



2009 NCCS National Soccer Championships November 19 - 21 ~ Phoenix, Arizona

The 2009 NCCS National Soccer Championships are excited to be at [Reach 11 Sports Complex](#) in Phoenix, Arizona and expect to see excellent competition in all divisions. Teams are listed at the end of the newsletter.

Tournament Schedule—The tournament schedule will be posted by November 13th. Any changes to that schedule will be updated and provided to you onsite in Phoenix. Games start at **8:00am** on Thursday morning. All teams will play 2 matches on Thursday and at least one match on Friday. The top qualifiers in each pool (varies depending on the division) will advance to playoffs on Friday, and winners will advance to semi-finals and finals on Saturday. Men's and Women's OPEN Championship will begin at 1 pm on Saturday, Women's CHAMPIONSHIP at 3 pm and Men's CHAMPIONSHIP at 5 pm.

http://www.nirsa.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Sports/Soccer/NIRSA_Soccer_Sport_.htm

Team Check-in—Check-in is on Wednesday, Nov. 18th from **5:00-7:00pm** in the foyer outside of the ballroom at the Embassy Suites Phoenix North, 2577 West Greenway Road in Phoenix, Arizona. Only **one person** from each team needs to check in the team. If you **cannot** make registration on Wednesday night please call Valerie McCutchan at the NIRSA National Office (541) 766-8211 x-15 or email valerie@nirsa.org by **Friday, Nov. 13** to make alternate arrangements to pick up team information and turn in remaining paperwork prior to your first match on Thursday.

The following will be required at team check-in:

- Completed Player Certification form (emailed to team rep, contact the office immediately if you do not have this document)
- [Waiver](#) signed by all participants
- [Code of conduct](#) signed by all participants
- Cell number for player representative
- Hotel information for team

Player Forms—All participants will be required to sign a **waiver** and a player "Code of Conduct" form. These forms are included with this email. Make copies and **bring the completed and signed forms to check-in**. Do not mail the forms to the NIRSA National Center. If any player is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the waiver. **Each participant is required to have health insurance**. This information must be provided on the waiver form. Please read the "Player Code of Conduct" form carefully and have each team member sign the form.

Coaches Meeting—All coaches/team reps are required to attend this meeting on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom – Salon A,B,C of the Embassy Suites Phoenix North. It will last about one hour and important updates and guidelines will be discussed.

Roster Additions— Must be emailed to Valerie@nirsa.org , you will be emailed a Player Certification Form for added players. **No adds to your roster will be accepted after Nov. 13**. Additions to your original roster after Oct. 28 (for open divisions) and Nov. 4 (for championship divisions) will be \$10 per change. Dropped players will be handled during team check-in.

Photo ID—Each player is **required** to show his/her ID before each game. **Bring your photo ID to every game**. The hotels are 10-15 minutes away from the fields, so you don't want to waste time going back to pick it up.

Fields—All twelve fields are located at the Reach 11 Sport Complex, 2425 East Deer Valley Road. [Area map and driving directions](#). Park rules:

Tournament Balls—The balls used for the tournament will be Molten Soccer Balls. [Click here for a special offer from Molten](#).

At the Championships—Be sure that the numbers on your uniforms are consistent with your registration form, particularly in switching from light to dark. Water coolers will be available on each field. Bring your own water bottle, no cups will be provided. **Please note that there will be limited bleacher seating available at any of the fields. Spectators should be prepared to bring their own seating, or sit/stand on the grass.**

Parking—Parking is available near the fields at Reach 11 Sport Complex. (Free of charge).

Inclement weather—Please note that the tournament format, number of games and game length may change due to a team not showing up or circumstances beyond our control (weather). Phoenix generally has nice weather during the month of November; however, rain may cause delays, modifications to format and possible cancellation of the tournament. There are NO back-up fields. Sunday **may be** used as a make-up day if needed.

T-shirts/Programs—Long-sleeved 100% cotton T-shirts and a dri fit T-shirt with a 4 color design will be on sale throughout the championships for \$15/\$22 as well as tournament programs/schedules for \$3 near the tournament headquarter area. To pre-order shirts that can be picked up at check-in contact Danny at nirsasports@nirsa.org with shirt sizes and what type.

Concessions—Concessions will be sold the duration of the tournament. [Vendors and their menus](#). In addition, there are several restaurants near the hotels and 2 miles from the fields.

Tournament Blog and Results—Have friends, family or your school newspaper follow [the blog](#) and daily results of the championships on the [NIRSA Website](#).

Contact Information—Any questions regarding the championships can be answered by phoning Valerie McCutchan at the NIRSA National Office at (541) 766-8211 x-15. **Starting Nov. 16th** Val can be reached via the NIRSA cell phone (541) 760-6254.

