



# SUPERCOPA+ 2024

## FAQ's

Version 1.0

### **How do I sign up to receive updates about this tournament?**

Anyone wishing to receive information about SUPERCOPA+ can subscribe [HERE](#). Newsletters will be sent as important information about the tournament becomes available.

### **SUPERCOPA+ GAMES**

#### **What time do games begin on Friday?**

SUPERCOPA+ is a four (4) day tournament beginning Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. We strive to give every team in SUPERCOPA+ equal amounts of rest between games. We also schedule to have teams play no more than 2 games per day on one (1) day only during Group Play of the event. With that in mind ALL teams need to be prepared to play the morning of Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. There can be NO EXCEPTIONS to this due to the number of teams in the tournament, scheduling, and travel requirements.

#### **What time do games END on Monday?**

Monday games may end as late as 5pm, provided there are no weather delays. Please plan flights accordingly for a game ending as late as 5pm. Please remember that the unique structure of SUPERCOPA+ event playoffs provide for multiple finals games per age group. 25% of the teams will be playing in finals games, so it is best to plan on your team making it!

#### **Can my team practice before the tournament begins?**

Teams will have the opportunity to reserve practice space on Thursday before the tournament. Reservations will be required and will be accepted beginning April 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **My coach is coaching multiple teams in SUPERCOPA+. Will the tournament manage their schedule to avoid game overlaps?**

Yes, for all 3 group round games. Once we enter Quarter-Finals and beyond, there is no way to manage this. In order to keep coaches out of conflict, they must be listed in GotSport as the Head Coach of all teams with their first and last names spelled exactly the same. This is how GotSport software identifies any conflict situations.

#### **How are teams bracketed for SUPERCOPA+?**

The tournament committee takes great care in seeding and bracketing. Your team's recent game history will be researched, and we also request that you complete the Seeding Request Form available under the "Tournament Forms | Rules" section by **April 19th**. Each team coach and manager will receive further information once the bracketing process begins.

**When will brackets be released?**

Brackets will be released approximately 30 days prior to the event start date.

**When will schedules be released?**

Schedules will be released approximately 14 days prior to the event start date.

**How can my team avoid playing teams from our home state whom we already face regularly?**

Part of what makes SUPERCOPA+ so special is not only the strength of the participating teams but also the geographic variety. The tournament committee does factor in team location in bracketing attempting to ensure that all 3 group round games are against new opponents. In submitting your team's seeding request form, you are encouraged to list any participating teams whom you have faced within the last 2-3 months.

**Will there be gate fees or parking fees for attendees during SUPERCOPA+?**

We do our best to prevent additional fees, like gate and/or parking, at SUPERCOPA+. We have been successful in not charging for these items in the past, but we cannot commit to this every year. If this year's tournament requires an additional gate fee and/or parking fee, we will communicate it immediately.

**Will Team Benches and Shade Structures / Tents be provided for the teams?**

Yes...team benches and shade structures will be provided on game day.

**Are spectators allowed to bring tents to Tournament Sportsplex of Tampa Bay?**

Yes...spectators are allowed to bring tents but must utilize the 'pencil stakes' – the long / thin ones. (The spectator tents must not visually impede the viewing of any of the games.)

**TRAVEL****When should we tell our players/parents to arrive in town for the tournament?**

Thursday arrival is most appropriate. Games will begin as early as Friday morning at 8am.

**Do we have to book our hotels through the tournament travel company?**

Yes. When cities provide top notch facilities such as **Tournament Sportsplex of Tampa Bay**, they do so because they see positive economic impact from visitors traveling in for a tournament, and that impact must be measurable. Measurements are achieved through the booking of hotels by the teams. The city has access to tournament records as well as exact hotel bookings per team and will force us to remove any team not showing the minimum required rooms booked through the U90C travel partners. Each registered travel team is required to book a minimum of 10 hotel rooms per team, for the duration of the event. Please be sure that this is acceptable to your team prior to registering for SUPERCOPA+.

