

WCP CUP 2010 RULES AND REGULATIONS

MEN'S WCP CUP

ROSTER REQUIREMENTS

- Maximum 23 players – All 23 players can dress
- Maximum 10 Youth Players –subject to Youth Heritage Requirement
- Minimum 2 Masters Players
- Minimum 12 Players must be of team Nation Heritage
- No Players born after April 13, 1995
- Maximum 5 Staff

DEFINITIONS

- **Youth Player:** Any player who is 15 through 18 years of age on April 13 2010. As clarification, any player turning 19 between April 14, 2010 and May 1, 2010 will be considered a Youth Player for the entire WCP Cup. Although age overlap may occur, Youth Players may only be listed on a Nation Team roster in one division (i.e. Men or Youth).

Nation Teams will be required to meet the Youth Heritage Requirement as outlined in Appendix “A”.
- **Masters Player:** Any player born before April 13, 1975. At least 2 Masters Players must dress and actively participate in each game. Masters Players must appear as a Player on Nation Team roster.
- **Nation:** Any FIFA recognized country or subject to the approval of the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee in their sole and absolute discretion, any ethnically or culturally distinct group.
- **Staff:** Staff may include coaches, managers, trainers, etc. Only Players and Staff allowed on field/bench prior to, after or during games. All Staff must be listed on roster no later than the Roster Submission Deadline. For insurance purposes, all Staff must be appropriately registered with the RSA and have paid the appropriate RSA registration fees.

- **Heritage:** A distinct cultural, ancestral or citizenship affiliation, which is able to be traced either by marriage to a partner of at least 50 percent heredity, offspring of at least 25 percent heredity or through matrilineal or patrilineal bloodlines.

GENERAL RULES

1. Subject to WCP Cup Franchise Agreements, acceptable Nation team submissions will be based on a first come first serve basis. Each Nation shall only be allowed to field one team per division.
2. There is no guarantee that any Nation team submission will result in the acceptance of that submission/Nation team into the WCP Cup. The WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, reserves the right to deem any Nation team submission not acceptable for any reason. A notification of Nation team acceptance into the WCP Cup will be provided by letter, through email or by telephone contact.
3. All teams must at all times fully comply with all Roster Requirements and Individual Game Requirements, as outlined above, unless provided with a special dispensation, as described in Rule 9, made in writing by the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee. Teams provided with a special dispensation, as described in Rule 9, made in writing by the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee, must at all time fully comply with all Roster Requirements and Individual Game Requirements, as outlined above, except to the extent of that team's specific special written dispensation.
4. World Class Players Sport Inc. wishes to bring to your attention that in addition to the Tournament Entry Fee listed below each player may be subject to an additional RSA/SSA player registration/insurance levy fee. Any information on any RSA/SSA additional player registration/insurance levy fee will be made available as soon as information is provided.
5. Absolutely all players participating in the WCP Cup must, on or before the Roster Submission Deadline listed below, complete and sign the Liability Waiver Form provided in the Team Registration Package. Please be advised, for out of town players Liability Waiver Form can be found online and completed and returned to your Team representative via regular mail, courier, fax or email. The WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee is not responsible for informing Teams or players of incomplete forms. If forms, including but not limited to the Liability Waiver Form, is not completed and returned on or before the Roster Submission Deadline listed below, the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee reserves the right to deny any player the ability to participate in the 2010 WCP Cup without any prior notice.

6. Absolutely all players must, on or before the Roster Submission Deadline listed below, complete and sign the Heritage Verification Form provided in the Team Registration Package. Please be advised, for out of town players Heritage Verification Form can be found online and completed and returned to your Team representative via regular mail, courier, fax or email. The WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee is not responsible for informing Teams or players of incomplete forms. If forms, including but not limited to the Heritage Verification Form, is not completed and returned on or before the Roster Submission Deadline listed below, the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee reserves the right to deny any player the ability to participate in the 2010 WCP Cup without any prior notice.
7. The WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee reserves the right to require any player to prove, in a manner acceptable to the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee in its sole and absolute discretion, their Heritage as claimed on the Heritage Verification Form. Please be advised, as the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee is eliminating the Star Player requirements from previous years, it will be, in its sole and absolute discretion, strictly enforcing the heritage requirements in order to keep the 2010 WCP Cup fair and within the true spirit tournament.
8. The WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, reserves the right to punish, sanction, suspend or disqualify in any way it sees fit any player, participant or team deemed to have breached or deemed to have had others breach on their behalf, in any way, any Rule, Roster Requirement, Individual Game Requirement, or been found to have falsely listed any information on any team or individual registration form.
9. The WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee encourages Nations to apply who do not necessarily fulfil all roster requirements. The WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to grant, upon application, a special dispensation, in any form it sees fit, to any team not in full compliance with all Roster Requirements. If a Nation is requesting a special dispensation, including but not limited to, including acceptance as a non-FIFA recognized Nation, special roster considerations, or last minute roster changes due to injury, an application must be made, in writing, stating the reasons why a special dispensation should be made, at the time of the initial registration. Teams not making such an application at the time of the initial registration, or at the earliest possible time practicable, will not be given any special roster consideration and will be required to fully comply with the roster requirements at all times. All special dispensation decisions will be made by multiple members of the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee who do not have an interest in the particular team or situation at hand. All decisions, where practical, will attempt to keep with past precedents and will at all times keep with the spirit and purpose of the 2010 WCP Cup.

