

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS



2026



DATE

August 5 - 9, 2026

PLACE

Puerto Rico Convention Center

AGE GROUP

**U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18,
OPEN, MASTER (FEMALE-MALE)**

COMPETITION DETAILS

CATEGORIES	MAXIMUM/MINIMUM REGISTERED PLAYERS	NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE COURT	PLAYTIME
U6 (Born 2020 or later)	12 (MAXIMUM) (7 MINIMUM)	5 (ON PITCH) (MINIMUM 4)	U6, U7 2 X 15 (MINUTES)
U7 (Born 2019 or later)			
U8 (Born 2018 or later)			
U9 (Born 2017 or later)			
U10 (Born 2016 or later)			
U11 (Born 2015 or later)			
U12 (Born 2014 or later)			ALL OTHER GROUP AGES 2 X 20 (MINUTES)
U13 (Born 2013 or later)			
U14 (Born 2012 or later)			
U15 (Born 2011 or later)			
U16 (Born 2010 or later)			
U17 (Born 2009 or later)			
U18 (Born 2008 or later)			
OPEN			
MASTER 35+ (Born 1991 or later)			

- Ages based on **CALENDAR YEAR**
- All matches will have a **5-minute REST PERIOD** between each half
- Co-Ed participation (Men – Female) will be allowed in categories from U6 to U11
- Player **PARTICIPATION** in more than one team is not allowed
- We welcome **“GUEST PLAYERS”** (Tournament Director will determine teams for guest players)
- All players will be certified by the Competition Committee prior to their participation.

AWARDS

DIVISION	PRIZE	DETAILS
GOLD	CUP & MEDALS	Cup for Champion team and medals for Champion and Runner-up teams
SILVER	PARTICIPATION AWARD AND MEDALS	Champion team award recognition and medals for Champion and Runner-up teams
BRONZE	PARTICIPATION AWARD AND MEDALS	Champion team award recognition and medals for Champion and Runner-up teams

REGISTRATION FEE

AGE GROUP	EARLY REGISTRATION	REGULAR REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION
ALL GROUP AGE	\$700	\$750	\$800

A processing fee of \$20.00 USD per team will be charged at the time of payment, plus applicable Puerto Rico sales tax.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

This competition is open to any team that wishes to participate and meets the following registration requirements:

1. Team registration, player registration, acceptance of terms and conditions of participation. Perform these procedures on: fpfpuertorico.com/futsal
2. Present evidence / age credential (Birth Certificate / Passport or Association/Federation Card) during a welcome meeting to be held one day before the competition (Place and time to be announced).
3. Present evidence of the accidental insurance that will cover the participants during the event at the welcome meeting to be held one day before the competition (Place and time to be announced).



IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

Registration opens

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

Last day of payment and registration
(EARLY REGISTRATION)

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

Last day of payment and registration
(REGULAR REGISTRATION)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

- Last day of payment and registration
(LATE REGISTRATION)
- Registration closes

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

No payments or registrations are accepted

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2026

Deadline to submit the players' roster

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

Official Match Schedule to be published

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

- Welcome Meeting & Physical Registration
(admin & team delegates only)
- Deadline to submit ACCIDENTAL
INSURANCE POLICY
- Deadline to all ROSTER
modifications petitions
- Technical Meeting

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TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The Rules published by FIFA 2024-2025 shall be used except as modified herein.

2. Managers, coaches or presidents will:

- a. be responsible for the conduct of their players and fans.
- b. be expelled from the match if their players or fans behave in an unseemly or disrespectful manner.
- c. be responsible for the status of their players (sanctions).
- d. have a one-game automatic suspension from being ejected from a match.
- e. have to leave the competition area in case of expulsion and will not be able to interact with their team for the rest of the match. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of the match and other possible sanctions.
- f. not be able to be part of a match in one age group if they were expelled in another until they serve a suspension.
- g. be expelled from the tournament in case of aggression or attempted riot.
- h. manage the match from their "Technical Area".

COMPETITION COMMITTEE will evaluate the severity of the expulsions and determine if the sanction merits more than one match or exclusion from the event.

3. Players' wear

- a. Uniform with number (all the same - except the goalkeeper).
- b. Shin guards.
- c. Futsal shoes.
- d. Sports glasses (if applicable).

NO Jewelry, hats, casts, conventional glasses allowed while taking part of a match.

In the event that both teams have the same or similar color of uniform, the event management will provide bibs to distinguish the teams. The referee will toss a coin to determine the team that will use the bibs.

