

## **2004 NIRSA Collegiate Soccer Sport Club Championships** November 18-20 Austin, TX



Entries—The 2004 NIRSA Soccer Championships are excited to return to The University of Texas at Austin and expect to see excellent competition in all divisions. Twenty-four men's and 16 women's teams have entered the Championship divisions and 20 men's and 20 women's teams have entered the Open Divisions for a total of 80 teams.

### Men's Championship (24)

Arizona, University of

California (Berkeley), University of

California (Santa Barbara), University of

Colorado "Gold", University of

Colorado State University "A"

Cornell University "United"

Dayton, University of

Delaware "Gold", University of

Florida, University of

Georgia Tech

Kansas, University of

Miami (OH), University of

Michigan State University

Minnesota "Gold", University of

North Carolina (Chapel Hill), University of

Oklahoma, University of

Pennsylvania, University of

Texas at Austin, University of

Texas A&M University "A"

United States Naval Academy

\*\*\*Utah Valley State College

Vanderbilt University

Weber State University

Western Michigan University

\*\*\* Defending National Finalist

### Women's Championship (16)

**Baylor University** 

California (Berkeley), University of

California (Santa Barbara), University of

\*\*\*Colorado "Gold", University of

Colorado State University "Gold"

Delaware, University of

Florida, University of

Indiana University

James Madison University

Miami (OH), University of

Michigan, University of

Michigan State University

Pennsylvania State University

Princeton University

Texas A&M University

Virginia, University of

\*\*\* Defending National Champion

### Men's Open Division (20)

Arizona State University

Central Florida, University of

Central Washington University

Colorado "Black", University of

**Duke University** 

Florida State University

Iowa State University

James Madison University

Long Beach State University

Loyola Marymount University Nebraska (Lincoln), University of

New Mexico State University

North Dakota State University

Pennsylvania State University

Snow College

Southern Illinois University (Carbondale)

Texas A&M University "B"

Texas Southern University

Texas State University (San Marcos)

Virginia, University of

### Women's Open Division (20)

California (Davis), University of

Colorado "Black", University of

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University "Green"

Cornell University

Illinois, University of

Iowa State University

Kansas, University of

Louisiana State University

North Carolina State University

Northern Colorado, University of

Ohio State University

Richmond, University of

Texas at Austin, University of

**UCLA** 

Vanderbilt University

Vermont, University of

Virginia Tech

Western Michigan University

Yale University

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<u>Team Check-in</u>—All teams must check-in on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 5:00-7:00pm in the lobby area just outside of the Colorado Room at the Drury Inn & Suites Austin North (6711 I.H. 35 North). **Only one person/team needs to check-in.** 

<u>Coaches Meeting</u>—All coaches/team reps are required to attend this meeting on Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30 pm in the Colorado Room at the Drury Inn & Suites Austin North (6711 I.H. 35 North). It will last about one hour and important updates and guidelines will be discussed.

Tournament Balls—The balls used for the tournament will be KWIK GOAL Scorer Balls.

<u>Player Forms</u>—All participants will be required to sign a waiver and a player "Standards 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. The forms will also be available at check-in, but if you already have them filled out, you will be processed much quicker. 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 Standards of Conduct" form carefully and have each team member sign the form. <NEW>> Please also remember that teams will be required to fill out and submit a second certification form following the tournament. This second form must be filled out, signed and stamped by the registrar, and submitted between the end of the tournament (Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>) and December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teams that fail to submit the second certification form will not be allowed to enter the tournament the following year (2005).

<u>Roster Changes</u>—Changes or additions to your team roster will only be accepted on the "Player Certification Form", which must be verified by the Registrar or Recreational Sports Director. **No changes to your roster will be accepted after Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.** Additions to your original roster will be \$10 at check in.

<u>Photo ID</u>—Each player is **required** to show his/her ID before the first game and may be required to present it at any time during the championships. <u>Bring your photo ID to every game.</u> The hotels are 10-15 minutes away from the fields, so you don't want to waste time going back to pick it up.

<u>Fields</u>—Twelve fields are located at Whitaker Fields in Austin. See the city map on the NIRSA website or in the attached file for hotel and field locations. In addition, absolutely **no pets** will be allowed on the fields **at any time**.

