



Soccer - Outdoor



COMPETITION MANUAL

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International rules will be followed unless specified in WPFG Soccer Guidelines

EVENTS

Men: 18+

40+

Women: 18+

Entry Deadline: 1/22/2027

Age as of Date: 12/31/2027

TEAMS

Active-duty competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN THEIR COUNTRY OF EMPLOYMENT**. Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish including across country lines with other eligible competitors regardless of police or fire agency.

Each team shall consist of a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 24 players. Each team is permitted one (1) non-playing coach. **Only credentialed athletes and sworn coaches registered appropriately will be eligible for medals.**

NOTE: Soccer competitors may compete in both Outdoor Soccer or Futsal when offered, but if a conflict in the games schedules occurs due to a competitor entering both sports, the competitor must choose the sport he/she will compete in. The Host **shall not** adjust game schedules to accommodate individual competitors/teams. The Host will not refund entry fees due to this scheduling conflict.



A **MANDATORY** team captain meeting will be conducted the day prior to the start of the competition. Each team **SHALL** have a representative at this meeting. All final team rosters must be submitted at this meeting. There will be no exceptions to the roster once this meeting has been completed. **NO EXEPTIONS**

A Competitors by Sport/Event (CSE) Report is mandatory for the Sport Coordinator to verify team members with final rosters being submitted by team captains. This will also be used to determine rosters for which medal ceremony's will be conducted.

EQUIPMENT

Game score records

Bracket Charts – signage with brackets/schedules printed

“Size 5” balls: 3 for each field (should be new balls)

Competitor Check-in Station (table, bench, etc.)

The Host shall provide water and/or liquid refreshment for competitors.

BRACKETING

All teams entered into the WPFPG Soccer event will play in one Round Robin tournament. Groups (from 4 to 5 teams) shall be established. After group play, the top four teams in each group advance to the single elimination finals tournament. **The 5th place team in each pool will not advance into the single elimination tournament.**

DIVISIONAL PLAY: The following rules govern the placement of teams in either Division A or Division B.

DIVISION A:

The top two teams that finish in their respective pools will advance to this Division

DIVISION B:

The teams that finish 3rd and 4th in their respective pools will advance to this Division

SCHEDULING:

Schedule for 6 days of competition.

Duration of Game: The game shall consist of two 35-minute halves, with a 10-minute break between the halves during the round robin tournament and the



preliminary rounds of the Single Elimination tournament. All Semi-Final and medal matches will be two 45-minute halves.

SCORING:

The scoring for group play is: Win = 3 points, Win in penalty kicks = 2 points, Loss in penalty kicks = 1 point, Loss = 0 points.

The following procedure (in descending order) will be utilized to determine which Division each team from pool play will advance into the Single Elimination tournament.

- Total win/loss points accumulated in group play
- Team head-to-head games results
- Goal differential (for vs. against)
- Total goals for (maximum of 5 per game)
- Total goals against
- Coin toss

Ties: In the event of a tie in the Single Elimination Finals tournament, extra time will be played to determine the winner. Two further equal periods, each of 10 minutes duration, will be played.

In the case of a tie at the end of extra time the winner will be determined by Kicks from the Penalty Mark. Each team will take 5 penalty kicks in accordance with the laws of the game to determine the winner. (Only the players that are on the field at the conclusion of extra time are allowed to participate in penalty kicks.) If after both teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks. Each kick is taken by a different player and all eligible players must take a kick before any player can take a second kick.

If at the end of extra time one team has a greater number of players than their opponents, they must reduce their numbers to that of their opponents and the team captain must inform the referee of the name and number of each player to be excluded before the kicks from the penalty mark commence. The excluded player(s) must leave the field of play and return to the team bench area prior to the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

GENERAL SPORT RULES for Soccer – Field (Outdoor)



Player Check-in Procedures: Each player must check-in at the “Soccer Check-in Table” prior to each game his/her team plays and show a Participant Pass. The Host Credentials Official will take possession of the players Participant Passes and present them to the referee. The referee shall return the Participant Passes to the Credential Official following each game, after noting any player misconduct on the official game record. The Credential Official will return the Participant Passes to the players.

There is free substitution during the game. (Players substituted off the field may be substituted back on the field.)

Player Misconduct: If a player is ejected from a game by the referee (red card) he/she will be automatically suspended from playing in the following (one) game. The Soccer Discipline Committee will review the incident and recommend any further discipline to the WPFGF. The WPFGF will rule on the committee's recommendation.

Yellow cards will follow FIFA rules with the exception that all yellow cards incurred during Round Robin play will be discarded and begin anew in Single Elimination play.

Whenever in the judgment of any game official the following acts occur, the participant shall be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament and may be subject to further sanctions as deemed appropriate by the WPFGF:

- a) physical contact with or threat to any game official, ex-officios or volunteer
- b) fighting where in an opponent is injured
- c) any player (on or off the field of play) who joins in a fight whether or not an injury occurs.

Dress: Dress of players shall be consistent with FIFA and WPFG rules. (No grid-iron shoes.)

AWARDING OF MEDALS TO ATHLETES AND COACHES

One Non-playing coaches can **ONLY** receive a medal if they are eligible to participate in the games. This means that the coach would have to meet the same eligibility requirements of an athlete to receive a medal. This coach will receive an Athlete’s Credential when they register at the Accreditation Center and should do so at the Special Handling booth to receive the Athlete’s Credential.

Coaches who do not meet the requirements to participate in the Games **will not** receive a medal. **Technical Support Personnel SHALL NOT** receive medals.



During the medal presentation, only athletes and eligible coaches are allowed to participate in this ceremony. Each athlete and one eligible coach **SHALL** present their Athlete's Credential. If the athlete or coach does not present their Athlete's Credential, they **SHALL NOT** receive a medal. This is a mandatory requirement to receive a medal.

Technical Support Personnel and children are not allowed on the podium with the teams during the medal presentation.

The sport coordinator **SHALL** have in their possession a copy of the CSE Report and the team's final roster that was submitted at the team captains meeting to verify the athletes being awarded medals.