



Welcome Kickballers!

First, we would like to congratulate you on earning a slot into the WAKA Founders Cup XI World Kickball Championship. Thank you for choosing to participate! FCXI is sure to be the largest kickball competition this nation has ever seen, with 60 teams battling for the World Championship title.

But FCXI is more than just a kickball tournament; it's an annual opportunity for WAKA players from around the country to socialize! Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Las Vegas is Happy Hour exclusive to WAKA players from noon to 2 am at STIR, The Platinum Hotel's lobby bar. Saturday there will be on-field celebrations at Desert Breeze Park complete with an air-conditioned beer tent!

Below you will find a complete schedule of events for the weekend, WAKA policies and procedures for Founders Cup, and important field information. Good luck in the tournament. May your balls travel far and may your runs be plentiful!

- Your WAKA Events Team

Friday, August 29

- **9:00 am – 4:00 pm: Tournament Registration table OPEN in The Platinum Hotel's lobby.**
Players can check in early, get tournament information and receive player badges, wristbands and guest Beer Bands.
 - Wristbands are required to ride the WAKA Shuttle to the fields (and play in the tournament,) so if you are planning to use the shuttle, make sure you check in at the hotel!
 - Players checking in must be properly registered on the team roster and have a government issued photo ID.
 - IDs will be carefully checked to make sure the name and birth date of the player match the exact information on the official WAKA roster. No exceptions will be made.
- **Noon - 2:00 am: WAKA Happy Hour at STIR lounge at The Platinum Hotel.**
 - \$10 buckets of domestic bottles, and \$2 off any specialty drink.
- **7:00 pm: Winning WAKA Video on the 5th floor pool deck of The Platinum Hotel**
 - World Premier of the player made Grand Prize Winning FCXI Promotional Video projected on the side of the hotel!

Saturday, August 30

- **9:00 am – 1:00 pm: Tournament Registration table OPEN in The Platinum Hotel's lobby.**

Players can check in early, get tournament information and receive player badges, wristbands and guest Beer Bands.

- Wristbands are required to ride the WAKA Shuttle to the fields (and play in the tournament,) so if you are planning to use the shuttle, make sure you check in at the hotel!
- Players checking in must be properly registered on the team roster and have a government issued photo ID.
- IDs will be carefully checked to make sure the name and birth date of the player match the exact information on the official WAKA roster. No exceptions will be made.
- This is the last opportunity to pick up guest “Beer Bands.”
- **1:15 pm – 1:20 am: Shuttle Service OPEN from The Platinum Hotel to Desert Breeze Park**
 - Round trip service will be available all day to all FCXI players, referees and guests with a wristband.
- **12:30 pm – 2:30 pm: Tournament Registration OPEN to all players at Desert Breeze Park.**
 - Players can check in, get tournament information and receive player badges and wristbands.
 - Wristbands are required to participate in tournament play.
 - Players checking in must be properly registered on the team roster and have a government issued photo ID.
 - IDs will be carefully checked to make sure the name and birth date of the player match the exact information on the official WAKA roster. No exceptions will be made.
 - ***NO guest Beer Bands will be issued at the fields.***
- **2:00 pm – 2:30 pm: MANDATORY Captains' Meeting at Desert Breeze Park**
 - Please meet on the west side of the main building next to the audio tent. All captains must attend.
- **2:45 pm:** Opening Ceremonies on the fields- flag presentations for ALL teams.
- **3:30 pm: FIRST KICK – spectators and guests welcome!**
- **3:30 pm- 8:30 pm:** Pool Play Rounds
- **3:00 pm – 10:00 pm: National Marrow Donor Program ® Registration Drive** (see full details below)
- **6:00 pm - 11:00 pm:** Chair and table massages available for \$1 a minute, with licensed therapists from the Las Vegas Massage Therapists Meetup Group. CASH ONLY.
- **8:30 pm – 9:00 pm:** Dinner break for all players, referees and staff
- **8:00 pm- 11:00 pm:** On-Field Celebrations in the WAKA Beer Tent.
 - All Founders Cup Tournament Players get in free to the beer tent with player wristbands and guests are welcome to purchase a beer band for \$25 from the WAKA Store in advance to join in the fun. Beer Bands are limited and will not be available for sale on site.
- **9:00pm – midnight:** Sweet 16 Single Elimination Bracket Play
- **Midnight – FCXI World Kickball Championship Game!**
- **12:00 pm – 2:00 am: WAKA Happy Hour at STIR lounge at The Platinum Hotel.**
 - \$10 buckets of domestic bottles, and \$2 off any specialty drink.

Sunday, August 31

- **12:00 pm – 2:00 am: WAKA Happy Hour at STIR lounge at The Platinum Hotel.**
 - \$10 buckets of domestic bottles, and \$2 off any specialty drink.
- **2:00 pm: Flip Cup Social at O’Shea’s Casino Bar on The Strip**
 - OPEN to all WAKA players and guests. Tables and cups will be available, beer specials for participants.

REGISTRATION

Advance Registration: *Strongly Encouraged*

Players can check in at the registration table at The Platinum Hotel on Friday from 9am to 4pm or Saturday from 9am to 1pm. We strongly encourage teams to check in at the hotel to save time on the fields and in the heat. Players will need wristbands to ride the WAKA courtesy shuttle, so if you plan to ride the shuttle, be sure to check in at the hotel on Friday or Saturday.

