



OFFICIAL REGULATIONS

GT EURO CUP 2026

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1. EVENT ORGANISATION

The **GT Eurocup 2026** is an international corporate seven-a-side football tournament organised by **Sportmadness** on behalf of **Grant Thornton**.

The tournament will take place on **17 October 2026** at the **Ciudad del Fútbol** of the **Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF)** in **Las Rozas, Madrid**.

The event will bring together delegations from various European countries within the Grant Thornton network.

The planning, coordination and execution of the tournament will be managed by **Sportmadness**, which will be responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the event.

2. TOURNAMENT OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the tournament is to promote:

- interaction between international delegations
- camaraderie among employees
- the practice of sport in a healthy environment
- team spirit

The tournament will combine both a **recreational and competitive spirit**, reflecting the core values of sport.

3. FACILITIES

The tournament will be held at the **Ciudad del Fútbol** in **Las Rozas (RFEF)**.

The venue will include:

- **4 seven-a-side football pitches**
- catering area
- rest areas
- accreditation and organisation areas



During the event the following services will be available:

- ambulance service
- security staff
- event organisation team
- official referees
- participant assistance

4. COMPETITION CATEGORIES

The tournament will include three categories:

- **Men's category** (approximately **16 teams**)
- **Women's category** (approximately **4 teams**)
- **Mixed category** (approximately **4 teams**)

The organisation reserves the right to modify the format should the final number of registered teams differ.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team may register:

- **Minimum of 9 players**
- **Maximum of 15 players**

During matches, **7 players per team** (including the goalkeeper) will be on the pitch.

Each team must appoint:

- a **team captain**
- a **team representative responsible for liaising with the organisation**

The captain will be the **only player authorised to communicate with the referee** during the match.

6. ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

The following participants may take part in the tournament:

- Grant Thornton employees
- collaborators authorised by the organisation
- participants previously registered via the official tournament platform

All players must be **fully registered prior to the event**. The **registration deadline** is **July 17th**.

Unregistered players will **not be permitted to participate**.

7. CATEGORIES

The tournament will be divided into 3 categories:

- Men's
- Women's
- Mixed

For any category (Men's, Women's or Mixed) to commence and proceed, a minimum of four teams must be registered. Should this number not be reached, the organisers reserve the right to cancel the category or propose merging it with another. Registered teams will be notified regarding possible reallocation or a refund of the entry fee.

8. MATCH DURATION

Matches will consist of:

Two halves of 12 minutes

with a **3-minute interval** between halves.

The organisation reserves the right to adjust match durations slightly if necessary to ensure the tournament schedule runs smoothly.

9. RULES OF PLAY

Matches will be played in accordance with the **official seven-a-side football rules**, with the following provisions:

- each team will have **7 players on the pitch**
- substitutions will be **unlimited**
- substitutions may be made when the ball is out of play or from the designated substitution area

The following will not be tolerated:

- dangerous play
- unsporting behaviour
- repeated dissent towards referees

The **referee will have full authority** throughout the match.

10. MATCH START TIMES AND PUNCTUALITY

Teams must report to their pitch **at least 10 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time**.

A **maximum grace period of 5 minutes** will be allowed.

If a team fails to appear or does not have sufficient players available:

the match will be awarded as a **3-0 victory to the opposing team**.

11. TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA IN THE GROUP STAGE

If two or more teams are level on points, the following criteria will apply:

1. Goal difference
2. Highest number of goals scored
3. Head-to-head result between the tied teams

4. Fewest goals conceded
5. Draw conducted by the organisation

12. DRAWS IN KNOCKOUT MATCHES

If a knockout match ends in a draw:

The winner will be determined by a **penalty shootout**.

System:

- 3 penalties per team
- if still tied, the shootout will continue on a **sudden-death basis**

13. TEAM KIT

All teams must wear:

- a team shirt
- sports shorts
- socks
- football boots suitable for artificial turf

If teams wear similar colours, the organisation will provide **training bibs**.

14. DISCIPLINE AND SANCTIONS

Disciplinary decisions will be enforced by the referees and the organisation.

Possible sanctions include:

- verbal warning
- yellow card
- red card
- expulsion from the tournament

A player sent off **may not return to the same match.**

The organisation reserves the right to impose additional sanctions in cases of serious misconduct.

15. SAFETY AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

During the event the following will be provided:

- ambulance service
- public liability insurance
- accident insurance for participants

Any medical incident must be reported immediately to the organisation.

16. REFRESHMENTS AND CATERING

During the tournament participants will have access to:

- water
- fruit (bananas and oranges)

In addition, **catering services will be provided during the event.**

17. AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to:

- **Champion**
- **Runner-up**
- **Third Place**

Individual awards will also be presented for:

- **Best Player of the Tournament**
- **Best Goalkeeper**

All participants will receive a **commemorative medal**.

18. PARTICIPANTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

All participants must:

- respect referees
- respect opponents
- respect the facilities
- maintain appropriate sporting behaviour

Any inappropriate conduct may result in **expulsion from the tournament**.

19. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS

Participation in the tournament implies **full acceptance of these regulations**.

20. INTERPRETATION OF THE REGULATIONS

The organisation reserves the right to:

- amend the regulations
- adapt the tournament format
- resolve any unforeseen circumstances

in order to ensure the smooth and fair running of the event.