

Coed Friendship Tournament
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James Regional Sports Park

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Tournament Details and Game Rules
The tournament will be played under FIFA Rules, as modified by the changes and additions below.

1. **Don't cheat & don't be a jerk!**

2. There are **NO MEDICAL SERVICES** or Trainers at the fields. If you need medical attention, call 911.

3. All games will be considered **FINAL, and NO PROTESTS** will be allowed.

4. **Game schedule:** All team coaches, managers, & players will be responsible for checking the tournament game schedule daily before their 1st game. Failing to check your team's schedule could result in a loss if you don't show up on time or in the right field. The game schedule will be posted both on our website, FriendshipSports.com, and at the tournament near the scoreboards.

5. **Length of Games:** All games will be played in 25-minute halves, with a 5-minute halftime rest period. Referees are required to keep a "running clock"; therefore, time will not be stopped except for major issues.

    a. During extreme heat, referees are recommended (not required) to administer a 1-60-second water break per half (min 12 and 37th). We can't guarantee that referees will always remember to do this, nor that teams want this. Teams can request water breaks as needed; however, both teams must agree on when and how long, and breaks may not exceed 3 minutes. Recommend water breaks at 82 degrees and over.

6. **Waiting Period**
    a. Teams must be ready to compete at the scheduled field and assigned time unless the tournament director personally notifies your team manager of a change.
    b. The referee is to start the game clock at the time posted on the game card.
    c. There will be a 10-minute waiting period. Referees will keep track of time.
    d. Late-starting games due to waiting for a team to show will result in time loss (subtracted from the first half).
    e. The team responsible for a delayed start will be penalized 1 point. The referee is to record it on the scorecard (the coach's responsibility to verify at the end of that game).

7. **Minimum Players:** All teams must have at least 7 players on the field in their positions (not standing on the sidelines) at the scheduled time of play to begin each competition.
    a. Teams with fewer than 7 players after the 10-minute waiting period will forfeit the game and lose 1 point.
    b. The opposing team with more than 7 players present on the field will be awarded a score of 1-0 and 8 points. The referees will note a forfeit on the scorecard for the opposing team.

8. **Inclement weather:** Games will be played in the heat, rain, and heavy winds.
   - No shade tents or umbrellas may be used when the wind reaches 15 mph+.
   - Games must be stopped for lightning.
   - The CC Parks and Recreation Department has the right to close the fields at any time due to inclement weather.
   - If Saturday games are stopped or canceled for weather, we will do our best to reschedule as time, fields, and staffing allow. Remaining games throughout the day should start at the originally scheduled times unless otherwise communicated to your team manager directly by the tournament director. Once team managers have been notified, updates will be posted on the tournament webpage.
   - If the semi-final or championship final games aren't played, the tournament director can cancel them. If canceled, the highest remaining-seeded team in the division will automatically be declared champion, and the 2nd highest seed will be declared runner-up.
   - There is no financial compensation for games canceled.

9. **Uniforms:** All players must wear clean, matching soccer uniforms (jerseys/shirts/tanks) with standard-sized unique numbers on the back. If the jerseys' colors are similar, the home team must change. A limited number of scrimmage vests will be available for rent. The home team is listed first on the schedule. Each player must list their jersey number on the roster when registering.
   a. Fitness Trackers (Apple Watches and the like) need to be removed for playing.
   b. Plain/smooth wedding bands are allowed.
   c. Large rings and earrings need to be removed or wrapped and taped.
   d. Hard-sided braces or casts need to be wrapped with a soft cover.
   e. Absolutely no cameras, audio, Meta glasses, or any wearable recording devices are allowed while playing. Leave your GoPros and retro Walkmans on the sidelines.
   f. The referee on site has the final decision on their field as to what is acceptable for the collective safety. If a particular item is not listed, please check with the referee before the start of the game.

10. **Shin Guards:** Mandatory for all players. NO Exceptions.

11. **Team Roster:** Must be completed online.
   a. Each player must be listed on the roster by 5/11, 7 pm.
   b. No changes or additions to the roster after 5/11, 7 pm
   c. The online waiver must be signed by the player no later than 5/12, 7 pm
   d. 20 players maximum
   e. Players must play in at least 1 preliminary game to play in the semi-finals or finals.

