

Soccer - Men

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1. **Age Categories:**
- (a) **Men 55 +**
 - (b) **Men 60 +**
 - (c) **Men 65 +**
 - (d) **Men 70 +**

All Goalkeepers may be 55 +

2. **Events:**

A Round Robin Tournament will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and, if necessary, on Saturday morning prior to the Medal Games, **if scheduled. Whenever practical, teams will play a minimum of four games.**

3. **Participation:**

- (a) **Each Zone may send an unlimited number of teams in all age categories**
- (b) When zones enter more than one team in an age category the relative skill level of the teams (one higher than the other or the same **and using the scale of 1 to 7 with 7 being the highest skill level**) and unique team name **MUST** be entered on the Sport form.
- (c) A player may only play for one team.
- (d) Before the start of **the first** game, the sports chair (or designate) must check each **player's photo identification and verify they are and can play for their registered Zone. A wrist band is then assigned and must be worn throughout the tournament. Referees are to check and ensure all players on the team are wearing wrist bands at each game. Anyone found not wearing the wrist band will be disqualified from playing that game.**
- (e) Each team must register a minimum of 14 and a maximum of 20 players, including goalkeepers. Under-age goalkeepers may not play in the field, (i.e. they may only leave their goal area in a defensive role.)
- (f) Teams may also nominate a non-playing coach and/or manager.
- (g) The colours **(dominant and trim)** of the team uniform must be stated on the Sport form.

4. **Competition:**

- (a) Tournament **Format for all age groups.**

- 1) **Three teams entered. The format will be a double round robin with medals decided by team standing at the completion of the round robin. There is no medal round.**

(Note: it is possible to schedule these games in 3 days. A choice should be made between Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in which case each team plays two games on one of the days, OR Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In which case only two teams play two games on one of the days and one plays one game on 3 of the days. ie. does not play on Friday, but plays their 4th game on Saturday morning. All is dependent on total number of overall teams entered and how much playing / field time is available.

- 2) **Four teams entered.** The format will be a complete round robin. The 1st and 2nd place teams will playoff for Gold and Silver with the 3rd and 4th place teams playing off for Bronze.
 - 3) **Five teams entered.** The format will be a complete round robin. Medals awarded based on team standing at the completion of the round robin. There will not be a medal round.
 4. **Six teams entered.** The format will be a full / complete round robin with each team playing 5 games. The medals will be awarded based on team standing at the completion of the round robin. There will not be a medal round. This means each team plays 2 games on one of the day).
 5. **Seven teams entered.** The teams will be divided into A and B divisions according to their skill level based on games results from previous Games and the information provided on the Soccer Sport Form data. The format would be the same as 4 (a) (1) and 4 (a) (2) above. Medals awarded to both divisions.
 6. **Eight teams entered.** The teams will be divided into A and B divisions according to their skill levels based on results from previous Games and the information provided on the Soccer Sports Form data. The competition for each division will be run as in 4 (a)(2) above. Medals awarded to both divisions.
 7. **Whenever possible, 65+ and 70+ teams should not be scheduled to play more than one game a day. If this is not possible, games will be scheduled early morning and late afternoon.**
- (b) Awarding of points in Round Robin play
Teams shall receive 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss
- (c) **Standing / Placement Tie Breaks**
In the event of a points tie after the Round Robin has been completed, the Winner (placement for medal rounds) will be decided by:
- 1) By the highest win/loss ratio for the games played.
 - 2) If necessary, win/loss record between tied teams.
 - 3) If necessary, plus/minus goals record between the tied teams.
 - 4) If necessary, total plus/minus differential in goals.
 - 5) If necessary, total goals for.
 - 6) If necessary, total goals against.
 - 7) If the tie still remains, then there shall be a coin toss to determine placements.
- (d) Medal Round: In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time in a medal round game, the tie will be broken by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA rules.
- (e) Playing Rules.
- 1) A Matches shall consist of two 35-minute halves with a 10-minute half-time interval.
 - 2) Players must wear visible numbers, a minimum of four inches in height, on their uniforms with no two identical numbers on the team.



- 3) Each goalkeeper wears colours which distinguish him from the other players, the referee and the assistant referees.
- 4) There shall be a Referee, (minimum District Referee), and two Assistant Referees for each match. Designations and levels of referee status can be found on www.bcsoccer.net.
- 5) There shall be unlimited substitutions throughout the match.
- 6) Players, except for goalkeepers within the penalty area, may not slide to play the ball when in doing so they may make contact with another player. Players deliberately slide tackling will be assessed either a yellow or a red card depending on the severity of the infringement as determined by the referee. Play should be restarted with an indirect free kick. With this exception, play shall be governed by the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 7) A team shall submit a team list to the referee before the kick-off of each game.
- 8) A player receiving a red card cannot play in the next scheduled game for his team. A player accumulating two yellow cards during the course of the tournament cannot play in the next scheduled game for his team.
- 9) Referees can send a player off the field for a **10-minute "cool down period"** when the situation warrants. A substitute is to come on for the player sent off in this situation.

5. Medals:

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals shall be awarded to all players, coaches and managers on the top three teams in each age group. If an age group is divided into divisions, then Gold, Silver and Bronze medals shall be awarded in each division.

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