



SOCCA World Cup 2023 in Essen

Period: 2 - 11 June 2023

Participants: 44 national teams from 5 continents

Inviting association: Deutscher Kleinfeld-Fußball-Verband e.V.

Umbrella organisation: International Socca Federation

Stadium: Kennedyplatz, Essen
Temporary stadium for around 3,000 spectators
Entrance free of charge
Limited number of wheelchair spaces via barrier-free access
German matches commented by the radio for the blind (Fan project RWE)
Reservations for children's groups possible in the morning (schools or clubs)

Fan Village: Kettwiger Straße, Essen
Various stands with info and fun
Incl. fan shop

What is Socca?: Socca, or small-sided football, is a variation of traditional football where the pitches and the team sizes are smaller. It is a very fast and action-packed form of the sport that originated in the streets, playgrounds or neighbourhood gardens. The pitch at the World Cup is 46x26 metres and the team size is 6 per team, played 2x20 minutes. Small-sided football focuses on technique, creativity and quick decisions and is therefore particularly popular with young people.

Tournament mode: 44 teams in 11 groups. The first and second as well as the 10 best third in each group will advance to the knockout stage.

How does it start?: The tournament starts on the evening of 2.06 with the opening ceremony. Afterwards, Germany will start against group opponents Cyprus. Afterwards there will be another match in the stadium. On Saturday, the tournament will continue from 9:00-22:00. The world champion will be found in the evening of 11 June at the final at 20:00.

More Info: www.essen2023.com

Got questions?:

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