

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

In an effort to promote the discipline of Fireball Extreme Challenge™, foster inclusion, and unite nations through sports, the International FXC Organization, in collaboration with the Associazione Italiana Cultura e Sport (AICS) International and the Associazione Club Sportivi Italiani (ACSI), invites all countries to be represented and participate in the

"2025 FXC WORLD CUP"

which will be held according to the following rules:

Location:

Bella Italia EFA Resort

Viale Centrale, 29,

33054 Lignano Sabbiadoro, Udine

Italy

Dates and Times:

December 5-7, 2024 - 9 am - 8 pm

Participation:

The FXC World Cup is open to all countries, each of which may send a team of 8-20 athletes, evenly divided between men and women, aged 18 to 45. However, recognizing that FXC is built on the principles of inclusion, diversity, and accessibility, the competition also welcomes teams from independent regions. This approach reflects FXC's commitment to embracing all athletes, regardless of political boundaries, and positioning the World Cup as a stage for talent rather than solely national representation.

Several international sporting events, such as the Olympics—where territories like Puerto Rico compete separately—FIFA tournaments, and rugby competitions, allow teams from regions that are not fully sovereign nations. FXC follows this progressive model, positioning itself as a forward-thinking sport that champions diverse representation.

By aligning with FXC's vision of fair play and opportunity, the sport has a unique chance to redefine competitive inclusion. As an emerging discipline, FXC can set an inclusive precedent, ensuring that athletes have a fair chance to represent their communities without being restricted by traditional national divisions.

Competition Formats:

Regardless of the number of countries registered, the competition will commence with a "Round Robin" format, where all teams will compete against one another within their respective groups. This will be followed by a direct elimination format for the top four teams, who will advance to the semifinals.

During the Round Robin phase, the Amateur Format will be in effect. According to FXC rules for this format, each team captain must serve at least once during the match. Once the 12 captains from the first team have completed their serves, the ball will be passed to the opposing team. If a team has fewer than 12 players, the first five captains on the list may serve up to two times, according to the Captain's List, until the team reaches a total of 12 serves. The rules outlined in the 2016-2026 Regulations, available on the Federation's official website, will apply.

The semifinals and finals will follow the Professional Format. The semifinals will consist of three games, with each team having ten ball possessions per game, while the finals will feature five games, with each team having ten ball possessions per game. For more information on the formats, please refer to the 2016-2026 Official Rule Book.

In the event that seven (7) teams participate, they shall be divided into two (2) groups, one consisting of four (4) teams and the other of three (3) teams. Upon completion of the round-robin phase among all participating teams, the highest-scoring losing team (i.e., the team with the highest cumulative score among those not qualifying) shall be added to the group of three (3) teams, thereby equalizing both groups to four (4) teams each. Thereafter, each team shall compete against all other teams within its group, as if there were originally two (2) groups of four (4) teams. The two (2) highest-ranked teams in each group shall qualify for the semifinal stage.

In the event that nine (9) countries register to participate, the teams shall be divided into three (3) groups, each consisting of three (3) teams. Following completion of the Round Robin phase, the top two (2) teams from each group shall advance to the second round, where they shall compete according to the following bracket:

- The 1st place team of Group A shall play against the 2nd place team of Group C;
- The 1st place team of Group B shall play against the 1st place team of Group C;
- The 2nd place team of Group A shall play against the 2nd place team of Group B.

Upon conclusion of this second round, the four (4) teams with the highest cumulative scores—calculated by summing the scores obtained during both the Round Robin phase and the second round—shall qualify for the semifinals.

Match Duration:

In the amateur format, each match is limited to a maximum of 40 minutes of gameplay. In the professional format, the semifinals cannot exceed 90 minutes of gameplay, while the finals may extend up to 120 minutes.

Number of Players Allowed:

In all competitions, each team may consist of 8 to 20 players, with an equal number of men and women, though only a maximum of 12 players (6 men and 6 women) can participate in each match. FXC teams must be coed, requiring at least three members of the opposite gender on the court at all times.

