



Gulf Coast Crew Crossbar Challenge Mini Tournament Rules

Game: This Gulf Coast Crew Mini Tournament is an adaptation of a popular soccer game played around the world. The object of the game is to kick a soccer ball with the intent of hitting the crossbar of a soccer goal. The tournament rounds progress until first place and second place awards can be determined.

Divisions: Divisions are made according to the divisions filled in the Gulf Coast Crew tournament taking place. For example, If the Gulf Coast Crew 7-a-side has a men's open division, the participants will be able to participate in the men's open division of the "Crossbar Challenge", if there is a girls under 12 division, the participants will be able to participate in the girl's under 12 division of the "Crossbar Challenge", etc.

Tournament referees are allowed to participate in the open divisions (if available), according to their gender. Co-ed teams separate genders into their respective age groups. Females playing in a male division of a Gulf Coast Crew tournament can choose to compete in the male or female division of the "Crossbar Challenge".

Field: The adult competition will use a full size (8ft x 8yds) goal. The attempt shall be taken 18 yards from the center of the goal mouth. The ball will be placed anywhere on the shooting line (5 yards long) that is parallel with the crossbar. Youth divisions will have dimensions that closely represent their respective age division.

Procedure: Participants, one by one, place their ball on the shooting line. When the ball is motionless and the judges are ready the participant will try their attempt at striking the crossbar. Any contact with the crossbar and the soccer ball is a successful attempt. A ball that bounces before hitting the crossbar is an unsuccessful attempt. A ball that hits a goal post is an unsuccessful attempt. A ball that hits the top corner area (crossbar and goal post) is subject to the judge's ruling, as it will be decided if the ball would have made contact with the crossbar if the goal post was not present. Judges make the final decisions and do not consider protests. Round one allows each participant two attempts. If two or more participants hit the crossbar they move on to the next round and use the same format until first place and second place are decided. If less than two hit the crossbar in round one then each participant has two more attempts (except for any that have already qualified for round two).

**Tournament Director has final rule on all matters and authority to amend tournament rules and/or format at any time.*