



Portland Timbers Community Cup 2017

Frequently Asked Questions

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Note: This is an online document and will be updated frequently based any questions that surface. If you have a question that is not included below, please email info@timberscommunitycup.com. We'll answer your question and then add it to this document so that everyone can have the answer.

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Business Qualifications:

Q. Are we qualified to enter our business?

- A.** There are some specific criteria for entering your business into the Cup. You do not have to be an incorporated company in order to participate, but you must fulfill one of the following criteria:
- Publically traded company
 - Privately-held company
 - Small or medium-sized business
 - Non-profit organization

If you don't fit into these categories, please email info@timberscommunitycup.com. The tournament organizers will review exception requests on a case-by-case basis.

Q. What is the definition of an eligible employee?

- A.** In 2014 we instituted detailed [player eligibility rules](#) for our 4th year of the tournament. These rules introduce a sliding scale by company sized based on the number of their employees.

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Fundraising:

- Q.** What if we have questions about fundraising for our \$3,000 entry fee?
- A.** We are glad to help you brainstorm fundraising ideas! Your company may have charitable matching for non-profit organizations - many match dollar donations at 50%. If this is the case at your company, then you'll just need to raise \$1,500, which amounts to \$75/person for a 20-person roster. We recommend having the team players fundraise themselves – this really helps connect them to the event and the charitable purpose for it. If they each find 3 people who would donate \$25/each to cover the cost for them to play (assuming you have corporate matching), then you've got it covered.
- Q.** When is our entry fee due?
- A.** A non-refundable \$1000 deposit is due at the time of registration with the \$2,000.00 balance due by June 30, 2017.
- Q.** Is the Portland Timbers Stand Together Community Fund a non-profit?
- A.** The Portland Timbers Community Fund (PTCF) supports charitable, 501c(3) non-profit organizations with tax-exempt status from the IRS. PTCF supported 20 non-profit organization with grants in 2016.

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Logistics:

- Q.** Who is administering the tournament – do we need player cards?
- A.** The [Oregon Adult Soccer Association](#) is sanctioning the tournament.



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- Q.** Is it expected that players will be required to have player cards for the tourney?
- A.** Yes. Player cards will be used to track rostered players and yellow/red cards. Player must be registered with their state association (e.g., [Oregon Adult Soccer Association](#), [Washington State Adult Soccer Association](#), etc). [Oregon Adult Soccer Association](#) will also issue tournament-specific player cards for a \$20.00 fee for those who do not have active cards for state league play. More information on obtaining your cards will be communicated closer to the event.
- Q.** Are shinguards required to play?
- A.** Yes. In both the men's and co-ed brackets.
- Q.** Is there any chance you'll be able to keep track of potential primary jersey colors and alert us to potential conflicts? Do we need away jerseys?
- A.** Yes. We will track kit colors (you will provide info on your jersey color in the registration process). We will supply pinnies in the event of color conflicts if you don't want to purchase an away kit. We are also arranging a team jersey discount with a local soccer retailer. Information will be communicated after registration closes in July.
- Q.** Do we need jersey numbers?
- A.** Yes. Numbers are required for your jerseys. We encourage you to show your company spirit can wear jerseys that represent your corporate colors or branding! Think about the photo opportunities!!

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Team & Team Members:

- Q.** Who is eligible to play on our team?
- A.** Team members must be 18 or older and current employees of your company as outlined in the [player eligibility rules](#). An honor system is in place, but the Cup organizers may do periodic checks or conduct inquiries as necessary or if questions arise. Play fair, follow the rules and have fun!



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- Q.** Can players on our men's team also play on our various men's or co-ed teams?
- A.** No. Unfortunately the schedule won't work in your favor. The various brackets will play simultaneously. You should roster 24 for each team should you decide to go that route.
- Q.** By what date do our rostered players technically have to be employees of our company?
- A.** Team managers will have to submit their final rosters by July 14. For this reason, the requirement for employee start dates is that same date – July 14, 2017.
- Q.** Do we have to be a Portland-based company?
- A.** No. Business of all sizes from all around the Pacific Northwest (from Vancouver, BC to Seattle, WA to Western WA) have been invited to play in the tournament.

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Tournament Format:

- Q.** Which bracket should we enter?
- A.** You have the option of entering a Co-Ed team or a Men's team into the competition. The tournament organizers may split the brackets into Recreational and Competitive to balance the competition and provide four additional teams with the opportunity to advance to the championships at Providence Park. This will be determined by the number of participating teams. Men's teams may roster up to 3 female players if they choose. Co-Ed is a great way to include a diverse group of both women/men in the competition.
- Q.** Who has won the tournament in previous years?
- A.** View the tournament match results for 2011 - 2016 on our website:
<http://timberscommunitycupresults.com>.
- Q.** How many matches will each team play?
- A.** In all brackets each team will play a minimum of three matches. If teams advance through to the final match at Providence Park they'll play four matches total.



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Q. How long is each match?

A. Both men's and co-ed qualifying round matches will be 70-Minute Matches (30-Minute Field Warm up, 35-Minute Halves, 5-Minute Halftime). The finals to be played on August 14th at Providence Park may extend to 90 minutes depending on schedule.

Q. What are the tournament rules of play?

A. The rules vary by the bracket:

Men's Competitive Bracket will play using full FIFA rules, including slide tackling, offsides, no passing back to the keeper's hands, etc. The one exception is that you are allowed unlimited player substitutions.

Men's Recreational Bracket will play with modified tournament rules. The complete rules will be published prior to the tournament, but will include: no slide-tackling and unlimited substitutions.

Co-Ed Bracket will play with modified tournament rules. The complete rules will be published prior to the tournament, but will include: no slide-tackling and unlimited substitutions. A minimum of three (3) women must be on pitch at all times.

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