**Is travel insurance available?**

Yes, travel and registration fee insurance is available when booking your individual hotel reservation through HBC. This plan has a “**Cancel for Any Reason**” benefit that will protect 75% of your non-refundable hotel booking and event registration costs for only \$37.15 (based on a 4-night stay.) Book your hotel reservation and select YES to add the Travel Protection Plan and protect your trip.

### **Does using the tournament travel company mean hotel rooms will be more expensive?**

No. U90C does not allow the contracted hotels to charge rates higher than their rates offered directly by the hotel. We also seek out and contract first with hotels providing certain things beneficial to soccer teams, such as free breakfast, a pool, make every attempt to give teams their rooms close together, etc.

### **Where do I book my hotel accommodations?**

All teams traveling from greater than 75-miles from **Tournament Sportsplex of Tampa Bay** will be required to book through our travel partner. Tournament hotels can be accessed on the SUPERCOPA+ website via the TRAVEL” link (under the “CLUBHOUSE” dropdown menu). DO NOT book directly through the hotel, through an online discount travel website, or book a hotel outside of our partnered hotels. Tournament Hotels are typically open for booking by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **What is the deadline for booking hotels?**

All SUPERCOPA+ hotel rooms must be reserved within 30 days of your acceptance to the tournament. This deadline is subject to change as teams are accepted closer to the date of SUPERCOPA+. If you have questions about hotel booking, please contact Shawn Ryan at [shawn.ryan@u90c.com](mailto:shawn.ryan@u90c.com).

### **In looking on the website all hotels appear to be sold out for this tournament or do not work for our team. In this case can we just find our own hotel?**

No. As currently contracted hotels run out of rooms, our travel partners add more. Your team is welcome to email or call to ask for the hotel you would like or provide a description of your team’s needs, and the travel company will work to arrange this for you. Contact Landon Travel Services directly at 469-715-5045 or email [info@landontravelservices.com](mailto:info@landontravelservices.com).

## **ROSTERS & CHECK-IN**

### **How many guest players are allowed in SUPERCOPA+ tournaments?**

There is an unlimited number of guest players allowed in all SuperCopa events provided total rostered players plus guests does not exceed the roster maximum listed under the Game Format Matrix.

### **What paperwork is required for tournament Check-In?**

To participate in SUPERCOPA+, U.S. teams must have proof of registration with US Club Soccer or any other [U.S. Soccer Affiliate](#). Because various states and countries have very different roster structures, player cards, etc... at these ages we will accept the format used in your local area (signed paper roster, individual player registration forms signed by the State Association, player cards, etc.). This is sent to the tournament committee prior to the event. Referees will be checking the approved rosters/ virtual cards to verify player photos before the start of each game, so every

participating player (to include guests) must be properly loaded into GotSport with his/her photo and jersey number. There are instructions for all check-in, GotSport, and guest player functions in the "Tournament Forms | Rules" section (under the "CLUBHOUSE" dropdown menu). For any questions on rosters or check-in documents, please email [shawn.ryan@u90c.com](mailto:shawn.ryan@u90c.com).

### **When are rosters locked for the tournaments?**

Rosters are due to be uploaded 30 days prior to the start of the tournament. Rosters will be locked as teams are checked in. Your team may make changes to your roster up to one week prior to the start of the tournament by emailing [shawn.ryan@u90c.com](mailto:shawn.ryan@u90c.com)

### **I uploaded my roster in GotSport but when I try to pull up my game day roster, it is blank. What's wrong?**

Game day rosters will appear blank until they have been approved and locked by the tournament committee. For any questions on rosters or check-in documents, please email [shawn.ryan@u90c.com](mailto:shawn.ryan@u90c.com).

### **How do I add a guest player to my GotSport roster?**

There are step by step instructions for this under the "Tournament Forms | Rules" section of the website. <https://supercopaplus.com/forms-rules/>

<https://u90c.com/u90c-event-check-in-tournaments/>