

**55th International Whitsun Tournament of SC Eintracht Oberursel 1957 e.V.
for U13/U12-Teams on the 24th and 25th of May 2026**

Tournament rules

1. The matches will be played on a 9-a-side pitch (9 vs 9), both on artificial turf and grass. The matches will be played in accordance with the rules of the Hessian Football Association (HFV).
2. The cut-off date for eligibility to play is 1 January 2013; for girls' teams, it is 1 January 2012. Proof of eligibility must be presented to the tournament management at the start of the tournament. To this end, the participating teams must bring completed tournament match sheets with them.
3. A maximum of 14 field players and 3 goalkeepers may be used per team in the tournament. The player registration for the first match day is decisive.
4. The teams play in jerseys with numbers; players retain the numbers specified in the player registration for the first match throughout the tournament.
5. The team named first in the match schedule is considered the 'home team' and must change their kit if necessary. To this end, each team should bring a set of jerseys in a different colour, if possible. Bibs are available from the tournament management.
6. HFV referees will be appointed as match officials. Referees' decisions are final. In other cases of uncertainty, the tournament management will decide.
7. The offside rule and the ban on back passes are in force.
8. In cases of minor unsportsmanlike conducts referees may send players off the field for five minutes on a one-time basis.
After the time penalty has expired and the referee has signalled, the player may return to the field from the sideline.
He may only be replaced by another player after the time penalty has expired – during a break in play.
9. Teams must report to the tournament management that they are ready to play at least 10 minutes before each match.
10. On Sunday, May 24, the preliminary round will be played in four groups of four teams each. Thus every team has three matches on day 1 of the tournament. The playing time is 2 x 15 minutes. The ranking will be established according to the points system (3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw).
Should teams have the same amount of points (tie), the ranking will be decided in the following order: direct comparison, goal difference, number of goals scored. If the tie remains, a penalty shoot-out will be held.
The first and second-placed teams in each group qualify for the final matches, which are played as quarter-finals and semi-finals on Monday, May 25. The losers of the quarter-finals determine who plays for 5th and 7th place, the losers of the semi-finals play for 3rd place.
The third- and fourth-placed teams from the preliminary round on Sunday will compete in a consolation round for 9th place (and places 11, 13, and 15). This will also be held on Monday, May 25, with quarterfinal, semifinal, and placement games. Each team will play three games on Monday.
11. The playing time in the consolation and final rounds is 2 x 12 minutes with a 1-minute break (to change sides). In the matches on the final day, there is no extra time in the event of a draw; instead, a penalty shoot-out with 5 shooters each takes place immediately. The first-named (home) team will kick off. If no decision has been reached after the 10 penalty takers have taken their kicks, further players from both teams will take turns (1:1) until a decision is reached.
12. Where possible, kick-off times will be brought forward on the final day. We ask the teams to be mindful of this and to cooperate accordingly.
13. The tournament winner will receive the challenge cup. They will create a small plaque in the format of the plaques already affixed, with the year and name of the club. The tournament winner will compete in the 56th International Whitsun Tournament to defend the cup.
14. Members of the host club, SC Eintracht Oberursel, will be available as contact persons. In the event of conflicts, they will exercise their domiciliary rights and their instructions must be followed.
15. Participation in the tournament implies acceptance of the tournament rules.