

Masters Tournament Rules 2025



1. Scorer Requirement

Each team must supply a scorer for every game that they play. Failure to do so will result in **10 points being deducted at half time.**

2. Technical Fouls and Sin Bin

- 1 technical foul = **3-minute bench penalty** (sin bin).
- 2 or more technical fouls by the same player = **ejection from the game and stadium.**
- Technical fouls are **player-specific** and cumulative per game.
- Repeat misconduct across multiple games will result in **removal from the stadium and not allowed to return.**

3. Game Duration & Timing

- Games are **2 x 18-minute halves.**
- Half time will be **2 minutes.**
- **Round Robin:** Clock runs continuously, except for referee timeouts. No timeouts allowed in the final 2 minutes of either half.
- **Finals:** Clock stops on all whistles in the final 2 minutes. Timeouts are allowed during this period (maximum of 1 per team).

4. Player Registration

- All players must be registered via **PlayHQ** prior to their first game.
- Additional players may be **with tournament organiser approval.**
- **12 players** can register to a team, **only 10 players** are allowed to play each game.

5. Age Handicaps

- Teams must calculate their average age prior to each game, on paper: *Total age of all players (as of 31/12/2025) divided by Number of players.*
- The team with the **higher average age receives 1 point per year** before tip-off.
- All players must be included in calculations and **must play a minimum of 5 minutes per half.**
- Failure for a player to take the court as required will result in **loss of handicap points.**

6. Age Eligibility

- All players must meet the **age limit** for their grade as of 31/12/2025.
- Exceptions require **prior approval** from tournament organisers.

7. Conduct

- Normal rules regarding communication with referees and scorers apply.
- **No aggressive or abusive behaviour** will be tolerated.

8. Disputes

- Any disputes must be referred to the **tournament organisers**, whose decision is final.

9. Rule Compliance

- Failure to comply with tournament rules may result in **team's removal from the tournament.**

10. Sportsmanship

- All players, coaches spectators are expected to uphold the **spirit of good sportsmanship** to ensure an enjoyable tournament for all.