

Contest Rules and Mechanics

Tara! Basketball Challenge

MMCL Cup 2025

PARTICIPANTS' ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- Only one team per school may join the Tara! Basketball Challenge.
- Each team shall consist of 12 players (5 players on the court and 7 substitute). Note: No coach on the playground and/ or no remote coaching from the bleacher are allowed.
- A player who is not included in his team's official roster of athletes (gallery) won't be allowed to play throughout the competition.
- They must be supervised by an adviser or at least a coach.
- Registration is REQUIRED. Registration forms can be accessed via <https://bit.ly/TaraBasketballRegForm> and shall be submitted through <https://bit.ly/MapuaMCLCup2025SubBin> together with the student's school ID.
- Deadline for registration is on **October 10, 2025**. Incomplete or late registration is a ground for disqualification.

SPECIFIC CONTEST GUIDELINES

- The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the latest FIBA 5x5 Basketball Rules and Ground Rules of the MCL Cup Basketball Committee. However, in every game, the Referee shall have the full power and authority to make decisions on any point not specifically covered by the FIBA rules. Some of the FIBA rules are reiterated hereunder.
- There will be four (4) rounds - the Elimination, Qualification, Semi-Finals, and Finals. For the Elimination Round, Sixteen (16) teams will be divided into four (4) pools of four (4) in a round-robin elimination system. The top two (2) teams from each pool will advance to the Qualification Round. In the Qualification round, each team will compete for the Top four (4) spots to advance in the Semi-Finals Round. Whoever wins in the Semi-Finals round will advance in the Finals to compete for the Championship Award and whoever loses in the Semi-Finals round will compete for the 2nd runner-up award. **The Elimination round and Qualification Round will happen on October 11, 2025 (Group A), October 17, 2025 (Group B) and October 24, 2025 (Group C).** The Semi-Finals will be on **November 12-13** and Finals Round will be on **November 14, 2025**.
- Teams in the Elimination round will be randomized and will be announced a week before the event starts.
- The regular playing time shall be 1 period of 10 minutes per quarter regular playing time. The game clock shall be stopped during dead ball situations and free throws. The game clock shall be restarted after the exchange of the ball is completed (as soon as the ball is in the offensive team's hands).

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- In case a tie (involving 2 teams) in the Group Round Robin Phase, the WINNER OVER-THE-OTHER rule will be applied.
- Each team is encouraged to follow the schedule of matches and are expected to be at the venue of the competitions ten (10) minutes before the scheduled match. Any team that does not report on their scheduled team match will lose by default.
- Players are expected to be at their desirable sports outfit throughout the competitions. If it is possible, they must have at least two (2) basketball jerseys (light and dark color).
- The Referee and/ or the tournament management committee reserve the right to modify the above-mentioned format of competitions at any time without prior notice to ensure the success of the tournament.
- Ghosting, collusion, exploitation, and use of foul and vulgar words are grounds for disqualification.
- Other provisions including policies on Raising Clarifications and Objections on the mechanics, or the conduct of the contests; and other relevant policies are stated in the General Guidelines on Registration, Eligibility, and Other Information.
- All contestants, coaches, and advisers are required to read the General Guideline to fully understand the mechanics of the Mapúa MCL Cup 2025 events.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

The Top 3 schools will get a corresponding point to vie for the Overall Winners of MMCL Cup 2024.

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