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. You may want to bring your own water bottle. 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.

<u>Parking</u>—Parking is available at Whitaker Fields and there is no charge.

<u>T-Shirt Exchange</u>—An informal T-shirt exchange will take place between the women's and men's championship division finals on Saturday night. Of course, you are welcome to exchange based on your own arrangements.

<u>T-shirts/Programs</u>—Short and Long-sleeved 100% cotton T-shirts with a 4 color design will be on sale throughout the championships for \$15/\$20 as well as tournament programs/schedules for \$2 near the tournament headquarter area.

<u>Concessions</u>—Concessions will be sold at Whitaker Fields. In addition, there are several restaurants and a large shopping mall near the hotels.

<u>Tournament Results</u>—Have friends, family or your school newspaper follow the daily results of the championships on the NIRSA Website at: http://www.nirsa.net/sc/soccer/2004/index.htm

<u>Contact Information</u>—Any questions regarding the championships can be answered by phoning Valerie McCutchan at the NIRSA National Office at (541) 766-8211. **Valerie will also be the NIRSA contact in Austin.** She can be reached via the NIRSA cell phone (541) 760-5760, or messages left at the Drury Inn & Suites Austin North (512-467-9500). The hotline phone number on Thursday-Saturday is (512) 452-2235.

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<u>Lodging</u>—We hope you have all made your hotel reservations by now. If you have tried all the tournament hotels and they are full, please contact Valerie McCutchan (<u>Valerie@nirsa.org</u>) for other options. Hotel information can be found at <a href="http://www.nirsa.net/sc/soccer/2004/essential.htm#6">http://www.nirsa.net/sc/soccer/2004/essential.htm#6</a>.

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

Tournament Schedule—Please check the NIRSA Website for the tournament schedule. It will be posted by November 15th. Any changes to that schedule will be updated and provided to you onsite in Austin. The schedule you get there takes precedence over any online schedule. This will be the only way you will know when and who you are playing before you arrive in Austin. <a href="http://www.nirsa.net/sc/soccer/2004/schedule.htm">http://www.nirsa.net/sc/soccer/2004/schedule.htm</a> Games start at 8:00am on Thursday morning. All teams will play 2 matches on Thursday and one match on Friday. The top qualifiers in each pool (varies depending on the division) will advance to playoffs on Friday afternoon/evening, and winners will advance to semi-finals and finals on Saturday.

<u>Awards</u>—Awards will be presented on the field after each Championship match. All 1st and 2nd place teams will receive awards as well as the All-Tournament Teams and MVPs for each division. A plaque will also be given to the winners of the Men's Championship Division Consolation bracket, as well as a Team Sportsmanship plaque to both a men's and women's team.

<u>Referees</u>—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! The Referee meeting is at 9pm on Wednesday night at the Drury Inn & Suites Austin North (6711 I.H. 35 North), following the coaches meeting.

<u>Late Arrivals</u>—If your team representative will not be arriving for check-in or the coach's meeting on Wednesday night, they must contact Valerie McCutchan ASAP at the NIRSA National Office (541) 766-8211 before November 16<sup>th</sup>. After Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, team representatives must contact Mary Callender at (541) 766-8211 or leave a message for Valerie McCutchan on the NIRSA cell phone (541) 760-5760. Your team is responsible for the information covered at the coach's meeting and your team packet will be waiting for you at the Drury Inn & Suites Austin North (6711 I.H. 35 North) front desk after 11:00pm, and will be brought to the fields at 6:00am the next morning. If teams do not notify NIRSA ahead of time of their late arrival, we may assume your team is a no-show.

<u>Evaluations/results</u>—Team representatives will receive a complete set of tournament results via email as well as an online tournament evaluation sometime in December. Please take the time to respond to the evaluation.

<u>Transportation</u>—Teams are responsible for their own transportation to and from the hotels/airport/fields. Enterprise Rent-A-Car is the preferred rental provider for the NIRSA Collegiate Soccer Sport Club Championships. See the following link for the exclusive account number and rental vehicles and rates <a href="http://www.nirsa.net/sc/soccer/2004/ad\_enterprise.pdf">http://www.nirsa.net/sc/soccer/2004/ad\_enterprise.pdf</a>. Enterprise Rent-A-Car rents to customers under 25 years old, and has no underage or additional driver fees. Teams should plan on being at their field at least 30 minutes before game time. Plan your departure time from your hotel accordingly taking into account morning traffic/parking issue. Travel time from the tournament hotels to Whitaker Fields is approximately 10-15 minutes.

