



Tchoukball Geneva Indoors 2019: Adaptation of rules for school tournaments 5P, 6P, 7P and 8P and junior tournaments M10, M12 and M15

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We are here for the pleasure of the children!!!

We all hope that children will enjoy it the most participating in Tchoukball tournaments. In this sense, it is important to adapt some of the game rules to their abilities. Below you may find the adjustments that will be applicable during the school and junior tournaments of Tchoukball Geneva Indoors 2019.

We remain at your disposal for any questions or comments on this subject. We are also always happy to share with you your experiences in this domain. We wish you in advance a lot of pleasure during the TGI 2019!!

1. Arbitration:

- For school tournaments 5P, 6P, 7P and 8P and junior tournaments M10 and M12:
 - The TGI will be responsible to find referees / hosts for all matches.
 - It is possible, however, that teams who are not playing should help with counting points.
 - In general, the rules will be applied with some tolerance to allow the fluidity of the game and the pleasure of the participants.
- For M15 tournaments: the teams will take care of the refereeing.
- The rules below will be displayed in the sports centre and distributed to the coaches during the technical meeting at the beginning of the tournament.
- The persons in the organization who will officially take care of the refereeing will wear the same uniform.

2. Respect and fair-play

We believe that we must help juniors to develop good habits of respect and fair play throughout the year, as well as during tournaments. In this sense, we encourage them to:

- Watch the referee when there is a fault or a doubt. It is he / she who will decide how the game will continue.
- Greet and shake hands with the players of the other team at the end of each match.
- Be willing to win and know how to lose: I remain trustworthy in victory as well as in defeat.
- Avoid criticizing teammates; instead, help and encourage them to do better.



3. Team composition - ages of players

School tournaments 5P, 6P, 7P and 8P

- In general, children should play in the category that corresponds to their class. It is nevertheless allowed to complete a 6P level team with 5P, a 7P level team with 6P players and an 8P team with 7P players.

Junior tournaments M10, M12 and M15

- In general, players should play in the category that corresponds to their year of birth: M10: born in 2009 or later; M12: born in 2007 or later; M15: born in 2004 or later.
- It is nevertheless allowed that certain players play in a higher category tournament.
- It is also allowed a player to play in a lower category tournament if he / she clearly does not have the level to go to the higher level. To avoid abuse, it is nevertheless essential to report it in writing to the technical table of the tournament in the morning at the latest before the beginning of the first match by mentioning clearly: the first and last name of the player, his / her date of birth, the name of his / her official team.

4. "Lost point" rule (or given point)

- It is introduced only from category M15
- In the lower categories, the ball simply returns to the other team, that re-places it where the player was located, when he / she threw the ball.

5. Specific Rules for Junior tournaments M10 and school tournaments 5P and 6P

- The fault of "walking" and "trespassing" are whistled, only if they bring an advantage to the team or if they are too important.
- 4 players per team on the field
- Size of tchoukballs: 0
- Prohibited area of 2.5m (instead of 3m for the official pitches). During the attack, the "fault of trespassing in the zone" is applied with greater tolerance.
- Pitch size: width ~ 13m x length ~ 13m



6. Specific rules for tournaments M12 and school tournaments 7P and 8P

- The fault of "walking" and "trespassing" are whistled, only if they are too important.
- 5 players per team on the field
- Prohibited area of 3m. During the attack, the "fault of trespassing in the zone" is applied with greater tolerance.
- Size of tchoukballs: 1 (or 0, if useful)
- Pitch size: width ~ 13m x length ~ 16 m

7. Specific rules for the M15 tournament

- 7 players per team on the field
- Size of tchoukballs: 2
- Pitch size: width ~ 15m x length ~ 20m

8. Notes on coaching and monitoring of junior teams during tournaments

- Tchoukball tournaments are important moments and full of emotions for the juniors.
- Even more than the result, the way in which the coach will manage his / her teams during the tournament will definitely have a determining influence on the enjoyment of the juniors during the tournament day. This note is even more determining, if the players of the team are not experienced or if there are significant differences in the team's level.
- As for any "role" assigned in society, in a sport centre it is easier to enter within the role of "coach" if you wear sportswear suitable for this function. In this context, we ask you at least to be careful to wear shoes adapted to the sport centre.
- The quality of coaching teams is of course very different depending on the experience and skills of the coach. **Anyway, we invite you to get involved as much as possible.**

Below you may find some examples to get involved throughout the day with your teams.

At the beginning of the day, before the start of the first match:

- take care to welcome parents and children as soon as they arrive in the sports centre
- explain to them the course of the day and the rules to follow
- remind them of the safety instructions (do not leave the sports centre, do not stand on the inflatable tubes, etc ...)
- explain them well how the game plan works and how they can know by themselves when and where their next match will take place
- help them start their training
- remind them the meaning of the referee's actions



Before each match:

- give them clear information on placement, possibly using a coach board
- raise 1 point (or maximum 2 points) essential for this match
- possibly give certain individual instructions to certain players
- encourage them
- make with them a team scream

During the matches:

- encourage them
- help them to position themselves properly on the pitch
- give extremely simple instructions
- have a positive attitude, motivation attitude and fair play

After each match:

- invite them to remember to greet the players of the other team
- congratulate them and raise the good points
- send them information about the next match

In between matches:

- make sure to be a good example
- ensure that children drink enough water
- be careful what they eat at noon (some children are still very young)
- if possible, take advantage of down time to help some of the players to correct certain technical errors
- keep an eye on them and make sure they can easily find you if they are looking for you

And finally, ... a practical idea to manage properly the turn of the substitutes even if we have to deal from time to time with several teams at the same time

- It is enough to set up the following procedure, as soon as a player has scored a point, he / she goes out automatically, so that another player who is outside of the field, can enter.
- If necessary, this is something that children can manage alone, without the coach having to take care of it.
- This makes the turn easy between children, who are outside of the pitch, motivating at the same time the players who are keen to help the beginners to try and score points.