4. Matches

- a. Three (3) matches guaranteed.
- b. Maximum matches: up to 7
- c. Teams will show up for the match thirty (30) minutes prior to the start time.
- d. There will be no delay (waiting time) in the start time of a match. A team that is not ready with the minimum number of players to start the match at the schedule time will lose the match by forfeit.
- e. Teams must be attended by two (2) adults (over 18 years of age). In the event that a team is attended by one adult only and is subject to expulsion, the game will be terminated with a score of 7-0 in favor of the team opposing the expulsion. If it happens that both coaches are sent off in the same action, and both teams are left unattended, the game will be null and void (there will be no winner or statistics awarded). A COACH IS NOT ALLOWED TO BE A PLAYER ON THE SAME TEAM HE MANAGE.
- f. Participants who arrive after the time of their match will be able to participate in the match as long as they go through the registration table.

g. As a matter of courtesy, at the end of the matches, the teams will do the following:

- i. Greet each other.
- ii. Greet all Match Officials.
- iii. They will leave the technical area clean and neat.

Teams may play up to a maximum of two (2) matches in a day. Matches suspended due to violent situations or lack of control will not be reschedule.

5. Substitutions

- a. The Laws of the Game allow re-entry in all age groups.

6. Competition Format

- a. Group stage (ROUND-ROBIN).
- b. Final round (DIRECT ELIMINATION).
- c. "KNOCK-OUT RULE": A seven (7) goal lead at any time during the match will close the statistics of the match. However, the match will continue naturally and all rules will apply as set out in this manual. Neither coaches nor referees will be able to enter into agreements to stop a match with a 7-goal advantage. Only the Tournament Director will have this power in the best interests of the tournament.
- d. Points awarded per match
 - i. Match won (3 points)
 - ii. Match draw (1 point)
 - iii. Lost game (0 points)
- e. Any match in the final round that ends in a draw:
 - i. It will not go to extra time
 - ii. Direct to penalty kicks under "FIFA FUTSAL RULES" to determine the winner
- f. Criteria for defining ties in the standings
 - i. Goal Percentage (Goal Average)
 - ii. Most goals scored
 - iii. Head-to-Head Match Result
 - iv. 1st goal scored in Head-to-Head Match
 - v. Decision through coin toss

7. Forfeits

- a. For all forfeits the score will be 7-0.
- b. The following shall be forfeits motive:
 - i. Failure to show up for a match at the appointed time to play.
 - ii. Not having the minimum number of players to start a match.
 - iii. Leave the field of play before the end of the match.
 - iv. Use an ineligible participant.
 - v. Uncontrollable behaviors and/or aggravated aggressions by the Coaching Staff, Players and Fans of one or both teams.

8. Protests

- a. No protests will be allowed during this competition. Disputes will be resolved by the COMPETITION COMMITTEE. Their decision will be final and unappealable.
- b. Decisions of appreciation of the refereeing body may not be appealed.



9. Fortuitous situations / force majeure / storms

- a. As far as possible, tournament management will try to materialize all the matches scheduled in the Official Itinerary of the Competition. In case of cancellations due to storms/ fortuitous situations/force majeure, priority to play will be given as follows:
 - i. Teams that have not played a match.
 - ii. Teams that have already played a match.
 - iii. Matches that need to be played because they have a direct impact on the statistics.
- b. Depending on the situation, the teams and their managers will have to report to the competition area and be ready to play. In the event of fortuitous situations / Force Majeure or storms, the following could occur:
 - i. Reduced playtime.
 - ii. Game Relocation
 - iii. Change in schedule.
 - iv. Kicks from the Penalty Spot "FIFA FUTSAL RULES" to determine the winner.
 - v. Cancellation of matches.
 - vi. Score 0-0 for those matches that cannot be played.

The decisions taken by the COMPETITION COMMITTEE to resolve matches affected by unforeseen situations will be final and unappealable.

- c. Only the Tournament Director, in conjunction with the Officials on duty (referees), will be empowered to stop a match. The match will resume if:
 - i. The first half has not ended and the situation allows it.
 - ii. The continuity of the official match itinerary is not affected.

A match will be considered official if the first half has already ended and at the discretion of the Tournament Director there is no possibility to resume or reschedule the game without affecting the match schedule or logistics of the event.

10. Cancellation of the event due to force majeure, fortuitous event or number of teams

- a. In the event that the tournament has to be suspended due to force majeure, FPF will refund 70% of the registration fee. 30% will be allocated to administrative and operational expenses.

11. Additional Regulations

- a. **PLAYING TIME:** The clock will be stopped during the final 3 minutes of each period in actions where the development of the match is stopped; During the remaining time, the timer will run without pause unless at the discretion of the game officials it is deemed necessary to stop the clock.
- b. There will be no accumulation of **YELLOW CARDS** during the tournament.
- c. The number of games of suspension that a player will have in the event of having been sent off from a match (**RED CARD**) will be decided by the **COMPETITION COMMITTEE**. The decision will be final and unappealable.
- d. No fans are allowed in the Competition Area.
- e. Balls are not allowed in the Competition Area except those provided by the event.
- f. Coaches and players are not allowed in the competition area

when they are not in turn to play.

