



COMPETITION FORMAT

MEN 2021

5 TEAMS

There will be one pool comprising of all participating teams - 5 teams in total. Each team will play every other team in a round-robin competition to determine a final pool ranking. (Ranking will be determined as explained below.)

The score at the end of the regulation time of these pool match will be registered as the result of the match.

Once the pool matches are complete, the top four teams will play semi-finals against each other, with the 5th finishing team playing a last match against an invitational side. The teams participate in this round as determined by the pool rankings as follows (but will not necessarily be played in this order).

- 5th Ranked Team vs INVITATIONAL TEAM
- 1st Ranked Team v 4th Ranked Team – Semi-Final 1
- 2nd Ranked Team v 3rd Ranked Team – Semi-Final 2

During the Semi-Final matches, if at the end of the regulation time the result is a draw, in order to establish an outright winner, a shoot-out competition (as specified in the shoot-out rules, attached) will be played to establish the winner of the match. The 5th ranked team from the pool stage will finish the tournament 5th, regardless of the result of the match against the invitational side.

The final tournament positioning of the four semi-final teams will be determined in a Final Round, where the winners of each semi-final play each other and the losers of each semi-final play each other, as follows (but not necessarily in this order).

- Winner of Semi-Final 1 vs Winner of Semi-Final 2 – played to determine 1st and 2nd place in the tournament
- Loser of Semi-Final 1 vs Loser of Semi-Final 2 – played to determine 3rd and 4th place in the tournament

During the Final Round of matches, if at the end of the regulation time the result is a draw, in order to establish an outright winner, a shoot-out competition (as specified in the shoot-out rules, attached) will be played to establish the winner of the match.

POOL RANKING

In each pool, all the teams will play against each other, and the following points will be awarded for each match:

- three points to the winner,
- one point to each team, in the event of a draw,
- no points to the loser.

In each pool, teams will be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the competition.

- a. If at the end of the pool matches two or more teams have the same number of points for any place in a pool, these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of **matches won**.
- b. If there remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to their respective **goal difference** (which means “goals for” less “goals against”). A positive goal difference always takes precedence over a negative one.
- c. If there still remains equality among two or more teams, these teams will be ranked according to their respective number of **“goals for”**.

Should there still remain equality among two teams, then the **result of the match played between those teams** will determine the ranking of the tied teams.

- d. If more than two teams are involved, then a ranking based upon the results of the matches among (only) them shall determine their respective position, based upon the points awarded in accordance with the paragraph, above. If there remains equality, the teams involved shall be ranked according to the paragraphs above,
- e. If there still remains equality among two or more teams, then these teams will be ranked according to the number of Field Goals scored in the pool matches.
- f. Should there still remain equality among two teams, the ranking will be determined by a **shoot-out competition** between those teams (as specified in the shoot-out rules, attached).
- g. If more than two teams are involved, then each team will play a shoot-out competition against the other teams in the same sequence of play as the order of play in the competition, but with one round of 3 shoot-outs only to be taken compulsorily by each team.

- h. A ranking will then be established based upon the results of the round of the shoot-out competition only, with the award for each play of 3 points to the team having scored the highest number of goals, 1 point to each team having scored an equal number of goals and 0 points to the team having scored the lowest number of goals.
- i. If equality remains then teams having an equal number of points shall be ranked according to paragraphs a, b, c and d as applied to goals recorded during the shoot-out competition.
- j. If an equal position of three (or more) teams still remains thereafter, the same procedure shall be repeated until the teams can be ranked. The Technical Delegate shall make a draw to establish each sequence of play if such further rounds of shoot-outs are required.

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