on the substitute's bench. All squad members who are not playing must be sat down and this will be enforced by the third referee. *(The reason for this is that it was difficult for the Match Officials in 2013, when substitutes were stood up by the side of the pitch, to differentiate between who was playing, and who was not playing).*
9. Teams will not be able to change their bench positions at half time, as was requested in MiniEURO 2013. For MiniEURO 2014 the first named team will occupy the bench on the left side of the pitch as they enter, and will stay there for the remainder of the match. *(The reason for this is that it was too difficult for substitutions and other items of bags and*

clothing to be changed around at half time, particularly when only one team might have wanted to change and the other might not have wanted to change).

10. There are unlimited substitutions.
11. Substitutions will be roll on, roll off. This means that there will be no stoppage in play for substitutions. The third referee will administer all roll on, roll off substitutions and he will be positioned on the halfway line to do so. Players wishing to come on to the pitch as a substitute should make themselves known to the third referee who will enforce this. *(The reason for this is to stop the continual stoppages in play because of the fact that there are unlimited substitutions).*
12. When the ball goes out of play it will be thrown in from the side-line rather than thrown in.
13. If the ball goes from one goal keeper to the opposing goal then this goal is still valid.
14. If the ball passed the goal line (but there was no goal) the goalkeeper must restart the game by a kick off.
15. A goal can be scored directly from a goal kick.
16. There are no offsides.
17. Sliding is not allowed under any circumstances.
18. Shin pads must be worn.
19. Only trainers can be worn due to information from the turf suppliers.
20. Referees will wear either black, grey or yellow tops. Teams are reminded that it would be helpful to have an alternative colour top available as a precaution if, for instance, a team in yellow plays a team in a dark colour such as navy.
21. The top two teams from each group will go through to the knockout stages, along with the best four third placed teams.
22. In the event that teams are tied on points then their position in the group shall be determined by:
 - a) The result in the game with the team they are tied with
 - b) Goal difference
 - c) Goals scored
 - d) Penalties

Squad Lists and Team Colours

Stuart Winton writes

1. All countries should provide me with their squad lists at least 2 weeks prior to the tournament. The reason for this is that matches can be turned around much more quickly without the Match Officials having to write down squad lists, in a hurry, before each match. I intend to ensure that all squad lists are available in advance of the tournament for all teams, and can be viewable, on request, if there is a need to do so.
2. All teams should have a home and away kit, and these should be clearly differential colours. All teams and Associations should provide Hannah with their team colours at least two weeks prior to the tournament in order that I can ensure there are no colour kit clashes, and also inform all teams, prior to the tournament commencing, which kit they will be wearing for each match so as not to clash with the opposition. I will attempt to be as fair as possible and try and get all teams in their preferred choice of kit colour as often as possible.

Discipline

There were increasing disciplinary issues in 2013 and it was agreed unanimously that there needed to be a better discipline structure in 2014. The Disciplinary Committee will consist of: 1.international Sports Lawyer from the UK, 2. Tournament Director, 3. nominated country representatives, will sit ad hoc during the duration of the tournament as directed by the Executive Committee should there be any major incidences. However, for each game the following will apply in any event:

1. Yellow cards will now be subjected to a €25 fine which will be invoiced to the Association following the tournament by the EMF. If the player receives a yellow card then he is sin binned for two minutes as punishment.
2. If a player receives two yellow cards then he is excluded from the remainder of the game (sent off) by receiving a red card and this will result in a €50 fine to the Association from the EMF after the tournament.
3. A player may, under exceptional circumstances, receive a red card which will be subject to a €50 fine to the Association after the tournament.
4. The Disciplinary Committee has authority to impose other fines, up to a maximum of €250 on any Association, including banning players if necessary, should be deemed necessary for conduct on or off the pitch which could bring the sport of minifootball into disrepute.
5. If a player receives two yellow cards in separate matches then he is banned from playing the next match in the group. At the end of the group all yellow cards are wiped, and at the knockout stages this system starts again. Therefore if, at the knockout stages a player receives, for instance a yellow card in round 16 and a yellow card in the quarter final then he is banned from playing in the semi-final match.

The Tournament Director

The decisions of the Tournament Director cannot be overruled by an individual during the course of the tournament, and may only be overruled by the Executive Committee of the EMF, as a collective, by majority decision.