

DANONE NATIONS CUP

Rules 2011



7th - 9th October 2011
Bernabeu Stadium
MADRID

RULES FOR THE DANONE NATIONS CUP

PREAMBULE

By participating in the Danone Nations Cup, all the teams undertake to respect the values of the event (fair-play, pleasure of the game, openness, proximity) and ensure that they will be observed by the others, whilst putting them into practice throughout the competition.

I/ THE GENERIC LAWS

ARTICLE 1

The DANONE NATIONS CUP (DNC) is organised by Danone in collaboration with the Madrid Football Federation (FFM), member of the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF), and will be held on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th October 2011 at the sports complex Valle de las Canas in Pozuelo and on Sunday 9th October 2011 at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid.

ARTICLE 2

40 national finalists are invited to the 2011 edition of the Danone Nations Cup.

Football match kits (shirts, shorts and socks) will be provided to each country. Each player must bring his/her equipment (shoes and shin-guards), and also a specific football kit for the training sessions.

Once you have arrived in Spain, the organisation team will provide your 14 children with a set of football equipment including 1 tracksuit and 3 T-shirts.

It is mandatory for each participant to wear the official DNC dress during his whole stay in Spain.

Balls and training bibs will be provided for training sessions and matches.

For football shoes, only moulded cleats are permitted.

The winner of the 2011 Danone Nations Cup will receive a trophy that is reused every year.

Trophies will also be awarded to the teams and to the individual players (see Attachment 2).

ARTICLE 3

All players participating in the 2011 Danone Nations Cup must have been born between 01/01/1999 and 31/12/2000.

Before the draw on 6th October 2011, each team representative must submit the team's presentation sheet (see Attachment 3) to the Tournament Organisation Committee, along with an identity document, passport, or identity card proving each player's age (identity documents will be returned to the coaches before the tournament starts). The team's

presentation sheet must have been sent and approved first by the Competition Organising Committee (see conditions in Attachment 5).

A shirt number will be attributed to each player, who will keep it during the whole competition.

The team presentation sheets will be given to the scoring table on Friday morning, once they have been verified.

ARTICLE 4

The referees and assistant referees will be designated and supervised by the Spanish Football Federation (RFES) and its representatives.

ARTICLE 5

Each team must have two sets of uniforms in different colours. If two teams report for a match wearing the same colour, the first designated team keeps its colours.

Both football sets must respect the FIFA markings and Tournament Organisation Committee rules.

ARTICLE 6

40 teams will compete for the DNC 2011.

The Danone Nations Cup will be played in two phases:

First phase:

The 40 teams will be distributed into 8 pools of 5 teams and each one will play 4 matches.

After these matches, each pool will be classified to create:

Second phase:

1. First and second teams in their groups will gather together in the section A. They will play the 1/8 finals, 1/4 finals, 1/2 finals, and the final; each team will play 4 matches for assignment of places 1 to 16, which makes a total of 32 matches.
2. Third and fourth teams in their groups will gather together in the section B. They will play the 1/8 finals, 1/4 finals, 1/2 finals, and the final; each team will play 4 matches for assignment of places 17 to 32, which makes a total of 32 matches.
3. Fifth teams in their groups will be distributed into two groups of 4 teams and compete in section C:
group C1: teams 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D
group C2: teams 5E, 5F, 5G, 5H
and will play 3 matches each in their group, which is 6 matches per group or 12 matches for groups C1 + C2, after classification into groups C1 and C2.

the 1st in group C1 will play the 1st in group C2 for 33rd and 34th places,
the 2nd in group C1 will play the 2nd in group C2 for 35th and 36th places,
the 3rd in group C1 will play the 3rd in group C2 for 37th and 38th places,
the 4th in group C1 will play the 4th in group C2 for 39th and 40th places,

which makes 4 additional matches or a total of 16 matches.

**Each team will play 8 matches in the whole tournament.
All teams will play the same number of matches per day, namely 4 matches on Friday, 3 matches on Saturday and 1 match on Sunday.**

ARTICLE 7

A team consists of 14 players, of which 9 including the goalkeeper can play at the same time.

ARTICLE 8

The duration of the matches will be 15 minutes each during the whole tournament (matches will last 15 minutes with no break), except for the final and the 3rd place match which will have a duration of 20 minutes each on Sunday (2 ten-minutes halves and a break to switch sides).

