

REGULATORY NORMS AND COMPETITION RULES



MEDICAL — CHAMPIONS CUP —

SEVILLE, OCTOBER 2025

INDEX

GENERAL PROVISIONS

PRELIMINARY - APPLICABLE REGULATIONS.....	pg. 3
ARTICLE 1. - TEAM REGISTRATION IN THE COMPETITION.....	pg. 3
ARTICLE 2. – REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAY.....	pg. 4
ARTICLE 3. – SECTIONS TO BE COMPLETED IN THE REGISTRATION	pg. 4
ARTICLE 4. - NUMBER OF LICENSES PER TEAM.....	pg. 5
ARTICLE 5. - LICENSE APPLICATION PERIODS.....	pg.5
ARTICLE 6. – NUMBER OF TEAMS.....	pg. 5
ARTICLE 7. – UNIFORMITY.....	pg. 5
ARTICLE 8. – RIGHT OF ADMISSION.....	pg. 5

DISPOSICIONES GENERALES

ARTICLE 9. – GENERAL COMPETITION SYSTEM.....	pg. 6
ARTICLE 10. – PLAYER LINEUP.....	pg. 6
ARTICLE 11. – MATCH CONDUCT.....	pg. 7
ARTICLE 12. – PLAYER ENTRY PROTOCOL.....	pg. 7
ARTICLE 13. – SCHEDULE.....	pg. 7
ARTICLE 14. – MATCHDAY AND TIMETABLES.....	pg. 8
ARTICLE 15. – PLAYING FIELDS AND FACILITIES.....	pg. 8
ARTICLE 16. – REFEREEING.....	pg. 8
ARTICLE 17. – FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR AN OFFICIAL MATCH	pg. 8
ARTICLE 18. – SUBSTITUTIONS DURING THE MATCH.....	pg. 9
ARTICLE 19. – CRITERIA FOR MATCH SUSPENSIONS.....	pg. 9
ARTICLE 20. – IMPROPER PLAYER ELIGIBILITY.....	pg. 9



ARTICLE 21. – DETERMINATION OF RESULTS IN CASE OF A TIE IN FINAL STANDINGS..... pg. 10

ARTICLE 22. – APPLICATION OF FAIR PLAY..... pg. 11

ARTICLE 23. – COMPETITION AWARDS..... pg. 11

EXTRAORDINARY PROVISIONS FOR FORCE MAJEURE

SOLE PROVISION – GENERAL SAFEGUARD..... pg. 12

GENERAL PROVISIONS

PRELIMINARY - APPLICABLE REGULATIONS.

The **Medical Football Champions Cup** is a non-professional, amateur-level competition organized by **Inher Events**. Both the organization and the development of the tournament will be exclusively governed by these Regulatory Norms and Competition Rules.

The Competition Committee will be the body responsible for judging and resolving matters within its jurisdiction concerning sports and disciplinary issues. It will have authority over all participants in the tournament, including referees, delegates, coaches, players, teams, fans, etc.

The Competition Committee reserves the right to make any necessary modifications within its jurisdiction to improve the quality of the tournament. The decisions made by the Committee will be final and non-appealable.

ARTICLE 1. - TEAM REGISTRATION IN THE COMPETITION.

Any medical association or collective from any city or country in Europe can participate in the Medical Football Champions Cup, with the Competition Committee reserving the right of admission. The Committee will be responsible for reviewing and approving the corresponding registrations.

Teams must complete their registration on the web platform ([click here](#)) from **Saturday, March 1 to Sunday, March 16, 2025**.

Registration for the competition is mandatory, and its completion implies that the interested teams must have it fully completed before the deadline. The requirements for completing the registration correctly are as follows:

1. Correctly fill out the registration form according to Article 2.
2. Pay the registration fee, which must be transferred to the following account number: **ES69 0049 4306 6828 1001 7265**, indicating the TEAM NAME as the concept. Payment will be made in two installments:
 - 1) **FIRST INSTALLMENT:** from **March 15 to March 30, 2025**. Payment of the corresponding registration fee per team, **2,178 EUROS** (VAT included).
 - 2) **SECOND INSTALLMENT:** from **April 15 to April 30, 2025**. Payment of the corresponding registration fee, **60 EUROS** per player or guest attending the Gala Dinner and Trophy Presentation at the Río Grande Seville Restaurant (VAT included). Attendance at the Gala Dinner, and consequently the payment for it, is mandatory

for all registered players and coaching staff.

Teams that register after the deadline are not guaranteed participation in the competition and will face a 10% increase in the registration fee.

ARTICLE 2. – REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAY.

All players must be licensed doctors aged 23 or older, have completed their Medical University Degree, and all must belong to the same group they represent (i.e., the same city or country in the tournament). The participation of any person who does not belong to this group is prohibited. Player exchanges between different teams during the tournament will not be allowed. Any activity outside of the aforementioned will be penalized with the immediate expulsion of the offending team.

