

# San Francisco CalHeat

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Dear Team Handball Clubs, Friends,

**San Francisco CalHeat** cordially invites your team(s), athletes, staff members, families and friends to attend our annual California Cup tournament on February 3-5, 2023.

The event is scheduled to begin at 3 PM on Friday, February 3 and will conclude approximately at 5 PM on Sunday February 5. Same as previous years, we will conduct the event at the **Centerville Jr. High School, 37720 Fremont Blvd, Fremont, CA 94536**.

Please read the following participation requirements carefully:

1. The **registration fee is \$650 per team** (must be paid in US dollars).
2. **Complete your registration on SPORT:80, including a \$250 non-refundable deposit** (see payment methods on page 2), by Wednesday November 30, 2022 to secure your place in the event. Prior to registering, please contact us to make sure there's still availability.
3. The tournament is limited to five (5) women's and eight (8) men's teams and will be run in a round-robin format with placement matches on Sunday. All games will be contested on a regulation court and will be officiated by USATH certified referees and according to the most recent IHF rules. Please note **there will be no video review available**, regardless of whether or not a livestream is set up.
4. The tournament is set up on the USA Team Handball platform SPORT:80 and can be accessed through this link: <https://usateamhandball.sport80.com/>. Teams must register through this website.
5. Each team must post **a minimum roster bond** of **\$200** that will be kept in escrow and returned back to the team at the conclusion of the tournament. The minimum number of players will be twelve (12) including one (1) goalkeeper.
6. Each team must post **a sportsmanship bond** of **\$300** that will be kept in escrow and returned back to the team at the conclusion of the tournament if:
  - i. None of the team members or officials is disqualified from a game for one of the violations described in the most current version of the USATH competition rule book, i.e. rough/dangerous play, unsportsmanlike conduct, verbal abuse or physical assault.
  - ii. None of the team members uses unapproved glue during the event. Due to concerns expressed by the Centerville Jr. High, we'll only allow **water-soluble glue (any brand)**.
7. **Each team must enter their final roster on SPORT:80 no later than Friday January 27, 2023**. This will be a USA Team Handball "Wild Card" Qualifying Tournament for the US Nationals Elite division, meaning all players must be in good standing with their USA Team Handball membership and follow player eligibility rules set forth in the USATH Competition Rule Book. Players who are not in good standing or do not comply with eligibility requirements will not be allowed to play.

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8. All tournament participants - players, team officials and referees - must be Safe Sport compliant. In addition, **team officials (coaches, trainers, staff, etc.) and referees must pass a background check**. By the start of the event, please make sure these requirements are fulfilled. Contact Martin Branick ([martin.branick@usateamhandball.org](mailto:martin.branick@usateamhandball.org)) if you have specific questions about this matter
9. All participants (players, staff and officials) may need to sign a **COVID-19 Waiver** on-site. Depending on the state of public health restrictions in California and the County of Alameda, we may also implement a health and safety protocol prior to the start of the competition. We will inform you about possible requirements as we get close to the start of the tournament.

The top three women and men teams will receive trophies, and special prizes will be awarded to the tournament's Top Scorer, Most Valuable Goalkeeper (MVG), and Most Valuable Player (MVP).

**Final payments must be submitted no later than January 10, 2023**. Payments can be made online via Google Pay ([payment@calheat.com](mailto:payment@calheat.com)) or Venmo (CalHeat-Handball), or by check to 'San Francisco CalHeat' to be mailed at the following address:

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Teams who have not paid the registration fee (in full) by the deadline will be charged a late fee of \$75.

**Teams will be responsible for securing their own accommodations during the tournament.** Based on our past experience, we recommend staying at the **DoubleTree by Hilton** in Newark-Fremont at a rate of approximately \$120 / night + tax (double room). The rate usually includes free Wi-Fi as well as free parking. The hotel is located at **39900 Balentine Dr, Newark, CA 94560** - 8 minutes drive from the gym. The closest airports are San Jose Airport (SJC, 20 minutes drive) and San Francisco International Airport (SFO, 35 minutes drive).

### California Cup Organization Committee

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