



2016 Men's Confederations Cup Qualification Tournament

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS, FORMAT, AWARDS, RULES & REGULATIONS FOR 2016

~ PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS: QUALIFIER ~

This event will determine the Official U.S. National Team for the 2017 F.I.P.J.P. Men's Confederations Cup tournament.*

1. All participants must have been an FPUSA member since May 16th AND must not have been a member of any other Federation since 2012. Members who did not join or renew by May 16th are not eligible.
2. Each team must include at least two U.S. citizens by birth or naturalization. One member may be a non-citizen provided that he has provided to FPUSA proof of residency in the United States prior to the tournament.
3. Pre-Registration with full payment is required for this event **by the closing date** noted on the entry form.
4. Every non-citizen participant must submit a copy of his official residency documentation prior to, or with, the submission of the team's entry form.
5. **All players must sign the entry form** verifying US Citizenship or Residency before the tournament begins. No exceptions.
6. In the event any contestant falsifies the Pre-Registration Form, he will be disqualified and will be suspended from participation in any FPUSA Title Tournament for a period of three years.
7. Every Participant must bring his Federation Card and can be asked to produce it before or during play.
8. **Winners have the honor and obligation to represent the U.S.A. at the 2017 FIPJP Men's Confederations Cup tournament.*** (See FPUSA Bylaws Article VIII B for more details at <http://www.usapetanque.org/2014constit1.pdf>)
9. Teams who are eliminated on Saturday will be entered into a **Select Triples Tournament** on Sunday 14th August at no extra charge. Teams may opt out of the Select Triples with no penalty, so long as they notify the Organizer prior to Sunday registration.
10. The Select Triples will be open to Men's Qualifier participants as well as any licensed FPUSA members.

** Details to be announced when available. The winning team will receive the standard FPUSA travel stipend as well as a share of the purse.*

NOTE: Male Juniors who turn 12 years or older during 2016 are eligible to play in this tournament.

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~ COMPETITION FORMAT FOR 9 TEAMS OR MORE ~

For 8 or fewer teams, please see pages 3-4

SATURDAY

Games begin at 9:30 am. All games to 13 points. Lunch break and game start times and will be posted.

Courts for all games in the first round will be assigned. Court assignments for subsequent rounds may be made by the Tournament Director.

If there are an EVEN numbers of team entries, FIVE games will be played. If there are an ODD numbers of team entries, FOUR games will be played in five rounds, with the fifth round being played by the teams who did not play in the first four rounds.

Results will be posted at the end of the day's competition. Sunday's pools will be announced Sunday morning.

PLACEMENT OF TEAMS IN SUNDAY'S POOLS AND ELIMINATION ROUNDS

For 9-16 entries, EIGHT teams will advance to TWO pools of FOUR. After the pools, the four winning teams will be entered into the semifinals.

For 17 or more entries, SIXTEEN teams will advance to FOUR pools of FOUR. After the pools, the eight winning teams will be entered into the quarterfinals.

Pools will be seeded according to team rankings after Saturday's results as follows:

For TWO pools of FOUR teams each: Pool A: Seed 1 vs. 8, 4 vs. 5; Pool B: 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6

For FOUR pools of FOUR teams:

Pool A: Seed 1 vs. 16, 8 vs. 9; Pool B: 2 vs. 15, 7 vs. 10;

Pool C: 3 vs. 14, 6 vs. 11; Pool D: 4 vs. 13, 5 vs. 12

Placement in the elimination rounds will proceed as follows:

2Win/0Loss teams in each pool will face the 2Win/1Loss teams in the first round.

For TWO pools:

2-0 Team from Pool A faces 2-1 Team from Pool B; 2-0 Team from Pool B faces 2-1 Team from Pool A

For FOUR pools:

2-0 Team from Pool A faces 2-1 Team from Pool D; 2-0 Team from Pool B faces 2-1 Team from Pool C

2-0 Team from Pool C faces 2-1 Team from Pool A; 2-0 Team from Pool D faces 2-1 Team from Pool B

SUNDAY

Games begin at 8:30 am. All games to 13 points. Lunch break and game start times and will be posted.

Courts will be assigned for all games.

