## MIAMI Y TEQBALL TOUR



SOCCER 5 BRIAN PICCOLO PARK/SOUTH BEACH

# Event Guide









## **WELCOME MESSAGE**

On behalf of the International Teqball Federation (FITEQ), we offer our warmest welcome to all the athletes, coaches and technical officials, as well as delegates participating in the USA Teqball Tour in Miami, Florida. The 3rd USA Teqball Tour event of 2023 will feature the world's leading women's doubles; men's doubles, and mixed doubles players in a milestone event for FITEQ in the USA.

This event will provide athletes with opportunities to win prize money and to obtain world ranking points as well, whilst giving fans all over the world a unique sporting experience.

We believe that the USA Teqball Tour in Los Angeles will be memorable and exciting for both the participants and the wider sporting community, as well as for the spectators.

FITEQ would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation and to thank the US National Teqball Federation for jointly organizing this event and for their support. We wish you all a fantastic competition!



## I. ORGANISER AND KEY CONTACTS

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## **II. COMPETITION INFORMATION**

#### **EVENTS**

- Mixed Doubles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles

#### **ACCREDITATION/COMPETITION VENUE (APRIL 21-22)**

#### **Soccer 5 Brian Piccolo Park**

• 9501 Sheridan St, Hollywood

#### **FINALS VENUE (APRIL 23)**

South Beach, Miami • 5-6 Street, South Beach, Miami FL 33139 (on the actual beach by the ocean)

#### **PRACTICE OPPORTUNITY:**

• April 20: 6:00 – 8:00 pm Soccer 5 Brian Piccolo Park 9501 Sheridan St, Hollywood

#### DATE

• April 21-23



## **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

#### **APRIL 20**

6:00 - 8:00 PM

PRACTICE SESSION

#### **APRIL 21**

11:00 AM- 12:00 PM	PRACTICE SESSION/ACCREDITATION
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	MIXED DOUBLES
	GROUP STAGE
	KNOCK-OUT ELIMINATION
	SEMI-FINALS
	BRONZE GAME

#### APRIL 22

MEN'S DOUBLES
GROUP STAGE
KNOCK-OUT ELIMINATION
SEMI-FINALS
BRONZE GAME
WOMEN'S DOUBLES
GROUP STAGE
KNOCK-OUT ELIMINATION
SEMI-FINALS
BRONZE GAME

#### APRIL 23

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FINALS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE ACTUAL BEACH BY THE OCEAN BETWEEN 5-6 STREETS (5-6 STREET, SOUTH BEACH, MIAMI FL 33139)

2:00 PM	WOMEN'S DOUBLES FINAL
FOLLOWED BY	MIXED DOUBLES FINAL
FOLLOWED BY	MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

#### **TOURNAMENT SYSTEM**

The tournament will consist of a group stage and a knockout stage in all categories.

#### **GROUP STAGE**

• Best of 3 set games - the first team to reach 12 points, only the decisive set must be won by 2 clear points difference.

#### **KNOCKOUT STAGE**

- Best of 3 sets games, only the decisive set must be won by 2 clear points difference.
- Bronze game will be played by the losers of the semi-finals.
- Final will be played by the winners of the semi-finals.

#### **QUALIFICATION RULES**

In case of the same results between the teams the following guidelines and rules shall be applied to decide which team finishes higher:

- Direct result (in case of 2 teams);
- Results against each other with better set difference (in case of 3 or more teams);
- Results against each other with better point difference (in case of 3 or more teams);
- Results against the other teams of the group (sets, points);
- In case every result is the same, a coin toss will be made, and the winner finishes higher.

#### **COMPETITION FORMAT**

#### **Mixed Doubles:**

26 doubles teams have been registered in the Mixed Doubles category. The teams have been randomly drawn into two groups of 4 and six groups of 3. The top 2 teams from each group will be proceeding to Knockout stage (Round of 16). Please note that the Bronze game will be played on the same day as the group stages.

#### Men's Doubles:

25 doubles teams have been registered in the Men's Doubles category. The teams have been randomly drawn into one group of 4 and seven groups of 3. The top 2 teams from each group will be proceeding to Knockout stage (Round of 16). Please note that the Bronze game will be played on the same day as the group stages.

#### Women's Doubles:

13 doubles teams have been registered in the Women's Doubles category. The teams have been randomly drawn into one group of 4 and three groups of 3. The top 2 teams from each group will be proceeding to the Knockout stage (Quarter-finals).

Please note that the Bronze game will be played on the same day as the group stages.