- g. Therapists or medical personnel may accompany the teams in the technical area but may not interact with teams. (1 per team)
- h. There will be no warm-up time in the competition area. Teams will carry out their warm-up in the areas designated by the event administrators.
- i. At the end of the match, both coaches will sign the "MATCH REPORT". During this action they will verify that the information in the Game Report is correct.

12. FAIR PLAY and Conduct

- a. Decorous, appropriate conduct consistent with the sportsmanship of the competition and "FAIR PLAY FIFA" is encouraged by the administrative staff of the participating teams, Coaches, Players, Parents and Fans.
- b. Security authorities, in conjunction with the Event Administrators, shall have absolute authority to remove from the Convention Center any person who exhibits inappropriate and unseemly conduct during the event.

13. General

- a. FPF Management, Event Promoters and Sponsors are not responsible for the expenses incurred by the teams to participate in the event if it has to be totally or partially canceled.
- b. FPF reserves the right of admission.
- c. The interpretations and decisions of the Tournament Director, as well as those of the **COMPETITION COMMITTEE**, will be final and unappealable.

14. Refund policy

- a. Once the team is accepted, there will be no refund unless the event cannot provide a spot for the team in the event.
- b. If the tournament has to be cancelled due to force majeure or lack of teams, the procedure will be as described in article ten (10) of these regulations.

15. Other Considerations

- a. **DEADLINE** to submit the players' **ROSTER: MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026.**
 - i. Teams will not be included in the **OFFICIAL MATCH SCHEDULE** if they have not submitted their preliminary/final players' **ROSTER**.
 - ii. The **REGISTRATION FEE** will not be refunded if a team registers for the competition but fails to submit its preliminary/final **ROSTER** by the established deadline.
 - iii. Modifications to the players' **ROSTER** (adding/removing players or officials) will be accepted after **TUESDAY, JULY 14**, and until **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026**. Each modification requested during this period carries a cost of **\$100.00**, payable prior to executing each modification. All modifications in this period may only be carried out by our registration staff and will be processed once payment has been made in advance.
 - iv. No modifications to the players' **ROSTER** will be accepted once the competition begins (**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026**).
 - v. Up to three (3) reserve players may be added in addition to the twelve (12) allowed by the tournament regulations.

Each added player will have a cost of \$100.00, and they may only be added by our registration staff once payment has been completed and before competition starts. Note that only twelve (12) players are allowed for any given match.

b. DEADLINE to submit the ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY for all registered players and officials: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026.**

i. Team administrator, delegate, or coach who does not present the ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY during PHYSICAL REGISTRATION must sign an event responsibility waiver form. Failure to sign this document will render the team ineligible to participate in the competition.

c. PHYSICAL REGISTRATION: A team delegate or representative must attend the Convention Center on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026, to:**

i. Present physical proof / age credential (Birth Certificate, Passport, or Association/Federation ID Card) for all players.

ii. Pick up the team's CREDENTIALS and WRISTBANDS for all players and officials.

iii. Present proof of the ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY covering all players and officials during the event.

iv. **FAILURE TO ATTEND THIS ACTIVITY WILL RESULT IN \$100.00 FINE. FAILURE TO PAY THIS FINE BEFORE THE FIRST MATCH WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEIT OF THE GAME IN FAVOR OF THE OPPONENT WITH A SCORE OF 7-0.**

d. TECHNICAL MEETING:

A team delegate or representative must attend the orientation meeting regarding competition guidelines at the Convention Center on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026. FAILURE TO ATTEND THIS ACTIVITY WILL RESULT IN \$50.00 FINE. FAILURE TO PAY THIS FINE BEFORE THE FIRST MATCH WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEIT OF THE GAME IN FAVOR OF THE OPPONENT WITH A SCORE OF 7-0.**

e. WRISTBANDS AND CREDENTIALS FOR PLAYERS/OFFICIALS:

All players and officials must be identified with a WRISTBAND, which grants entry to the event at any time, and a CREDENTIAL, which authorizes participation in matches. The following applies regarding WRISTBANDS and CREDENTIALS:

i. Without the official WRISTBAND, entry to the event is not permitted.

ii. The WRISTBAND does not authorize a player to participate in a match, the player must have his CREDENTIAL.

iii. Without the official CREDENTIAL, a player may not participate in a match.

iv. The CREDENTIAL does not authorize entry to the event; the player must have their wristband.

v. Broken WRISTBANDS will be replaced upon presentation of the damaged item.

vi. Lost WRISTBANDS will be replaced at a cost of \$40.00.

vii. If a player arrives at the competition to participate in a

match without his CREDENTIAL, the player may purchase a new one for \$25.00. It is noted that if the player later presents their original CREDENTIAL at any time during the competition, the \$25.00 will be refunded. In such a case, the event administration will retain the newly issued CREDENTIAL.

