

Thy Cup tournament rules

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

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

§ 2:

a) The team listed last in the program changes jerseys in the event of identical playing kits. Training bibs are available in all arenas.

b) All teams must bring their own regulation ball.

§ 3: Teams must be ready no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the match.

§ 4: Playing time

- U9-U13: 2 x 13 minutes
- U15: 2 x 15 minutes
- All A and B finals: 2 x 20 minutes

(1 minute break – no change of ends)

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

§ 6: All teams play a minimum of 5 matches. If teams withdraw from the tournament after publication of the match schedule, force majeure situations may arise where the number of matches cannot be guaranteed.

§ 7: Group registration is based on level, provided that the number of registered teams allows it:

For U15:

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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

Note: The Thy Cup tournament management reserves the right to make the final placement of teams in groups, regardless of the registered level, to ensure a fair and sporting tournament.

§ 8: Group standings:

If two or more teams are tied on points when determining placement in the preliminary group, the following applies:

- 1) Points in head-to-head matches
- 2) Goal difference in head-to-head matches
- 3) Goal difference in all matches (including matches against other teams in the group)
- 4) Number of goals scored
- 5) Drawing of lots

When calculating the best 2nd, 3rd places etc. across groups in a category, only results from matches that make the groups directly comparable are included.

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

Comparison order:

- 1) Points
- 2) Goal difference
- 3) Most goals scored
- 4) Drawing of lots

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If a team fails to appear for a match, the match is declared lost. This also applies in case of late arrival at Thy Cup. A team that fails to appear for a match cannot become group winner.

§ 9: In knockout stages/finals, a winner and a loser must be determined for each match. In case of a draw after regular playing time (final whistle), the winner is determined as follows:

- 1) Coin toss for possession – new playing time of 3 minutes. Any warnings, suspensions, red cards, etc. from regular time carry over into extra time.
- 2) If the result is still a draw, one penalty throw per team is taken until a winner is found.

§ 10: Suspension:

A direct red card automatically results in a one-match suspension, and the player/official may not participate until the suspension has been served. The suspension applies to the next match in the tournament. During the suspension, the player/official may not be near the substitution bench.

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

§ 11: Protest:

Any protest must be submitted no later than 15 minutes after the end of the match. The protest must be in writing and signed by a responsible team official.

A protest fee of DKK 400 must be submitted together with the protest. The fee is refunded if the protest is upheld. Payment can be made in cash or via MobilePay: 31259.

- At Thy Arena, protests must be submitted at the tournament office.
- In other arenas, protests must be submitted to the timekeeper at the timekeeper's table, who will forward it to the tournament management.

Note: Video material is not used in the processing of protests.

For protests regarding age that are upheld, the team in question will forfeit all points earned and be declared losers in all matches in the tournament.

Protests are handled by the tournament management in cooperation with rule interpreters from the Danish Handball Association.

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§ 12: Forfeiture

If a team is declared to have lost a match by forfeit, the match is registered as a 5–0 loss. If both teams in the same match are declared losers, the match is registered as 0–0 and no points are awarded to either team.

§ 13: A player may only participate on one team throughout the entire Thy Cup. Thy Cup allows teams that normally play with dispensation players in their respective association competitions to also participate in Thy Cup under the following conditions:

Dispensation approval **MUST** be approved by Thy Cup before December 1. Dispensation rules follow the Danish Handball Association's regulations.

§ 14: All players must be able to present valid identification.

§ 15: Number of players allowed per team:

U15: 12 players

U13: 12 players

U11: 10 players

U9: 10 players

§ 16: Ball sizes:

1) U9 – size 00 leather

2) U11 – size 0 leather

3) U13 – size 1 leather

4) U15 – size 2 leather

§ 17: Participating teams: U9–U15, age groups follow Danish Handball Association rules.

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§ 18: Resin may only be used in the U15 category. Select Profcare can be purchased at the tournament office.

§ 19: Serious rule violations, unsportsmanlike conduct, etc. will be reported to the Danish Handball Association.

§ 20: U9–U11:

Matches are played on a short court with respectively 4 and 5 field players and 1 goalkeeper on the court, as well as a lowered crossbar.

The goalkeeper may only leave the goal area during/in connection with substitution.

The goalkeeper is not allowed to score.

If a throw from the goalkeeper's hand goes into the goal, play is restarted with a goal throw at the end where the ball crossed the goal line.

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