

PULSE IRON SERIES

Official Competition Manual 2026–2027 Season

Welcome

Welcome to the Pulse Iron Series, a competitive three-event indoor soccer series designed to reward consistency, competition, and community. This manual outlines the rules, policies, and expectations governing every Pulse Iron Series event.

The Pulse Standard

Pulse Iron Series exists to create an environment where every match matters, every opponent is respected, and every participant competes with integrity.

We expect players, coaches, and spectators to represent themselves and their clubs with professionalism, respect, and sportsmanship. Passion and intensity are encouraged; disrespect, abuse, and unsportsmanlike behavior are not.

Our goal is to deliver a first-class competition that teams look forward to attending year after year.

Tournament Director Authority

The Tournament Director reserves the right to interpret, enforce, and apply all tournament rules. The Tournament Director may make decisions regarding situations not specifically addressed in this manual, including schedule adjustments, facility issues, player eligibility, roster disputes, discipline, and competition integrity. All decisions are final.

Tournament Overview

- 6v6 format
- Men's, Women's & Coed divisions
- Three-event series (September, November & January)
- Guaranteed 7 matches
- 10-minute running clock
- Rolling substitutions

Competition Format

Each division will compete as one round-robin group. Every team plays every other team once.

- The top four teams advance to the Championship Bracket.
- Semifinal 1: 1st vs. 4th
- Semifinal 2: 2nd vs. 3rd
- Semifinal winners advance to the Championship Match.
- Semifinal losers compete in the Third Place Match.

Standings

- Win: 3 points
- Draw: 1 point
- Loss: 0 points

Tiebreakers

- Head-to-head result
- Goal differential
- Goals scored
- Fewest goals conceded
- Tournament Director coin flip/decision

Roster Rules

- Maximum of 8 active players on event day.
- Up to 2 designated Emergency Players may be listed before the tournament.
- Emergency Players require Tournament Director approval before participating.
- Emergency Players may only be used for injury, illness, or legitimate emergency.
- All players must complete the official waiver.
- Series team rosters remain locked unless an exception is approved.

Match Rules

- 10-minute running clock with no halftime.
- Teams have only 2 minutes between scheduled matches.
- Minimum of 4 players required to start a match (Coed 2 must be a girl).
- **Coed - 3 girls must be on at all times.**
- Rolling substitutions are permitted.

Blue Card

- The player is removed from play.
- The team plays short-handed for up to 2 minutes or until the opposing team scores, whichever occurs first.

Red Card

- Immediate ejection from the match.
- Suspended for the remainder of the tournament.
- Fighting, violent conduct, abuse of officials, threatening behavior, or similar actions may result in suspension from future Pulse Sports events at the Tournament Director's discretion.

Player Equipment

Required Equipment

- Matching team jerseys
- Shin guards (required)
- Appropriate footwear

Fields 1 & 2

- Indoor soccer shoes
- Turf shoes
- Flat-soled futsal shoes

Outdoor soccer cleats are not permitted on Fields 1 & 2.

Field 3

- Indoor soccer shoes
- Turf shoes
- Flat-soled futsal shoes
- Outdoor soccer cleats

Series Points & Awards

Series Points

- 1st – 100
- 2nd – 85
- 3rd – 75
- 4th – 65
- 5th–8th – 45

Tournament Champions receive commemorative shirts. Overall Series Champions receive champion shirts, medals, and a discounted team entry for the following season.

Sportsmanship & Conduct

Respect officials, opponents, teammates, spectators, and staff at all times. Unsportsmanlike behavior may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the event.

Check-In Procedures

- Captains must check in before their first match.
- Tournament staff may verify rosters and waiver completion.

Refund Policy

Registration fees are non-refundable unless an event is canceled by Phoenix Pulse.

Contact Information

Questions regarding registration, schedules, or tournament operations should be directed to Phoenix Pulse.