

Caribbean Rising Stars Cup

Team Invitation & Participation Guide

Cayman Islands

13–21 December 2026



**CARIBBEAN
RISING STARS
CUP**



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Connecting Caribbean talent,
culture, education and opportunity
to the world.

The Cup at a glance

International Competition. Global Opportunity.

- Under-20 international club tournament
- 16 invited teams
- Four groups of four
- 28 matches
- Three guaranteed group matches
- Semi-finals, third-place playoff and final
- Two competition venues
- Professional scouting and player assessment

Nine days of football, development and Caymanian experiences.





Tournament Format & Structure

16 teams. 28 matches. Nine days of competition and opportunity.



16

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

Caribbean, South American and invited international participation



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GROUPS OF FOUR

Three guaranteed group-stage matches per team



28

MATCHES

Across two competition venues



9

DAY PROGRAMME

Football, scouting, skills assessment, culture and partner activity



Group winners advance to the semi-finals, third-place match and championship final.

Built for competition. Designed for visibility.

Why Your Team Should Participate



01

Compete

Play meaningful international matches against contrasting football styles.

02

Be Seen

Perform before invited scouts, college recruiters, academy representatives and media.

03

Be Measured

Build player profiles through structured skills testing and performance information.

04

Move Forward

Connect players to scholarships, academy placements, trials and development pathways.

Tournament Programme

Nine Days. One Complete Player Journey.

13–21 December 2026

13-14 December — Arrival and Welcome

Airport transfers, accreditation, technical meeting and welcome reception

15–18 December — Group Stage

Competition matches, development sessions and cultural activities

19 December — Semi-finals and Showcase

Championship semifinals, Scout Showcase and stakeholder programming

20 December — Finals and Celebration

Third-place match, championship final, awards and closing experience

21 December — Departure

Hotel check-out and airport transfers

8 nights • 9 days • 6 competition days



The Complete Player Experience

What Players Will Experience

- High-level international competition
- Professional skills testing and assessment
- Individual player-performance data
- Scouting and recruitment exposure
- Scholarship pathway information
- Leadership and student-athlete education
- Cultural exchange with participating teams
- Cayman Islands destination experience

Players arrive as teams. They leave with relationships, information and new possibilities.





Invited Participating Teams

16 TEAMS • 8 COUNTRIES • 3 REGIONS

CARIBBEAN

- Cayman Islands 2
- Jamaica 1
- Trinidad & Tobago 1
- Bahamas 1
- Dominica 1

AMERICAS

- United States (Mainland) 2
- Hawaii, USA 1
- Mexico 1

EUROPE

- Germany 1

ADDITIONAL INVITATIONS

- 5 team places being finalised

The Connected Archipelago

A new sporting development and data ecosystem for the Caribbean.

FROM TOURNAMENT TO TALENT ECOSYSTEM

Strategic Innovation

CRSC becomes the launch platform for a connected Caribbean ecosystem for sports, skills and talent development.

School
Entry

Skills
Testing

Digital
Player
Profiles

Regional
Rankings

Cayman
Hub

WHAT IT BRINGS TO CRSC

- **Wider access**
Broadens entry beyond traditional academies.
- **Structured testing**
Creates measurable evaluation across multiple environments.
- **Player visibility**
Builds digital profiles that can travel beyond the event.
- **Regional tracking**
Supports rankings, benchmarking and progress monitoring.
- **Cayman platform**
Creates a long-term hub for camps, exchange and development.

A connected pathway linking grassroots participation, objective talent identification, education, data and destination-based development.

Football Brings the Teams. Culture Makes the Event Unforgettable.

Culture is built into the identity of the tournament.

CRSC will integrate Caribbean music, dance, food, heritage and destination experiences around the competition—creating a tournament that feels rooted in the region rather than imported into it.



Opening cultural welcome



Music and entertainment around selected matches



Caribbean cultural and Indigenous heritage programming



Cayman community and destination experiences



Closing celebration



Cultural content for international media

**The ambition is not to place culture beside the football.
It is to build culture into the identity of the tournament.**





STANDARD TEAM

20
PERSON DELEGATION

18 PLAYERS
2 TEAM OFFICIALS

TOTAL TEAM COST
US\$37,000

Registration and participation packages included.

Team Participation



Registration

Secures the team's place in the tournament and covers competition registration and tournament administration.

US\$1,000
per team



Participation Package

Includes:

Accommodation

Daily meals

Airport and tournament ground transfers

Official Cayman Islands tour

US\$1,800
per person

Valid for the official tournament period: 13–21 December 2026.

Standard Team Delegation

- 18 players
- 2 team officials
- 20 persons total

Total Per Team: US\$37,000

- Registration: US\$1,000
- 20 participation packages: US\$36,000

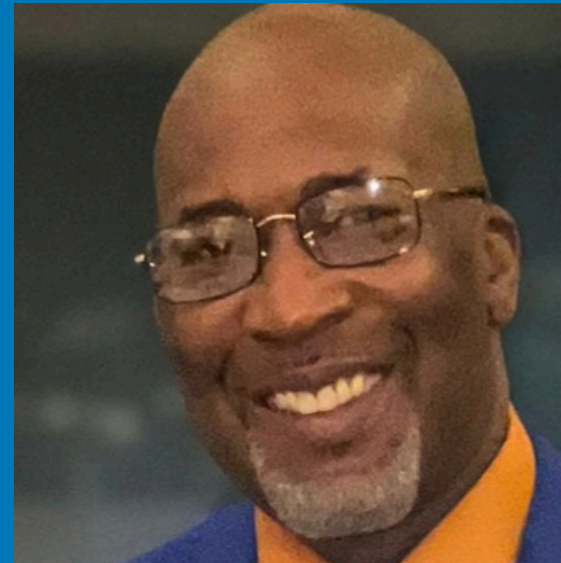
International airfare and personal expenses are not included.

Tournament Leadership Team



**JERRY
WILLIAMS**

Tournament
Operations,
Scholarships &
Caribbean Team
Relations



**COREY
MCGEE**

Cayman
Operations,
Government
Relations & Local
Partnerships



**SELWYN
MELVILLE**

Media, Broadcast
& Strategic
Partnerships



**FRANCISCA
FELIX-MELVILLE**

Finance, Administration
& Governance



**ANDRE
LAWRENCE**

International Football
Development & Academy
Partnerships



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Player Assessment, Data &
Skills Academy

Partners & Collaborators



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NEXT STEPS

CONFIRM INTEREST

SUBMIT DELEGATION

PAY REGISTRATION

COMPLETE TEAM
ARRANGEMENTS

ONE TOURNAMENT. ONE DESTINATION. ONE PLATFORM

FOR TALENT, VISIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY.



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