



Veterans Weekend Friendship Tournament

November 6-8, 2026

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 listed 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 PROTEST 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. Failure to check your team's schedule could result in a loss if you don't show up at the right time or at the right field. The game schedule will be posted on our website at www.FriendshipSports.com, in our mobile app, 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 in between. Referees are required to keep a "running clock"; therefore, time will not be stopped except for major issues.
6. **Waiting Period**
 - a. Teams must be ready to compete at the assigned field/time unless the tournament director personally notifies them of a change.
 - b. There will be a 10-minute waiting period. Referees will keep track of time.
 - c. Late starting games due to waiting for a team to show will result in time lost (subtracted from the first half)
 - d. The team for the delayed start will be penalized by 1 point. Referee to note on score card (coach's responsibility to verify at the end of that game)
7. **Minimum Players:** All teams must have a minimum of 7 players to begin each competition at the scheduled time of play, on the field, in their positions (not standing on the sidelines).
 - a. Teams with fewer than seven players after the 10-minute waiting period will forfeit the game and lose 1 point.
 - b. The opposing team with more than seven players present on the field shall be awarded a score of 1-0 and 8 points. Referees are responsible for recording this on the game scorecard.
8. **Inclement weather:** Games will be played rain or shine, and through heavy wind (subject to park approval). Games must be stopped for lightning, and the Parks and Recreation Department has the right to close fields due to excessive weather. Should a Saturday game(s) be stopped or canceled due to weather, those games will be rescheduled for the following day, if time allows. Remaining games should start at the originally scheduled times. Should the semi-final or championship final games not be played due to heavy rainfall that prevents the competition from continuing, the tournament director may declare them canceled after consultation with the representative team coaches. Should a cancellation

occur, the highest remaining seed in the respective division will automatically be declared the champion, and the 2nd-highest seed will remain the finalist.

9. **Uniforms:** All players must wear (clean) matching soccer uniforms (jerseys/shirts) with standard-sized unique numbers on the back for each game. If the jerseys are similar in color, the home team must change. The home team is listed first on the schedule.

- a. Fitness Trackers (Apple Watches and the like) must be covered with a soft covering if worn during play. Recommended for everyone's safety to remove before play.
- b. Plain/smooth bands are allowed.
- c. Large rings need to be removed or wrapped and taped.
- d. Remove earrings.
- e. Hard-sided knee braces (or similar) are to be wrapped with a soft cover.
- f. **The on-site referee has the final decision on the field regarding what is or is not acceptable for safety. If you are unsure, please check with the referee before the game starts.**

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

11. **Team Roster:** Must be completed online only.

- a. Each player must be listed on the roster by 11/3, 9 pm.
- b. No changes or additions to roster after 11/3, 9 pm
- c. The online waiver must be signed by the player no later than 11/4, 9 pm
- d. 20 players maximum
- e. Players must play at least 1 preliminary game to qualify for the semi-finals or finals.

12. **Age Variables:**

- **All players must be OVER 18 on the tournament date. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Age is determined by the year, not the date.
- Must be division age in 2026 to play in that division
 - Example: To play in Over 40, you must turn 40 on or before December 31, 2026
- Coed Over 21 Division will allow up to 3 players 18+ on November 6, 2026, or later
- Coed Over 30 Competitive (only) will allow up to 3 players 27+
- Women's Over 30 allows 3 players 27+
- Women's Over 50 allows 3 players 47+

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 roster status. Every registered player has access to this on the tournament website during the games.
- b. **ONLY THE TEAM MANAGER LISTED ON THE ROSTER** is to approach the referee on the field (or onsite referee coordinator at the tents) if there is a dispute. The team manager must notify the referee before the game, at halftime, or immediately after the match, 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. 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.
- d. The referee will end the game if the player's age and name do not match the online roster after reviewing the ID. The score will be an automatic win for the team that abided by the rules. 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 zero goals against will be awarded.

14. Wristbands: Each player must wear an official tournament wristband to play.

- a. Tournament officials will issue wristbands to team managers at Friday's check-in.
- b. Wristband to be issued and worn for all games, no exceptions. Players who need replacement bands must check in with their ID again and pay for a new band. Replacement bands are \$10.
- c. If your team forgets the wristbands and is not wearing them at the start of the game, you have until ½ time get them to the field or purchase a second set at the tents. **This is only forgivable on your first game of the event.** If your first game has already been played and you aren't wearing your wristbands at any of the following games, your team is considered illegal and will forfeit the game once the waiting period ends.
- d. Players not wearing a wristband during play will be ejected and may be red-carded.
- e. Each player must keep the issued wristband on throughout the weekend. Only one wristband is issued per player per weekend.
- f. You may purchase a second set of wristbands for your team at the tent for \$20.