12. Age Variables: All players must meet age requirements.
   - Age is determined by calendar year, not a specific date.
   - Players must be the listed division age by December 31, 2027, to play in that division*
     - Example: To play in Over 30, you must turn 30 on or before December 31, 2027
   - ***Gift players are only allowed in the Over 21 Division**
     - Over 21 division will allow 3 players 18+. A player must be or be turning 18 on or before May 14, 2027, to play in Over-21.
     - Players turning 21 by 12/31/2027 are not considered gift players.

13. **Age Verification:** If you are questioning a player's age, follow the steps below.
    a. Review the online roster to verify a player's name, photo, and age. Every registered player has access to this on the tournament website while the games are being played.
    b. ONLY THE TEAM MANAGER LISTED ON THE ROSTER is allowed to approach the referee on the field if there is a dispute. The team manager must notify the referee before the game, at halftime, or immediately after the game ends, before verifying the scores on the game card. Starting at the beginning of the last whistle, the team manager has a 5-minute grace period to approach the referee for any concerns. At the end of the 5 minutes and/or once the team manager has signed the game card, all is final; no further age or score-related concerns will be considered. Requests from anyone other than the team manager listed on the roster will not be considered.
    c. Review the online roster to verify a player's name, photo, and age. Every registered player has access to this on the tournament website while the games are being played.
    d. The team manager and the player in question will be required to present the physical ID previously submitted online to the referee upon request. Failure to present the physical ID will result in the player being considered illegal.
    e. The referee will immediately end the game if the player's age and name do not match the online roster after reviewing the ID in person. The team that abided by the rules wins by default. The winning team will receive points for goals scored up until that point. If no score was recorded at the time of verification, an automatic score of 8 points, 1 goal for, and 0 goals against will be awarded.

14. **Wristbands:** Each player must be wearing an official tournament wristband to play in this tournament.
    a. Tournament officials will issue wristbands to the team managers at Friday's check-in.
    b. Wristbands must be worn for all games; no exceptions. Players needing replacement wristbands must purchase a new one for $10 at the merchandise tent. Have ID ready for validation.
    c. If the entire team forgot the wristbands and is not wearing them at the start of the event's first game, the team manager has until ½ time to get them on their players' wrists. The team can continue to play through the first half while the team manager obtains the original set or purchases a new set ($20) at the fields. This is only forgivable on your first scheduled game of the event. At the start of the second half, all players must wear wristbands that match their IDs and rosters, or they will automatically forfeit that game.
    d. Individual players not wearing a wristband during play will be ejected from the game and issued a red card. The player must provide proof of a new wristband that matches the ID and roster by the end of the 5-minute grace period after the game to avoid being considered illegal.
    e. Each player is to keep the issued wristband on the entire weekend. Only one wristband will be issued per player per weekend.
    f. Teams may purchase, in advance, a second set of wristbands for $20 at or before the Friday Team Manager check-in event.

15. Transgender Inclusion Policy:

Friendship Sports welcomes all soccer players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials "without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or national origin."

    a. Friendship Sports promotes gender inclusion by allowing people to self-identify. The gender that a player identifies with is considered that player's gender. We reserve the right

to request documentation showing that the stated gender is sincerely held and a part of a person's core identity when foul play is suspected.

b. Cis males, unless identified as Transgender males, are not permitted to play in female divisions. Transgender females are welcome in women's divisions on the basis that their identity is sincerely held.
    - Cis males (gender identity that matches the gender that they were assigned at birth) are not permitted to play in women's divisions. All other gender identities are permitted and will be held to the standard of being a sincerely held identity.

c. Any team or player showing signs of homophobia, hate, or any other type of behavior that is anything other than welcoming and loving will be banned from the remainder of the event, with the possibility of a permanent ban at all future events.

d. Tournament staff and referees have the right to remove players and teams from this event immediately upon witnessing any inappropriate behavior listed above, with no refund.

