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**Official Regulation Alianza de Futbol Hispano:
Verizon Copa Alianza**



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I. Tournament Registration

Team registration requirements:

1. Online registration
2. Check in for registration at the event prior to their first game

Online registration

All participating teams in the Alianza de Futbol tournaments must register, get accepted and pay the registration fee through the website www.alianzadefutbol.com and follow the corresponding steps.

1. Team registration
2. Online payment of the registration fee once the team is accepted to participate.
3. Confirmation of the team's participation by the Organizing Committee.
4. Teams will receive a link from the Organizing Committee to complete the online registration of each player who will be on the team's roster.

*** For any questions or suggestions for the registration process and payment method please contact us by alianza.info@forsoccer.com, 415-455-3023.**



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Registration at the Event

All the coaches or representatives must arrive at the registration tent an hour and half in advance prior to their first scheduled game, as each of the players will have to prove their identity and collect a bracelet to validate their participation.

Each player registered in the team roster will have to sign an individual waiver.

Teams will be automatically disqualified if they fail to provide the documentation and requirements mentioned.

To speed up the process of document delivery, all teams will be summoned to a pre- registration meeting, which will take place two weeks before the tournament.

Player's Identity Cards

All teams participating in Verizon Copa Alianza must register a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 18 players per team.

Each team in Verizon Copa Alianza can register a maximum of two (2) members of the Coaching Staff. Changes in the team's players or coaches are prohibited 24 hours prior to their first scheduled game.

Participants cannot play in more than one team during the tournament.



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All players must wear a number on the back of the jersey and cannot change it. The player must keep the same number throughout the tournament.

Disclaimer

All teams participating in Verizon Copa Alianza must fill out a waiver signed in which each player is listed.

By signing a waiver players release Alianza de Futbol from any liability if a player suffers an accident during the tournament, players and coaches understand that each player participates at their own risk. See official tournament waiver.

This waiver can be downloaded on the following website www.alianzadefutbol.com. It is each team's responsibility to download all the waivers for each of their players and present them during registration. No player will be able to register and play if they don't present a signed waiver.

Official Identification

For the player registration, they will have to present an ID, must contain date of birth and photograph. One hour and a half before the first scheduled game of a team, coaches or representatives must be present at the registration tent to identify and confirm that the registered players are listed on the roster.

Once all players are confirmed and registered, each player will receive a bracelet which confirms the age category they are participating in by assigning a specific color bracelet. Any player who takes off the bracelet will not be able to play and will have to request a spare, the spare will cost \$ 5 dollars without player exception.



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The following options may be presented as identification and registered in the digital roster and up loading on the digital roster:

- A. League Team ID or Team Credential.
- B. Driver License or State ID Card.
- C. Passport or equivalent.
- D. Birth certificate and an ID to corroborate the birth date.

Payment

The registration fee will be paid exclusively online. All coaches must print a proof of payment or deposit slip for any clarification.

II. Competition System

Verizon Copa Alianza tournament, will be played in two phases, the first phase of qualifying matches and the second phase of direct elimination final.

First Phase

First stage game format:

This stage will be played under the round-robin format.

Score and ranking in the table, first phase

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The position in the group standings and overall standings is subject to the following criteria:

1. Three (3) points per won game.
2. One (1) point for tie game.
3. Zero (0) points for loss.

Depending on the number of registered teams in Verizon Copa Alianza, the form of qualification for the second phase will be determined. This information will be communicated in game schedules, which will be published in www.alianzadefutbol.com

Tiebreaker, first phase:

If two or more teams are tied on points in their respective groups, the tiebreaker to be applied is as follows. 1 to 5 meaning the order of priority to be applied

1. Points accumulated after playing their matches in the group stage.
2. Difference between goals scored and goals conceded.
3. Direct result of the match between the teams involved in the tiebreaker.
4. Number of goals scored in qualifying round (Productivity)
5. 5 Penalties round.

The final game format in the first phase, will be dictated by the number of teams registered. The format will be released a week before the agreed date for the tournament.

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Second phase

Game format, second phase:

In the finals, rounds will be played to direct elimination.

