

MEN'S 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT- GAME FORMULA

The number of teams for the men's 5-a-side football tournament is **25**. The teams will be divided into 5 groups of 5 teams each.

During the first stage, each team will play against all the other teams in its group in one-off matches.

At the end of the group stage, the teams ranked **first**, **second** and **third** in each group plus the one best team ranked four will advance to the knockout stage.

For third positions, a meritocratic ranking will be drawn which will take into account in order of importance:

- a. points obtained in head-to-head games (in the case of three teams with equal points, this consideration is ignored),
- b. **highest score in the *discipline series ranking*,**
- c. number of wins obtained,
- d. goal difference,
- e. highest number of goals scored,
- f. lowest number of goals conceded,
- g. draw.

The *discipline ranking* takes into account the behaviour of the teams during the course of the championship, awarding a score in the event of a warning given (-1), expulsion for a number of warnings (-2), direct expulsion (-3), game forfeited (-6).