16. **Dual Roster Players:** A player can play on a maximum of 2 teams in the same event, provided that each team is in different divisions.
    a. Players must meet the age requirement for each team.
    b. All red cards issued will carry over to the team that received the red card.
    c. All suspensions for player misconduct will carry throughout the tournament for all teams on which the player is playing.

17. **Illegal players/Team suspension from tournament:** Any player caught playing on a team for which they are not listed on the team's final roster, or whose wristband and ID do not match, will be considered illegal. Teams with illegal players will automatically forfeit the remainder of the tournament and will not be allowed back the following year. There is no financial compensation to teams affected by these situations.

18. **Players on the field:** If at any time players on the field exceed 11, players should stop gameplay immediately and stay in place until the referee has removed the excess players. The team at fault will have 1 point deducted from the overall total, regardless of the game in which it occurred. If the team scores in this time frame, the goal is disallowed, and the extra player receives a red card.

19. **Equal # of men/women on the field:** A maximum of 5 men and 5 women on the field at any time. Either gender can take penalty kicks during preliminary rounds.
    a. Teams must have an equal # of men/women players on the field at all times* (goalie excluded).
    b. Example: 5 Females/5 Males + goalie of either gender is correct.
    c. 3 Female/5 Males + goalie is NOT ACCEPTABLE. (If playing short and/or a Red Card is given, genders still need to be balanced.)
    d. A maximum of 5 players per gender on the field at once
    e. *If a player is ejected from a game (red card), the team can play with an uneven number of players on the field.
        a. Example: A team playing with 9 players must be a 5/4 mix, not 6/3.
    f. Teams do not have to have an equal number of players as the opposing team.
    g. See above for specifics on players that do not identify as "male/female".
    h. A team with 6 players of the same gender on the field at any time (goalie excluded) will be penalized 1 point, & the player will be red-carded. The opposing team should stop playing in protest immediately if this occurs.

20. **Players, Sideline Guests, Team Supporters:** Team managers will be held responsible for any negative action by their players and sideline supporters.

This is the **Friendship** Tournament…Our referees have the right to penalize the team for inappropriate behavior by your players and/or sideline supporters by issuing a red card to the captain or goalkeeper.

a. In extreme situations, the referees may need to eliminate the entire team based on the severity of the actions. Elimination from the tournament will be made jointly with the referees, the referee assignor, or the tournament director. The teams will be able to state their case, if necessary, privately with the referee assignor or the tournament director for 5 minutes before a final decision on elimination is made.
b. In the event of violence or life-threatening action, we advise you to call 911 immediately if you feel your safety is jeopardized.
c. **Music, Horns, Megaphones -** No loud music or noise-making devices are to be used on the sidelines whilst games are being played. Music audible on the field of play while the game has a running clock must be turned off. The use of bullhorns, airhorns, megaphones, or other noisemakers is not allowed during any game play out of safety concerns for players and officials on all fields.
d. **TRASH -** Teams and their sideline supporters leaving trash on the fields will be penalized. Referees will issue a red card to the captain for trash left on the field or sidelines. Dispose of your trash properly. Tournament staff will provide trash bags to anyone who requests one at the tournament tent.
e. **TAILGATING -** There is NO TAILGATING, including grill set-ups, food distribution, or buffets, allowed.
f. **ALCOHOL –** Clark County Parks **prohibits all outside alcohol** on the entire park grounds. All alcohol on site MUST be purchased from the licensed vendor on site. We will have a licensed vendor selling alcohol from 9 am to anyone who is not intoxicated and is 21+.
g. **Use of obscenities**, including racial slurs, gender sensitive context, sexuality sensitive context, or statements made to be taken in an offensive or threatening way will not be tolerated in any language. The team manager is responsible for keeping their sideline fans and players in line. Failure to do so may result in a red card and possible disqualification of your team from the tournament.

21. **Referees.** The referees are to be treated with the utmost respect. They are in control of the field and game. If you are a player or team manager listed on the roster and have a concern or compliment about a referee, **complete the online form first**. Registered players and team managers are responsible for providing this feedback as soon as possible so our referee assignor can address it with the referee involved the same day.