ARTICLE 9

For matches in the first phase, teams are classified by earning points:

Match won:	3 points
Match won by forfeit:	3 points (= 3-0 victory)
Match tied:	1 point
Match lost:	0 point
Match lost by forfeit:	0 point (= 3-0 loss)

The following methods are used to decide between tied teams for ranking after the first phase:

- a) goal difference in all group matches;
- b) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- c) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- d) goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- e) greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- f) the team having receive less yellow and red cards in all group matches;
- g) if the tie still remain, the youngest team.

In case of a tie during the 2nd-phase matches, the declared winner will be the team that won the goal shooting session according to its rules, excepting the group matches for which the rules of the first phase are used.

Note: The goal shooting session rules are included in **THE RULES OF THE GAME**.

ARTICLE 10

Before each match and during the warm up, the referee will draw lots, and the winning captain (wearing an armband) will choose either the right to kick off or the side of the pitch on which his goalkeeper will be located.

ARTICLE 11

For any red-card violation, the player will automatically be suspended from the following match.

3 yellow cards received by the same player will automatically lead to a one-game suspension which will be effective from the following game.

The Tournament Organisation Committee reserves the right to increase the penalty.

ARTICLE 12

To begin a match, a team must have a minimum of 7 players. If send-offs occur during a match, a minimum of 7 players per team is required for the match to continue.

ARTICLE 13

All disputes will be decided by a commission designated by the Tournament Organisation Committee, and as a last resort by the FFM.

The Tournament Organisation Committee reserves the right to punish teams during and outside the competition.

ARTICLE 14

The Ethical Charter of the DNC defines the key values of the event and serves as a formal commitment concerning the respect of sport's values and particularly of the tournament.

This charter will be also signed by the responsible of each delegation and each coach.

II. THE RULES OF THE GAME

Please note the following changes with respect to the rules for 11-a-side football:

LAW 1 – The playing pitch

The dimensions of the pitch will be: length, between 60 and 70 meters – width, between 45 and 55 meters.

The penalty boxes will be determined by lines drawn 13 meters from the goal lines and parallel to them.

Goal dimensions: Width of 6 m – Height between 2m and 2.1 m.

The centre circle will have a 6-meter radius.

The penalty mark will be located 9 meters from the goal.

Technical area: (see Attachment 4)

LAW 2 – The ball

Matches will be played with a size 4 ball.

LAW 3 – Number of players

A team will consist of 9 players, including a goalkeeper.

A team can bring 9 players plus 5 substitutes; during each match, substitutes may enter the game at any time, provided that they wait for a stop in play and present themselves to the referee.

LAW 4 – Kick-off and resumption of play

The players on the opposing team during a kick-off may not approach within 6 meters of the ball until the kick-off has occurred.

LAW 5 – Offside

The offside rule as defined for 11-a-side football applies only if the player is located in the area included between the goal line and the 13-meter line.

LAW 6 – Fouls and misconduct

Identical to those for 11-a-side football, except for the following modifications:

1. All free kicks for penalties or resumption of play are direct.
2. Depending on the severity of the violation, the referee can give the opposing team either a direct free kick or a special penalty kick in front of the goal at a distance of 13 meters, when a player outside of his penalty box, but in his own pitch:
 - repeatedly violates the rules of play,
 - is guilty of improper conduct,
 - acts voluntarily against the spirit of the game,
 - indicates disapproval of the referee's decisions, by words or gestures.
3. All other faults committed intentionally within the 13-meter zone by the defending team and punishable by a direct free kick will incur a penalty kick.
4. If the goalkeeper catches the ball in his hands from a voluntary pass from the foot of his team-mate, the penalty is a direct free kick at 13 meters with a wall at 6 meters.

LAW 7 – Free kicks

All free kicks are direct, and the distance to be maintained by players on the opposing team, when the kick is made, is 6 meters.

LAW 8 – Penalty kicks and special penalty kicks

Penalty kicks will be made at a distance of 9 meters.

Special penalty kicks will be awarded by the referee, at a distance of 13 meters from the opposing goal line, facing the goal, with no wall.

LAW 9 – Goal kick

Identical to that for 11-a-side football, the ball will be placed in front of the goal at a distance of 9 meters from the goal line, to the right or to the left of the penalty mark.

