



REGULATIONS

for the Organization and Conduct of the Football Tournament

“PORTO-FRANCO CUP”

– 2026 Edition –

The **PORTO-FRANCO CUP** is a small-sided football tournament organized by IPA Region 2 Galați with the support of IPA Romania Section, in partnership with the Romanian Minifootball Federation.

The competition will take place in tournament format between **April 23–26, 2026**, at the Platinum Arena Galați Sports Complex and is addressed to IPA members and employees of defense, public safety and public order institutions (army, police, firefighters, gendarmerie, prison police, etc.).

1. PARTICIPANTS

Teams composed of IPA members and employees of defense, public safety and public order institutions (army, police, firefighters, gendarmerie, prison police, etc.) may participate.

For registration, team delegates are required to present all documents specified in these Regulations.

2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

Participation is conditional upon completing the registration form.

Registration forms must be submitted no later than **April 10, 2026**, in both Word and PDF format, to email: i.melinte@iparomania.ro and whatsapp: +40 742 038 492.

Teams must consist exclusively of IPA members and employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Justice, and Ministry of National Defence who obtained this status prior to registration.

Proof of status must be provided by presenting: IPA 2025 membership card, or service ID, or certificate from employer, together with national ID card.

Players outside the above-mentioned structures are not accepted.

Any protests shall be settled on site with the support of referees (for match-related issues) and the Disciplinary Committee (composed of the organizer and two organizing staff members), after consultation with team delegates.

The final decision will be recorded in the match report.

A team may not withdraw from a match due to dissatisfaction with refereeing decisions. Otherwise, the team will be excluded, its results annulled, and standings recalculated.

Any exceptional situations arising during the competition will be analyzed and resolved by the Disciplinary Committee. Decisions are final.

3. COMPETITION SYSTEM

Each team will play group stage matches and ranking matches, depending on the number of registered teams.

Group composition and match schedule will be determined by draw one day prior to the start of the competition, in the presence of team delegates.

Matches are organized by IPA Region 2 Galați.

4. AWARDS

The winner will receive the “PORTO-FRANCO CUP” Trophy.

Teams finishing 2nd and 3rd will receive trophies.

All participating teams will receive a participation trophy and diploma.

Individual awards:

- Best Player
- Top Scorer
- Best Goalkeeper

5. FINAL PROVISIONS

Each team shall pay a participation fee of 100 EUR to IPA Region 2 Galați.

Each team is invited to attend the official dinner on April 24, 2026, at 19:00, at Restaurant Continental Galați (35 EUR/person). Minimum 5 persons per team.

Refereeing will be ensured by members of the County Referees Committee within the Galați Minifootball Association.

The competition is conducted according to the Game Regulations below.

Participants agree to grant IPA Region 2 Galați, free of charge and for an unlimited period, full rights to use or transfer to third parties their image (individual or group), static or moving, in competition or presentation equipment, including the use of names and signatures.

All participants declare that they have read and accepted these Regulations and annexes.

Participants declare that they meet all requirements at the time of registration.

SMALL-SIDED FOOTBALL GAME REGULATIONS

1. Playing Field

- Length: 40 m
- Width: 20 m (+/- 2 m)

2. Venue

- Matches may be played outdoor or indoor (air dome), on artificial turf.

3. Gate size

- Width: 3 m
- Height: 2 m
- Goals must be properly secured.

4. Ball

- Size 5 ball.

5. Penalty Kick

- Taken from 7 meters from the center of the goal.

6. Corner Kick

- Taken from the marked quarter circle.

7. Match Duration

- Two halves of 15-20 minutes
- No extra time
- 5-minute halftime
- 5-minute interval between matches

8. Number of Players

- Maximum squad: 12 players
- 5 outfield players + 1 goalkeeper
- Maximum 6 substitutes
- Match cannot continue if a team has 3 players sent off
- Forfeit score: 3-0

9. Substitutions

- Unlimited substitutions.
- Rolling substitutions allowed.
- Goalkeeper substitution only when play is stopped and referee informed.

10. Equipment

- Numbered shirt
- Shorts
- Socks
- Proper footwear
- No dangerous accessories

11. Referee

- Each match is officiated by a referee with full authority. Decisions are final.

12. Kick-off

- No goal may be scored directly from kick-off.

13. Throw-ins by hand

14. Goal clearance by hand

15. No goal directly from goal clearance

16. 5-second rule for restarts

18. Offside

- There is no offside rule.

19. Fouls

- Direct free kicks, indirect free kicks, penalties (7 m), and accumulated fouls penalty (9 m after 6 fouls per half).

20. Disciplinary Sanctions

- Yellow card: warning
- Red card: dismissal
- 3-minute temporary numerical disadvantage
- Violent conduct results in suspension for the remainder of the tournament
- Two yellow cards in one match = red card (2-minute disadvantage).
- The dismissed player may play in the next match unless suspended for violent conduct.

21. Points

- Win: 3 points
- Draw (group stage): 1 point

22. Tie-breaking Criteria

- Head-to-head points, goal difference, goals scored, overall goal difference.
- Knockout matches: penalty shootout from 7 m (3 initial kicks, then sudden death).
- Only players listed on the match sheet may take penalties, excluding those definitively sent off.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

IPA REGION 2 GALAȚI