For teams including non-binary players, the composition on the court will be three men, three women, and one non-binary athlete. FXC is an inclusive sport open to all genders, including transgender and non-binary players. For more information on their participation, please refer to the 2016-2025 Official Rule Book.

Teams with fewer than 7 players and/or without at least three members of the opposite gender on the court will not be admitted to compete, and their registration fee will be forfeited. It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure that their teams meet the required number of players.

15 minutes before the start of a match, each coach must submit the Captain's List to the referee's table. If they fail to do so, the Referee Table will establish the list according to each player's uniform number. As an exception to this rule, all coaches will be required to submit the Captain's List for their first match the night before the competition begins.

Players' Code of Conduct :

Once selected by their respective countries, players will represent their families, clubs, cities, countries, and the International FXC Organization. Their conduct will reflect on these institutions. By agreeing to participate in the selection process and represent their country in the 2025 FXC World Cup, players commit to adhering to and respecting the tournament's rules, as well as the code of conduct established by the International FXC Organization and the Bella Italia Resort, the event's host. Players who violate any of the conduct codes may be expelled from the team immediately and will not be permitted to participate in any subsequent matches.

Players who commit two (2) or more voluntary fouls in three (3) matches during the competition will be banned from playing in the team's next match.

Expelled Players:

Players expelled from a match due to voluntary fouls will not play in the following two (2) matches. FXC players and/or coaches who are expelled or suspended from the FXC Federation will not be allowed under any circumstances to enter the playing area, whether as athletes, coaches, instructors, or medical personnel. If expelled or suspended players or staff are found on the court at any time, their team will be immediately disqualified and lose the right to any form of refund of their registration fee.

Participants:

All participants in both competitions must:

- Be regularly affiliated for the year 2025 to the International FXC Federation as coaches, athletes, referees (<https://www.fireballsportfederation.com/subscribe>)
- Present a medical certificate of good health issued by their physician, or sign and submit a liability waiver releasing the International FXC Organization Inc. and all event organizers from any responsibility or claims arising from health issues or medical conditions existing at the time of participation;
- Know the FXC rules and have read and signed the document on "FXC Principles and Sanctions." Any player who does not complete and sign the form will not be allowed to play;
- Be part of an FXC team officially registered for the competition;
- Wear an official FXC uniform (numbered shirt, shorts). Protective pads are optional;
- Have never been expelled from any FXC match for disciplinary reasons.

Pre-Event Meeting:

On November 16th, 2025, at 6:00PM European Standard Time, there will be a mandatory 2-hour online pre-event meeting for all coaches, assistant coaches, and general assistants of all teams. The Pre-Event Meeting will not be an occasion to suggest changes to the sport's rules or the competition regulations set by the FXC International Federation and this call.

Each participant may only request clarifications regarding any of the FXC rules. All participants will be reminded of the competition rules and penalties for rule violations, and they will receive a detailed explanation of the logistical and medical support provided during the competition days.

To ensure a smooth process, questions and clarification requests must be submitted via email before November 10th, 2024, to: FXCTeam@fireballsportfederation.com

The mandatory nature of the Pre-Event Meeting means that if a team is not represented and present, they will not be allowed to participate in the competition, and their registration fee will not be refunded.

Prizes:

The first team will be awarded the World Cup and gold medals. The second and third team will be awarded silver and bronze medals.

Uniforms and Sports Apparel:

Each country is required to provide its team with 2 uniforms in different colors, along with 2 training t-shirts featuring the FXC logo, 4 polos with the FXC logo, and 1 duffle bag and backpack with the FXC logo. Countries will have the opportunity to design their own uniforms, provided they adhere to the FXC apparel guidelines. The organizers' graphic design team will review and collaborate with each country to resolve any discrepancies. All final designs must be completed and approved by the organizers no later than 45 days before the event begins.

Mouth-guards:

The use of mouth-guards is highly recommended for players but is optional.

Protections and Safety Measures:

All athletes must remove necklaces, chains, earrings, bracelets, piercings, and any other items that could injure themselves or other athletes.

Players with long nails will not be allowed to play.

Penalties: Each athlete caught wearing any of these items on the court will be penalized with a 2-point deduction from their team's score.

