



## OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

### General Overview -

- Teams: Games will be played 6 v 6 (5+keeper).
- Purpose: This is a charity event.

### Tournament Format -

The tournament consists of two phases: *group play* and a single-elimination *knockout bracket*.

#### Group Play -

- Duration: Each game will last 6 minutes.
- Points System:
  - Win = 3 points
  - Draw = 1 point
  - Loss = 0 points
- Tiebreakers: In case of a tie in group standings, head-to-head results will determine the ranking.
- Play-In Game: If necessary, a play-in game will be held to finalize standings.

#### Knockout Stage -

- Duration: Each game will consist of two 5-minute halves with a 1-minute break at halftime. Teams will switch sides during the break.
- Tie Resolution: If a knockout game is tied at the end of regulation time, it will proceed to a golden goal format.
- Golden Goal Format:
  - Start with 4v4 (3+keeper) for 3 minutes.
  - If still tied after 3 minutes, the game continues with only the keepers in a 1v1 format until a goal is scored.

## **Game Rules -**

- Game Start and End: Games will start and end with a whistle.
- Restarts:
  - Kick-ins will be used when the ball goes out on the sides.
  - Play corners as usual.
  - Goal kicks must start on the ground at the keeper's feet.
- Fouls: Teams are expected to call their own fouls.
- Sportsmanship: Players are expected to maintain a high level of sportsmanship and integrity throughout the event. All participants are expected to play fairly and honestly.
- Kickoff: In playoffs, the home team as determined by the schedule generated by Score7 will start with the ball. Both teams will get a chance to kick off since there are two halves.

## **Registration and Fees -**

- Registration Deadline: Teams must complete their registration and payment by the specified deadline to participate in the tournament.



## RULES

### Disciplinary Actions:

- In the event of a fight, both teams involved will be disqualified from the tournament.
- Any player involved in a physical altercation may be subject to a ban from future tournaments, at the discretion of the tournament organizers.
  - This ban can range from from a single tournament to a permanent ban, depending on the severity of the incident.
  - The decision will be made by a review panel comprised of the tournament organizers and designated officials using a review of the incident, statements from referees, other players, and any available video evidence.
- Any incidents of fighting or physical altercations must be reported immediately to the nearest official and appropriate disciplinary action will be determined within 24 hours.

### Refund Policy:

- Teams that withdraw from the tournament before the registration deadline are eligible for a full refund.
- *No refunds* will be issued for teams that withdraw after the registration deadline.
- To officially withdraw, a team must submit a written notice to the tournament organizers via email or the registration portal. The notice must include the team name, reason for withdrawal, and the team captain's contact information.
- Refunds will be processed within 14 days of receiving the withdrawal notice.

### Player Pickup Rules:

- If your team is short a player, you may recruit a player from another team under the following conditions:
  - During *group play*, you may pick up a player from any team that is not currently playing.
  - During *playoffs*, you may only pick up a player from a team that has been eliminated in group play. The same player can only be picked up by one team during playoffs to prevent conflicts and ensure fair play.
- Any player picked up from another team must be brought to the attention of, and confirmed by the tournament organizers prior to the start of the game.