ARTICLE 3. – SECTIONS TO BE COMPLETED IN THE REGISTRATION.

The sections required on the registration platform will be as follows:

- 1) Team Name: The name of the medical group being represented must be provided. No two teams are allowed to have the same name.
- 2) Team Representative: The person who will act as the team delegate must be listed as the party responsible. The delegate will be the legal representative of both the players and coaching staff, as well as of the entire group, and will bear responsibility for them.
- 3) List of Players: Each team may register up to 30 players and 2 technical staff members. It is mandatory to register at least 15 players; the registration of the remaining 15 players and 2 technical staff members is optional. The information required on the registration platform includes:
 - Full Name
 - ID Number (DNI)
 - Passport-sized Photo (must clearly show the identity of the player/technical staff)
 - Age
 - Jersey Number (from 1 to 99)

The following link explains how to register players in the application and how to attach the necessary information.

- 4) Team Logo: The team's logo must fit within a 2x2 size, be attached in PNG format with a transparent background, and be vectorized. It should be sent to the following email address: **inherevents@gmail.com**, with the team's name as the subject.

- 5) Payment of Registration Fee: following the deadlines and dates established in Article 1.

ARTICLE 4. - NUMBER OF LICENSES PER TEAM.

Teams registered in the Medical Football Champions Cup may register a maximum of 30 and a minimum of 15 player licenses per team.

Additionally, each team has the option to register 2 technical staff licenses (one DELEGATE and one COACH) within the established registration fee. These staff members will be governed by the same rules as any player.

ARTICLE 5. - LICENSE APPLICATION PERIODS.

The registration period will be from **Saturday, March 1 to Saturday, March 16, 2025**. Afterward, individual changes can be made up to one week before the tournament. To do so, the **Annex 1** form, which will be provided to the captains in a timely manner, must be filled out.

ARTICLE 6. – NUMBER OF TEAMS.

The maximum number of teams that will be admitted to this first edition of the Medical Football Champions Cup is between 8-12 teams.

ARTICLE 7. – UNIFORMITY.

All teams must be properly uniformed in their official team kit. A photo of the kit must be submitted to the Competition Committee during registration (if the team has a second kit, this must also be submitted). If two teams have similar or matching colors in a match, the visiting team will wear a colored bib (if they do not have a second kit). If the home team has a second kit and the visiting team does not, the home team will wear their second kit (as long as the colors do not clash). Kits must display numbers from 1 to 99, which must be unique and non-transferable within the same team.

ARTICLE 8. – RIGHT OF ADMISSION.

Any association or team composed of medical professionals from any city or country in Europe may participate in the Medical Football Champions Cup. However, the Competition Committee reserves the right of admission within it.

COMPETITION RULES

ARTICLE 9. – GENERAL COMPETITION SYSTEM.

The competition will consist of two phases: a Regular Phase and a Final Phase.

A) First Phase or Regular Phase:

The format of the Regular Phase will be a single-round league system, divided into two groups, A and B, determined by a draw, with each group consisting of 4 teams. Each group will have 3 matchdays assigned on the official calendar specified in Article 12. Points will be awarded as follows: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss.

B) Second Phase or Playoff Phase:

It will be developed using a knockout system, with each match played as a single game. The two teams finishing in fourth place will compete for 7th place, and the two teams finishing in third place will compete for 5th place. The teams finishing in first and second place in each group will play the semifinals in a crossover format (the first-place team from one group will play against the second-place team from the opposite group, and vice versa). The winners of both matches will compete in the Grand Final of the tournament, and the losers will compete for 3rd and 4th place.

In the event of a draw in any of the Final Phase matches, the winner will be decided by a penalty shootout, with each team taking 3 penalties.

ARTICLE 10. – PLAYER LINEUP.

1. All players registered on the registration form, after following all steps and having their registration validated by the Competition Committee, have the right to participate in the matches scheduled in the Medical Football Champions Cup.
2. The maximum number of players allowed per matchday squad, and therefore the maximum number of players permitted on the field, will be 30 players per team, consistent with the maximum number of allowed registrations.
3. A maximum of 11 players and a minimum of 8 players may be on the field simultaneously during a match, with unlimited substitutions allowed for each team.

4. The Technical Staff of each team will also be allowed on the field, provided they are properly registered on the relevant registration form.
5. Players not registered in the Competition database are not allowed to participate, and the offending team will be penalized with expulsion from the tournament.
6. The completed **Annex 2** (list of players) must be submitted to the organizers 10 minutes before the start of the match. The necessary documents for this purpose will be provided to the captains at the beginning of the matchday.
7. All players and technical staff must present their National Identity Document (DNI) or a similar form of identification physically before the start of the match and whenever requested by the field staff or the Competition Committee. If a player or technical staff member listed for the match fails to provide their DNI or a legal identification document when requested, they will not be allowed to participate in the match.