LAW 10 – Corner kick

Players on the opposing team must maintain a distance of 6 meters when the kick occurs.

GOAL KICK SESSION

This practice, which must not be considered part of the match, is subject to the following conditions:

1. The session will take place at the specific goal kick area. **The 3 referees go there with the players who have finished the match.**
2. The referee tosses for the team which is designated to execute the first kick.
3.
 - 3.1. Each team will shoot three times, respecting the rules stated in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4.
 - 3.2. Teams will alternate shooting.
 - 3.3. If a winner can be declared before both teams have taken their 3 shots, the session ends.
 - 3.4. If, after both teams have shot 3 times, both have the same number of goals or misses, the session will continue in the same order until one team has scored one more goal than the other, with both teams having shot the same number of times (not necessarily three more shots will occur).
4. The team that has scored the greatest number of goals—with the number of kicks according to paragraphs 3.1, 3.3, or 3.4—is declared the winner of the goal kick session for the group matches or winner of the game for direct elimination matches.
5.
 - 5.1. Except as mentioned in paragraph 5.2 hereafter, **only the players on the pitch at the end of the match are permitted to participate in the goal shooting session.** This also applies to any player who may have left the pitch temporarily, without being replaced, and who is not on the pitch at the end of the match.
 - 5.2. If a goalkeeper is injured during the goal shooting session and can no longer continue as goalkeeper due to the injury, he can be replaced by a registered replacement.

6. Each shot will be taken by a different player, and no player on the same team may shoot a second time until all players on each team who are permitted to shoot, including the goalkeeper—or the registered replacement who has replaced him according to paragraph 5—have kicked once at the goal.

Note: If, during a match, a team has had one (or several) player(s) sent off or injured and therefore cannot field 9 players, and if it is necessary to take more shots than the number of players available to the team, the player(s) who will shoot at the goal in place of the absent player(s) will be the one who shot first and any others following in sequence.

7. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 5, any authorised player can change places with his goalkeeper at any time during the goal shooting session.

8.

- 8.1. Other than the player kicking from the penalty mark and the 2 goalkeepers, all players must remain outside the kicking area during the goal shooting session under the assistant referees' control.

- 8.2. The goalkeeper who is a team-mate of the kicking player must be on the pitch beyond the point from which the kicks are being made, behind the goal line and at least 9 meters from the penalty mark.

III. ADDITIONAL RULE

1/ In case of late arrival of a team in Spain (due to flight or connection delay or cancellation...), this team will still be allowed to participate in the Danone Nations Cup according to the following measures:

- In case of arrival on site after the time of the first match of Friday:
 - The team will participate in the matches it will be able to play according to the schedule initially planned.
 - However many matches would have been played, the 4 matches of the day will be considered as lost 3-0 and the team will thus be ranked 5th of its group.
 - In case the team is able to play on Saturday and Sunday, it will compete in tournament C (places 33 to 40). Its matches will then be taken into account.

- In case of arrival on site after the time of the first match of Saturday:
 - The team will participate in the matches it will be able to play according to the schedule initially planned.
 - However many matches would have been played, the 3 matches of the day will be considered as lost 3-0 and the team will thus be ranked 4th of its group (of tournament C for places 33 to 40).
 - In case the team is able to play on Sunday, it will join the competition and play its last match (assigning places 39 and 40). This match will then be taken into account.

2/ In case of non-participation of a team in the Danone Nations Cup, the following measures will apply:

- The Competition Organisation Committee will do everything in its power to replace this team by a local team (from the host country), respecting the participation criteria of the event.
 - This team will then be allowed to participate in the event and to play all the matches instead of the team withdrawn from the tournament.
 - All the matches played by this team will be considered as friendly games. Whatever the results, the matches will be considered as lost 3-0 by this team.
 - This team will not appear on the Danone Nations Cup final ranking.

