



2025

BH CUP

The **BH CUP** is a tournament held since 2005 at Toca da Raposa 1, aiming to bring together national and international teams to foster cultural exchange and enrich participating organizations.

In its last edition (2024), the following teams participated:

Cruzeiro EC, América FC, Clube Atlético Mineiro, Grêmio FBPA, Club Athletico Paranaense, RB Bragantino, Cuiabá EC, Boston City, Coimbra, Athletic, OVT Academy, and Surf Select – USA.



Participating teams for the **18th edition** are: Cruzeiro, Grêmio, RB Bragantino, Atlético – MG, América, Athletico – PR, Bahia, Vitória, Surf Select – EUA and Botafogo.



Your participation is highly valued. Thank you for your attention, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Youth Academy Dept. / Global Business Dept.

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I- PURPOSE

- **Art. 1** – BH CUP 2025 aims to promote the work of organization's youth divisions, contributing to the development of new football players in Brazil and globally, as well as to recognize sport as a means of integration among people and nations.

II- ORGANIZATION

- **Art.1** – The BH CUP 2025 will be promoted, organized, and managed by **CRUZEIRO ESPORTE CLUBE**, through its **Youth Academy and Global Business Department**, which will take all necessary measures to ensure the event is carried out with quality.
 - **Art.2** – It shall be the responsibility of the Coordination Committee to prepare, issue, and publish the competition schedule and regulations, as well as to appoint a **SPECIAL COMMISSION** that will judge acts of indiscipline and resolve any doubts that may arise regarding the regulations.
 - **Art.3** – The entire competition will be held at Toca da Raposa 1, with the fields to be designated by the Organizing Committee based on an analysis of availability and technical feasibility.
- § **Sole:** In cases of force majeure, the Organizing Committee may select alternative fields, either within or outside of Toca da Raposa 1, for the holding of any matches of the Tournament (**applicable to the qualifying, semifinal, and final stages**).

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III- EVENT PERIOD

- **Art. 1** – The tournament will take place from August 3rd to 9th, 2025.

IV- FORMAT

- **Art.1** – The BH CUP 2025 will be contested by the registered teams and will be held in three (3) distinct phases, as outlined below:

1.1 – Qualifying Phase

1.2 – Semifinal

1.3 – Final

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V- QUALIFYING PHASE

- **Art.1** – In this phase, the teams will be divided into two (2) groups, each consisting of **five** (5) participants. The first group will be designated as Group 1 (one), and the second as Group 2 (two).
- **Art.2** – In the qualifying phase, the teams in Group 1 (one) will play against each other, as will the teams in Group 2 (two), with each team playing a minimum of four (4) matches.
- **Art.3** – The teams that will qualify for the semi final phase are the first- and second-placed teams from each group, based on the total points earned.
- **Art.4** – In the event of a tie in total points between two or more teams, the following criteria will be applied, in order, until the tie is broken:
 - a) Greater number of victories;
 - b) Greater goal difference;
 - c) Greater number of goals scored;
 - d) Fewer goals conceded;
 - e) Fewer red cards;
 - f) Fewer yellow cards;
 - g) Draw (by lot).

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VI – SEMIFINALS

- **Art. 1** – The semifinal phase shall be played in the following order:

Match 21: 1st place in Group 1 vs 2nd place in Group 2

Match 22: 1st place in Group 2 vs 2nd place in Group 1

§ Sole – In the event of a draw at the end of the match described in this article, as many penalty kicks as necessary shall be taken to determine the winning team, in accordance with the CBF/FIFA Rules Book 2021/2022 (https://conteudo.cbf.com.br/cdn/202109/20210914183704_10.pdf).

VII - FINAL

- **Art.1** – The two teams that win the semifinal phase will compete in the FINAL phase in the following order:

Match 23: Winner of Match 21 vs Winner of Match 22

§ Sole – In the event of a draw at the end of the match described in this article, as many penalty kicks as necessary shall be taken to determine the winning team, in accordance with the CBF/FIFA Rules Book 2021/2022 (https://conteudo.cbf.com.br/cdn/202109/20210914183704_10.pdf).

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VIII – SPECIAL COMMISSION

- **Art.1** – With the purpose of providing guidance, resolving doubts, and judging when necessary, a SPECIAL COMMISSION is hereby appointed, consisting of 5 (five) members, as listed below:

Regular Members:

- Adriano Andrade (Youth Academy Manager, C.E.C.)
- Rafael Caires (Youth Academy Coordinator, C.E.C.)
- Matheus Sales (Global Business Dept.)

