

CHALLENGER CUP INFORMATION & HOSTING OBLIGATIONS



GENERAL INFORMATION

CONCEPT

The FITEQ Challenger Cup series provides a flexible and accessible event structure, allowing national federations and official partners to host regular teqball tournaments. Organisers must apply online via email (competition.teqball@fiteq.org) to host a FITEQ Challenger Cup. Approved applications will receive a financial grant and the tournament will be added to the FITEQ event calendar. Players participating in Challenger Cup events will earn world ranking points.

The flexible structure allows organisers to determine the number of days, the type of events (maximum two (2)) and competition format that best suits their needs. The organiser can determine the maximum number of entrants for each event but must ensure that a minimum of sixteen (16) entrants from at least two (2) countries is reached. The minimum entrants for Challenger Cups exclusively organised for female athletes is twelve (12).

If an approved event does not attract the minimum number of participants from at least two (2) countries, then its status as a Challenger Cup may be withdrawn and it may be removed from the FITEQ event calendar. The event may still be run as a national level event.

Event organisers are welcome to apply to hold multiple Challenger Cup tournaments each year. However, every Challenger Cup Application will be reviewed on an individual basis.

OBJECTIVES

The FITEQ Challenger Cup series serves to:

- Develop teqball globally
- Provide athletes with regular competition and world ranking opportunities
- Generate further opportunity for athletes to become professional teqball players
- Support the growth of national federations

TIMELINE

Application	Decision by FITEQ	Contract with FITEQ	Final Entries	Event Delivery	Post Event Report Due
Latest 6 weeks prior to event	Latest 4 weeks prior to event	Latest 4 weeks prior to event	Latest 2 weeks prior to event	Zero time	2 weeks after the event

SUMMARY OF OBLIGATIONS

TOURNAMENT DETAILS	
Tournament Title	The title should be as follows: [City Name] [Type i.e.: Beach / Women] Challenger Cup [Year]
Tournament Dates	To be decided by the organiser.
Tournament Events	To be defined by the organiser. Maximum two events. Singles, doubles or mixed doubles events are allowed.
Tournament Format	To be defined by the organiser. Best of 1 or best of 3 sets. Exact competition format and schedule must be submitted to FITEQ minimum two (2) weeks prior to the event.
Tournament Rules	The tournament must be conducted in accordance with the current version of the Official Rules & Regulations of Teqball.
Entry Requirements	Participating Nations: Minimum of two (2). Minimum requirement is host nation + one (1). Entries per event: Minimum of sixteen (16), in case of Women Challenger Cups twelve (12) Maximum number of entries to be determined by the organiser. All entrants must be FITEQ members and must register on FITEQ's official website (www.fiteq.org/) and pay a monthly or yearly membership fee. Entrants are eligible to enter all the events of the FITEQ Challenger Cups Series without any numerical limit, up to the validity of their membership. The entry is opened 4 weeks prior to the Event. Participants must have an account on RankedIn (https://rankedin.com/), the official result management partner of FITEQ. The event organiser is entitled to collect entry fee for the tournament.
Entry Process	FITEQ is responsible for collecting entry data. Participants must register on FITEQ's official website (www.fiteq.org/) at the dedicated event. Entries apart from the FITEQ website won't be accepted. Final entry: last Monday before the start of the competition at 23:59 CET. Deadline for cancellation: last Friday before the start of the competition until 9:00 local time.
Financial support provided by FITEQ	\$2500 prizemoney & up to €2500 organisational support- to be used as required. FITEQ will cover international travel, accommodation, and meals for two (2) FITEQ staff members.

VENUE			
DELIVERABLE	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBILITY TO ORGANISE	FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Venue type	Indoor or outdoor (beach or other) venues are allowed.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Playing surface	Organiser to consult with FITEQ regarding requirements.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Number of courts	Determined by organiser. Minimum one (1) competition field of play (FOP) and one (1) warm-up court.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
FOP specifications	Minimum one (1) court measuring 1200 cm wide by 1600 cm long, with vertical clearance of at least 700 cm (measured from playing surface). The perimeter of the court should be defined with surrounds. Two team boxes with seating for three (3) people should be located outside of each competition court perimeter.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Changing rooms	Separate male and female changing rooms and toilets.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Athlete waiting area	With direct access or close to the FOP.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
EQUIPMENT			
DELIVERABLE	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBILITY TO ORGANISE	FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Tables	Competition: Teqball One. Warm-up/training: Teqball One or Teqball Smart.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Balls	A suitable number of size 5 footballs.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
SCORING AND RESULTS			
DELIVERABLE	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBILITY TO ORGANISE	FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Scoring	TeqRef or a manual scoring system	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Scoreboard	Manual or electronic Minimum requirement: one scoreboard (manual or electronic) / table that is visible to both players and spectators. And TV screen or projector for results and draw output during the competition to have a public draw with output presentation and to follow the results on site.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER

Result management system	FITEQ provides a result management system through RankedIn. FITEQ tournament supervisor is responsible to validate results set by the appointed staff member(s) / referees. Organiser is obliged to provide a result management coordinator.	FITEQ / ORGANISER	FITEQ / ORGANISER
Printer and paper	At least one working printer with an adequate amount of paper dedicated to FITEQ staff to print score sheets and other official documents during the competition.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
PERSONNEL			
DELIVERABLE	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBILITY TO ORGANISE	FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Staff - organiser	Organisational chart identifying key personnel. Minimum requirement: competition coordinator and technical coordinator.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Staff - FITEQ	FITEQ to provide one (1) competition manager. FITEQ to provide one (1) referee supervisor.	FITEQ	FITEQ
Technical officials/referees	Organiser to provide local referees.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Volunteers	Organiser to provide appropriate number of volunteers to deliver the event.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
EVENT OPERATIONS			
DELIVERABLE	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBILITY TO ORGANISE	FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Accommodation	Participants responsible for their own accommodation bookings and payments.	PARTICIPANT	PARTICIPANT
Accreditation	Organiser to provide accreditation to all participants.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Arrivals and departures	All participants are responsible for their own hotel transfers.	PARTICIPANT	PARTICIPANT
Visa	In case the entry to the hosting country is subject to visa all related costs to be borne by the participants.	PARTICIPANT	PARTICIPANT
	The visa for the FITEQ staff is covered by FITEQ	FITEQ	FITEQ
Ground transportation	Participants are responsible for their own transportation between their accommodation and the competition venue.	PARTICIPANT	PARTICIPANT

Catering	Organiser to ensure teams have access to meals on venue - user pays or provided by organiser (optional).	ORGANISER	PARTICIPANT
Cleaning & Waste	Competition venue must be kept clean and tidy.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Emergency Management	Organiser to develop an emergency response plan.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Insurance	Organiser must have an appropriate level of event insurance as specified in the event agreement.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Medical	Organiser to provide medical and first aid for all participants. One staffed and fully equipped ambulance on site during competition and training dedicated for only the said event.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Prize Money	Prize money is provided by FITEQ. Prize money per event is 2500USD.	FITEQ	FITEQ
Security	Organiser is responsible for ensuring safety and security at the venue.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Sport Presentation	Minimum requirement: DJ/music and experienced announcer.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
VIP Services	Determined by organiser in accordance with local customs and anticipated guests.	ORGANISER	ORGANISER
Internet	High speed internet connection in the venue and in the hotel free of charge to FITEQ competition management (competition manager, chief referee, 2 volunteers for result entry)	ORGANISER	ORGANISER