ATTACHMENT 1

LIST OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

1	ALGERIA
2	ARGENTINA
3	AUSTRALIA
4	BELARUS
5	BELGIUM
6	BRAZIL
7	BULGARIA
8	CANADA
9	CHILE
10	CHINA
11	CZECH REPUBLIC
12	ENGLAND
13	FRANCE
14	GERMANY
15	GUATEMALA
16	HAITI
17	INDONESIA
18	IRELAND
19	ITALY
20	JAPAN
21	MEXICO
22	MOROCCO
23	NETHERLANDS
24	NEW ZEALAND
25	POLAND
26	PORTUGAL
27	ROMANIA
28	RUSSIA
29	SAUDI ARABIA
30	SENEGAL
31	SOUTH AFRICA
32	SOUTH KOREA
33	SPAIN
34	THAILAND
35	TUNISIA
36	TURKEY
37	UKRAINE
38	URUGUAY
39	USA
40	TBC

ATTACHMENT 2

TROPHIES

A trophy will be awarded to each team, and a medal to each player. There will also be awards for:

THE BEST PLAYER
THE BEST GOALKEEPER
THE BEST STRIKER
THE DELEGATION WITH THE BEST MINDSET

The judging for these trophies will be done by a technical commission consisting of technical specialists from the Competition Organisation Committee.

BEST STRIKER

In case of a tie between 2 or more players having scored the same number of goals, the winner will be determined as follows:

If two or more players have scored the same number of goals, the winner will be the one whose team scored the most goals; in case of another tie, the one with the best defence and then the one having received less yellow and red cards. As a last resort, the youngest player will be designated best striker.

DELEGATION WITH THE BEST MINDSET

As part of the promotion of its values, the Danone Nations Cup Competition Organizing Committee holds, in cooperation with the Peaceful Grounds association and during its world final, a contest based on an appraisal of the delegations' conduct by members of the Danone Nations Cup Organisation (pitches' observers, referees, scoring managers, delegations' chaperons, hostesses managing activities and teams' sports guides).

Main criteria to determine the team with the best spirit will be as follow:

- Positive play
- Red and yellow cards
- Respect towards the opponent
- Respect towards the referees/match officials
- Behaviour of the delegations' officials
- Respect of the environment
- ...

See detailed rules in attachment 6.

ATTACHMENT 3

PRESENTATION OF TEAMS

COUNTRY NAME:

SCHOOL OR CLUB NAME & CITY:

1/ MAIN LIST

JERSEY No.	GENDER	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
1 (goalkeeper)				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14 (if 13 on-field players)				
16 (if 2 goalkeepers)				

Notes:

- ➔ Circle the captain's jersey number
- ➔ The jersey number is personal and must stay the same throughout the tournament

