

2024 RULES

BEER CITY CUP ASHEVILLE



“THE NATION’S PREMIER ADULT SOCCER TOURNAMENT”

LABOR DAY WEEKEND – AUG 31 and SEPT 1

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY SPORTS PARK and
JOHN B. LEWIS SOCCER COMPLEX - ASHEVILLE NC**

DIVISIONS

Men’s Elite (\$5000 registration fee)

Women’s Premier

Women’s Rec

Co-Ed Premier

Co-Ed Rec

Men’s Premier

Men’s Over 30

Men’s Over 40 Premier

Men’s Over 40 Rec

Men’s Over 50

Men’s Over 55

Men’s Over 60

Men’s Over 65

REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1, 2024 AT NOON: www.BeerCityCup.com

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FEE (non-refundable): \$925

PERFORMANCE BOND (refundable): \$250 CHECK collected at Check-In

EMAIL US WITH ANY QUESTIONS: BeerCityCup@Gmail.com

TEAMS MUST HAVE AT LEAST 10 PLAYERS ROSTERED BY JULY 15, 2024 TO KEEP THEIR SPOT

GENERAL

The Beer City Cup is an Affiliated Tournament sanctioned by the United States Adult Soccer Association (USASA) and US Soccer.

All matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA except as modified in these Beer City Cup Tournament Rules.

All games are played with the "8 v 8" format. There is no "Offsides" or "3-Line Rule".

Each team is guaranteed three 50 minute matches (5 minutes for halftime).

In group play, matches can result in a tie (see Point System on page 3).

Players are allowed to play in more than one division, but can only play on one team within a division.

There is no limit on the number of guest players. Teams can be created for this tournament. Each team is allowed a maximum of 20 players.

- Women's / Co-Ed / Men's Premier teams' players must be 18 by kick-off
- Women's / Co-Ed Rec teams' players must be 18 by kick-off
- Men's Over 30 teams' male players must already be 30+ or will turn 30 in 2024
- Men's Over 40 teams' male players must already be 40+ or will turn 40 in 2024
- Men's Over 50 teams' male players must already be 50+ or will turn 50 in 2024
- Men's Over 55 teams' male players must already be 55+ or will turn 55 in 2024
- Men's Over 60 teams' male players must already be 60+ or will turn 60 in 2024
- Men's Over 65 teams' male players must already be 65+ or will turn 65 in 2024

Female players are allowed in any of the Men's Divisions with these limitations:

- Female players ages 18 - 30 are allowed in the Men's Premier + Over 30 Divisions
- Female players ages 30+ are allowed in the Men's Over 40 Divisions
- Female players ages 40+ are allowed in the Men's Over 50 Division
- Female players ages 45+ are allowed in the Men's Over 55 Division
- Female players ages 50+ are allowed in the Men's Over 60 Division
- Female players ages 55+ are allowed in the Men's Over 65 Division
- A team of all Female players that are all 30+ can enter the Men's Over 40s
- A team of all Female players that are all 40+ can enter the Men's Over 50s
- A team of all Female players that are all 45+ can enter the Men's Over 55s
- A team of all Female players that are all 50+ can enter the Men's Over 60s
- A team of all Female players that are all 55+ can enter the Men's Over 65s

COED: Teams play with 3 females on the field, in any position. Teams that can't field 3 female players will play down the number of females that they are unable to field.

!!! NO SLIDE TACKLING !!! Sliding is not permitted within playing distance of an opponent. Slide tackling is penalized with an indirect free kick, unless a direct free kick foul has been committed.

SUBSTITUTIONS: can be made during your own throw-in, either team's goal kick, when a yellow card is issued, during an injury, after a goal is scored and at halftime. Substitutes must stay off the field until the player leaving the field has come off.

WALLS: walls are 8 yards from the ball. Attacking players must be at least 1 yard away from the wall. **PENALTY KICKS:** are 10 yards from the goal line.

REFEREES: one USSF Certified Referee will officiate each match.

GAME BALLS: Each team must bring quality game balls to be used during BCC.

PLAYER and TEAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All players must be registered with USASA through their Affiliated State Association; or they'll need to purchase the USASA 'event pass' through Beer City Cup.

Beer City Cup uses the [TEAM PASS](#) player registration / roster system.