Tiebreaker, second phase:

In the given case that the score of the game ends tied, the match will be defined in a round of five penalty kicks. If at the end of these 5 penalties the teams remain tied the winner will be determined by golden goal.

Overtime and penalties in second phase:

There will be no overtime. The winning team will be the one who scores more goals than the opponent.

If, in the second phase the score ends tied, the winner will be defined by penalties.

The penalty shootout will take place under the system of five penalty shoot-out.

At the end of the game any player on the team roster may participate in the penalty shoot even if the player remained on the bench at time of the match.

It is permitted the change of goalkeeper by any player on the roster of the team regardless of whether the player was the bench or was in the lineup that finished the match.

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If score still tied, the winner will be defined by golden goal.

Match timing, first and second phase:

Each game's time will be defined by the central referee.

Match for Third Place:

There will be no match to define the third and fourth place of the tournament.

III. Game Rules and Regulations

Minutes of Play

The games in Alianza Femenil are planned so that each game is split into 2 periods of 30 mins each. A week before the start of the tournament, the organizing committee will announce the official game times for each category. This information will be communicated in game schedules, which will be published in www.alianzadefutbol.com

The official game times and schedules may vary if the tournament is delayed.

The referee is responsible for communicating the teams if the game time has been modified. The referee will communicate it prior to the start of the game if it is the case.

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The referee and the Organizing Committee will be responsible for communicating if the game schedule of any match was modified.

The referee will be the only authority in the tournament that will decide the added time per game.

For punctuality purposes, teams must report to the registration tent 1 hour and half in advance before the start of their first game match.

The central referee can give up ten (10) minutes tolerance if a team does not present the minimum number of players to start a match. The tolerance time will not be replenished.

A team can start playing a game with a minimum of 7 players on the field, including goalkeeper.

If passing the extension period of ten (10) minutes, the referee can end the match and give the victory by default to the team that was present, with at least 7 players. The losing team will have no sanction in the tournament, and the team that won by default will earn 3 points for the match.

Lineup

In Verizon Copa Alianza each team will have to line up at least 7 players on the court for the match.

On the bench and team sideline, ONLY the remaining players on the roster can be present along with two (2) registered members of the Coaching Staff.

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If a team loses a match by default, the organizing committee will determine whether the team will be invited for next year.

For the Under-23 category, teams will be entitled to 3 reinforcements aged over 23 years, they will need to present their official identifications for registration. IMPORTANT: These players are included in the total roster of 20 players.

Player Substitutions

Any player who has left the court as part of a replacement may reenter the field during the rest of the game.

Changes are not limited during the course of the game.

The referee is the only one with the authority to prohibit changes of players. This could happen if the referee considers that certain team is taking advantage of the remaining game time.

Uniforms and Equipment

All teams must register with the Organizing Committee, the color of the uniforms to be used in the tournament. The uniform consists of: jersey, shorts, socks, shin guards and soccer shoes.

All uniform must have, on the back of the jersey, a unique number that will be assigned to each player of the team. Players with missing numbers or repeated numbers will not be allowed to participate during the game.

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In case of any violation of this rule, it is not necessary to stop the game and:

- The referee will order the player to leave the field of play to put his equipment in order;
- The player will leave the field when the game is stopped, unless the equipment has already been corrected.

A player who leaves the field to correct or change his equipment must:

- Submit the equipment to the control of a member of the arbitration team before being able to re-enter;
- Re-enter only with the permission of the referee (which can be granted during the game).

Note: This infraction will NOT be taken into account to disqualify the team or lose the game, only the referee will give the instruction to remove the player from the field, if the equipment is corrected and if it is the case he can enter the game again .

The use of shin guards is mandatory for all players during Alianza de Futbol tournaments. Without adequate protection, participation can be denied to players. Players that do not have shin guards are prohibited from entering the field.

The referee will determine whether the uniforms from both teams pose confusion: in terms of color. In this case, the referee will change jerseys or will ask the players to use color vests that will be defined through a coin toss.

The organizing committee will award a set of uniforms to each finalist.