On-Field Registration:

On-field registration is available at Desert Breeze Park from 12:30 to 2:30 pm on Saturday only. We encourage players to check in early at The Platinum Hotel on Friday or Saturday to save time at the fields. If you do plan to register at the fields, please arrive with plenty of time to register, warm up, etc and then make it to the mandatory Captains Meeting and opening ceremonies **on time**.

The following items must be in order when registering:

- 1) In order to check-in and receive your wristband, each player is required to have a government issued photo ID [Acceptable forms of identification are: Driver's License or driver's permit, Passport, photo identification card, or military ID card]
- 2) Players must be properly registered on their team's official roster in order to play.
- 3) IDs will be carefully checked to make sure the name and birth date of the player match the exact information on the official WAKA roster. No exceptions will be made.
- 4) Players must present their WAKA-issued Team T-shirt for inspection (Refer to the T-shirt Policy on <http://kickball.com> for questions on what is allowed and what is not). Shirts must be of the correct color of the team they are playing with in the tournament.
- 5) All players will be given name badges-- badges do not have to be worn throughout the game, but Team Captains should use theirs for identification to the Head Referee.
- 6) Teams must have a minimum of four (4) players of each sex checked in by 60 minutes before game start time. Players arriving after the check-in time must still visit the registration tent to check-in and receive a wristband. They are then allowed to be added to the bottom of the kicking order.
- 7) A team that does not have the proper minimum of four (4) players of each sex playing at any time during the game forfeits the game.

Players/teams who cannot meet these requirements will not be allowed to participate, so please remind your teammates of these stipulations. **NO ROSTER CHANGES ARE PERMITTED!**

TOURNAMENT POLICIES

Spectators: Spectators are welcomed and encouraged to come and cheer. Make sure everyone is protected from the sun, the heat and exhaustion by bringing plenty of water, snacks and sunscreen.

First Aid: WAKA reserves the right to refuse play to any person at any time for any reason including injury. The on-site First Aid Tent will provide EMT/First Aid, 911 emergency calls, and a local hospital list as requested and/or needed during the tournament. In accordance with the WAKA Kickball Player Release and Waiver, each attendee understands and assumes the risks associated with adult kickball and is responsible for his/her own medical insurance, transportation, and fees.

Rain or Shine: FCXI is a rain or shine event. The WAKA Head Field Manager has jurisdiction over the tournament and may delay or call off games due to rain, and must cancel all play if lightning is seen. For delays or cancellations, call the WAKA hotline at 1-866-350-1710, a message will announce any game changes.

Tournament Guidelines: Please familiarize yourself with the 2008 Tournament Guidelines available at kickball.com. Note that some policies may vary from regular season play. Remember: high seed gets choice of home or away for each game. Additionally, there will be a double base set up; the inside base for fielding use and the outside base for runners/kickers.

Sportsmanship: Good sportsmanship is expected from all players and spectators. WAKA Staff and security reserve the right to ask any players or spectators to leave the park/tournament for poor sportsmanship and/or aggressive or violent behavior. Remember, we are here to have fun!

FIELDS

Field Surface and Lighting: Desert Breeze Park has 30% turf fields and 70% grass fields. Pools that are assigned to the turf fields will play all pool games on turf. All single elimination games will be played on grass. Games will be played “under the lights” starting at 8:00 PM.

Tents: Teams can bring their own portable popup tents, but the park has a strict NO STAKES policy due to an underground irrigation system. Please do not even bring stakes in to the park! WAKA Staff reserve the right to assist your team in placing your tent at the fields, or requesting you to move your tent.

Driving/Directions: Please consult the maps and directions document available online at kickball.com Tournaments Page, for the best ways to access the park via car or shuttle.

Water: WAKA will have water available to ALL tournament players. However, players are encouraged to **bring your own water bottles to fill up**, along with back up or extra water due to the anticipated heat.

WAKA Store: The WAKA Store will be on-site at the tournament with all the latest WAKA gear. The store will be available to all players and spectators.

Food: Bring your own lunch or call in an order to one of the nearby stores. The following businesses are all less than ½ mile from the fields: Quiznos, Taco Bell, Arby's, Graziano's Pizza Restaurant, Joey's Only Seafood Restaurant, T C Rib Crib, Villa Pizza, Mama Jo's, Sen of Japan, Cedars Grill, Fox's Pizza Den, La Louisianne, Lucky Wok, China Breeze Fast Food, Durango, Island Style BBQ, Roberto's Taco Shop, Geisha Steakhouse, Brewske's Pub, Something's Brewing.

Alcohol: **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL** is permitted at the fields. The WAKA Beer Tent will be open only to players and guests age 21 and older with a WAKA issued wristband. All beer may be consumed inside the tent and fenced beer garden only. Any player or guest not following WAKA Staff or security instructions will be asked to leave and will forfeit their wristband and right to play in FCXI.

Charity: The National Marrow Donor Program[®] (NMDP) will be joining WAKA Kickball to kick cancer by giving you the opportunity to join the NMDP Registry. By becoming a member of the Registry, you could be a match for a patient in critical need—maybe even the only person who could save a patient's life. **Joining the Registry is as easy as 1-2-3!**

1. Meet the age, health and weight requirements and be willing to help any patient in need.
2. Complete a registration form with contact information, health history questions, and a signed agreement to join the Registry.
3. Give a swab of your cheek cells so your tissue type can be identified.

Tissue typing is an expensive process, so financial contributions to NMDP of any size are greatly appreciated.