- Players who currently play in a sanctioned adult league that uses [TEAM PASS](#) do not need to purchase a player pass. Just login with your [TEAM PASS](#) username and password so your information auto populates.
- Players who currently play in a sanctioned adult league that does **not** use [TEAM PASS](#) will upload a picture of their physical player pass and a proper headshot to add themselves to their team's roster.
- Players who **are not** currently registered through a sanctioned adult league must obtain the **\$25 SINGLE EVENT PASS** or the **\$40 MULTI-EVENT PASS BY MIDNIGHT NOV 3, 2024**.

USPSL, NISA, NPSL and US CLUB player passes **are** eligible to be uploaded to [TEAM PASS](#). WPSL, USL 1, USL 2 and Professional players who are 'out of contract' need to obtain the **\$25 SINGLE EVENT PASS** or the **\$40 MULTI-EVENT PASS**.

To start the rostering process, go to www.BeerCityCup.com and click on the icon of the Beer City Cup city you will participate in. Then click '2024 PLAYER REGISTRATION'.

All players will be able to electronically sign the waivers as well.

ALL players must have valid ID available throughout the tournament. The Beer City Cup Tournament Directors, Staff and / or the Referee can ask for a valid ID to verify proof of identity or age at any time during the tournament.

Referees will use your team's Picture Roster to check your team in before each match.

Referees receive \$100 if they find a team cheating, using ineligible or underage players.

CASH PRIZE DIVISIONS

- Men's Elite Champion receives \$3125 / team entered
- Women's Premier Champion receives \$300 / team entered
- Co-Ed Premier Champion receives \$300 / team entered
- Men's Premier Champion receives \$300 / team entered
- Over 30 Champion receives \$200 / team entered
- Over 40 Premier Champion receives \$150 / team entered
- Over 50 Champion receives \$150 / team entered
- Over 55 Champion receives \$100 / team entered
- Over 60 Champion receives \$100 / team entered

NON-CASH PRIZE DIVISIONS

Women's Rec, Co-Ed Rec, Over 40 Rec and Over 65 Champions receive free entry to Beer City Cup Nashville 2024 or Beer City Cup Indianapolis 2025

POINT SYSTEM

WIN = 6 points **TIE** = 3 points **LOSS** = 0 points **SHUTOUT** = 1 point
GOALS SCORED = 1 point each > up to 3 maximum per game

Referees must report the score of each match to the Beer City Cup Tournament Headquarters within 2 hours of the conclusion of each match.

ADVANCEMENT TO THE KNOCK-OUT ROUNDS

At the end of group play, teams will be ranked in their group based on the Point System. Any situation in which two or more teams have the same number of points, the Tie Break Rules will be applied in the following sequence:

- 1. Head to Head Competition:** the result of the game played between the teams
- 2. Goal Differential:** team with the higher goal difference will be ranked prior to others
- 3. Most Goals Scored:** team with the most goals scored will be ranked prior to the others
- 4. Least Goals Allowed:** team with fewest goals allowed will be ranked prior to the others
- 5. Most Shutouts:** team with the most shutouts will be ranked prior to the others
- 6. Penalty Kicks or Coin Toss:** If two teams are still tied for the same ranking, the FIFA penalty kick procedure will be used to determine the winner. If three or more teams are still tied, the Tournament Committee will decide how to proceed. Or, teams can agree to a coin toss.

Knock-out round matches: Straight to PKs. **Finals:** one 10 minute period will be played with the "Golden Goal" rule. If the game is still tied after the 10 minute overtime, the FIFA penalty kick procedure will be used to determine the winner.

WAYS FOR YOUR TEAM TO LOSE IT'S \$250 PERFORMANCE BOND

VIOLATING THE BEER CITY CUP RULES: The Beer City Cup Tournament Directors have the right to forfeit the matches of teams who do not follow the Rules or Eligibility Requirements.

VIOLENT CONDUCT: The Beer City Cup will retain the team's \$250 Performance Bond if one of it's player(s) is ejected due to violent conduct.

DISCRIMINATION: Any kind of discrimination against a team, private person or group of people on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics.

OUTSIDE ALCOHOL: If a team / player brings their own alcohol to JBL Soccer Complex.

FORFEITS: The Beer City Cup will retain the team's \$250 Performance Bond if they forfeit a match. A team that forfeits a match will not be eligible for advancement. Their participation in future Beer City Cups will be reviewed by the Tournament Directors.

A minimum of 5 players at the time of kickoff will constitute a team.

A match should not start nor continue if either team drops below 5 players.

A forfeit shall be awarded if a team has less than 5 players on the field.

A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present and prepared to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled time of kick-off.

