

GUIDELINES FOR THE **EAST FOOTBALL UNITED** CREATORS PLAYOFFS

1. Player Eligibility & Registration

- **Creator Qualification:** The tournament is open to all content creators with a minimum of 3,000 followers on TikTok and/or Instagram. As an open tournament, there are no professional or skill-level restrictions, creators of all football backgrounds are welcome.
- **Account Registration:** Every participating player must create an active East Football United account and officially register under their respective team. Unregistered players will be denied entry to the tournament.

2. Roster Mechanics & Field Rules

- **Squad Limits:** Teams are capped at a maximum of fifteen (15) players per roster.
- **Co-ed Mandate:** Every team is required to have at least one (1) female player actively playing on the field at all times during a match.

3. Matchday Uniforms & Equipment

- **Team Kits:** All participating teams must wear matching jerseys of the exact same color and shade. Failure to meet these uniform requirements will result in immediate disqualification from the match.
- **Safety Gear:** A strict "No Shin Guards, No Play" policy is enforced by match officials. All players must wear standard protective gear to be allowed on the pitch.

The Creators Playoffs is an open-category football tournament hosted at Atletas63, Bridgetowne Pasig. Call time and briefing will begin at 8:30 PM, with kickoff scheduled promptly for 9:10 PM. Built specifically for the digital community, this is a fully open competition for all content creators and individuals who meet the minimum follower requirement. All participating players and teams must strictly adhere to the official tournament rules and regulations outlined above.

Gameday Reminders

1. Waivers are to be signed before entering the field.
2. Call time for all participants is **8:30 PM**. Team huddles will be held outside the field.
3. The schedule below indicates the **required** arrival and activity times:

Scheduled Time	Activity
8:45 PM	Team Captain's Huddle – All team captains are required to be there.
8:50 PM	General Orientation – All players must be present .
9:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies
9:10 PM	Kick-Off Matches Begin

4. Games will start **promptly at 9:10 PM**.
5. **Minimum 5 players** required to start a match. Otherwise, it will be **forfeited**.
6. No-shows after **3 minutes or 3 calls** means the team will be **forfeited**.
7. Forfeited matches mean that the score will be recorded as a **0-3 loss**, while a 3-0 win to their opponent.

Game Proper

1. **Players in field:** One female player must be present in each game and will follow an 8-aside match-up.
2. Goalkeepers are **NOT** allowed to use their hands on back passes, but you may pass the ball back and keepers are allowed to control using their feet and they must release the ball within **6 seconds**.
3. Goalkeepers must release the ball within **6 seconds**.
4. **No shin guards/protectors, no play.** May be subject to a yellow card.
5. **Sliding tackles are prohibited.**
6. **Unlimited flying substitutions** are allowed. The active player must exit before the substitute player enters, **not necessarily a stopped play**.
7. Referees have the authority to issue Yellow/Red cards:
 - a. **Yellow** Card Sanction: A yellow card results in a **3-minute suspension** for the player during the current match. In order for the player to continue participating in the tournament, the team must settle the **P500 penalty**. **Failure to pay the fine will render the player unable to play for the succeeding matches.**
 - b. **Red** is a **suspension for the entire tournament** and would need to **exit** the sports facility immediately.
8. Apart from the listed guidelines, FIFA 8-aside rules will apply and referees' call will be the final discretion.
9. **East Football United and its partners** are **not liable** for **lost possessions** during the event.
10. **East Football United and its partners** will **not be liable for any injuries** incurred during the duration of the tournament.

Game Format

1. The tournament will follow an all men's 8-a-side format.
2. Single Round-Robin format:
 - All teams will face each other once.
 - Each game is 10 minutes for the round-robin.
 - Semi Finals & Finals will be 12 minutes.
3. Semi-final seeding is based on total points scored in the standings:
 - Rank 1: Team with the highest total points
 - Rank 2: Team with the second-highest total points
 - Rank 3: Team with the third-highest total points
 - Rank 4: Team with the fourth-highest total points
4. Semis format:
 - Top 1 v 4
 - Top 2 v 3
5. Finals format:
 - Semis Winners (Championship)
 - Semis Losers (Battle for third)
6. Round Robin ranking will be based on a Point System:

Result	Points
Win	3
Draw	1
Loss	0

Tiebreakers (in order):

- 1. Goal Difference (Goals Scored minus Goals Conceded)*
- 2. Head-to-Head Result*
- 3. Penalty Shootout (if still tied)*

NOTE: Substitute players during the final whistle are not allowed to take penalty kicks.