Alternate Members:

- Éder José Guedes Lucas Diniz (Director, Cruzeiro Academy – Thailand)
- João Castro (Attorney, Cruzeiro EC)
- Gabriel Vaz (Global Business Dept.)

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IX – PLAYER REGISTRATION

- **Art.1** – Each team may register 18 players. However, the delegation may consist of up to 23 people.
 - § First: A total of 18 (eighteen) players may participate in each match.
 - § Second: Players born on or after January 1st, 2011, are eligible to participate.
 - § Third: For Surf Select, players born on or after January 1st, 2010, are eligible.

- **Art.2** – Only players who are legally eligible to play and who present a valid ID card or passport may participate in BH CUP 2025. There will be a verification of documents during the technical congress.

- **Art.3** – Participating clubs must send the athlete registration form to the organizing committee by **July 31st, 2025 at 4:00 PM**, containing the following: Full name, position, date of birth, ID number, and jersey number for all players; Full name, ID number, and role for all staff members. The registration must be submitted by email to **gabriel.paula@cruzeiro.com.br**.
 - § First: Players are required to wear the same jersey number throughout the competition, matching the number provided in the registration form and list submitted by their team.

- **Art.4** – Each player may participate in BH CUP 2025 for only one team.

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X – PENALTIES

- **Art.1** – Any team that, during the competition, includes a player who is not eligible to play according to the rules established in this regulation will lose the points of the match in favor of its opponent, with a score of **1–0**, solely for the purpose of tie-breaking as outlined in this regulation.
- **Art.2** – A player who is sent off by the referee with a red card or who accumulates 2 (two) cautions (yellow cards) in separate matches will be automatically suspended from the following match scheduled in the official fixture, regardless of any additional sanctions that may be imposed by the Special Commission.
- **Art.3** – Yellow cards will be reset at the end of the qualifying phase.
- **Art.4** – A player who is sent off during a match may not be substituted or return to the game.
- **Art.5** – Matches will begin at the scheduled time, and no delays will be tolerated. If any team fails to comply with this article, a formal warning will be issued by the tournament organization, and in the event of a recurrence, a penalty may be applied.
- **Art.6** – In the case of a walkover (WO), the team will be disqualified and removed from the tournament.
- **Art.7** – Expelled members of the coaching staff may not participate in the following match.

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XI – MATCH DURATION

- **Art.1** – During the qualifying phase, all matches will have a duration of 50 (fifty) minutes, divided into two halves of 25 (twenty-five) minutes each, with an 8 (eight) minute halftime interval. During the interval, teams are not permitted to leave the field of play.
- **Art.2** – For the semifinal and final phases, matches will have a duration of 60 (sixty) minutes, divided into two halves of 30 (thirty) minutes, with an 8 (eight) minute halftime interval. During the interval, teams are not permitted to leave the field of play.

XII – POINT SYSTEM

- **Art.1** – BH CUP 2025 will follow a point system based on the following criteria:
 - a) For a win: 3 (three) points
 - b) For a draw: 1 (one) point

XIII – AWARDS

- **Art.1** – The teams crowned champion and runner-up of BH CUP 2025 will each be awarded 25 medals.
§ Sole: Additional awards may be established at the discretion of the tournament coordination.

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XIV – GENERAL PROVISIONS

- **Art.1** – Each team may use up to 7 (seven) substitute players listed on the match sheet per game. **The substitution area will be designated by the organization, and the match will only be interrupted in the event of a goalkeeper substitution.** A substituted player may not return to the match.
- **Art.2** – Teams may replace a previously registered player with another until August 2nd. The request must be formal and sent via email to the BH CUP 2025 coordination. The request must include the details of both the outgoing and incoming player. After this date, substitutions will only be allowed in the case of injury, and must be accompanied by a medical report.
- **Art.3** – On the bench, in addition to the 7 (seven) reserve players listed on the match sheet, 5 (five) coaching staff members may remain. All the coaching staff listed must wear the identification badge provided by the organization during the Technical Congress.
- **Art.4** – Before signing the match sheet, each team is required to provide the tournament representative with 2 (two) printed and dated copies listing the full name, jersey number, and date of birth of all athletes in the match, signed by the team delegate. These lists must also indicate which players will start the match, and include the full names and roles of all staff members who will be on the bench.

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- **Art.5** – The match schedule may be modified if the tournament organization deems it necessary for the proper progress of the competition.
- **Art.6** – The use of aluminum-studded cleats will not be permitted in BH CUP 2025 matches.
- **Art.7** – The match field may not be used for warm-ups. A separate field will be designated for that purpose. The game field will be made available by the organization 8 (eight) minutes prior to the start of the match.
- **Art.8** – The use of shin guards is mandatory for all players during matches.
- **Art.9** – Each participating team must submit two official game jerseys to the organization.