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 registering, if 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.
 - i. **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 sincerely held.
- c. Coed Divisions: The identity to which a player sincerely holds will be the gender recognized for gender minimums and limits on the field of play. If the player does not identify as male/female within the common binary, the team will alternate gender-designated positions to create nonconforming gender positions. Example: teams are required to field 5 male and 5 female players plus a non-gender-specific goalie, would designate:
 - i. 1 female position as nonconforming if 1 person does not identify with a sincerely held gender
 - ii. 1 male and 1 female position if 2 persons do not identify with a sincerely held gender.
 - iii. 1 male and 2 female positions if 3 persons do not identify with a sincerely held gender.
 - iv. The process to alternate would continue in this pattern. To sub on and off the field, only the gender position that is altered can sub in for the nonconforming position. This procedure prevents someone from having to conform to a gender they do not identify with.
- d. 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.
- e. Tournament staff and referees have the right to remove players and teams from this event immediately upon witnessing any of the inappropriate behavior listed above, without refund.

16. Dual Roster Players: A player may play on up to 2 teams, provided each team is in a different age division.

- i) Players must meet the age requirement for each team
- ii) All red cards issued will carry over to the team that received them.
- iii) All suspensions for player misconduct will carry over throughout the tournament for all teams the player is playing on.

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 the wristband and ID do not match, will be considered an illegal player. We have a zero tolerance for cheaters. Your team will be eliminated from the remainder of the tournament and not allowed back the following year. Not wearing wristbands is considered illegal play; see the wristband rule.

18. **Max players on the field:** If at any time the number of players on the field exceeds 11, players should stop gameplay immediately and remain in place until the referee has removed the excess players. The team at fault will have 1 point deducted from its total points, regardless of which game it occurred in. If the team scored in this time frame, the goal would be disallowed by the tournament director, and the extra player might be issued a red card. Referees are not involved in points scoring and will only notate infractions on the scorecard. Point deductions or goal adjustments will only be handled by the tournament director.

19. **COED DIVISIONS – Equal number of males/females on the field:** A Maximum of 5 men and 5 women on the field at all times. Either gender can take penalty kicks during preliminary rounds.

- a. Must have equal # male/female 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. Max of 5 players per gender on the field at once
- e. *If a player is ejected from the game (red card), the team can play an uneven number of players on the field.
 - 1. Example: A Team playing with 9 players must be a mix of 5/4, not 6/3.
- f. Teams do not have to have an equal number of players as the opposing team.
- g. Please see below for specifics on players who do not identify as "male/female."
- h. **Teams that have six players of the same gender on the field at any time (goalie excluded) will be penalized 1 point, & player will be red carded. The opposing team should stop playing in protest immediately if this occurs.** Point deductions or goal adjustments will only be handled by the tournament director.

20. **Players, Sideline Guests, Team Supporters:** Team managers will be held responsible for any adverse 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. It is their responsibility to ensure the game remains safe for all players.

- a. In extreme situations, it may be necessary to eliminate the entire team based on the severity of the actions. Elimination from the tournament will be made collectively with the referees and 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 who leave trash on the field will be penalized. Referees will issue a red card to the captain for trash left on the field or sidelines. Dispose of your waste correctly. The tournament staff will provide trash bags to anyone requesting one at the tournament tent.
- e. **TAILGATING** - There is **NO TAILGATING, including grill setups, food distribution, or buffets.**
- f. **ALCOHOL** – Clark County Parks prohibits all outside alcohol on the entire park grounds. All alcohol onsite MUST be purchased from a licensed vendor. 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. It is the team manager’s responsibility to keep 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 as your first step](#). It is the responsibility of the registered players and team managers to provide this feedback as soon as possible so our referee can address it with the referee involved on the same day. We will not entertain the opinions and complaints of those not registered for the event.

- a. All registered players and managers will have access from their phones 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, and at his earliest convenience, he can review your compliments/concerns and address them directly with the referee.
- b. Referees are scheduled for different games and fields based on availability and schedule. By completing the process in real time, we can ensure we are meeting with the correct referee to address any concerns. Each morning, we meet with the referees to go over the rules and review what went well or badly the previous day. Though we value in-person feedback, a lot is going on at once, and after talking with hundreds of people each hour about multiple things, your concern about a referee not being apparent on a rule may slip through the cracks. We want to resolve all issues as soon as possible, and your online form helps us identify what needs to be addressed before the next game.

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 person (player, team manager, or anyone associated with the team, including those on the sideline) who attempts to assault or physically assaults another player or event employee can 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 5 minutes to privately discuss their side with the referee assignor and or the tournament director if needed 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 must remain on the east sidelines and the away team on the west sidelines.** You are not to place your team or spectators on the same side as the opposing team.
 - In 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 do not always have a working pump; it is recommended that you bring your own. We recommend that you bring several balls and mark them with contact information to reduce the risk of loss.
- The home team supplies the game ball
 - We recommend bringing extra balls; we do not always have them for sale.
25. **Substitutions:** Substitutions are 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; therefore, times will not be stopped except for medical emergencies when Public Service Emergency paramedics are on the field. If a game is stopped to address a medical emergency, 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) will be allowed to decide on the slide tackle allowance before each game. **Not agreeing before the start of the game assumes NO SLIDE TACKLE.** Teams should refrain from any slide-tackling for potential 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 scorecards accurately. To avoid problems with score reporting, it is the **team manager’s responsibility to meet with the referee after the game, visually double-check the final game scores on the scorecard, and sign it, acknowledging that the final game scores are recorded correctly.**

