



2018 PUSHA NATIONS CUP RULES

1. Objective

1.1 The objective of the PUSHA NATIONS CUP is to recognize the cultural diversity we have within in our city. It is a time for players of an ethnic background to unite and compete in a fun filled event promoting the sport of soccer outdoors.

1.2 As the tournament grows, divisions for Men's will be accompanied by Women's Master's, Classic's and others as deemed appropriate by the tournament organizers.

2. Team Registration

2.1 A team must represent a specific country, as recognized by FIFA.

2.2 Only one team per country, per division will be allowed to enter in tournament.

2.3 A team must allow players who have declared allegiance to their country to try out for their team before allowing players of other nationalities on their roster.

2.4 As an exception to 2.3, a team is permitted, if required, to add 1 goalkeeper who meets the criteria of a free agent as stated in 3.6.4. All free agent goalkeepers are subject to approval by the tournament organizers.

3. Players Registration

3.1. For the purpose of the PUSHA NATIONS CUP, all players must be duly registered with the EDSA (Edmonton District Soccer Association) and/or a member association of the EDSA, and has played a minimum of three league games.

3.1.1 Players must be in good standing with ASA (Alberta Soccer Association) and not currently suspended by any association affiliated with ASA

3.1.2 All other players outside of the Edmonton district must follow the CSA (Canadian Soccer Association) and ASA protocols.

3.2 All amateur players under the jurisdiction of the EDSA shall follow protocol as per the CSA and ASA.

3.3 A player shall only appear on one roster.



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3.4 All players are required to submit a completed PUSHA NATIONS CUP Declaration Form to PUSHA office by **Friday Aug 31, 2018**, prior to being added to a PUSHA NATIONS CUP roster.

3.5 Once the player has completed the Declaration Form, if heritage is questioned by another team, the request will be forwarded to the tournament committee. The player must have reasonable evidence that their ancestry is from the country stated. If proof is not provided, the player will be unable to participate in the PUSHA NATIONS CUP and may be called before a discipline committee. It is strongly encouraged that all players attach some proof of ancestry with their declaration.

3.6 Players will be eligible to play for a country based on the following criteria;

3.6.1 the country was the player's first choice on the heritage declaration or;

3.6.2 the player's first choice is not participating

3.6.3 the player's first choice team did not select them as part of their roster, and they are signing to the roster of their second declared country; or

3.6.4 the player's first and second choice are not participating or they were not selected as part of either roster, and the third country is signing them to their roster; or

3.6.5 none of the player's declared nationalities are participating or they were not selected to any of those three nationalities they may sign to the roster of another team of their choosing.

3.7 Players will be eligible to play for Canada based on the following criteria:

3.7.1 If listed as first country choice on declaration form, the player and both of the player's parents must have been born in Canada;

3.7.2 If listed as second choice on declaration form, the player and one parent must be born in Canada;

3.7.3 If listed as third choice on declaration form, the player must be born in Canada;

3.7.4 Proof must be submitted with all Canadian declarations;



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3.8 Roster selection for Canada must go to players who have declared Canada as their first choice; the manager/coach may only use second choice Canadian players, if they do not have enough first choice Canadian players to fill a roster.

3.9 If cut from a team, the released player must have a PUSHA NATIONS CUP release form signed by the coach/manager of the team that released the player. All release forms must be issued to players by **Monday Sep 3, 2018**.

3.10 The accuracy and validity of player declaration forms and team rosters are the sole responsibility of the team officials (coaches and managers) and will be reviewed by a member of the organizing committee.

4. Cards

4.1 All players registered in the tournament shall carry their Edmonton and District Soccer Association (or other recognized program) player cards with them when playing or attending games at which their team is involved and must produce this card on demand by a tournament official.

4.1.1 All players, coaches and managers must present their player identification cards to the game official prior to their participation in a game of this tournament.

4.1.2 Players without valid EDSA or league player card may present an electronic version of their card via phone or other electronic device. This must provide a clear picture, name and date of birth of the player in question.

4.1.3 Players may provide valid ID, a copy of their roster showing that registered player, and a copy of a letter to the league if they can't provide EDSA or another organization player card.

4.1.3 A team using altered or defaced player identification cards or providing false information to obtain a player's identification card will be banned from the tournament and all future tournaments and will be fined an amount as determined by the tournament's discipline committee.