Lodging—We hope you have all made your hotel reservations by now. The NIRSA host hotel is SOLD out. Here is another option for family and friends. Courtyard by Marriott - Phoenix North/Happy Valley, 2029 W. Whispering Wind Drive, 623 580-8844, \$89 +tax <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phxbc-courtyard-phoenix-north-happy-valley/?toDate=&groupCode=nirnirs&fromDate=&app=resvlink>

Rental Car- NIRSA is working with Enterprise Rental Cars to have cars/vans available at the Phoenix Airport. Enterprise is one of the companies that rents to people under 25 years old. For more information - http://www.enterprise.com/car_rental/deeplinkmap.do?bid=002&cust=L508502

Trainers—There will be athletic trainers available at each site. Players **must bring their own pre-wrap and tape** for preventative taping. **Tape will be sold by the trainers for \$2 per roll if players do not provide their own.**

Awards— All 1st and 2nd place teams will receive awards as well as the All-Tournament Teams and MVPs for each division. A Team Sportsmanship plaque will be awarded to both a men's and women's team.

- Men's Championship – immediately following the championship match
- Women's Championship – immediately following the championship match
- Men's Open Division – half time of the Men's Championship Division match
- Women's Open – half time of the Women's Championship Division match

Referees—Referees for the Championships are endorsed by NISOA, the National Intercollegiate Soccer Official's Association. Expect quality officiating throughout all of your games from referees around the country!

Evaluations/results—All participants will be invited to complete an online tournament evaluation. Please take the time to respond to the evaluation.

Transportation—Teams are responsible for their own transportation to and from the hotels/airport/fields. Plan your departure time from your hotel accordingly taking into account morning traffic/parking issues.

Practice Schedule—The practice schedule is included. Please call Danny (nirsasports@nirsa.org) at the NIRSA National Office if you have any questions or would like to schedule a time. (541) 766-8211. Due to limited fields, some teams may be required to "share" a field. Practice times: 12 pm – 7 pm only.

Sportsmanship Statement - The NCCS believes good sportsmanship is an integral component of intercollegiate competition. We wholeheartedly embrace the position that in order for sportsmanship to prevail, coaches, student-athletes, and fans must display respect, fairness, civility, honesty, and responsibility before, during and after all athletic contests. We encourage fans to enthusiastically support their team, recognize the outstanding performance of opponents, and always exhibit good sportsmanship in their words and actions.

The NCCS encourages and promotes sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. Offensive language including profanity, racial or ethnic slurs or other intimidating actions directed at officials, event staff, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from sight of the competition.

Official Photographer- Alan Poizner and his team of photographers with ClubSoccerPhotos.com will be on the fields each day shooting action of the games as well as team photos for those that would like them. There is no obligation to buy prints and all

images will be available for free viewing as well as print orders on their website: <http://www.clubsoccerphotos.com/> Please visit the site for complete details, or feel free to email alan@clubsoccerphotos.com for more photo information.

Men's Championship (24)

Region 1	Penn State University
Region 1	Johns Hopkins University
Region 1	University of Delaware
Region 2	University of Georgia
Region 2	University of Florida
Region 2	University of North Carolina
Region 3	Ohio State University
Region 3	Univ. of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Region 3	University of Michigan
Region 4	Texas A&M University
Region 4	Texas State University
Region 4	University of Missouri
Region 5	University of Minnesota
Region 5	University of Colorado
Region 5	Colorado State University
Region 6	University of California- Santa Barbara
Region 6	Arizona State University
Region 6	Weber State University
at-large	Navy
at-large	University of Virginia
at-large	University of Illinois
at-large	Michigan State University
at-large	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
at-large	University of California - Berkeley

Women's Championship (24)

Region 1	Penn State University
Region 1	Cornell University
Region 1	University of Delaware
Region 2	Virginia Tech University
Region 2	University of Virginia
Region 2	University of Florida
Region 3	Michigan State
Region 3	University of Illinois
Region 3	Ohio State University
Region 4	Texas A& M University
Region 4	Texas State University
Region 4	University of Missouri
Region 5	University of Colorado "Gold"
Region 5	Colorado State University "Gold"
Region 5	Denver University
Region 6	University of Arizona
Region 6	Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo
Region 6	UCLA
at-large	The College of New Jersey
at-large	Marquette University
at-large	University of Michigan
at-large	UC Santa Barbara
at-large	University of Texas
at-large	University of North Carolina

Men's Open Division (16)

East Carolina University
Iowa State University
James Madison University
San Diego State University
The University of Texas at Austin
Towson University
UCLA
Univ. of Colorado - Black
University of Arizona
University of California Irvine
University of Connecticut
University of Kansas
University of Southern California
Villanova University
Virginia Tech University
Wichita State University

Women's Open Division (16)

Boston College
Colorado State University "Green"
Iowa State University
James Madison University
Middle Tennessee State University
San Diego State University
Towson University
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
University of California - Berkeley
University of Colorado "Black"
University of Miami
University of Oregon
University of Vermont
USAFA Prep School
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University

Please contact Valerie McCutchan Valerie@nirsa.org immediately if for some reason your team **can not** attend the tournament. Teams that don't show up greatly affect the scheduling.