

Soccer

- 1. Age Categories:**
 - (a) Men 55 +
 - (b) Men 60 +
 - (c) All Goalkeepers may be 55+.

- 2. Events:**

Team event only. A Round Robin Tournament will take place on Thursday and Friday and, if necessary, on Saturday morning prior to the Medal Games. Teams will play a minimum of four (4) games.

- 3. Participation:**
 - (a) Each Zone can enter two 55+ teams. If the number of entries is uneven, the Host Community may enter an extra team. The Host team is not eligible for medals and their scores will not be counted towards medal standings.
 - (b) Each Zone may send an unlimited number of 60+ teams.
 - (c) At Accreditation or before he plays his first game, each player may be required to produce photo I.D. that shows his birth date.
 - (d) 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.
 - (e) Teams may also nominate a non-playing coach and/or manager.

- 4. Competition:**

The Round Robin draw and Games Schedule must be completed before Accreditation day. Some teams may be required to play on Wednesday. Each Participant will have a Games Schedule in the Accreditation package.

 - a) Tournament Make-up.
 - i) If five (5) teams or less enter the competition, the tournament will be a complete Round Robin format. The top two (2) teams will playoff for Gold and Silver, and the 3rd and 4th teams will playoff for Bronze.
 - ii) If six (6) or seven (7) teams enter the competition, the tournament will be a modified Round Robin format of four (4) games based on a random draw. The top two (2) teams will playoff for Gold and Silver, and the 3rd and 4th teams will playoff for Bronze.
 - iii) If more than 7 teams enter the competition the teams will be divided into two or three division at the discretion of the Host Sport Chair. The teams will play a round robin within their division followed by play-offs to decide overall placings.
 - iv) A Zone that did not compete in the previous year shall be entered in Division "B".

- v) Teams shall receive three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss. In the event of a tie after the Round Robin has been completed (assuming all tied teams have played each other) the winner (placement for medal rounds) will be decided:
 - 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.
 If the tie still remains, then there shall be a coin toss to determine placements.
 - vi) 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.
- b) Playing Rules.
- i) A Match shall consist of two 35-minute periods with a 10-minute half-time interval.
 - ii) Players must wear visible numbers, a minimum of four inches in height, on their uniforms with no two identical numbers on the team.
 - iii) Each goalkeeper wears colours which distinguish him from the other players, the referee and the assistant referees.
 - iv) There shall be a Referee and two Assistant Referees for each match.
 - v) There shall be unlimited substitutions throughout the match.
 - vi) No slide tackles are allowed (“no sliding to play the ball when an opponent is in the vicinity”). 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. The slide tackle rule also applies to goalkeepers. Play should be restarted with an indirect free kick. With this exception, play shall be governed by the FIFA Laws of the Game.
 - vii) Referees should be at least Class 3 as certified by the Canadian Soccer Association.
 - viii) A team shall submit a team list to the referee before the kick-off of each game.
 - ix) 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.
 - x) 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:

- (a) 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.

6. Zone Playoffs:

- a) If there are three or more 55+ teams in a Zone, then a playoff must be held.
- b) The Zone Coordinator is responsible for the format and rules if Zone playoffs are necessary.
- c) Recognizing that some Zones have a shortage of players, it is permissible in these Zones for the winning team to pick up a maximum of three (3) registered players from teams that participated in, but did not win, their area or Zone Playoffs to replace players who, because of injury or other reason, are not able to go to the Games. Players on the winning team will not be replaced just to get a better player on the team.

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