



## 2024 Community Cup rules



### **Team Composition:**

- a. Each team must have a minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 15 players on their roster.
- b. The field ratio of male and female players has to be equal for Coed 7v7. Goalie does not count; the goalie could be either male or female.
- c. If a team cannot field the minimum required number of female players due to injuries or other valid reasons, they may play with fewer players but will be disadvantaged.

### **Game Format:**

- a. The game consists of two 25-minute halves with a brief halftime interval (typically 5 minutes).
- b. Teams change ends at halftime.
- c. Offsides will not be enforced.
- d. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time, the game will result in a draw.
- e. Men are not allowed to chip, pass, or shoot the ball in the air when within 3 yards of a female player. Violations result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team. (Halo Rule)

### **Substitutions:**

- a. Substitutions are "on the fly," which means players can enter or exit the field at any time, provided they do so from the designated substitution area on their team's sideline.

### **Points System**

- a. Match Points:
  - Win: 6 points
  - Tie: 3 points
  - Loss: 0 points
- b. Additional Points: Shoutout (no goals conceded): 1 point
- c. Standings: Points earned throughout the tournament determine team standing.
- d. Tiebreakers (in order):
  - Least goals conceded
  - Most goals scored
  - Penalty shootout
- e. Male and female goals count for one goal. Male players are limited to 3 goals a game in Coed 7v7.

### **Team Advancement:**

- a. The tournament will be divided into divisions: Div 1 and Div 2



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- b. Teams will compete against each other within their respective divisions.
- c. At the end of the round-robin stage in each division, the team with the highest points in their division will win.
- d. In the event of a tie in points within a division, see Tiebreaker in the Points System section.
- e. The final will feature Division I Advanced and Division II Recreational winners, who will compete for the tournament championship.
  - Award ceremony immediately following the final game.

### **Player Conduct:**

- a. Players must conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner throughout the tournament.
- b. Unsportsmanlike behavior, including verbal abuse, physical aggression, or dangerous play, may result in penalties or ejection from the game at the referee's discretion.
- c. Players who receive a red card will be suspended for the next game.
- d. Any player or team found to violate the rules or engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct may face further disciplinary action, including disqualification from the tournament.

### **Referee Decisions:**

- a. The decisions made by the referee are final and must be respected by all players and team officials.
- b. Disputes or concerns regarding specific decisions may be raised with the referee during halftime or after the game, but not during gameplay.

### **Safety:**

- a. Safety is of the utmost importance. Players are expected to play the game safely, avoiding reckless tackles or actions that may harm themselves or others.
- b. Players should wear appropriate equipment, including shin guards, to protect themselves during the game.
- c. Any injuries sustained during the game should be immediately reported to the referee, and appropriate medical attention should be sought.