    - All registered players and managers will have access to the fields from their phone and are advised to use the online referee evaluation form on the tournament page after each game. Once the form is submitted, the referee assignor will be alerted. At his first chance, he can review your compliments and concerns and address them directly with the referee involved as soon as possible.
    - Referees are scheduled for different games and fields based on an availability schedule. By completing the form in real time, we can ensure we meet the correct referee to resolve any concerns that may arise. Each morning, we meet with the referees to review the rules and discuss what went well and what went wrong the previous day. Though we value the in-person feedback, a lot is going on at once, and after talking with hundreds of people each hour, your concern about a referee who

wasn't clear on a rule will slip through the cracks. We want to resolve all issues as soon as possible, and your online form helps us identify what we need to address before day 2 starts at our morning referee meeting.

22. Zero Tolerance

a. We have a zero-tolerance policy for physical and verbal attacks.
b. We have a zero-tolerance policy for racial, sexual, and all hate speech.
c. We have a zero tolerance for weapons of any kind.
d. Any player, team manager, or person associated with the team on the sideline who attempts to or physically assaults another player or event employee will automatically cause the entire team to forfeit the game immediately. The player will be permanently banned from all future tournaments. The team's fate for the remainder of the event and all future events will be decided by the referees on the field, along with the referee assignor and/or the tournament director. The team manager and 1 translator, if needed, will have only 5 minutes to privately discuss their side with the referee assignor and/or the tournament director to consider non-elimination from the event.
e. All teams are responsible for their sideline guests. Guests who are causing issues for players on either team, yelling inappropriate things, slurs, cursing, noisemakers, making visual or verbal threats, entering onto a field, causing a disturbance, fighting, or the like can cause their team to be issued a red card to the captain or goalkeeper, and/or possibly suspended for the remainder of the tournament.

23. **Home Teams:** Home teams will be listed first on the schedule, furnish the game ball, and choose the "starting side". Opponents will "kick off". There is no coin toss.
    - **The home team sets up on the east side of the field, and the away team on the west side.** You are not to place your team or spectators on the same side as the opposing team.
    - **At these fields, you can tell east/west by:** East – look for the hotels on the strip; this is east. West – Mountains & Durango Road; you most likely drove this road to get to the fields.

24. **Game Ball:** Teams are to provide their game balls. We recommend you bring several balls and mark them with your contact information. Lost and found is located at the merchandise tent.
    - The home team supplies the game ball.
    - We do not always have balls for sale or a working pump.

25. **Substitutions:** Unlimited for both teams and allowed on all stoppages except free-kick restarts for fouls, offside, and penalty kicks. Note: Referees are required to keep a running clock; time will not be stopped except for medical emergencies when emergency vehicles/ paramedics are on the field. If a game is stopped due to medical emergencies, it may be considered final. The game will not run late to make up time lost on the field.

26. **Slide Tackling:** Slide tackling is not recommended for any teams due to the uncertainty of field conditions. Teams that collectively agree, both team managers and the referee, may decide on slide tackle allowance before each game. **Not agreeing before the start of the game assumes NO SLIDE TACKLE.** Teams should refrain from slide tackling to reduce the risk of injury. Players who slide tackle another player do so at their own risk, to themselves as well as their opponent.

27. **Tournament Score Cards:** Referees are required to record the final game scores on the provided scorecards accurately. **To avoid score-reporting issues, team managers must meet the referee after the game, visually double-check the final score on the scorecard, and sign to**

acknowledge the score is recorded correctly. Failure by the team manager to verify the game score at the end of a game could result in a referee error in reporting the score. Signing the game card is not mandatory but highly recommended. Once the game score is recorded online or on the scoreboards to match the card, the tournament director will not change the scores. The score and assigned point value will remain as reported, with no change, regardless of the outcome.