If a team forfeits a match at any time during the tournament, then all of their other matches will be considered forfeits as well. Forfeit scores are 3-0. No Shut-Out point will be given, 9 points total will be awarded for the forfeit.

A forfeit shall be awarded if a team starts the game + quits at any time during the game.

If a match is terminated due to fighting / violent conduct, the result of the match will be determined by the Tournament Directors.

***** LOSS OF PRIZE MONEY *** If there is fighting / violent conduct during the finals, the prize money for the offending team will be forfeited; or, violating Beer City Cup Rules.**

EJECTIONS

If a player receives a Red Card, they must sit out one game, unless it is for Violent Conduct, which carries a 3 game ban.

Any player, coach or spectator ejected from the match will not be replaced and must leave John B. Lewis Soccer Complex or Buncombe County Sports Park. The ejected player / coach / spectator will be suspended for the following match. Ejections due to violent conduct will result in a 3 game ban. The Tournament Directors reserve the right during the tournament to administer additional penalties as warranted.

Any player / coach / spectator who is guilty of physical or verbal abuse deemed as threatening to the referee will be suspended from all games for the rest of the tournament, whether he or she is registered for one team or more than one team; and shall be referred immediately to USASA.

USASA and the team's home league shall, except in the case of referee assault, have the responsibility for imposing, should circumstances warrant, additional sanctions within their respective jurisdiction with regard to any matters arising from the tournament. The issuance of all yellow and red cards and other matters involving the conduct of a team, its players, coaches or supporters will be recorded by the host organization and also reported to USASA and the team's home league.

FANS AND SPECTATORS

Each Manager / Captain and player is responsible for the conduct of their fans and spectators of their team. The match official or the Beer City Cup Tournament Directors have the authority to suspend a game as a result of the actions of spectators.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Unless there is lightning, teams must still appear on the field ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear within 10 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time will result in forfeiture of the match.

The Beer City Cup Tournament Directors reserve the right to make changes such as relocation or rescheduling of matches, reduce match length time or cancel matches in the event of inclement weather.

In case of severe weather directly before or during play, game officials may postpone match play. Should a match be terminated due to weather conditions after the first half of play, the match will be considered official and the score at that time will stand as the official match score.

The decision about cancellation will be made by the Beer City Cup Tournament Directors as soon as they are able to make a call on the conditions of the fields. Only a Beer City Cup Tournament Director may cancel a match in its entirety.

DISCLAIMER

The Beer City Cup Tournament Committee, Directors or any sponsors of the Beer City Cup activities shall not be held responsible for expenses incurred by any person, team, club, league or any other association if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part.

If the tournament is canceled in whole in advance, the teams will be reimbursed their tournament entry fee minus \$50 fee to cover website, credit card and processing expenses. If the tournament is canceled in part after games have begun, there will not be a reimbursement of any entry fees.

The Beer City Cup Tournament Directors reserve the right to use their discretion for resolving conflict or other matters not specifically provided for under these Tournament Rules.

The Beer City Cup Tournament Directors reserve the right to split divisions into Competitive and Recreation divisions. Recreation divisions will not have a cash prize.

If needed, the tournament reserves the right to finish on Monday, September 2, 2024

TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

Mandatory team Check-In: Friday, Aug 30, 5PM - 10PM at **DEVIL'S FOOT BREWING**

Each Captain / Manager / Team Representative must provide their teams' \$250 Refundable Performance Bond **CHECK**

We will issue each Captain 6 copies of their final Beer City Cup roster.

2024 ROSTER DEADLINES:

AUGUST 11 ROSTER WINDOW CLOSES

AUGUST 12 - 18 \$25 FEE FOR EACH PLAYER CHANGE

AUGUST 19 - 25 \$50 FEE FOR EACH PLAYER CHANGE

AUGUST 26 ROSTERS ARE FROZEN > NO CHANGES ALLOWED

Captains are responsible for verifying and ensuring their players are eligible to play in the division they are entering.

Playing as an ineligible player carries a minimum 5 year ban from ALL Beer City Cup events.

Any violation of these rules will result in the forfeiture of that team's \$250 Performance Bond.

Prohibited items at the Beer City Cup:

Artificial Noisemakers / Weapons of any kind / Illegal Substances

Outside alcohol at JBL Soccer Complex and Buncombe County Soccer Complex

Beer City Cup Officials are permitted to inspect any coolers brought to JBL Soccer Complex and Buncombe County Soccer Complex

No refunds once a team has registered and paid their entry fee

No protests allowed