



INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

9th INTERNATIONAL CATCHBALL TOURNAMENT

Playa del Carmen, Mexico 2026

The **Association of Catchball Latin America**, together with the **International Catchball Federation** and the **Municipal Institute of Sport of Playa del Carmen**, are pleased to invite all Catchball players worldwide to participate in the **9th INTERNATIONAL CATCHBALL TOURNAMENT, Playa del Carmen, Mexico 2026**.

The event will take place from **September 3rd to 6th, 2026**, at the facilities of the **Deportivo Puerto Aventuras** (Puerto Aventuras Unit Sport), in the municipality of Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

We cordially invite all players of **Catchball, Catch and Serve Ball, Mamanet, Cachibol** (or any other name our sport receives globally) to attend our sports competition.

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES & RULES

1. CATCHBALL COMPETITION

The Catchball competition will be organized according to the number of teams registered between January and July 2026. Once registration has closed, the specific number of matches each team will play will be determined. The organization guarantees that each team will play at least 5 matches during the competition.

2. REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registration opens on **January 20th** and closes on **July 31, 2026**, without exception.

Costs and Payments:

- **Registration Fee: € 99** (\$125 USD) per player (includes referee fees).
- The fee must be 100% covered at the time of team registration.
- For a team to be considered officially registered, it must cover 100% of the cost for all registered players and submit the team roster.

Cancellation Policy: Once players are registered, if for any reason the team or a player cannot or does not wish to attend the tournament, the registration fee **will not be refunded**.

Benefits: The registration fee covers the following tournament services:

- Participation in the tournament
- Awards
- Hydration
- Physical Therapist
- Ambulance and paramedics



Note: The registration fee DOES NOT include meals.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION

Please read the following important accreditation rules carefully:

Age Accreditation:

- The document required to prove age will be the **Passport**.
- The International Catchball Tournament Mexico has a policy of including players of all ages; therefore, the organization accepts female players from age 20 and up, with no upper age limit.

Registration Process (Team Accreditation):

- Each captain must present themselves at the ACCREDITATION desk with copies of the ID/Passport of each of their players.
- They must also submit the physical team roster, duly filled out.
- They must attach the **Liability Waiver**, signed by each player on the team.
- The submission of Passport copies during accreditation is **mandatory**.
- **Penalty:** Failure to appear for accreditation will result in the team being considered **absent**, and their matches will be moved to the end of the game schedule.

4. EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES (UNIFORMS)

- Teams must consist of a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 12.
- All players must wear a jersey of the same color, with a visible number.
- Shorts must be of the same color (details or brand logos are allowed).
- Sports socks and footwear must be worn (any color or brand).
- Playing without sports footwear is prohibited.
- **Penalty:** Teams not properly uniformed will not be allowed to play at that time, and their match will be moved to the end of the game schedule.
- **Safety:** Playing with gloves or masks is not allowed unless the player presents a medical certificate prior to each game. Finger guards, or tape around the fingers, as used in volleyball, will be allowed.

5. GAME REGULATIONS AND COMPETITION SYSTEM

The International Catchball Tournament is played in accordance with the **International Catchball Federation** Rules.

Match Format:

- Matches will be played to the best of **three sets**.
- The first two sets will be played to 21 points (capped at a maximum of 24 points to win the set).
- In case of a tie in sets, a third set will be played to 15 points, requiring a 2-point difference to win (capped at a maximum of 18 points).

On-Court Logistics:

- **Warm-up:** There will be no warm-up time on court before each game; teams must warm up outside the playing courts.
- Failure to appear for games at the scheduled time will result in the match being moved to the end of the game schedule.

6. OFFICIATING

The International Catchball Tournament uses **only Catchball, Mamanet or Catch and Serve Ball referees** with extensive professional experience, during the event, coming from different countries.

7. DISCIPLINE AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Protests and Sportsmanship: This is an international competition tournament; We aim for a cordial relationship between teams at all times; as Organizers, we ensure rules are enforced.

Conduct: Any player or team that assaults or insults a referee, player, opponent, teammate, or the organizing committee will be punished with **expulsion from the tournament** and must leave the venue or playing courts.

8. EVENT AGENDA

Technical Meeting and Accreditation (Captains' Meeting):

- **Date:** September 3, 2026, starting at 4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** To be defined.

- **Attendance:** All captains and coaches of registered teams must attend.
- **Absence:** Failure to attend this meeting implies acceptance of all agreements made during the session.

Tournament Start:

- Friday, September 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Puerto Aventuras Sport Unit facilities, Municipality of Playa del Carmen, México.

Opening Ceremony:

- **Date:** Friday, September 4, at 12:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Puerto Aventuras Sport Unit.
- **Parade:** Teams are requested to appear in uniform or traditional costumes, carrying their team banners/flags and/or country flags.

Note: Any changes will be announced in a timely manner on social media and to each captain via WhatsApp.

9. AWARDS AND CLOSING CEREMONY

Awards will be presented to the top three places on **Sunday, September 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.** at the sports unit.

Special awards will also be presented:

- Best Player (MVP) - chosen by participating teams.
- Best Referee - chosen by participating teams.
- Most Senior Player (Longevity Award).
- Youngest Player.
- Other special awards.

10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PRINCIPLES

Logistics and Health:

- **Medical Services:** Accidents during competition will be considered sports risks; expenses will be borne by each club, delegation, or team to which the player belongs.
- **Transportation, Lodging, and Meals:** These must be covered entirely by each team or delegation.
- **Unforeseen Issues:** Cases not provided for in this call will be resolved by the Organizing Committee, led by Lic. Lilian Jara Silva.

Declaration of Principles: IN THIS TOURNAMENT, WE DO NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, AGE, SEX, RELIGION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, POLITICAL REASONS, NATIONALITY, ETHNICITY, PHYSICAL OR SOCIOECONOMIC CONDITION, OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

WE ONLY DEMAND RESPECT FROM EACH AND EVERY PARTICIPANT OF THIS GREAT INTERNATIONAL EVENT.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT OF ADMISSION.

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