



# SCFC CHAMPIONS TROPHY

2026 • OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS



## GENERAL RULES

- All players must wear shin guards. No shin guards, no entry.
- Official jerseys required during play. If colors clash, a coin toss decides who changes.
- No jewelry permitted (earrings, necklaces, bracelets). Medical alert exceptions by organizers.
- Minimum 9 players required to start a match.
- Unlimited substitutions allowed — notify linesman or referee before each sub.
- No slide tackling. Any slide tackle awards a free kick to the opposing team.
- Referee maintains official time. Time-wasting may result in a yellow card.
- 5-minute grace period after scheduled start. Team absent forfeits the match.
- Match duration:
  - League matches: 2 x 25 min halves, 5 min halftime.
  - Finals: 2 x 30 min halves, 5 min halftime.
- All other official FIFA rules apply, except as noted regarding substitutions.

## OPEN CATEGORY

- Teams randomly divided into two groups.
- Each team plays three league matches against all other teams in their group.
- The top team from each group advances to the final.
- Fixtures determined by random draw.

## 40+ CATEGORY

- 1 game with 35-minute halves and a 5-minute break.
- Each team must provide one volunteer linesman per match.
- Full squad list must be submitted by March 20.
- Team waiver must be signed by captain/players before the tournament.

## POINTS SYSTEM

- Win: 3 points | Draw: 1 point | Loss: 0 points

If points are tied, group winners decided by:

#	Tiebreaker Rule
1	Points — Win=3, Draw=1, Loss=0
2	Goal Difference — overall GF minus GA
3	Goals Scored — total goals across all matches
4	Head-to-Head Points — result of direct match
5	Head-to-Head Goals Scored — goals in direct match
6	Disciplinary — Yellow=1pt, Red=3pts (fewer = better)
7	Red Card — player suspended for next match
8	Alphabetical — last resort (replaces play-off)

## REFEREE & CONDUCT RULES

- Abuse or foul language toward referees, officials, or players will not be tolerated.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in removal from the tournament.
- Positive sportsmanship is expected at all times.
- Teams must be ready on the field at least 5 minutes prior to kickoff.

## PLAYER DISCIPLINE POLICY

Offense	Consequence
1st Offense	Official warning
2nd Offense	Captain formally notified
3rd Offense	Team removed from tournament (entry fee not refunded)

## CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Understand the tournament format and rules.
- Ensure all players sign the waiver.
- Control team behavior during matches.
- Ensure players respect the referee and avoid arguments.

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Time	Match	Cat.
TBD	Group A — Match 1	Open
TBD	Group A — Match 2	Open
TBD	Group A — Match 3	Open
TBD	Group B — Match 1	Open
TBD	Group B — Match 2	Open
TBD	Group B — Match 3	Open
TBD	40+ Match	40+
TBD	FINAL	Open

## CAPTAIN'S DECLARATION

I, as the team captain, confirm that I have read and fully understand the above rules and regulations of the **SCFC Champions Trophy – 2026**. I agree that my team and I will abide by all tournament rules, decisions of the referees, and disciplinary actions as outlined above. I understand that failure to comply with these rules may result in penalties, suspension, or removal from the tournament.

Captain Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Color (1st): \_\_\_\_\_

Team Color (2nd): \_\_\_\_\_