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# Outdoor Soccer



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## General Information

### Guiding Bodies

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### Venues

Buhler Recreation Park  
Grant Park

### Entry Deadline

June 15, 2023

### Event Information

Team

Men: 18+ Division I  
Division II  
35+  
45+ Must have a minimum of six (6) teams apply for this event to take place.  
If not, this division will be combined with the 35+ division

Women: 18+

Active competitors from police, fire and eligible first responder agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN A COUNTRY**

Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish with other eligible competitors whether police or fire. This includes cross country lines.



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### Officials

One referee and two linesmen shall be used at each game. All must be licensed referees. A Three- referee system shall be used in all games.

### Medical

Basic medical supplies will be provided at each venue, including ice packs, bandages and elastic wraps. A physical therapist/technician will also be available at each venue to assist competitors.

Communications will be available at each venue and preparations made in case it is necessary to summon emergency services.

### Sporting Equipment

Dress of players will be consistent with FIFA and WPFPG rules. (No ~~grip~~ shoes.)

## Competition Format

### Bracketing

A Round Robin (Group Play) will be established. The ~~tes~~ that finish first or second in each group will advance to a Single Elimination Finals Tournament.

If the total number of teams in a division is less than 8, a single group Round Robin tournament will be used exclusively to determine medal winners. ~~C~~ Group Play is used exclusively to determine medals, the coin toss will not be used. ~~C~~ winners will be declared for teams still tied after the first 3 tie-breakers. (See "Scoring".)

Divisional Play: The following rules govern the placement of teams in ~~the~~ Division I or Division II.

Division I:

- Combined teams from states/provinces or similar regions within a country will compete in Division I.



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- Gold Medal winners in Division II from the previous WPFG.
- Any team may elect to compete in Division I with WPFGF approval.

Division II:

- All other teams may compete in Division II.

Members of a combined team can be from Law Enforcement and/or Firefighter Services.

WPFGF reserves the right to place a team in either Division I/Division II.

### **Scheduling**

Schedule for 6 days of competition. See [Sport Schedule](#) for details.

### **Awards**

Medals are awarded First through Third Place (1<sup>st</sup>3<sup>rd</sup>).

## **Sport Rules**

Player Checkin Procedures: Each player must checkin at the “Soccer Checkin Table” prior to each game his/her team plays, and show a Participant Pass. The Host Credentials Official will take possession of the players Participant Passes, and present them to the referee. The referee will return the Participant Passes to the Credential Official following each game, after noting any player misconduct on the official game record. The Credential Official will return the Participant Passes to the players.

There is free substitution during the game. (Players substituted off the field may be substituted back on the field.)

### **Player Misconduct**

If a player is ejected from a game by the referee (red card) he/she will be automatically suspended from playing in the following (one) game. The Soccer Discipline Committee will review the incident and recommend any further discipline to the WPFGF. The WPFGF will rule on the committee's recommendation.



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Yellow cards will follow FIFA rules with the exception that all yellow cards incurred during Round Robin play will be discarded and begin anew in Single Elimination play.

Whenever in the judgment of any game official the following acts occur, the participant will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament and may be subject to further sanctions as deemed appropriate by the WPFGE:

- a) Physical contact with or threat to any game official, ex-officio or volunteer
- b) Fighting where an opponent is injured
- c) Any player (on or off the field of play) who joins in a fight whether or not an injury occurs.

*[\\*WPFGE follows FIFA's Official Soccer Rules](#)*

### **Pre Competition Meeting**

Prior to the start of competition, a meeting will be held between the referees and the captain or coach from each participating team to clarify rules and conduct of play. Details of this meeting will be shared in the Sport Confirmation Letter.

### **Players Conduct**

Any serious violation of conduct, such as fighting or violence toward players or officials will result in the player(s) immediate ejection from that game and his/her automatic suspension from his/her team's next scheduled game. The sport coordinator shall immediately notify the WPFGE, who will investigate each incident to determine if additional discipline will be imposed.