ARTICLE 11. – MATCH CONDUCT.

1. The duration of the matches will be 60 minutes, with each half lasting 30 minutes and a maximum halftime break of 5 minutes.
2. If any match must be suspended due to force majeure or other reasons beyond the control of the organizers, the match will be considered finished with the score at the time of suspension.

ARTICLE 12. – PLAYER ENTRY PROTOCOL.

Teams are required to be ready in the locker rooms 10 minutes before the start of the match, regardless of any delays that may occur for various reasons. The referee or the event delegate may declare the match suspended if, at the start, there are not at least 8 players per team on the field, identified in the player list and ready to begin the match, as stipulated in Article 9.

ARTICLE 13. – SCHEDULE.

The tournament will take place on **October 9, 10, and 11, 2025**. On Thursday, October 9, and Friday, October 10, the matches corresponding to the Group Stage will be played, during which the ranking positions will be determined. On Saturday, October 11, the Final Stage will take place from early morning until early afternoon. Later, at 8:30 PM, the Gala Dinner and subsequent Trophy Presentation will begin at the Río Grande Restaurant in Seville.

ARTICLE 14. – MATCHDAY AND TIMETABLES.

The official schedules and match pairings will be published in **Annex 3** once all registrations have been completed and accepted.

ARTICLE 15. – PLAYING FIELDS AND FACILITIES.

The playing field where the Group Stage of the competition will take place is at the Bellavista Municipal Sports Facilities, located at Calle Gaspar Calderas S/N. The Final Stage of the tournament will be held at the Antonio Puerta Sports Center, located at Calle Francisco Buendía, 2. The playing surface is artificial grass, and the format will be 11-a-side football.

ARTICLE 16. – REFEREEING.

Refereeing will be mandatory for all matches in the competition and will be governed by the RFEF Referee Code. Each match will have a head referee and two assistant referees. The head referee will have the final say, and teams must adhere to and accept the referee's decisions and statements regarding incidents occurring before, during, and after the match.

After each match, the head referee will complete a match report documenting the goals, assists, bookings, and any incidents that occurred during the game. This report will be published on the official tournament app. Team delegates must sign the report within 5 minutes of the match's conclusion, indicating their agreement with the result and any recorded incidents. If a delegate wishes to file objections to the report, they have a 2-hour window following the end of the match to submit **Annex 4** (objections/complaints). Additionally, any misconduct by players, technical staff, or fans directed towards the referees will result in the immediate expulsion of the involved team(s) from the tournament.

ARTICLE 17. – FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR AN OFFICIAL MATCH.

A team is considered to have failed to appear if:

1. The team does not submit the list of players 10 minutes before the start of the match.
2. The match begins with fewer than 8 players on the field at the scheduled start time.
3. One or both teams fail to show up at the designated time for submitting the player list or refuse to play the match at any point during it.

In any case, if failure occurs during the Regular Phase, 3 points will be deducted from the team's standings. If one of the two teams causes the failure to appear, the offending team will forfeit the match, which will be awarded to the opposing team with a score of three goals to zero. If this occurs during the Final Phase, the offending team will forfeit the match by a score of three goals

to zero, and the opposing team will advance to the next round. In all cases, a Disciplinary File will be opened against the offending team(s), which may result in sanctions for future competitions.

If neither team submits the player list, or both teams refuse to play, 1 point will be deducted from each team if it is during the Regular Phase, and the match will not be played in the first scenario. If this occurs during the Final Phase, the Competition Committee will make an appropriate decision to ensure the smooth progression of the tournament. In all cases, a Disciplinary File will be opened against the offending teams, which may lead to sanctions for future competitions.

ARTICLE 18. – SUBSTITUTIONS DURING THE MATCH.

Substitutions during the match are unlimited. Any substituted player may re-enter the game at any time, provided that there are always 11 players on the field simultaneously, with 4 of them being over 35 years old.

ARTICLE 19. – CRITERIA FOR MATCH SUSPENSIONS.

The match referee may penalize any player, member of the technical staff, or fans identified with any of the registered teams with a Yellow Card or Red Card.

YELLOW CARD:

During any phase of the tournament, yellow cards are cumulative. Two yellow cards in different matches will result in a one-match suspension, which must be served in the next match. The accumulation of yellow cards will be reset at the end of the Regular Phase.

If a player receives two yellow cards in the same match, resulting in a red card, they will be suspended for one match, to be served in the next match. In this case, neither of the yellow cards will count towards the cumulative total.

DIRECT RED CARD:

A direct red card will result in at least a one-match suspension, to be served in the next match. The Competition Committee may increase the suspension based on the referee's report and any additional evidence suggesting that a longer suspension is warranted.