<u>Practice Schedule</u>—The practice schedule is included. Please call Valerie at the NIRSA National Office if you have any questions (541) 766-8211.

Official Photographer- Alan Poizner will be on the fields each day shooting action of the games as well as team photos for those team's that would like them. There is no obligation to buy prints and all images will be available for viewing and print orders on his website: <a href="www.ClubSoccerPhotos.com">www.ClubSoccerPhotos.com</a> Please visit the site for complete details, or feel free to email alan@clubsoccerphotos.com. for more photo information.

ENC: Waiver Forms (NIRSA)
Standard of Conduct Form
Practice Schedule (separate attachment)
Whitaker Fields map (separate attachment)
City of Austin map http://www.nirsa.net/sc/soccer/2004/directions.htm



# National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) Collegiate Sport Club Championships Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in NIRSA Services Corporation (NSC) related events and activities, the undersigned:

- 1. Agree that the participant should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the participant believes anything is unsafe, he or she should immediately advise his or her coach or supervisor of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.
- 2. Acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions, or negligence but the action, inaction, and negligence of others, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
- 3. Assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.
- 4. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue NIRSA or NIRSA Services Corporation, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, and other employees of the organization, other members/participants, sponsoring/hosting agencies/universities, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors or premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases," from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses, or damages on account of injury, including death and damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.

I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and or illness during this event.

I understand that at this event or related activities, I may be photographed, I agree to allow my photo, video or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by the event holders, producers, sponsors, organizers and or assigns.

I understand that NIRSA does not provide insurance for me, and I have personal health insurance coverage.

Parent's of Guardian's Signature:

This AWRL shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

I have read the above waiver and release, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and sign it voluntarily.

| Participant's Name:  | Age:  |
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| Participant's Signature:   | Date: |
| College/University:  |       |
| Insurance Company and Policy Number:   |       |
| Parent/Guardian Waiver for Minors (Under 18 years old)   |       |
| The undersigned parent and natural guardian or legal guardian does hereby represent that he/she is, in fact, acting in such capacity and agrees to save and hold harmless and indemnify each and all of the parties referred to above from all liability, loss, cost, claim or damage whatsoever which may be imposed upon said parties because of any defect in or lack of such capacity to so act and release said parties on behalf of the minor and the parents or legal guardian. |       |

Date:



## NIRSA Collegiate Sport Club Championships Standards of Conduct

The Standards of Conduct shall serve as a guideline for how individuals are expected to behave when participating in National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) sponsored or endorsed activities. Students enrolled in an institution of higher learning assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the college/university's function as an educational institution. When sport club mambers participate in an event sponsored or endorsed by the NIRSA, the participant indicates

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#### PARTICIPANTS SHALL NOT:

- Use drugs, except for medical purposes, while traveling, competing, socializing and/or using facilities including lodging spaces
- Consume alcohol while traveling, competing or spectating.
- Strike, attempt to strike or otherwise physically abuse an official, opposing player, spectator or coach.
- Intentionally engage in or incite participants and/or spectators to engage in abusive or violent action.
- Use obscene gestures, profanity or disrespectful language.
- Violate any NIRSA, host university, hotel, city or state rules or policies.

### **PARTICIPANTS WILL AGREE THAT:**

• They have read all the tournament guidelines in regard to team and individual eligibility and by signing the standards of conduct, agree that they conform to those rules and are not falsifying any documents.

### **VIOLATION** of the Standards of Conduct may result in:

Suspension from the game/match;

Suspension from the tournament;

Forfeiture of and individual or team awards;

**Ejection from the tournament hotel(s)**;

Please have all players sign below:

College or University

I hereby agree to abide by the NIRSA Standards of Conduct set forth and acknowledge that should I violate any standard stated above, I will be subject to disciplinary actions as set forth in this document.

Participant's Name

Participant's Signature

Participant's Signature