For safety reasons, athletes wearing reading glasses will not be allowed to play. Prescription sports glasses are permitted and must be approved by the Central Table.

Knee pads and forearm guards are optional.

Sharing protective gear between athletes is prohibited.

All participants must wear sneakers. Playing barefoot is not allowed.

A team will not be permitted to play if players wear different types of shirts or shorts.

Rolling up or tucking shirts or shorts during any phase of the game is prohibited.

Penalties: Any athlete caught rolling up their shirts, sleeves, or shorts will be penalized with a 2-point deduction for their team. It is the coaches responsibility to make sure their teams enter the court respecting these rules. No exceptions will be allowed.

Due to the high-intensity nature of the sport and the tournament, teams will be required to play multiple matches at different times of the day. This will result in much higher than normal energy expenditure. We recommend all participants be checked by their doctor before participating, stay hydrated, and consume enough calories.

Default Loss:

If any team fails to show up for any of its matches, or does not have the minimum number of players as established by the FXC rules and this document, or arrives more than 10 minutes late to the court, they will automatically lose the match by default. The score will be recorded as 50-0 for the winning team.

FXC rules will apply.

Tie:

If, at the end of a match, the teams are tied, each team will play one more possession until there is a winner.

FXC Rules:

The official FXC 2016-2025 rulebook, available at <https://es.fireballsportfederation.com/fxc-rules>, will apply.

The Local Organizing Committee and the President of the Official Table have the right to make last-minute changes to the rules only when such changes are necessary to preserve the health of all participants. If this happens, all changes to the FXC rules will be shared with all participants during the Pre-Event Meeting.

Additional Provisions:

Cases or events not covered by this document and/or the FXC Rules will be resolved by the Board of Referees, whose final decision will be unappealable.

Referees:

The referees will be provided by the Organizing Committee, and the officiating body must be affiliated with the FXC - Fireball Extreme Challenge™ Federation.

Due to the fact that FXC is a developing sport and has been practiced for varying periods across different countries, it may not be possible to appoint referees from each participating nation.

Accordingly, each participating team acknowledges and accepts that—despite the organizers’ best efforts to prevent any conflict of interest on the field—matches may be officiated by referees from the same countries as the competing teams.

By signing this agreement, all teams waive any right to contest or seek annulment of any match on this basis and agree not to make or disseminate false or misleading statements regarding the integrity or fairness of the FXC sport or its officiating.

Expenses:

All costs related to transportation and any additional expense not covered by the team registration fee will be borne by the visiting participating teams unless otherwise specified by the organizers.

Medical Assistance Services and Insurance:

The Organizing Committee will provide basic medical care (first aid) to participants as needed. An ambulance with medical personnel will be on-site throughout the event, and a defibrillator will always be available at the venue.

Participants with any health issues or undergoing medical treatment must inform the Organizing Committee through their sports director/coach during the technical meeting and before any match.

Although the International FXC Organization, in partnership with its Italian affiliate AICS, will provide insurance for all participants through a leading insurance provider, it is strongly recommended that each participating institution secure additional coverage for medical emergencies and transportation.

Video and Photography Waiver:

By registering for the competition, participants grant the organizers the right to capture photographs and videos of them during any phase of the event, and to use these images for reproduction and promotional purposes of the FXC discipline. Each participant, regardless of their role on the team, must complete and sign the separate **waiver** attached to this document.

Risk Associated with Sports:

The Organizing Committee assumes no responsibility for any accidents occurring during the event, as these are considered inherent risks of the sport. Additionally, each participant, regardless of their role on the team, must complete and sign the separate **Waiver and Release of Liability** attached to this document.

FXC and Respect:

Fireball Extreme Challenge™ is a sport rooted in respect both on and off the court. All FXC rules have been established with this principle in mind. As such, any disrespect or offense from any team member directed at players (either from one's own team or the opposing team), referees, the Official Table, or the audience, whether directly or indirectly via social media, will result in severe penalties, which may include the expulsion of players or coaches and disqualification of the team. Athletes and/or teams expelled from the competition will forfeit any right to reimbursement.

Washington D.C. - USA - October 3rd, 2025

The FXC Team