For 4-thru 8-Team formats, see pages 3 and 4.

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~ COMPETITION FORMAT FOR 4-8 TEAMS ~

4 TEAMS: Qualify 2 teams for a 2-out-of-3 Final

SATURDAY:

- first 4 games of double "round robin" (play in two-game "sets" to minimize waiting between games)

SUNDAY:

- finish last two "round robin" games
- **2-out-of-3 final match**

5 TEAMS: Qualify 4 teams for double elimination playoff

SATURDAY:

- single "round robin" (4 games in 5 rounds)

SUNDAY:

- *double elimination (see explanation on page 4)*

6 TEAMS: Qualify 4 teams for double elimination playoff

SATURDAY:

- single "round robin" (5 games in 5 rounds)

SUNDAY:

- *double elimination (see explanation on page 4)*

7 TEAMS: Qualify 4 teams for double elimination playoff

SATURDAY:

- 4 randomly paired games (5 rounds including make up round)

SUNDAY:

- *double elimination (see format on page 4)*

8 TEAMS: Qualify 4 teams for double elimination playoff

SATURDAY:

- 5 randomly paired games

SUNDAY:

- *double elimination (see format on page 4)*

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~ SUNDAY DOUBLE ELIMINATION FORMAT ~

(used only when 5 - 8 teams played on Saturday)

Rank Teams 1 thru 4 from Saturday's results. Rounds 1-3 follow a typical seeded pool format.

ROUND 1: Team ranked #1 plays Team ranked #4. Team ranked #2 plays Team ranked #3

ROUND 2: Winners of Round 1 play each other. Losers of Round 1 play each other

- *One team is eliminated (with a 0W-2L record).*

ROUND 3: 1W-1L Teams play each other. 2W-0L Team has a BYE

- *Another team is eliminated (with a 1W-2L record)*

ROUND 4: 2W-1L Team plays 2W-0L Team

- *If 2W-0L Team wins Round 4, it wins the tournament.*

- *If 2W-1L Team wins Round 4, both teams go to Round 5*

ROUND 5 (if necessary): Teams play each other again

- *Winner of Round 5 wins the tournament*

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~ RULES, REGULATIONS & AWARDS ~

In addition to the official FIPJP rules, the FPUSA Code of Behavior and applicable rules from the FPUSA Single Day Tournament Guidelines, the following regulations will be applied by the Tournament Organizers, Umpire Staff and Officials:

1. There will be no cash prizes All proceeds from the players entry fees are to be held by FPUSA for use by the US Team and Delegation.
2. Three Gold, three Silver and six Bronze medals will be awarded. A witnessed coin toss will determine the “third place” team, that is, the team that would become the official United States team if first and second place teams can not meet the Team USA obligations (travel and otherwise).
3. The Tournament Director may impose time limits to games, or a reduction in the “one minute rule” to either 30 or 45 seconds, if he/she judges it to be necessary to complete the day's games. (*See FPUSA 1-Day Tournament Guidelines.*)
5. Carrying a damp or wet rag by players during games will not be permitted. (*See Article 15 in the official rules.*) Article 34 will cover the penalties necessary to enforce this rule.
6. Only team captains may call for a measurement by the umpire, and only after both teams have measured. If the **DIFFERENCE** between the competing boules' distance to the jack is greater than four millimeters, the team that has lost the point will get a warning. Subsequent penalties as described in Article 34 can be imposed if similar incidences occur in the game or in future games over the course of the weekend. The Tournament Director can suspend this rule for any game in progress, if an umpire is available, if it is determined that an umpire can be called more frequently for a measurement in order to expedite play. (*See FPUSA 1-Day Tournament Guidelines.*)
7. **Plastic playing circles will be required throughout the tournament.** Circles must be marked so that, if they are inadvertently moved, they can be accurately replaced.
8. **Team shirts of the same color will be required of all players for the BOTH DAYS of the tournament.**
9. **Closed-toed shoes are required of all players, except in the cases of those with a valid medical reason.**
10. Additional rules and announcements will be given to the teams, as needed, by the Tournament Director. It is the responsibility of every player to know the rules and schedule of the tournament.

