

HEAT WAVE CLASSIC 2026
TOURNAMENT RULES & GUIDELINES
7 v 7 on August 29th
Craig Ranch Sports Complex - McKinney
Open, Over-30, Over-40 and Over-50 Divisions

TEAM REGISTRATION:

Team registration fee is \$375 per team, due at the time of registration (August 3-16). Late registration fee of \$400 (August 17-23). No refunds will be given if team withdraws.

Each team will have 3 scheduled games. **Champions and finalists will be awarded based on points system at the end of competition.**

Each individual player will check in at the field at least 1- hour prior to their first game to receive their wristband. **No dual rostering will be allowed within the same Association (NTCSA, NTWSA, MSA).** Players must have a photo ID (drivers license, state ID or passport) to receive their wristband. **NO ID = NO PLAY**

TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES:

COED Rules

- No more than 3 (3) field players of either gender may be on the field at any given time. The goalkeeper may be either male or female.
- Slide tackles are prohibited. If a slide tackle is made and there is no contact, a warning will be given. If contact is made, a caution will be issued.
- Goals scored by a male player will count as one (1) point. Goals scored by a female player will count as two (2) points. Penalty kicks by either male or female will count as one (1) point. In the case of a goal being scored from a deflection off of a defensive player, the gender of the offensive player to last touch the ball will determine the goal point value.

Women Rules

- No slide-tackling in Over-30, Over-40 or Over-50.

Tournament Rules

- 25-minute halves
- 5-minute half-time
- Unlimited substitutions
- Players must always have their team's wristband on during the game. No extra wristbands will be provided if lost or destroyed.
- 7v7 (minimum 5 players to field a team)
- Game-time is forfeit time. NO GRACE PERIOD.
- Games may end in a tie.

- No offsides. Referee, however, may discourage "goal-hanging", meaning the offensive player cannot enter the 18 yard box unless the ball is in the attacking side of the field.
- Goalkeepers are allowed to slide within their team's designated 18-yard box.
- No coin toss. Home team chooses either kick-off or which goal to attack.
- Home team changes for color conflict. Number rules apply for all jerseys. Numbers must be 6-inch permanent number on the back of the jersey. No taped on, drawn on, stenciled or painted/marker numbers on jerseys.
- Each player on the roster must have a unique number. No duplicate numbers allowed on a team.
- The GK does not have to have a number on their GK jersey. If the GK plays as a field player, they must have a unique number as a field player.
- No vests, pennies, or bibs allowed.
- Tournament sponsors pay the ref fees.
- Tournament sponsors will provide game ball, nets and corner flags.
- Only one team is to occupy each sideline.
- Player misconduct (cautions and ejections) will be reported to the Tournament Committee after each game. In the event of an ejection, the player is automatically disqualified from playing in the next game and assessed \$20.00. Any players garnering two (2) yellow cards during the tournament will be disqualified from playing in the next game and assessed \$20.00.
- Any player ejected for fighting, joining a fight or abuse and/or assault of a referee will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Any team responsible for the abandonment of a game due to misconduct will be disqualified from the tournament.
- If inclement weather cancels the tournament prior to the completion of a team's first scheduled game of the tournament, a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the team's entry fee may be retained by the tournament to cover start-up cost of the tournament.

SCORING FOR STANDINGS

- Division standing will be computed using FIFA rules. 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. In the case of a forfeit, the non-forfeiting team will be awarded a win with a score of 3-0.
- Should a tie result in the final standings to determine first or second place, places will be determined by using the following system:
 - a. The winner of head-to-head competition during play will finish in the higher position.
 - b. The winner of head-to-head goal differential. Goal differential is calculated as the number of goals scored between the two teams in their games minus the number of goals against between the two teams.

- c. The team with the fewest number of goals against during the tournament.
- d. The winner of goal differential.
- e. The team with the highest number of goals scored during the tournament.
- f. If still tied, both teams will be considered Co-champions or Co-finalists.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

- All players MUST be currently registered for outdoor play with USASA to participate in this tournament. Any player that is not currently registered with USASA may purchase a tournament pass for \$10.00 at the time of individual player registration.
- Player registration is online only.
- All players are required to sign a Participation Assumption and Acknowledgment of Risks Release of Liability Agreement prior to participation.
- Team rosters will be restricted to a maximum of Eighteen (18) players and a minimum of TEN (10).
- All players in the Over-30 division must meet the age requirements by August 29, 2026. All players in the Open division must be 18 years of age or older on or by August 29, 2026.