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- **Art.10** – In the event of an injury of any player from the participating teams during the matches, or in case of any medical assistance required within the premises of Toca da Raposa 1, CRUZEIRO ESPORTE CLUBE – SAF will be responsible only for initial basic care (first aid), making every possible effort to ensure the patient is referred to the nearest hospital or medical center. All additional costs and expenses related to the player's transportation, medical care, X-rays, surgery, and/or any other medical needs shall be the responsibility of the team for which the athlete is competing in this tournament.
- **Art.11** – If two (2) teams wear the same predominant uniform color in the same match, it will be up to the referee to decide whether a change of uniform is necessary. If a change is required, the responsibility for changing uniforms will fall on the team positioned on the right side of the match schedule.
- **Art.12** – The clubs exclusively grant to the BH CUP 2025 organization, throughout Brazilian and international territory, free of charge and irrevocably, the rights to capture, record, broadcast, transmit, and retransmit audio and video of all matches in the competition on free-to-air and closed-circuit television and on the internet. The BH CUP 2025 organization may, in whole or in part, assign these rights to third parties, in Brazil or abroad.

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- **Art.13** – Map indicating the area where members of the Coaching Staff, who are not on the bench, are allowed to watch the match.

A: ENTRANCE

1: DIRCEU LOPES FIELD (MATCHES)

1,2,3,4: LOCKER ROOMS (NUMBERS IN BLUE)



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XV – FINAL PROVISIONS

- **Art. 1** – Any cases not addressed in this regulation shall be resolved by the Special Commission, and such decisions shall be final and irrevocable.

Belo Horizonte, June 26th, 2025.



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Group 1



Group 2



08/03/2025

MATCH	TIME	TEAM	X	TEAM	FIELD
1	08:30 AM	CRUZEIRO	X	BAHIA	DIRCEU
2	09:45 AM	ATHLETICO PR	X	BRAGANTINO	DIRCEU
3	02:00 PM	ATLÉTICO MG	X	VITÓRIA	DIRCEU
4	03:15 PM	GRÊMIO	X	AMÉRICA	DIRCEU

08/04/2025

MATCH	TIME	TEAM	X	TEAM	FIELD
5	08:30 AM	CRUZEIRO	X	ATHLETICO PR	DIRCEU
6	09:45 AM	RB BRAGANTINO	X	SURF SELECT	DIRCEU
7	02:00 PM	ATLÉTICO MG	X	GRÊMIO	DIRCEU
8	03:15 PM	AMÉRICA	X	BOTAFOGO	DIRCEU

08/05/2025

MATCH	TIME	TEAM	X	TEAM	FIELD
9	08:30 AM	SURF SELECT	X	CRUZEIRO	DIRCEU
10	09:45 AM	BAHIA	X	ATHLETICO PR	DIRCEU
11	02:00 PM	BOTAFOGO	X	ATLÉTICO MG	DIRCEU
12	03:15 PM	VITÓRIA	X	GRÊMIO	DIRCEU

08/06/2025

MATCH	TIME	TEAM	X	TEAM	FIELD
13	08:30 AM	SURF SELECT	X	BAHIA	DIRCEU
14	09:45 AM	RB BRAGANTINO	X	CRUZEIRO	DIRCEU
15	02:00 PM	BOTAFOGO	X	VITÓRIA	DIRCEU
16	03:15 PM	AMÉRICA	X	ATLÉTICO MG	DIRCEU

08/07/2025

MATCH	TIME	TEAM	X	TEAM	FIELD
17	08:30 AM	BAHIA	X	RB BRAGANTINO	DIRCEU
18	09:45 AM	ATHLETICO PR	X	SURF SELECT	DIRCEU
19	02:00 PM	VITÓRIA	X	AMÉRICA	DIRCEU
20	03:15 PM	GRÊMIO	X	BOTAFOGO	DIRCEU

08/08/2025 - Semifinals

MATCH	TIME	TEAM	X	TEAM	FIELD
21	01:45 PM	1ST PLACE GROUP 1	X	2ND PLACE GROUP 2	DIRCEU
22	03:15 PM	1ST PLACE GROUP 2	X	2ND PLACE GROUP 1	DIRCEU

08/09/2025 - FINAL

MATCH	TIME	TEAM	X	TEAM	FIELD
23	02:00 PM	Winner Match 21	X	Winner Match 22	DIRCEU



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