2/ COMPLEMENTARY LIST

GENDER	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH

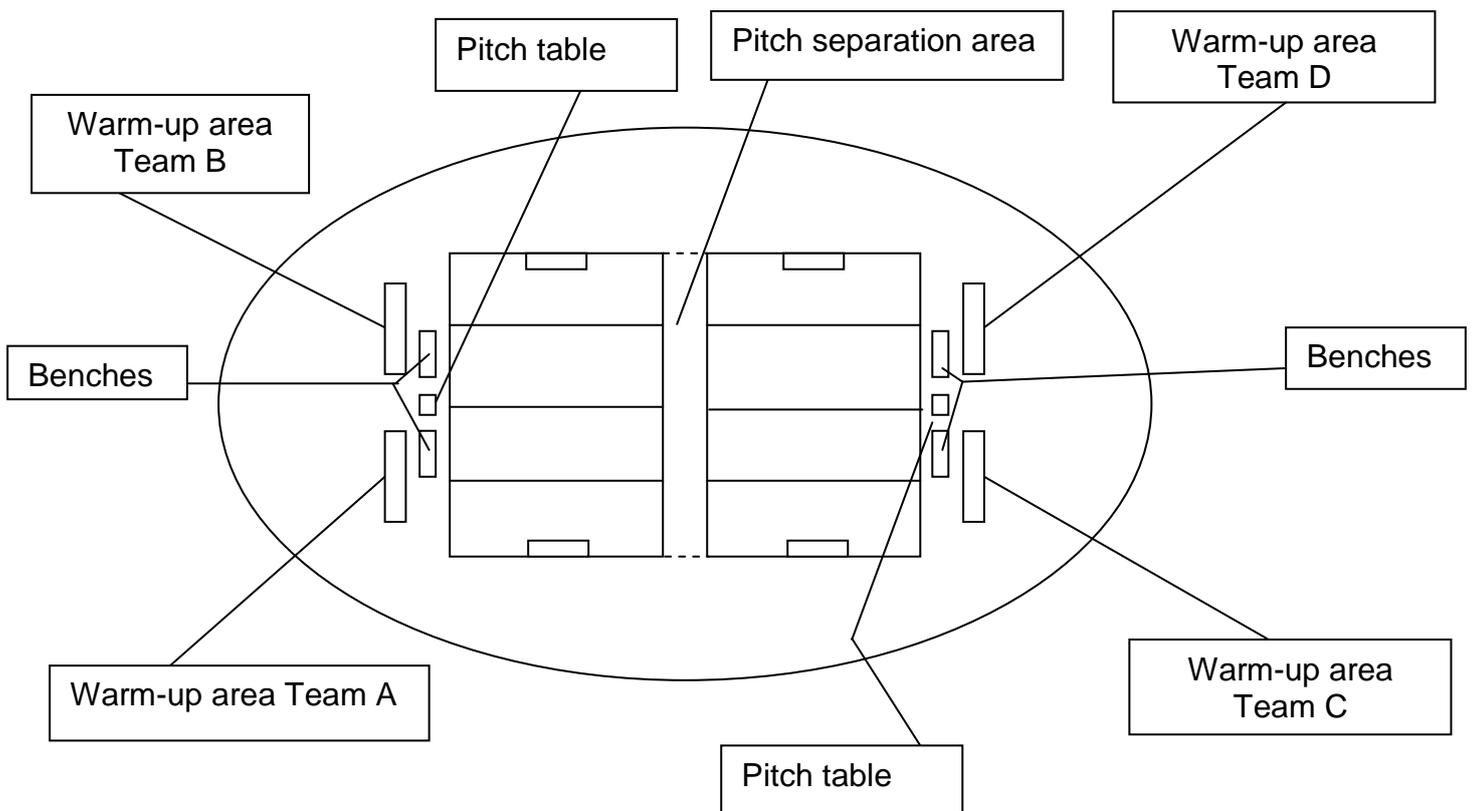
ATTACHMENT 4

TECHNICAL AREA

The technical area is the space where:

- the players will warm up
 - the replacement players and team staff will sit while their team plays.
- On the benches will be:
- the 5 substitute players
 - the 4 staff members
 - the hostess
 - the team sports guides
- At the pitch tables will be:
- the pitch table managers
- The area separating the pitches is reserved for the exclusive use of the Tournament Organisation Committee.

Diagram of the Bernabeu Stadium pitch arrangement:



ATTACHMENT 5

TEAM LISTING FOLLOWING TO THE NATIONAL FINAL

Within 24 hours of each national final of the Danone Nations Cup, the local DNC project leader has to provide to the Competition Organisation Committee with the list of the 14 players of the national competition's winning team as well as a complementary list with 4 additional players from the same team, club or school.

These 2 lists of players have to include the following information:

- Name
- First name
- Gender
- Date of birth

The 14 players on the main list are assigned, after approval by the Competition Organisation Committee, as the 14 players representing their country at the World Final of the Danone Nations Cup 2011.

In case of occurring problems, such as injuries (appearing between the national final and the World Final), **the parents forbidding the child to leave the country** (to participate at the World Final), **visa or passport problems,... one or several (up to 4) players from the main list can exceptionally be replaced by players from the complementary list, when a written justification** (medical certificate, letter from parents,...) **is presented and the change is accepted by the Competition Organisation Committee.**

If the justification has not been provided before Friday 7st October 2011 at 8:00am, the Competition Organisation Committee will systematically refuse any change requested by the local DNC project leader.

Any player present in Spain with his countries delegation (but not present on the main or complementary list) will not be able to enter the competition areas and cannot represent his/her country during the competition of the Danone Nations Cup.

Country

Name

Position

Date & Signature

ATTACHMENT 6

SPECIAL TROPHY RULES « DELEGATION WITH THE BEST MINDSET »