10. WCP Cup admission is free for players, coaches and managers only. Complete team rosters will be located at the entrances. In order obtain free admission, players', coaches' and managers' names must appear on the team rosters and acceptable photo identification must be presented. If a name does not appear on a team roster or acceptable photo identification is not provided, the admission price must be paid in order to gain admission. Absolutely no exceptions will be made to this rule!! The WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee reserves the right to force anyone, even if listed on a team roster, to pay admission. Listing non-players coaches or managers on team rosters will not be tolerated and will result in the forfeiture of the entire team's free admission.
11. Any and all discipline, whether as a result of incident(s) on or off the field of play (or a combination of both), will be dealt with by the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee in its sole and absolute discretion. Whenever practical, the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee in its sole and absolute discretion, will attempt to provide all parties a chance to be involved in the hearing or other decision making process. Whenever practical, decisions will be made by a Discipline Committee appointed by the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee in its sole and absolute discretion and all attempts will be made to ensure that said Discipline Committee is free of bias or other conflicts of interest with respect to the matter. As a sanctioned event, any and all discipline matters and relevant decisions will be reported to sanctioning bodies. The WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee takes no position on any further discipline sanctioning bodies feel is necessary. There is no appeal with respect to the decision of the Discipline Committee as it relates to the 2010 WCP Cup. Please note, the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee appoint a Discipline Committee to deal with all matters or incidents, whether on not they occur within the tournament venues, should the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee feel that such a matter or incident negatively impacts the spirit, dignity, legitimacy or perception of the 2010 WCP Cup.
12. Due to the fact that late payments, registrations and submissions drastically affects the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee's ability to plan and schedule all WCP Cup events, the strict adherence to the timelines and attendance requirements set forth in these Rules and Regulations or at any other time by the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee is a necessity. Any failure to meet deadlines, requirements or Rules and Regulations (payment, roster, registration, incomplete liability waiver form, incomplete or inaccurate heritage verification form, abusing the spirit of the heritage rules, team representative failing to attend required meetings, failure to have required number of players at opening ceremonies, inappropriate dressing room behaviour, etc.) will be subject to fines starting at \$50.00 for the first offence and doubling for each following offence. Furthermore, once a Nation Team is fined for the first time, the said Nation team will be required, in addition to the cost of their fine, to post a refundable bond, the amount of which will be determined on a case by case basis by the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee in its sole and absolute discretion, which will be applied towards any additional fines and returned to the Nation Team should no further offences occur. The WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee will be strictly enforcing fines and will not

allow teams and/or players to participate until all outstanding fines and all required bonds are paid.

The WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee in its sole and absolute discretion reserves the right to waive fines only in exceptional circumstances.

13. Player movement between Nation Teams is discouraged. Player movement will be restricted commencing with the 2011 WCP Cup and will be taking into consideration Rosters from the 2010 WCP Cup. Any Player who participated in the 2010 WCP Cup (“Original Team”) may not register with a Nation Team in the 2011 WCP Cup that is different from the one participated with during the 2010 WCP Cup (“New Team”) unless:
 - (a) the Original Team is not participating in the 2011 WCP Cup;
 - (b) the Original Team has cut/released the Player and the Original Team Coach/Management signs a declaration form to that effect and provides said form to the Player. The Player/New Team will require this signed form to register the Player. Any Original Team refusing to sign a release form for a Player will be required to register that Player and provide him with the chance to participate in the 2011 WCP Cup;
 - (c) The Player can demonstrate that he has a higher percentage of Heritage with the New Team. The onus to demonstrate Heritage remains at all times on the Player; or
 - (d) The Player or New Team pays to the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee a Player Transfer fee a portion of which will be returned to the Original Team.

For clarity purposes, should a Player choose not to participate in the 2011 WCP Cup, that Player would no longer be subject to restrictions on Player movement for the 2012 WCP Cup.

Any and all disputes between Players and Teams or between Teams will be immediately forwarded to the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee who will make a final and binding decision with respect to the Player. Be aware that disputes arising after the Roster Submission Deadline may be subject to an adjudication fee, the payment of which will be considered a fine and will bring with it the same payment obligations for fines as outline in Rule 12.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. The top four teams, based on previous year's results, will be seeded 1 through 4. All remaining registered teams shall be randomly drawn and placed in the four groups for the qualifying round.
2. Qualifiers from the round robin will advance to the knockout round where they will compete for the right to advance to the medal rounds.
3. The final four teams will enter the medal round where one will be crowned as "2010 WCP Cup Champions!"

