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FIFDS DOWN SYNDROME FUTSAL WORLD CUP 2026

Mérida, Yucatán, México



Team Handbook





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Warm Message from the President of the Mexican Paralympic Committee and FEMEDE



Dear friends:

I am delighted to welcome you to this grand event. Mexico has prepared to offer you hospitality and warmth, especially in the beautiful city of Mérida. With enthusiasm and the desire for you to have an unforgettable tournament, we hope you take away the best of our people, traditions, and our hospitality.

A team of collaborators is working diligently, with dedication and passion, to ensure a pleasant and memorable stay. We are preparing to make the FIFDS Mérida 2026 Futsal World Cup for People with Down Syndrome a unique and extraordinary experience for the players and technical staff who will be visiting us.

We invite you to discover the architectural and cultural beauty of Mérida, and we hope your stay is thoroughly enjoyable in every way. Please do not hesitate to let us know your intentions, observations, and opinions as soon as possible.

See you soon in Mérida!

Miguel Angel García Meza
FEMEDE MEXICO President



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1.- Event

FIFDS Down Syndrome Futsal World Cup 2026

Sport: Futsal

✓ **Only male players participating**

2.- Event Dates

13-20 September 2026

3.- Event Organisers and Supported

FEMEDE – Mexican Federation of Special Athletes

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Supported by

National Commission for Physical Culture and Sport (CONADE)

Sports Institute of the State of Yucatan (IDEY)

Mexican Paralympic Committee (COPAME)

4.- Official Language

English is the official language of SUDS events. All material and information will be available in English

5.- Event Sanctioning

SUDS – Sports Union for Athletes with Down Syndrome

FIFDF – Football International Federation for Players with Down Syndrome.





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6.- Host City

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Mérida, the jewel of southeastern Mexico and the City that embraces you! With its rich cultural heritage, illustrious history, colonial architecture, and delicious cuisine, Mérida truly stands out. But what really puts it on the map is its connection to Mayan culture. It's the gateway to the wonder of the world that is Chichén Itzá, one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World. Imagine walking among the Mayan ruins, feeling the energy of the place, and admiring the pyramid of El Castillo. It's an unforgettable experience, offering a fascinating journey through time. Strolling through its historic streets is like stepping into a narrative built over centuries. From the imposing cathedral to the majestic architecture of the historic Paseo de Montejo, every corner reveals secrets of a vibrant past. The city thus becomes a destination where history and modernity intertwine, inviting you to explore its hidden treasures. Must-see sites include the Plaza Grande with the Cathedral, the Monument to the Fatherland, and museums such as the Gran Museo del Mundo Maya (Great Museum of the Mayan World). It's ideal for exploring haciendas, cenotes, the Dzibilchaltún archaeological site, and enjoying the cuisine at the Museum of Yucatecan Gastronomy (MUGY).

Known for its warmth and hospitality, Mérida is preparing with special events and activities to welcome athletes and visitors from around the world for the FIFDS Mérida 2026 Futsal World Cup for People with Down Syndrome. This coming September, the city will open its doors to offer an unforgettable experience to all participants. Mérida is the perfect destination for this sporting event.

We are ready to welcome you with open arms and make your stay one you'll remember forever!





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7.- Points of Entry

The main entry points to Mérida are the Mérida International Airport "Manuel Crescencio Rejón" (MID) for international and domestic flights, and the Mérida-Teya Maya Train Station for rail transport. The airport handles domestic and international flights, while the Teya station connects to the Southeast Railway route.

Nearest train stations: Mérida-Teya Maya Train Station (main station) (located in Kanasín, 10 km from Mérida) and Tixkokob Station.

Alternative airport (greater international connectivity): Cancún International Airport (CUN) (approximately 3-4 hours by car or train).

8.- Map



9.- Local Transport

The LOC will take care of:

- ✓ all transfers between Mérida Airport or train Station and the official hotel of the Delegations.
- ✓ all transfers between the hotel of the Delegations and the Competition venue.

10.- Visas

Each participating national delegation is responsible for obtaining the necessary visas for its delegation.

If necessary, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will issue an invitation letter to the participating national delegation. Please inform us as soon as possible if you need to apply for visas.



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11.- Eligibility

All athletes participating in the event must be registered with SUDS. Please visit www.su-ds.org to review the SUDS Registration Policy.

The LOC will not reimburse any fees if the registration process is not completed in time due to the player's or National Organization's own fault.

The deadline for submitting SUDS registration applications is July 13, 2026.

12.- Accreditation

Accreditation badges will be issued to every player and team staff member once they are identified at the Headquarter.

The badge will include the person's name, title, nationality and photo.