I. General provisions

1. As part of the promotion of its values, the Danone Nations Cup Competition Organizing Committee holds, in cooperation with the Peaceful Grounds association and during its world final, a contest based on an appraisal of the delegations' conduct by members of the Danone Nations Cup Organisation (pitches' observers, referees, scoring managers, delegations' chaperons, hostesses managing activities and teams' sports guides).
2. The objective of these values activities is to foster a sporting spirit among players, team officials and the organization staff, to fight bad behaviours but also to encourage and valorise good behaviours.
3. At the final whistle of each game:
 - the pitches' observers shall complete the appropriate assessment form of the match
 - the scoring managers and referees shall fill the match sheet
4. At the end of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, delegations' chaperons shall complete the assessment sheet of their team.
5. At the end of Friday and Saturday, teams' sports guides and hostesses managing activities shall complete the assessment sheet of the team they follow or manage.
6. All quotations observed during the tournament, on and outside pitches (hotels, restaurants, during transfers ...) shall be taken into account.
7. The Danone Nations Cup Competition Organizing Committee shall compile and publish the classification at the end of competition.
8. The Danone Nations Cup Competition Organizing Committee will award the delegation that wins the contest a trophy during Sunday awards ceremony. All members of the delegation shall also receive a t-shirt signed by the Danone Nations Cup ambassador, Zinedine Zidane.

II. Assessment criteria

1. The delegations' behavior assessment during the matches contains five criteria, stressing the positive aspects rather than negative. AS a general rule, maximum points shall be awarded if the team concerned displays a positive attitude.

2. Positive play (minimum 1 point / maximum 10 points)

The aim of this criterion is to reward attacking and attractive play, and shall take into account such aspects as:

- positive aspects (attacking rather than defensive tactics, speeding up the game, constantly attempting to score even if the desired result (e.g. qualification) has already been achieved)
- negative aspects (tactics that rely on rough play, play-acting, time-wasting, etc.)
- as a general rule, positive play is correlated with the number of scoring chances created and the number of goals scored

3. Red and yellow cards shall be deducted from a maximum of 10 points

- unintentional Yellow card = -1 point
- intentional Yellow card = -2 points
- red card = -3 points

4. Respect towards the opponent (minimum 1 point / maximum 5 points)

Players are expected to respect the Laws of the Game, the competition regulations and opponents, etc.

When assessing the players' behaviour towards the opponents, duplication of the judgment for red and yellow cards should be avoided.

However, the delegate may take into account the seriousness of the offences punished by cards as well as those overlooked by the referee.

Assessment shall be based on positive attitudes (e.g. helping an injured opponent) rather than on infringements. Behaviour that is basically faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture towards opponents shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

5. Respect towards the referee/match officials (minimum 1 point / maximum 5 points)

Players are expected to respect the match officials and the decisions they take.

A positive attitude towards the referee, including acceptance of decisions without protest, shall be rewarded. Behaviour that is basically faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture towards the match officials shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

6. Behaviour of the delegations' officials (minimum 1 point / maximum 5 points)

Delegations' officials (coaches and Danone representatives) are expected to encourage the sporting, technical, tactical and ethical standards of their team and to direct the players to behave in accordance with the values of the DNC.

Both positive and negative factors in the behaviour of the delegations' officials shall be included in the assessment, such as for instance whether they calm down angry players or how they accept the referee's decisions. Inciting or provoking players shall be rated negatively.

Cooperation with the media shall also be a factor in the assessment. Behaviour that is faultless but does not outwardly show any particularly positive attitude or gesture shall be given a mark of 4 rather than 5.

7. Off the pitch, assessments will mainly be done on the delegations' behaviour towards the organisation staff and the permanent staff of the different sites (attitude, respect of the schedule and instructions ...) but also on the respect of the environment and the site cleanliness maintenance.

III. Final assessment

1. The final assessment of a team shall be calculated by adding together the points awarded by the staff participating in this assessment as follow:

- pitch's observers : 30 points max per match = $8 \times 30 = 240$ points max
- referees: 5 points max per match = $8 \times 5 = 40$ points max
- scoring managers: 5 points max per match = $8 \times 5 = 40$ points max
- delegations' chaperons: 20 points max par jour soit $3 \times 20 = 60$ points max
- hostesses managing activities: 20 points max per jour soit $2 \times 20 = 40$ points max
- teams sports guides : 20 points max per jour soit $2 \times 20 = 40$ points max

A 40 points bonus, given by the Danone Nations Cup Organization Committee, will be added to the final mark in order to award the 5 teams having behaved in the best way outside the competition sites (during transfers, hotels ...).

2. The maximum mark obtained by a delegation will be 500 points.

3. The delegation whose mark is the biggest will win the trophy.

Countries

Name

Function

Date & Signature