#### **ADDITIONAL RULES**

• Warm-up time before the game: 1 MINUTE.

• Time out: ONCE every game. The teams/players do not change side after time-out but remain on their own half as before the Time-out.

• Break between the sets: 1 MINUTE. By entering the event, players agree to abide by The FITEQ Rules and Regulation of Teqball (can be found at www.fiteq.org).

• Call room/area: every athlete must be present there 10 minutes prior to their match otherwise they will receive a warning. After 3 warnings a walkover will be the penalty.

#### **NEW WARNING SYSTEM**

During the competition, referees will use cards to demonstrate disciplinary actions, to ensure visibility and understanding of the procedures. Disciplinary actions remain the same according to the rulebook:

• Unsporting conduct occurs when a player makes any inappropriate verbal remark or non-verbal gesture to the opponent players, team officials, referees, spectators or any other stakeholders who are part of the match/tournament.

• If the Main Referee considers the player's conduct to be unsporting, they may sanction the player according to the following three steps:

• Verbal warning – for unsporting behaviour, the Main Referee must issue a verbal warn ing to the offending player or team official, without awarding a point, unless the op posing player/team is clearly going to win the point. If the opposing player/team wins the point after unsporting conduct, the point must be awarded, and a verbal warning must be issued afterwards. The Main Referee may use their own words to explain the type of unsporting behaviour and then must warn the player that for the next similar action, a point will be awarded to the opponent player/team. – WARNING CARD

• Point awarded to the opponent player/team – in teqball, referees do not use coloured cards. Where an unsporting behaviour takes place for a second time by the player/ team or team official, the Main Referee must award a point to the opponent player/ team and call out: "Second warning! Point to the opponent!" This step may be used several times if a player continues with unsporting behaviour.

#### - POINT TO THE OPPONENT CARD

• Dismissal – in the case of an extreme offence or continuous unsporting behaviour, the Main Referee may dismiss a player by reporting them to the Competition Manager and/or the Chief Referee. The dismissal must be made by either the Competition Man ager or the Chief Referee. After the dismissal, the opposing player/team wins the match, but all previously earned points by the dismissed player remain valid.

• A warning or penalty incurred by any member of a team shall apply to the whole team.



#### **WORLD RANKING**

World Ranking points will be awarded as per Teqball Tour event with the bonus points system implemented as per the FITEQ World Ranking Policy.

#### **Participating Nations**

USA, BRA, ARG, PER, POL, SRB, COL, PAR, ROU, WAL, HUN, ESP, CAN, ISR, ITA, FRA, CHN, VEN, HON, POR

#### **Accreditation / registration**

Athletes and delegations will receive an official accreditation pass to the USA Teqball Tour venues, and competition areas. The accreditation must be worn at all times and the holder of the accreditation can be asked to prove their identity during the competition at any time.

#### PLAYER ACCREDITATION WILL BE ON THE FOLLOWING OCCASIONS:

- before and during training session on April 20, 2023 (between 6:00 and 8:00 PM)
- from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on April 21, 2023
- from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on April 22, 2023

#### Every athlete must present a valid ID card/passport and must submit the jerseys/shorts as well for approval.

#### Practice opportunity - warm-up area

Warm-up area will be available during the whole competition where athletes can practice on four tables.

Please only use the warm-up facilities 60 minutes prior to your match in order to allow everyone to have enough time and space to practice.

#### **Prize Money Allocation**

According to FITEQ's new policy, 100% of the prize money won is allocated to the players.

1ST	2800 USD
2ND	1800 USD
3RD	1400 USD
4TH	800 USD
5TH-8TH	400 USD
9TH-16TH	200 USD

#### /TEAM/CATEGORY

#### **Uniforms and accessories**

All players and teams must provide their own sports clothing.

All players and teams must have a minimum of two (2) sets of shirts/jerseys, each of a different shade. Prior to each game, teams shall agree on their uniform. 'Home' team chooses first which jersey to wear. If no agreement is reached there will be a coin toss by the referee, after which the winning team shall choose their preferred colour. Team members must wear matching playing uniforms i.e. both players must wear the same type and colour shorts and jerseys as one another. Headbands, sweat- bands and religious headwear are permitted. Sunglasses and hats are not permitted. All uniforms must be in line with the Equipment Regulations.



## **III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### Catering

Please kindly note that catering is NOT provided during the event, so please prepare accordingly.

#### **Medical room**

FITEQ will provide a physiotherapist available for free of charge at the competition venue during competition hours.