28. **Send Off - Red Card Violations:** A player ejected for a Red Card violation will be suspended for the remainder of the game in which they were issued the red card, PLUS the following game. Teams will not be allowed to substitute a player for a red card violation and must play shorthanded.
    a. Depending on the severity of the ejection, the tournament director may extend the suspension to additional games. A second red card offense will automatically suspend the player from the remainder of the tournament.
    b. When asked by a referee, players receiving a red card must provide their name. Failure to do so requires the team manager to provide the name of the red-carded player. If the team manager does not cooperate, the referee will note it on the scorecard and inform the tournament officials. The game will continue with the red-carded player sitting out. The tournament director may suspend the team from further competition or impose other sanctions pending her review.
    c. Tournament director WILL NOT reverse yellow/red cards issued by the referees on the field. There are 3 sides to the story: your team's, the opposing team's, and the referees…Our referees are the eyes, ears, and judges on the field, and we defer to their calls because we weren't there to watch. If you have a concern with calls (referee decisions), professionalism, or any other referee issue, please use the referee evaluation form in real time at the fields so we can review it at the end of the day and address all issues before additional games.
    d. When a red card is issued, it will be noted on the following game card for referees' awareness and is viewable to all attendees via the online roster on the player's profile.

29. **FRIENDSHIP:** If a team attains an eight-goal advantage, the match will be officially concluded at the 35th minute of the match. This policy prevents lopsided outcomes, minimizes the risk of player injuries, and upholds the principles of sportsmanship, respect, and camaraderie within the competition.

30. **"No-show" Team:** A team that does not show up for the tournament. A refund will not be given to the no-show team.
    a. All remaining teams in the group do not need to show up for scheduled games; they will automatically receive 10 points, and goals scored will be recorded as 1:0.
    b. The tournament director will inform team managers of affected teams via text message as soon as she determines the team is a no-show.
    c. There is no financial compensation or reduced entry fee for any of the following tournaments for any team that ends up playing fewer games than the minimum guaranteed number due to a no-show team.

31. Points:
    a. Win =6 points, Tie= 3 points, Loss=0 points
    b. Each team will receive 1 point for each goal up to a maximum of 3, and 1 point for a shutout.
    c. The maximum allowable points per game are 10.
    d. A 0:0 tie will be counted as 4 points for each team (3 for a tie, 1 for a shutout).

32. **Completion of the game:** All games must be played through the final whistle. If a team ends a game early, they will forfeit that game. The opposing team will receive points as stated below.

33. **Forfeited Games (games 1-3):** Forfeited games will be scored 1-0 and will count as 8 points for the winning team (6 for a win, 1 for a goal, 1 for a shutout).
    - All games must be played to completion to advance to the semi-finals & finals.

34. **Forfeited Game Due to Fighting –** If a game is ended due to fighting, the team at fault, assuming the opposing team did not retaliate, will automatically forfeit the game. The team will be suspended from the tournament and possibly all future events. The opposing team will automatically receive 8 points (6 for a win, 1 for a goal, 1 for a shutout). Any member of any team involved in a fight will automatically suspend their entire team from the tournament.

35. **4th Game Forfeited:** Teams whose 4th game was forfeited by their opponent will receive a score of 8 points and 1:0 (1 for goals for, 0 for goals against).
    a. If a team you played against in games 1-3 forfeits their 4th game, your team and all other teams that played the forfeiting team will have their points for that game adjusted to 8. Depending on what was initially awarded, the team's point scores may be **REDUCED or INCREASED** to reflect 8 points total in the game played vs. the forfeiting team. Earned goals will be kept the same.
    b. Teams within a group where another team had forfeited its 4th game may be eligible to advance due to the adjustment of points awarded. All teams need to check the points on the scoreboards (at the fields) once all teams in that group or division have completed all regulation games to determine whether advancement is possible.

EXAMPLE of score changes…

- A team that defeated the team that forfeited its 4th game by a score of 10 points, 5 goals for, 0 against, will have 10 points reduced to 8. The 5 goals scored will be recorded.
- A team that lost against the team that forfeited its 4th game will have its total points increased to 8, regardless of goals earned.
- All the points (not goals) are changed to be even across the group. The team that didn't play their 4th game because it was forfeited against doesn't have the opportunity to play and score 10 points; therefore, the only way to make it fair is to adjust all teams' scores against the forfeited team.