5. Transfer of Players

5.1 Teams will not be allowed to transfer players during the course of this tournament.



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6. Trialists

6.1 Youth Trailist's that are not signed to an EDSA Men's Team must be 15 years of age and MUST present their youth player card prior to first game. As well as a release to play in the tournament signed by their parent.

7. Rosters

7.1 Each team may have a maximum of 22 players listed on their roster.

7.2 Each team may dress a maximum of 20 players, including the keeper(s).

7.3 Each team may include four (4) players that are considered "Imports" on their roster. An Import is defined as a player that is not from, or does not have a link to, the country that he will be playing for. The player may have an affiliation to another team participating in the tournament but must be declared by his team as an Import on the roster, otherwise he will be open to an appeal. If the player is declared as in Import on the roster, an appeal will not be permitted.

7.4 Teams must submit their fully completed roster electronically in the excel format provided by **Monday September 3, 2018**. Rosters submitted after the deadline will be charged an administration fee of \$50/day. No rosters will be accepted after **Thursday Sep 6, 2018**.

7.5 Teams may register as many coaches and managers as they wish, but a maximum of 4 non-playing personnel will be allowed on the bench.

7.6 Spectators or anyone not included in the 20 players dressed for the game, or the four non-playing personnel are expected to be on the opposite side of the field from the team benches. If this is not possible they are to remain 30 meters from the players and bench personnel on the bench side.

7.6.1 Teams are responsible for the actions of their spectators.

8. Misconduct, Discipline, Protests and Appeals

8.1 Any protest of a match result must be filed with the tournament organization committee within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game being protested.

8.2 The tournament committee will solely conduct all misconduct hearings and appeals.



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8.3 Hearing decisions will be given as soon as possible to all involved parties. All discipline decisions will be enforced pending further appeals or protests from the concerned parties.

8.4 Registration or roster infringements noticed by the tournament committee may be addressed by the tournament committee via means of a hearing in which the team(s) shall be invited to explain the discrepancies.

8.5 The Discipline Committee shall consist of three members, of which at least one must be a director or staff member of the PUSHA, and none of which has a potential conflict with the teams affected by any potential decisions of the Committee.

8.6 Appeals to hearings may be heard by the Tournament Chair or his/her designate and two others who were not involved in the original hearing once a \$50 Administration Fee is posted to the PUSHA (refundable only if the appeal is upheld).

9. Game Sheets

9.1 Both teams will fill out a game sheet and present the sheet to the game official prior to entering the field, and at least 10 minutes prior to scheduled kick off.

9.2 The game sheet must be fully and properly completed identifying the players' names, jersey numbers, EDSA (or other program) ID numbers as well as the names and EDSA ID numbers etc. for the coaches and managers participating at the game.

9.3 Additions may be made to the game sheet at half time, but no additions will be allowed on the game sheet after the second half has commenced.

10. Tournament Format

10.1 Points are to be awarded as follows:

- 3 points for a WIN
- 1 point for a TIE
- 0 points for a LOSS

10.2 Ties (Two, three, or four-way tie) within the pools will be broken using the following procedure:

- 10.3.1 The result of the game between the two teams tied;
- 10.3.2 The higher goal difference;
- 10.3.3 Most goals scored;



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10.3.4 Coin toss.

11. Home Team Responsibilities

11.1 The visiting team shall wear their primary color uniform as registered with the PUSHA for this tournament.

11.2 The home team shall change uniforms in the event of their uniforms not being distinguishable from the visiting team. Training “bibs” or “pennies” are NOT allowed in any Games.

12. Referees and Referee Assignments

12.1 Referees will be assigned by ASA soccer.

13. Duration of games

13.1 Games for the round robin will be played in two (2) equal halves (40) minutes

13.2 The Semi-Finals will be played in two equal (40) minute halves

13.3 Final Games will be played in two equal (45) minute halves

13.4 If, at the end of regulation time, a game in the knock-out phase (including the final) is tied, the game will be decided by 2 X 15 Min halves. If game still is tied, game will be decided by penalty kicks.

13.4 Games will otherwise follow the current ASA Rules of outdoor Soccer.

14. Professional and Non-Professional Players

14.1 No professional or non-amateur player may take part in amateur soccer as a player.

14.2 Players who have been playing in these categories must apply for reinstatement as amateurs, via the Association, the Alberta Soccer Association, and the Canadian Soccer Association, and have such reinstatement granted before participating in any amateur game. Full regulations regarding professional and non-amateur players shall be as set out in the handbook of the Canadian Soccer Association governing such matters.