ARTICLE 20. – IMPROPER PLAYER ELIGIBILITY.

1. Improper Player Eligibility:

If a team fields an ineligible player who does not meet the regulatory requirements to participate in a match, the team will forfeit the match. The opposing team will be declared the winner with a score of three goals to zero, unless the match was in the Regular Phase and a

higher score was obtained, in which case the higher score will stand. In the Final Phase, the match will be resolved in favor of the opponent with a score of three goals to zero.

2. Non-Medical Community Player:

If a team fields a player who does not belong to the medical community they represent, the team will be penalized with a deduction of three points in the standings and will forfeit the match with a score of three goals to zero. If the situation is repeated, the offending team will be expelled from the competition. Evidence such as photos or videos of the match, which can be recorded by the opposing team or anyone interested in filing a complaint, as well as the referee's testimony, will be accepted to prove the infraction.

3. Filing Complaints:

The teams participating in the competition are authorized to act as complainants regarding the infractions mentioned in this article. The Competition Committee will initiate the corresponding procedure upon receiving a complaint, provided that graphic evidence and testimonies verifying the specific incident are submitted. Complaints regarding improper player eligibility must be made before the end of the match through the team's delegate/coach to be verified and addressed using **Annex 3**.

ARTICLE 21. – DETERMINATION OF RESULTS IN CASE OF A TIE IN FINAL STANDINGS.

In the event that two or more teams finish the Regular Phase with equal points, the tie will be resolved according to the General Regulations in the following order and with exclusive effect.

1. Head-to-Head Result: The result of the direct confrontation between the tied teams.
2. Goal Difference in Head-to-Head Matches: The greater goal difference between goals scored and conceded in matches played between the tied teams.
3. Total Goals Scored: The team with the highest number of goals scored overall.
4. Total Goals Conceded: The team with the lowest number of goals conceded overall.
5. Number of Victories: The team with the greatest number of wins.
6. Fair Play: Consideration of fair play records.
7. Draw: A draw to determine the final ranking if all other criteria are still tied.

ARTICLE 22. – APPLICATION OF FAIR PLAY.

The Fair Play criteria, if necessary, will be applied as follows:

1. **Yellow Card:** 1 point.
2. **Two Yellow Cards in a Match:** 3 points.
3. **Direct Red Card:** 5 points per sanctioned match.

ARTICLE 23. – COMPETITION AWARDS.

All registered teams and players are eligible for the following awards, provided they meet the specified requirements for each.

- **First Prize:** The team that wins the Grand Final of the tournament will be crowned Champion of the 1st Edition of the Medical Football Champions Cup. The team will be awarded the **Champion's Cup** and a gold medal for each player and member of the technical staff.

- **Second Prize:** The team that loses the Grand Final will be named Runner-Up of the 1st Edition of the Medical Football Champions Cup. The team will receive the **Runner-Up prize** and a silver medal for each player and member of the technical staff.

- **Third Prize:** The team that wins the match for Third and Fourth place will be declared Third Place of the 1st Edition of the Medical Football Champions Cup. The team will receive a bronze medal for each player and member of the technical staff.

- **Best Player Trophy:** The player who performs the best throughout the tournament will receive the **Best Player Trophy**. This will be based on goals scored, assists, and overall statistics, as judged by the Competition Committee.

- **Best Goalkeeper Trophy:** The goalkeeper who excels the most during the tournament will be awarded the **Best Goalkeeper Trophy**. This will consider goals conceded, assists, and overall statistics, as judged by the Competition Committee.

- **"IBERIAN SPORTECH Trophy" for the Top Scorer of the Competition:** The player who scores the most goals during the course of the tournament, which will host the 1st Edition of the Medical Football Champions Cup, will receive the **"IBERIAN SPORTECH Trophy" for the Top Scorer of the Competition**. Goals and assists by the player will be taken into account, with goals counting for 1 point and assists for 0.5 points.

All trophies and medals will be presented at the Trophy Gala at the end of the Gala Dinner. The names of the trophies may change depending on the sponsorships obtained, which will be published by the Competition Committee.

EXTRAORDINARY PROVISIONS FOR FORCE MAJEURE

SOLE PROVISION – GENERAL SAFEGUARD.

The provisions outlined in these Regulations and Competition Rules may be modified during the course of the season due to force majeure. The Competition Committee shall have the authority to determine the suspension and/or resumption of the competition based on the force majeure circumstances that arise and their duration.

For the purposes of these Competition Rules, force majeure is deemed to be established when there is a regulation or government order in a specific territory, and if applicable, duly endorsed by the competent judicial authority, that prohibits the conduct of sporting activities, the holding of matches in that territory, or if a State of Alarm has been declared including these restrictions.