

Thy Cup Tournament Rules

The tournament is played according to the Danish Handball Federation's tournament regulations with the following additions:

§ 1: The team listed first in the schedule lines up under the Thy Cup banner and must bring/start with the ball.

§ 2: a) The team listed second in the schedule must change jerseys in case of color clash. Bibs are available in all halls.

b) All teams must bring their own regulation-approved ball.

§ 3: Teams must be ready at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of the match.

§ 4: Match Duration

- U9-U13: 2 x 13 minutes
- U15: 2 x 15 minutes
- All A and B finals: 2 x 20 minutes
(1-minute break – no court side switch)

§ 5: Team sheets must be submitted via ProCup no later than December 1.

§ 6: All teams will play a minimum of 5 matches. If teams withdraw after the tournament schedule has been published, force majeure situations may occur where the guaranteed number of matches cannot be upheld.

§ 7: Group Registration by Level

For U15:

- Group 1 – Teams playing in 1st and 2nd division
- Group 2 – Teams playing in A and B leagues

For U9-U13:

- Group 1 – Teams playing in A league
- Group 2 – Teams playing in B and C leagues

§ 8: Group Ranking

If two or more teams have the same number of points at the end of the preliminary round, the following tiebreakers apply:

1. Head-to-head result
2. Best goal difference in all matches
3. Most goals scored in all matches
4. Draw lots

When ranking the best 2nd, 3rd, etc., across groups, only results from matches that make groups directly comparable are considered.

If a group consists of 4 teams and is compared to a group with 5 teams, all results against the 5th team are disregarded.

Ranking order:

1. Points
2. Goal difference
3. Most goals scored
4. Draw lots

If a team fails to show up for a match, the match is declared lost. This also applies to late arrival at Thy Cup. A team that has forfeited a match cannot win the group.

§ 9: Finals and Knockout Matches

A winner must be determined in every knockout/final match. In case of a draw after regular time:

1. Draw for ball possession – new 3-minute overtime period. Warnings, suspensions, red cards, etc., from regular time apply in overtime.
2. If still tied, each team takes one penalty throw alternately until a winner is found.

§ 10: Suspensions

A direct red card automatically results in a one-match suspension. The suspended player/coach cannot participate until the suspension has been served and may not stay near the team bench during the suspension.

In cases of gross unsportsmanlike conduct, the Thy Cup tournament committee may extend the suspension. This is solely decided by the tournament management located at the tournament office.

§ 11: Protests

Any protest must be submitted no later than 15 minutes after the match ends. The protest must be written and signed by the responsible team leader.

A protest fee of DKK 400 must be attached to the protest upon submission. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

- In Thy Hallen, protests must be submitted to the tournament office.
- In other arenas, protests must be submitted to the timekeeper, who will forward them to the tournament management.

Note: Video evidence is not used in protest evaluations.

If a protest regarding player age is upheld, the team in question will lose all accumulated points.

Protests will be handled by the tournament management in cooperation with rule interpreters from the Danish Handball Federation.

§ 12: All players must be able to provide identification.

§ 13: Allowed Number of Players per Team

- U15: 12 players
- U13: 12 players
- U11: 10 players
- U9: 10 players

§ 14:

A player may only participate on one team throughout the entire Thy Cup.

Teams that regularly play with dispensation players in their league competitions may also do so in Thy Cup under the following conditions:

- The dispensation must be approved by Thy Cup no later than December 1.
- The dispensation rules follow the regulations of the Danish Handball Federation.

§ 15: Ball Sizes

1. U9 – Size 00 leather ball
2. U11 – Size 0 leather ball
3. U13 – Size 1 leather ball
4. U15 – Size 2 leather ball

§ 16: Participating teams: U9-U15, age groups follow the Danish Handball Federation's rules.

§ 17: Only U15 teams are allowed to use resin. Select Profcare resin can be purchased at the tournament office.

§ 18: Serious rule violations or unsportsmanlike conduct will be reported to the Danish Handball Federation.

§ 19: U9-U11 Special Rules

Matches are played on a shortened court with 4 or 5 field players and 1 goalkeeper. The crossbar is lowered. The goalkeeper may only leave the goal area in connection with a substitution. The goalkeeper is not allowed to score. If a throw from the goalkeeper's hand goes directly into the goal, play is restarted with a goal throw at the end where the ball crossed the goal line.