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It is mandatory for all teams to wear the provided uniforms for all the final match.

If teams enter the court without the uniforms provided by Alianza de Futbol Organizing Committee, the referee will stop the start of the game until the two finalists are dressed according to the rules.

Game Balls

Each team will have to present at least 2 balls in good condition and approved by the central referee.

The organizing committee will award a soccer ball to each finalist. It is mandatory that this ball is used in the final game.

If teams fail in presenting the awarded soccer balls, the referee will not begin the match until the two finalists present their game soccer balls

Hydration

It is recommended that all players, families and assistants bring water and hydration during the tournament days.

The tournament will provide hydration stations for participants, but it is not responsible for dehydration consequences.

It is recommended that each player make hydrate at least 3x during a match.

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Misconduct

Coaches, players and fans must maintain proper conduct on and off the field.

Yellow cards

Players who accumulate two yellow cards in the same match, will be expelled from the match and will have to sit out one suspension game regardless of the phase they are participating in qualifying or final. Yellow cards are not cumulative during the tournament.

Red Cards

Players who receive red card during a match may not continue that game and will be suspended from playing in the next match, regardless of whether qualification or final phase.

In the case that a player with red card participates in the next game knowing he was expelled, this will be punished with expulsion of the tournament, team will lose the game without possibility of appeal.

Any player sent off during the tournament may be required to appear before the Organizing Committee of the tournament with his coach or team leader manager. The Organizing Committee of the tournament will determine whether the player can continue or whether should be withdrawn from the tournament depending on the offense.

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Expulsion from the tournament

The Organizing Committee will have the power to expel any player, coach or team tournament incurred in any of the following acts:

- a. Violent Conduct and/ or bad sportsmanship
- b. Violent conduct or aggression to the Organizing Committee
- c. Aggression or disrespect to any of the opposing team members or attendees.
- d. Any type of disrespect or aggression to the referees

If the expelled person continues with violent or disrespectful attitude along with team players, trainers, coaches, families, fans, friends, club team or any individual related to such team, the team may be expelled from the tournament without appeal. If the team is expelled there is no possibility of registration fee refund and the team will be excluded from the future participation in Alianza de Futbol tournaments.

Suspension due to Force Majeure

Once a game is started, the Organizing Committee may suspend the games by natural or force majeure as those listed below:

- Hail
- Storm
- Tornado
- Thunderstorm
- Lack of security guarantees
 - Invasion of the field: invasion by anyone who is not part of the game.
 - Attempted attack to an opponent
 - Extreme verbal aggression to the referees
 - Physical aggression to referees or any member of staff working at the event/ tournament.

Referees are entitled to suspend or terminate or stop a match if natural conditions or security are not optimal to continue the match.

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If a match is abandoned due to natural causes or force majeure the Organizing Committee will analyze the situation and determine whether or not complete the game. If the game has already been played more than 75% it will be declared over. If necessary, the Organizing Committee has the right to resume and re-schedule extra days to meet the schedule of the tournament without right of appeal by the teams.

If the match is declared completed, it will be according to final result at the time of suspension of the game. This decision cannot be appealed by the teams involved.

Cancellation of Alianza tournaments prior to start due to force majeure.

If an event has to be canceled by force majeure reasons as presence or prognosis of the following causes:

- Hail
- Storm
- Tornado
- Thunderstorm
- Lack of security

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The Organizing Committee has the responsibility to communicate such information to all participating teams in the event. Official communication will be published on the official Alianza de Futbol www.alianzadefutbol.com website.

The Organizing Committee has the power to suspend and cancel the event until one hour before the first game.

In case of total suspension of the event, the Organizing Committee will reserve the right to reschedule the event on a new date. The only official communication will be published on the official website of Alianza de Futbol www.alianzadefutbol.com

If the tournament is rescheduled at a later date, the teams have the right to withdraw from the tournament. If teams make the decision to withdraw from the tournament, Alianza de Futbol will refund the registration fee within 30 working days. If teams make the decision to stay in the tournament until the rescheduled date, Alianza de Futbol, will keep their place in the tournament and registration fee.

