



# ***SMOKEY MOUNTAIN CUP 2025***

## **REGULATION**

**THIS REGULATION IS APPLICABLE TO ALL CATEGORIES EXCEPT FOR SOME SUBPARAGRAPHS**

1. **PLAYER REGISTRATION:** All players must be registered on their teams' registration form before they play any match. Any team or player determined by the event director to have falsified name, age, or skill level will be kicked out of the tournament. All players must carry proof of identification, i.e. driver's license, passport, etc. The document must be original and must have the player's name, date of birth, and a recent photo. The team must present proof of identification immediately upon request by tournament officials.
2. **NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** Limit of players will be 22 players per team. If any team wants to add an extra player, the cost will be \$50.00 per player starting at number 23. In case the band falls off the player, he must bring his band, his identification and \$20.00 for his replacement. All players must have their armband on before entering the sports complex.
3. **PLAYER LIST:** All starting rosters must be submitted by 9:00 PM on Friday night. The limit for raising players will be PRIOR to their SECOND group stage game on Saturday. The tournament will provide each player with one bracelet per day, which players must wear at all times. A player can only play on one team in the tournament (even if it is in a different division).
  - A. To participate in the tournament all players must be duly registered. In case a player participates in the tournament with a team and is not registered, he will lose the game with a score of 2-0 against
  - B. Any coach who wishes to participate as a player with his team must be registered on the list as a player, otherwise the team will lose the game by a score of 2-0.
4. **EQUIPMENT:** All players must wear shin guards and may not use anything that is considered dangerous to the referee or tournament officials. Teams are responsible for providing game balls (at least one acceptable game ball per game).
  - 5a. **UNIFORMS:** All teams must have at least two different sets of uniforms (different colors). In case they do not have them, the REFEREE WILL RAFFLE THE KEY TO FORCE A TEAM TO CHANGE THE UNIFORM OR TURN THE SHIRT INSIDE OUT.



5. **REFEREE FEE:** Each team must pay all group game referees at check-in (\$125 per game in the LIBRE and women's category. At that time, the team will receive an official copy of the game list form that will be completed by the team and given to the referee before the game starts.
7. **GAME DURATION:** The duration of the game will be 25 minutes per group stage time. Group stage games, if they can end in a draw. Playoff games (direct elimination) will be played at 25 per time and cannot end in a tie. The game will go directly to penalties if there is a tie at the end of regular time (5 penalties). Categories C and Women's categories will be 40 minutes straight.
8. Players will pay \$20.00 per day and must wear the armband before entering the sports complex.
9. **SCORE (IN GROUP STAGE):** 3 points for winning; 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss. A team forfeit is scored as a 2-0 win. A team must be present in order to win by forfeit and at least 7 players.
10. **TIEBREAKS:** In THE GROUP STAGE, ties between two or more teams will be broken in this way:
  - A) points;
  - B) goal difference in group games;
  - C) the majority of goals scored in pool games;
  - D) Results between direct duels;
  - E) Red cards
  - F) Yellow Cards
  - G) Coin draw for teams already qualified
  - H) Penalty kicks if it is to determine who qualifies (e.g. 16 and 17). Penalties will be taken on Saturday if feasible, otherwise they will be taken early on Sunday.
11. **PLAYER EXPULSION (RED CARD):** Referees have the right to expel a player from the game for continued disobedience or as a result of an incident that warrants the player's expulsion. Tournament directors can ban the player for the remainder of the tournament or suspend one or more games. The team that received a red card (or two yellows in the same game) will have to pay a \$100 fine and this fine will have to be paid before the next game. The player will be able to play in the next game if tournament officials determine that the red card was not serious.
12. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Players, coaches and spectators are expected to act in the nature of good sportsmanship at all times. Abuse of referees will not be tolerated. Any instance of such conduct may disqualify the team responsible for the event.

12th: In the penalty shootout: Any person, player, member of the coaching staff and fan who is observed throwing balls towards where the penalty taker is will be expelled from the complex.
13. **A:** In the event that the referee is violently assaulted by a player, coach, manager, president, kit man of X team and within the game there was already a difference in score (GOAL), the team will be withdrawn from the tournament giving the winner to the rival team of the offender and will result in the difference in the game. If the match persists in a tie or the team that committed the foul is losing at the time of the aggression, 2 goals difference A WINNING SCORE will be awarded to the team that did not commit the foul.



B: If a match is suspended due to a mutual quarrel between both teams and there has already been a difference in score (goal) in favor of one, will be the winner of the match, in case there is a tie the decision will be made by the organizing committee of the SMOKEY MOUNTAIN CUP 2025.

C: If doubts persist for such a decision, evidentiary means (videos) could be required...

14. **PROTEST:** A team can protest a game. The protest form will be available at the tournament and must be completed. The cost of protesting a game will be \$250 and is only done with the tournament officials and will have to be done no later than 5 minutes after receiving the referee's report. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DECISIONS OF AN ARBITRATOR ARE IRREVOCABLE.
15. **Substitutions:** There will be free substitutions, which means that a team can have an unlimited number of substitutions during the game and a player who was substituted WILL be able to return to the game.
16. **Prizes:** LIBRE CATEGORY: The two finalists will receive a team trophy, as well as medals. \$5 for the champion. \$1k for the runner-up in the LIBRE category.  
WOMEN'S CATEGORY: The two finalists will receive a team trophy AND \$3k combined medals. \$2k for the champion and \$1k for second place.
17. **At check-in**, each team must submit their roster form completely filled out.  
Players do not need to be present.
18. **Each player will receive a wristband** at check-in (received by the coach). This bracelet must be worn by each player at all times.
19. **On the bench**, only registered players and 3 (THREE) coaches or assistants plus the kit man and the masseur can be on the bench.
20. **There will be no overtime** to start the game, except for the opening games on Saturday and Sunday as long as they do not exceed 15 minutes, for games during the day the teams will have a maximum wait of 15 minutes. All games must start on time. The referee may start the time of the match if one of the two teams is on the field and they are not ready to start the match. There will be no bowling of the game except in the finals.
21. **Each team must be ready** at least 15 minutes before play on the court to be checked by the referees or tournament officials. Teams must be ready with an official roster copy, which will be given once they pay the referee fee at the board of directors.
22. **A team may be disqualified if, in the opinion of the referee or tournament officials, the team does not make the best effort to win a match. This happens more when two teams need a result in the last group game to advance. NOTE: IF A TEAM LEAVES AT HALFTIME OF THEIR GAME, THAT TEAM WILL BE COMPLETELY DISQUALIFIED FROM THE TOURNAMENT. IF A TEAM DOES NOT SHOW UP FOR ITS SECOND GAME, IT IS TOTALLY DISQUALIFIED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.**



23. If a team has committed a fraud either to favor itself or to favor another team and there are the means of proof the organization of SMOKEY MOUNTAIN CUP 2025 will take the corresponding measures.
24. **Schedules For unforeseen reasons, the tournament reserves the right to modify the schedule of games at any time.**
25. **When a team leaves the tournament before it starts, the tournament directors have the right to replace that team at least 12 hours before the tournament starts.**
26. Anything not provided for in these regulations and competition system will be resolved by the tournament committee.
27. The administration of the SMOKEY MOUNTAIN CUP 2025 is not responsible for damages inside and outside the facilities, the players play under their own responsibility
28. It is forbidden to bring alcoholic beverages, only water, hydrating drinks and food will be allowed for the teams.
29. It is forbidden to use any type of firearm or sharp weapon.