36. **Penalty for Forfeiting:**
    a. Teams that forfeit preliminary games will not be allowed to return to the tournament the following year.
    b. There is no financial compensation or reduced entry fee for future tournaments for any team that ends up playing fewer than the minimum games as a direct result of a forfeit of any game at this tournament.

37. **Determination of group winners:** The team with the most points at the end of the preliminary games will be declared the group winner. If there is a tie, the team with the highest number of points at the end of the preliminary games will be decided in the following order:
    a. Least Goals Against- The team with the fewest goals scored against them.
    b. Most Goals For- The team scoring the most goals at the end of the preliminary rounds, if then tied, then

c. The least amount of Red Cards
d. 5 Penalty kicks, alternating between teams. Kicks to take place on the field assigned to the corresponding semifinal or final. In most cases, kicks will start 20 minutes before kickoff; the time is subject to change based on the previous game on that field. Up-to-date info will be posted at the tents.
e. If still tied, then sudden death. One penalty kick, alternating between teams.

38. Determination of semifinals vs. finals – to be determined when registration ends.

- **Over 21 Division:**
- **Over 25 Division:**
- **Over 30 Division:**
- **Over 35 Division:**
- **Over 40 Division:**
- **Over 45 Division:**
- **See #39 of this document for specifics on how seeding is determined.**

39. Seeding for all divisions is the same.

Seeding will be assigned to each team for advancement. Example: The team with the most points will be known as Seed 1, and so on. The seeding selection process is as follows:

1. Team with the most points
2. Team with the fewest goals scored against them (goals against)
3. Team scoring the most goals (goals for)
4. Red Cards – Team with the fewest red cards
5. Coin Toss

Once all 4 teams have been seeded, the match-ups are as follows:

1st Seed vs. 4th Seed 2nd Seed vs. 3rd Seed

If the 1st- and 4th- or 2nd- and 3rd-seeded teams come from the same group within their division, they will be moved to opposite seeding groups so they do not play against each other again.

40. **Forfeiture of a Semi-Final Game:** If a team qualified to compete in a semi-final game and decides not to play, "forfeiture" will be declared, and the opponent will be awarded a 1:0 win. The opponent will automatically advance to the championship final game.

41. **Forfeiture of a championship final game:** If a team qualified to compete in the championship final game and decides not to play, "forfeiture" will be declared, and the opponent will be awarded a 1:0 win. The opponent will automatically be the winner of that division.

42. **Tie standings for all Semi-Finals and Championship Final Games.** Semifinal games and championship games will be played until a winner is declared. Should a tie exist, the game shall continue as follows:

Penalty kicks start 5 minutes after the game-ending whistle.

a. 5 Penalty kicks, alternating between teams.
b. If still tied, then sudden death. One penalty kick, alternating between teams.
c. Kicks can be taken by anyone registered on the team.

43. **Division Champions.** All winners will receive individual player awards, a team banner, and a 50% discount on their 2028 tournament entry. There is no award for second place. Teams that win are asked to return to the tournament director's tent for team photos and awards immediately

following the final game. Awards will not be shipped; you must be present to claim.

44. **All situations not covered by these rules will be resolved by the Tournament Director, Salina Pagan, and/or Jose Morales, Referee Assignors. Their decisions will be stated as final.**

45. There is no medical staff at the fields!

a. **If you or a teammate is injured, it is YOUR responsibility to contact emergency services. 911 operators and first responders need to speak with people at the scene to provide appropriate phone support until they arrive.**
b. YOU need to call 911 if the situation requires it.
c. The address of the fields is 8400 W. Robindale Rd, LV, NV 89113. James Regional Sports Park
d. The nearest hospital is across the street and visible from all the fields.
    a. Dignity Health San Martin Campus, 8280 W. Warm Springs Road, 89113

Additional Tournament details:

FIELDS:

- This event will take place at the James Regional Sports Park
- No metal stakes for shade tents/canopies will be allowed.
- No animals allowed (this is a permanent rule at this park by CCPR)
- No BBQ grills or cooking setups will be allowed.
- No Tailgating on the fields or in the parking lot is allowed.
- No Overnight RVs allowed in the parking lot.