



2014 NIRSA National Soccer Championships November 20-22 ~ Memphis, TN

The 2014 NIRSA National Soccer Championships will be hosted by University of Memphis Campus Recreation and & Memphis Sports Council and return to Mike Rose Soccer Complex in Memphis, TN. A complete list of teams by division can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Tournament Schedule: A tentative tournament schedule will be posted on **November 13th**. Any changes to that schedule will be updated and provided during the Team Rep meeting. Games start at **8:00am** on Thursday morning with pool play. 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 finals will begin at 1 pm on Saturday, Women's CHAMPIONSHIP at 3 pm and Men's CHAMPIONSHIP at 5 pm.

Dropping from the tournament: Directors are aware that plans can change, so please inform us immediately if you are unable to attend. Teams that cancel after Nov. 13 will receive a 1 year sanction (not allowed in the 2015 NIRSA National Soccer Championships). Teams that do NOT show up for scheduled games in Memphis will receive a 2 year sanction (not allowed in the 2015 & 2016 NIRSA National Soccer Championships).

Team Check-in: Check-in is on Wednesday, Nov. 19th from 5:00-7:00pm in the foyer outside of the Ballroom at the Memphis Hilton, 939 Ridge Lake Blvd., Memphis, TN (901) 684-6664. Only one person from each team needs to check in the team. If you **cannot** make team check-in on Wednesday please call Valerie McCutchan at the NIRSA National Office (541) 766-8211 or email valerie@nirsa.org by Friday, Nov. 14 to make alternate arrangements to check-in prior to your first match on Thursday.

The following will be required at team check-in:

- Completed Player Enrollment Verification Form (emailed to team rep, contact the office immediately if you do not have this document)
- Cell number for team representative
- Hotel information for team

Team Rep Meeting: All team reps/coaches are required to attend this meeting on Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom Memphis Hilton, 939 Ridge Lake Blvd., Memphis, TN. It will last about one hour and important updates and guidelines will be discussed.

Roster Additions: Will be allowed until **Nov. 14 at 2 pm pacific time**. Send an email to Alyssa.Whitney@nirsa.org with the player's name. She will let you know when the player can go to www.imleagues.com/nirsa and fill out the 3 required forms. Once forms are approved a Player Enrollment Verification Form will be emailed to team rep for the added player. Additions to your roster will be \$10 per player. Dropped players will be handled during team check-in.

Fields: All fields are located at the [Mike Rose Soccer Complex](#), 9000 East Shelby Dr., Memphis TN (901)751-4223. The Tournament Desk will near #4.

Tournament Balls: The official ball for the NIRSA National Soccer Championships will be Brine. This sponsor will have a gift waiting for your team in Memphis. Please see the attached flyer for a special offer.

Tournament Results: Daily results of the championships will be posted on the [NIRSA website](#), you can also follow the [blog](#) or [@NIRSAchamp](#) #NIRSAsoccer for the Twitter fans.

At the Championships: 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 the fields. Spectators should be prepared to bring their own seating, or sit/stand on the grass.

Photo ID: Each player is **required** to show his/her ID before each game.

Team Uniforms: Be sure that the numbers on all players' uniforms are consistent with numbers submitted on the team registration form, particularly in switching from light to dark uniforms. All teams are required to have matching light and dark uniforms.

Incident 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). There are **NO** back-up fields. Under extreme weather conditions, the tournament could be cancelled.

T-shirts/Programs: Long-sleeved 100% cotton t-shirts, dri-fit short sleeved t-shirts for \$20 and hoodies for \$32 will be sold on-site throughout the championships. To pre-order shirts that can be picked up at tournament desk email Kevin.Bellis@nirsa.org with team name, shirt sizes, style.

Concessions: Concessions will be sold on site for the duration of the tournament. In addition, there are several restaurants near within a few miles of the complex.

Exam Proctor: NIRSA has been providing a proctor for the student athletes to take exams during NIRSA National Sport Championships for the past 8 years. Jonathan Elliott, Assistant Director of Sport Club, University of Texas at Austin, Division of Recreational Sports, will oversee the exam proctoring this year. Feel free to pass along Jonathan's email (jelliott@austin.utexas.edu) so that arrangements can be made with professors to administer the exams.

Hotel: The hotel blocks are being done by Mike Rose Soccer Complex. Please use the link if you have NOT secured hotels in Memphis. [NIRSA hotel list](#) [Hotel Request Form](#)

Athletic Trainers: There will be athletic trainers available on site during the tournament (no trainers during practice time). 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 – half time of the Men's Championship match
- Women's Open – half time of the Women's Championship 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.

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: The fields will be available for practice from 2:00pm – 7:00pm (2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 time slots) on Wed., Nov. 19. Please email Alyssa.Whitney@nirsa.org to reserve a field.

Sportsmanship Statement—The NIRSA Championship Series 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.

NIRSA 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](http://www.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.



2014 NIRSA National Soccer Championships Participating

Men's Championship – 24

Region 1	University of Delaware
Region 1	University of Connecticut
Region 1	Tufts University
Region 2	University of Florida
Region 2	Virginia Tech
Region 2	Florida State University
Region 3	The Ohio State University
Region 3	University of Cincinnati
Region 3	University of Illinois "A"
Region 4	Southern Methodist University
Region 4	The University of Texas at Austin "A"
Region 4	Rice University
Region 5	Iowa State University
Region 5	Colorado School of Mines
Region 5	Colorado State University
Region 6	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo "A"
Region 6	Utah State University
Region 6	The University of Texas at El Paso
At-large	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
At-large	Virginia Men's Club Soccer
At-large	Marquette University
At-large	Michigan State University
At-large	Texas A&M University
At-large	San Diego State University

Women's Championship – 24

Region 1	University of Delaware
Region 1	University of Pittsburgh
Region 1	Penn State University
Region 2	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Region 2	North Carolina State University
Region 2	Virginia women's Club Soccer
Region 3	Miami University
Region 3	The Ohio State University
Region 3	Michigan State University
Region 4	The University of Texas at Austin "A"
Region 4	Texas A&M University
Region 4	University of Kansas
Region 5	Colorado State University
Region 5	University of Colorado "Gold"
Region 5	Colorado School of Mines
Region 6	University of Oregon
Region 6	University of California - Davis
Region 6	Cal State University Northridge
At-large	Cornell University
At-large	University of Florida
At-large	Florida State University
At-large	University of Illinois
At-large	University of California, Santa Barbara
At-large	University of Southern California

Men's Open – 24

Boston College
George Mason University
Cornell University
James Madison University
Northeastern University
Purdue University
Stoney Brook University
SUNY Cortland
Texas Tech University
UCLA
University of Arkansas
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
University of Illinois "B"
University of Mary Washington
University of Miami
University of Missouri
University of Oregon
The University of Texas at Austin "B"
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Utah Valley University
Washington University in St Louis

Women's Open – 24

Colorado Mesa University
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Iowa State University
James Madison University
Northeastern University
San Diego State University
Texas Tech University
UCLA
University of Central Florida
University of Colorado "Black"
University of Connecticut
University of Iowa
University of Mary Washington
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Missouri
University of Pennsylvania
University of Vermont
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Tech
Washington University in St Louis

