

Soccer - Men

Rules and Regulations

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- 1. Age Categories:**
- (a) Men 55 +
 - (b) Men 60 +
 - (c) Men 65 +
 - (d) Men 70 +
- All Goalkeepers may be 55 +

2. Events:

A round robin tournament will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and, if necessary, on Tuesday. Whenever practical, teams will play a minimum of four games.

3. Participation:

- (a) This competition is open to the public.
- (b) A participant may only play for one team.
- (c) Each team must register a minimum of 14 and a maximum of 20 participants, including goalkeepers. Under-age goalkeepers may not play in the field, (i.e. they may only leave their goal area in a defensive role.)
- (d) Teams may also nominate a non-playing coach and/or manager.

4. Competition:

- (a) Tournament format for all age categories.
 - 1) Three teams entered. The format will be a double round robin with prizes decided by team standing at the completion of the round robin. There is no playoff round.
Note: It is possible to schedule these games in 3 days. A choice should be made between Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in which case each team plays two games on one of the days, OR Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. In which case only two teams play two games on one of the days and one plays one game on 3 of the days. ie. does not play on Thursday, but plays their 4th game on Friday morning. All is dependent on total number of overall teams entered and how much playing / field time is available.
 - 2) Four teams entered. The format will be a complete round robin. The 1st and 2nd place teams will playoff for 1st place prize and 2nd place prize with the 3rd and 4th place teams playing off for 3rd place prize.

- 3) Five teams entered. The format will be a complete round robin. Prizes awarded based on team standing at the completion of the round robin. There will not be a playoff round.
 - 4) Six teams entered. The format will be a full / complete round robin with each team playing 5 games. The prizes will be awarded based on team standing at the completion of the round robin. There will not be a playoff round. This means each team plays 2 games on one of the days).
 - 5) Seven teams entered. The teams will be divided into A and B divisions according to their skill level based on games results from previous Games. The format would be the same as 4 (a) (1) and 4 (a) (2) above. Prizes awarded to both divisions.
 - 6) Eight teams entered. The teams will be divided into A and B divisions according to their skill levels based on results from previous Games. The competition for each division will be run as in 4(a) (2) above. Prizes awarded to both divisions.
 - 7) Whenever possible, 65+ and 70+ teams should not be scheduled to play more than one game a day. If this is not possible, games will be scheduled early morning and late afternoon.
- (b) Awarding of points in round robin play
Teams shall receive 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss
- (c) Standing / Placement Tie Breaks
In the event of a points tie after the round robin has been completed, the winner (placement for playoff rounds) will be decided by:
- 1) By the highest win/loss ratio for the games played.
 - 2) If necessary, win/loss record between tied teams.
 - 3) If necessary, plus/minus goals record between the tied teams.
 - 4) If necessary, total plus/minus differential in goals.
 - 5) If necessary, total goals for.
 - 6) If necessary, total goals against.
 - 7) If the tie still remains, then there shall be a coin toss to determine placements.
- (d) Playoff Round: In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time in a playoff game, the tie will be broken by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA rules.
- (e) Playing Rules.
- 1) Matches shall consist of two 35-minute halves with a 10-minute half-time interval.
 - 2) Participants must wear visible numbers, a minimum of four inches in height, on their uniforms with no two identical numbers on the team.
 - 3) Each goalkeeper wears colours, which distinguish him from the other participants, the referee and the assistant referees.

- 4) There shall be a Referee, (minimum District Referee), and two Assistant Referees for each match. Designations and levels of referee status can be found on www.bcsoccer.net
- 5) There shall be unlimited substitutions throughout the match.
- 6) Participants, except for goalkeepers within the penalty area, may not slide to play the ball when in doing so they may make contact with another participant. Participants deliberately slide tackling will be assessed either a yellow or a red card depending on the severity of the infringement as determined by the referee. Play shall be restarted according to the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 7) A team shall submit a team list to the referee before the kick-off of each game.
- 8) A participant receiving a red card cannot play in the next scheduled game for his team. A participant accumulating two yellow cards during the course of the tournament cannot play in the next scheduled game for his team.
- 9) Referees can send a participant off the field for a **10-minute "cool down period"** when the situation warrants. A substitute is to come on for the participant sent off in this situation.

5. Medals:

Soccer is classified as a Demonstration Event by the CSGA, as a result medals are not awarded. As per the CSGA Host Agreement #29 - (d): "These events are not medaled events and are not included in the overall medal count, however the Host may choose to provide ribbons to participants in lieu of medals."

- (a) Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each division.

In any competitive tournament involving mass participation, there are always problems, issues or challenges that arise which may not be covered in these guidelines. In this event, the Soccer Competition Chair of the Host Committee will do everything in its power to make fair and unprejudiced decisions. The Competition Chair reserves the right to enact policies or issue decrees that will deal with unforeseen circumstances and/or situations.

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