Please send us a passport-size photo of each member of your delegation. Photos must meet the following requirements:

- JPEG format (extensions .jpg or jpeg)
- Vertical passport format
- A quadrat cut
- The background should be as uniform as possible
- The file name must be in the format [Country]_[First Name]_[Last Name].jpg

13.- Medical Service and Health protocol

There will be permanent medical service throughout the competition, with at least one doctor and one ambulance at the competition venue. In case of emergency, patients will be referred to the Yucatán Regional High Specialty Hospital, which offers 24-hour emergency care and hospitalization.

14.- Insurance

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) guarantees initial care and will provide adequate medical coverage for civil and professional liability. Participating delegations are responsible for obtaining their own travel, accident, civil liability, and medical insurance, including coverage for hospitalization and surgery.



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15.- Flags and National Anthems

Each delegation must bring one flag, which will be returned at the end of the Futsal World Cup. The preferred size is 80 cm x 120 cm.

Delegations must send their national anthem in .mp3 format four weeks prior to their arrival at the event. Failure to do so will result in the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) searching for the files, and the LOC will not be held responsible for any errors.

16.- Capitation Tax

The SUDS registration fee (per capita rate) will apply to all players and staff members of the participating country's delegation and amounts to €25.00 per person.

This fee does not apply to accompanying persons, family members, etc. SUDS does not require family members/accompanying persons to pay this fee. However, the registration fee (entry pack) is the same for all participants, including family members/accompanying persons, and there will be no discount for them.

17. Entry tickets

Entry to all events will be free, on a first-come, first-serve basis until the maximum capacity of the venues is reached.

Competition Venue

Kukulcán Sports Complex





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18.- Process of Entry

Form Submission date		
1	Invitation pack to countries	March, 2026
2	Intention to participate	April 15, 2026
3	Entry by Number	May 15, 2026
4	Event entry form 1 C Final numbers and costs (30%)	June 1, 2026
5	General management form	July 13, 2026
6	Competition form	July 13, 2026
7	70% balance to be paid	July 20, 2026
8	Travel form	August 13, 2026
9	Entry form 2 via Excel	August 13, 2026

19.- Accommodation

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will provide delegations with single, double, or triple rooms in four-star hotels. The average distance to the Championship venues is approximately 5 kilometers. The LOC reserves the right to refuse any request related to room type. Requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Family members, supporters, and sponsors may book through the LOC.





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20.- Entry and Accommodation Fees

The entry and accommodation fees is for per person, for all members of the delegation (athletes and officials) includes seven nights' accommodation, all meals (from lunch on September 13th to breakfast on September 20th), transportation to and from Mérida Airport, transportation to the competition venue, training sessions and key events, and the SUDS competition fee. This package is available for the futsal discipline.

Family members, supporters, and sponsors may book through the LOC.

Registration Prices per Person:

- US\$715.00 per person in a double room
- US\$870.00 per person in a single room

Single rooms are subject to availability; therefore, we cannot guarantee that we can accommodate all requests. Requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you require additional nights, please contact us at downfutsal.worldcupmerida2026@gmail.com; we will gladly provide you with a customized quote.

Important! Delegations that have not paid the full participation fee by the deadline will not be accommodated and will not be allowed to participate in the competition.

21.- Meals

Further information about the meals will be provided closer to the event' date.



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22.- Payment Details

Important! Delegations must make the bank transfer to the following account:

Account Name: Federación Mexicana de Deportistas Especiales

Bank Name: Banco Nacional de México

Bank Branch Name and Address: Fray Servando Teresa de Mier
979 Jardín Balbuena, México City

Interbanck CLABE: 0021 8003 3342 2411 11

Swift / Code: BNMXXMM

Reference: COUNTRY NAME - FIFDS Mérida 2026 Futsal World Cup
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Refund Policy for Cancellations or Withdrawing

In the event of hotel reservation cancellations or participants withdrawing from the competition, the LOC will refund the delegations according to the guidelines below.

- Reservation cancellations made until 01th August 2026 will be refunded between 30% to 70%. (The LOC will decide on the reimbursement taking into account the event preparation costs.)
- No refund will be made for cancellations after 01th August 2026.
- All bank charges for returns will be borne by the recipient.
- In force majeure cases, LOC may take a deduction decision from refund amount by taking into account organizational expenses, preparation and regulation criteria.

23.- Provisional Program

Sport	13 Sep/ SUN	14 Sep/ MON	15 Sep/ TUE	16 Sep / WED	17 Sep / THU	18 Sep/ FRI	19 Sep/ SAT	20 Sep / SUN
Futsal	Arrival	Training/ Opening Ceremony	Competition	Competition	Social Program/ Closing Ceremony	Competition	Competition Closing Ceremony	Departure