Failure by the team manager to verify the score at the end of a game could result in a referee error when reporting the score. Signing the game card is not mandatory but highly recommended. Once the game score is recorded on the boards to match the card, the tournament director will not change the scores. The score and assigned point value will remain as reported on the game card, unchanged, regardless of the win-loss 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.
- 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.
 - When asked by a referee, players receiving a red card must provide their names. Failure to do so requires the team coach to give the name of the red-carded player. If no cooperation from the team coach is provided, 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, at her discretion, suspend the team from further competition or impose other sanctions pending her review.
 - Tournament director WILL NOT reverse yellow/red cards issued by the referee on the field. There are three sides to the story: your team, the opposing team, and the referees...Our referees are the eyes, ears, and judges on the field, and we will defer to their call as we were not there to watch it. If you have a concern with calls, professionalism, or any 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 any issues or compliments that need to be tended to while we can do what needs to be done before additional games.

- d. **When a red card is issued, it will be noted on the following game card for the referee's awareness and will be 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 is implemented to prevent lopsided outcomes, minimize the risk of player injuries, and uphold the principles of sportsmanship, respect, and camaraderie within the competition.
30. **"No Show" Team:** A "No Show" team is defined as a team that does not show up to the tournament for circumstances beyond our control. A refund will not be given to the no-show team.
 - a. All remaining teams in the group need not show up for such scheduled games; all remaining teams will automatically receive 10 points, and goals scored will be reported as 1:0
 - b. The tournament director will inform team managers of teams affected by a no-show 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 plays fewer than the minimum guaranteed number of games due to a no-show match at this tournament.
31. **Points: Win =6 points Tie= 3 points Loss=0 points**
 - a. Each team will receive 1 point for each goal up to a maximum of 3, and 1 for a shutout.
 - b. The maximum allowable points per game are 10
 - c. 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 to the final whistle. If a team decides to end a game early, they will forfeit it. The opposing team will receive points as stated below.
33. **Forfeited Games (games 1-3):** Forfeit games will be scored 1-0 and will count as 8 points for the winning team. (6 for win, 1 for goal, 1 for shutout).
 - a. **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 may 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 1:0 (1 goal for, 0 against) and 8 points.
 - a. **If a team you played against in games 1-3 forfeits their 4th game, your team, and all the 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 match played vs the forfeiting team.** Goals that were earned 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 the teams in that group or division have completed all the regulation games to see if advancement is possible.
 - c. **Teams that forfeit preliminary games will not be allowed to return to the tournament the following year*.** *The tournament director has the right to allow exceptions based on extraordinary circumstances in person.

- d. There is no financial compensation or reduced entry 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.
- e. **Teams must have played all their preliminary games to advance to the semi-finals/finals, regardless of total points awarded.**

EXAMPLE of score changes...

- 1. A team that won against the team that forfeited its 4th game with a score of 5:0 for 10 points earned will have the 10 points reduced to 8 points. The 5 goals scored will be kept and counted
- 2. A team that lost against the team that forfeited its 4th game with a score of 2:0 had earned 0 points and will be granted 8 points.
- 3. All the points (not goals) are changed to be even across the board. The team that didn't play their 4th game because it was forfeited against does not have the opportunity to play and score 10 points; therefore, the only way to make it fair is to adjust all teams' scores that the forfeited team previously played.

36. Penalty for Forfeiting:

- a. Teams that forfeit preliminary games will not be allowed back to the tournament in the following year.
- b. There is no financial compensation or reduced entry 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 the group winner, 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, time 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 semi-finals vs finals – TBD when registration has ended.

- **Coed Over 21 Division:**
- **Coed Over 30 Competitive Division:**
- **Coed Over 30 Recreational Division:**
- **Coed Over 35 Division:**
- **Coed Over 40 Division:**
- **Women's Over 30 Division:**
- **Women's Over 35 Division:**
- **Women's Over 40 Division:**
- **Women's Over 50 Division:**
- **See #39 for specifics on how seeding is determined.**

39. Seeding for all divisions is the same.

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

- A. **Team with the most points, if needed**
- B. **Team with the fewest goals scored against them (goals against), if needed**

- No Overnight RVs are allowed in the parking lot.

ROSTERS:

The Roster is available online only on our website.

- The manager listed on the roster is not considered a player. To play, the manager must add themselves as a player.
- Your roster is due no later than 11/3. Limited changes (5) will be allowed between 10/28 and 11/3. No ads after 11/3, 9 pm PST.
- You may have only 20 players on your roster when rosters close on 11/3 at 9 pm local time.
- To delete someone from the roster, you need to use the CHANGE ROSTER form on our website. We will not accept email requests to delete players.

TEAM CHECK IN – The Team manager will check in the entire team and pick up the wristbands for all players who have completed the waiver process. **Check-in is at James Regional Sports Park – Merchandise tents. Friday 11/7. 12 pm – 6 pm**