If the tournament is not scheduled on another date, teams will have the right to maintain their registration for the following year. If teams make the decision to withdraw from the tournament, Alianza de Futbol will refund the registration fee within 30 working days. If teams make the decision to stay in the tournament until the rescheduled date, Alianza de Futbol, will keep their place in the tournament and registration fee.

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Protests

Game conduct is under the jurisdiction of the referee and the tournament will not overrule a referee's decision. All disputes off the field of play will be settled by the Tournament Director or by his designee and the decision will be final.

Protests are an instrument in which coaches can prove that the players on the opposing team were lined up in a fraudulent manner.

The deadline to file a protest will be before the end of the first half of the match in protest.

The deadline to file a protest is as follows: players who started and played in the first half, the coach has until the end of the first half to submit their protest to the referee and the registration tent. Players who enter the game in the second half may be protested until the end of the match.

NOTE: Under no circumstances will any protest be accepted after the conclusion of the match.

The protest must be submitted at the registration tent to the Organizing Committee.

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Process for protest:

THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO MAY FILE A PROTEST WITH THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WILL BE THE ONLY 2 REGISTERED COACHING STAFF LISTED ON THE OFFICIAL ROSTER.

After filing and paying for the protest before the end of the first half of the protested match, the protested team will have **Ten (10) minutes** to present the documents.

If the protested team does not present documents and evidence within 60 minutes they will lose the game and the other team will be earn 3-0 lead. The protested team will automatically lose the points gained in that game and will be expelled from the tournament without a refund and banned from future tournaments.

This resolution will be released only to members of the coaching staff of both teams.

Every complaint must be filed through a letter signed by the coach or assistant team, along with any relevant evidence to justify his argument.

The coach must give a deposit of **\$ 200.00** in cash for each protest. If the protest is confirmed then the **\$ 200.00** deposit will be returned. If the protest does not proceed, the resolution will be only given to members of the coaching staff of both teams and the deposit will be given as donation to the Access U Foundation: <https://www.accessufoundation.com/>

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For each protest the \$ 200.00 deposit should be paid in cash. Each protest cost \$200.00, if you protest one or more player, the cost of the protest increase proportionally to the number of players protested. Example: (1) a player protested have a cost of \$ 200.00. Two players protested have a cost of four hundred dollars \$ 400.00. Three players protested have a cost six hundred \$ 600.00 and so on.

If the protest is considered inaccurate, misleading, or lacking of evidence to reach implement disciplinary action, the deposit will not be refunded. We will not review any video or photography to support any protest, objection, complaint or matter of judgement.

Protests will only be considered if related to the Official Regulations of the tournament.

Interpretation of the Official Regulations will not be considered as protest

No match will be repeated, reprogrammed, or any action that alters the established tournament schedules will be implemented.

All decisions made will be made to protect the interests of the tournament and the Organizing Committee and may not be appealed.

Disqualification of the team in the tournament

The list below outlines the cases when the Organizing Committee has the power to permanently expel teams that do not comply with the regulations, such expulsions are not entitled to refund of registration fees and banned from future tournaments.

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1.-Violent attitudes

- a) Teams initiate provocations resulting in fights on the field. This will be discussed through an investigation, this decision given the circumstances could disqualify elimination one or both teams involved depending the outcome of the investigation. The decision is final and cannot be appealed.
- b) Physical assault on refereeing body or any staff member of Alianza de Futbol.
- c) All spectators are to be on the opposite side of the field from the Team Benches. In the spirit of sportsmanship, we ask spectators to be on the same half as their team “mirroring” their team and that spectators do not intermingle with each other. No spectators are allowed on the team side of the field.

2.- Fraud

Is considered as fraud:

A team that tries to use players that have not been officially registered in the tournament will automatically be expelled from the tournament without the rights to a registration payment reimbursement and will be banned from future tournaments.

Forgery of official documents or use of false identity is a crime and could resort to legal claims.

General Provisions

The body responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of this regulation is the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee will have the power to resolve cases not covered by these regulations.

All referee decisions are considered final. Red cards and ejections will not be rescinded.