GAME DURATION

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| 1. Round Robin | 2 – 25 minute halves. |
| 2. Knockout Round | 2 – 25 minute halves. |
| 3. Medal Round | 2 – 25 minute halves. |

TOURNAMENT RULES

Tournament specific rules:

- No foul language.
- Slide tackles permitted.
- No off sides.
- Direct kick-ins.
- All free kicks are direct.
- Please remember that the WCP Cup is meant to unify and bring cultures/nations/countries together. As such, **absolutely no racist, sectarian or ethnic abuse of any kind will be tolerated.** Any player, coach, team official, or fan deemed guilty of abuse of any kind will be immediately sanctioned, banned or punished by the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee in its sole and absolute discretion.
- All teams guaranteed a minimum of 3 games.
- Non-taunting goal celebrations are encouraged and will not result in yellow cards.

As a sanctioned event, all other rules in accordance with the Indoor Rules and Regulations of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association.

PLAYERS ON FIELD

9 v 9 soccer (1 goalkeeper and 8 field players). A minimum of 8 players is required to begin a game.

UNIFORMS

Teams must have:

- Numbered matching Home and Away jerseys in different country colours.
- Country name or logo appearing on both Home and Away.
- Two sets of matching shorts and socks in different colours.
- Home and Away jersey numbered on back.

Teams failing to have a representative attend the designated WCP Cup uniform declaration meeting will be subject to a fine as per Rule 12 and will not be able to participate in any WCP Cup event/game until said fine and subsequent bond is paid.

Anyone on the field or in the bench area prior to, following or during a game, whether it be Staff or Players not playing (ex: injury), must at all times be dressed in Nation team attire. Items including, but not limited to, ripped/torn jeans, baggy shorts and flip flops will not be tolerated. Nation Teams will be given only one warning prior to being fined as per Rule 12.

POINT SYSTEM

Point accumulation will be as follows:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a tie

All goals scored for and against shall be used to determine final team standings during group and knock out stages.

TIE BREAK SYSTEM

The following tie breaking procedures will be used if 2 teams are tied after group stage play:

- (a) Result of game between teams tied.
- (b) Goal Differential
- (c) Total goals for.
- (d) Total goals against.

The following tie breaking procedures will be used if 3 teams are tied after group stage play:

- (a) Goal Differential.
- (b) Goals for.

If 2 or more teams are tied after the above tie breaking procedures, a shoot-out between all tied teams will occur. The format and rules of the shoot-out will be determined by the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee in its sole and absolute discretion.

NATION TEAM SUBMISSION DEADLINE/ENTRY FEE:

Total Nation team entry fee is **\$900.00**

\$450.00 is due with each Nation Team submission. All submissions are due on or before 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 31, 2010. The entire entry fee will be returned to any Nation Team submission deemed unacceptable for any reason.

Full payment for accepted Nation Teams is due on or before Sunday, February 28, 2010.

A \$450.00 administration fee will be withheld for any Nation Team who withdraws at any time after the submission of an accepted Nation Team submission. Any accepted Nation Team who withdraws at between 9:01 p.m. on Sunday, January 31, 2010 and 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, 2010 will forfeit their entire entry fee.

A Nation Team Submission/Registration Drop-Off Session will be held between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 31, 2010 at the OT Lounge.

A Nation Team Payment Drop-Off Session will be held between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at the OT Lounge.

Subject to availability and acceptability, late Nation Team submissions may be accepted but will be subject to an administrative late fee of \$250.00.

ROSTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Each accepted Nation Team must fully complete and submit to the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee the Nation Team roster to be used in the 2010 WCP Cup and each roster Players' Heritage Verification Form and Liability Waiver Form, all of which can be found on the WCP Cup web- site (www.wcpcup.com), no later than 9:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2010.

A Roster and Forms Drop-Off Session will be held between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2010 at the OT Lounge.

GENERAL

All submissions, registrations, rosters and fee payments are to be hand delivered at the Nation Team Submission/Registration or Roster Drop Off Sessions or hand delivered, couriered to the address below prior to 5:00 pm on each applicable deadline date or mailed by registered mail and post dated no later than 9:00 p.m. on each applicable deadline date. Nation Team priority for selection will be based on when submissions are received/processed by the WCP Cup Organization/Registration Committee.

Address for courier, registered mail or hand delivery:

World Class Players Sport Inc.
c/o Kanuka Thuringer LLP
Attention: Adam T. Ailsby
1400 - 2500 Victoria Avenue
Regina, SK S4P 3X2

Payment by cash may only be done at the pre-designated Nation Team Submission/Registration or Roster Drop-Off Session locations. All non-cash fees are to be paid by money order, bank draft or certified cheque made payable to World Class Players Sport Inc.

Nation Team Representatives will be notified by email, as provided at Registration, of all other dates and times (ex: draw date and time, required meeting times, opening ceremony times, etc.).

Please direct any inquiries to:

World Class Players Sport Inc.
Attention: Kevin Holness
Email: wcp@accesscomm.ca
Phone: 306-596-2021
Web: www.wcpcup.com

APPENDIX "A"

Youth Heritage Requirement

Number of Total Youth	Youth Heritage Required
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	2
5	3
6	3
7	3
8	4
9	4
10	5