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SINCE 2004 - 4000 PLAYERS -19 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES -FAIR PLAY & FUN

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Since 2004 the Social Soccer Cup takes place every year in June at the playing fields of Gratwein- Straßengel - a small village next to Graz, Austrian second largest city. It's an event which is co-organized with the Youth Center ClickIn, the local Football team (SV Gratwein-Straßengel) and the municipality of Gratwein-Straßengel.

In this last 21 years, youth groups and teams from 20 different countries were part of Social SoccerCup, more than 4000 young people have been partizapted by this international soccer festival. The aim of this event is to give young people, between 11 and 18 years, a chance to meet each other, to build friendships and to overcome prejudices. It doesn't matter if they are playing in an official team or not. Also the female gender issue is considered in the Social Soccer Cup. Since the beginning of this event, each team has to play with at least one girl. Meanwhile several total girl's teams already participated in the tournament.

Among trophies, every year we give also special prizes for the best girl of the tournament and for the fair play award. The framework programme and everything around the event is really remarkable for all the participants of the Social Soccer Cup. Especially because of the participation of so many different nationalities - combinated with special Show-Acts, a creative-corner and special relaxing-zone with professional massage - creates an atmosphere of a small world cup in Gratwein-Straßengel.

We celebrate the big finale with a special ceremony including the national anthems, pyrotechnic and various entertainments. The big victory ceremony is every year a really important moment because it is the completion of this event and we take the time to thank all our partners and people, without whom this event would not be possible.

Last but not least the Social Soccer Cup is above all a leisure activity for young people, regardless of their origins or their social classes, who are ready and motivated to get in contact with people from another country, to fight against prejudices and to build friendships.

Most important rules:

5 outfield players and one goalkeeper (+ substitutes) and during the whole game at least one girl of each team has to be on the field (without a girl: 4+1) Age between 12 -18 years old. Cutoff date 1.1.2008.

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