

December 19th – 21st, 2008

Field Sites: **Bicentennial Soccer Complex & De Leon Sports Complex** (Located at 2201 N. Bicentennial Blvd & North 29th St. McAllen, TX)

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS:

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ON SITE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
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DATE: December 19-21, 2008.

AGE GROUPS: U-09 – U-19

COMPETITION: A Round Robin will be played; the classified teams will compete for the championship on the final games.

LEVEL OF COMPETITION: Sanctioned as a **STYSA Tournament**, it will be under FIFA rules. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to determine the level of competency of each team.

PLAYERS REGISTRATION: Each team will be able to register (Forms will need to be filled out)

U-09 – U-10 12 players plus 5 Staff
U-11 – U-19 15 to 18 players plus 5 Staff
ONLY 3 GUEST PLAYERS PER TEAM, MUST HAVE ID CARDS, AND BE ADDED TO OFFICIAL ROSTER.

NOTE: The games will be as follows:

U-09 – U-10 8 vs. 8
U-11 - U-19 11 vs. 11

DOCUMENTS:

US TEAMS

1. Official Roster from State Registrar.
2. Complete Medical Release with guardian signature.
3. Picture ID (School ID, Birth Certificate, etc.)
4. League Identification (STYSA Player Card)

FOREIGN TEAMS

1. **Players must present passport at registration; proof of entry into the United States.**
2. **Teams must present player identification cards, FIFA International Player Registration.**
3. **Teams must have permission from Home Federation.**

Team Check in:

Local team check in will take place at L&F Distributors, DECEMBER 19, 2008.3:00 pm to 6:00pm. (Located at 3900 N. McColl RD. McAllen, TX. 78572)

Foreign Teams are encouraged to check in at L&F Distributors, but Foreign teams must check in with the Tournament Director at least an hour before their first game, at the Tournament Headquarters, De Leon Sports Complex.

To help this process move quickly please have all your ID cards and Medical forms, international papers in order.

SOCCER BALL:

The home team will provide the game ball. Soccer balls need to be stamped "FIFA APPROVED".

2. Foreign teams: Proof of age; Copy of birth certificate, Passport
3. Player ID cards.
4. Complete Medical release form, with guardian signature.

NOTE:

If any problem not mentioned in the information pamphlet should occur, it will be decided by the Staff.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

December 9, 2008 (All paperwork must be turned in, there will be no exceptions.)

CONFIRMATION:

In order to confirm your participation in the soccer tournament, call **MYSA** at (956) 631-0431 or fax us at (956) 631-6521,

Christmas Classic International Tournament

Tournament Rules

Registration

Team Registration

- A maximum of 3 guest players may be added.
 - A player may play on only one Team in the tournament.
 - A player must play for his/her primary team.
 - An official Team roster must be signed by the Association Registrar.
- All foreign teams must be FIFA registered.

Medical Release Forms

-Medical Release form must be presented for all players at the time of check-in. Players without a player card will not be permitted to participate in the tournament competition.

Note1. It is recommended for each team to have medical insurance. (Not mandatory)

Note 2. Each team should have a First Aid Kit.

Laws of the Game/Other FIFA Laws as Modified by USYSA and STYSA

- FIFA Laws shall apply as modified by the USYSA and, STYSA as noted. All players will wear a jersey with a number on the back to distinguish that player from any other player on his/her respective team(i.e., no two players on the same team can participate in a match with the same number).

TEAMS UNIFORMS

- Teams must have two different color uniform tops.
- In case of color conflict, the visiting team will change uniform top.
- Numbers on players uniforms, must match the number given in Game Cards and Official Team Roster

Substitutions

- Prior to throw, in your favor
 - Prior to goal kick by either team
 - After a goal, by either team
 - After an injury, by either team when referee stop play
 - After a yellow card has been issued, so that player may be substituted
- EXCEPTION: BRACKET THAT INCLUDE U17 OR OLDER TEAM.

PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

- All players must wear shin guards, NO EXCEPTIONS
- HARD CAST WILL NOT BE PERMITTED, WHETHER PADDED OR NOT, AT ANY TIME. ALL KNEE BRACES CONTAINING METAL OR PLASTIC, MUST BE COVERED/PADDED WITH ACCORDANCE TO STYSA RULES

GAME BALL

- Each team shall submit a game ball of appropriate size, weight, and pressure to Referee at the beginning of the game.
- Home team will provide game ball.

GAME SCHEDULE

- Team listed first on schedule will be the home team.
- All game schedules are final as published. No changes will be permitted.
- Teams must be at game site 15 minutes before scheduled game time and be ready for inspection by the Referee.-Coin toss will decide the game kick-off.

Scoring System

- Game scoring will be six(6)points for a win, three (3) points for a tie, and zero (0)points for a shootout. One (1) point per goal scored up to a maximum of three (3) per game (win, tie, or lose) and one (1) point for a shutout.
- Teams forfeits if:
 1. Are not on the field ready to play at scheduled game time.
 2. Not enough players to field a team (FIFA Laws of the Game, STYSA)

Forfeits counts as ten (10) points and will be scored 3-0.

- 0-0 tie counts as four (4) points for each team (3 for the tie and 1 for the shutout).
- Maximum points per game are ten (10).
- Teams that forfeit will not be allowed to play in Semi-Final, and Final.

Advancement

- Division consisting of 4 teams, 2 teams with the highest number of points will advance to Final.
- Teams that forfeit a round robin game will not advance to Semi-finals or Finals.
- Tiebreaker rule apply. Tournament Committee will determine ladder seeing.

Play-Off Game

- Playing time will be regulation time for age groups as per STYSA rules (expect as noted on schedules).
- Tie-breakers: Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals: FIFA penalty kicks (no overtime).
- Finals: Two ten minute overtime periods, then FIFA Penalty Kicks.

Tie-Breakers Rules

- Results of Head-to-Head Competition.
- Goal difference-goals scored minus goals allowed (up to a maximum of three (3) goals per game.
- Least penalty points (yellow-1 point; red -2 points).
- FIFA penalty kicks or coin flips at discretion of Tournament Committee

Reporting Scores

-Each team (coach or representative)-whether win, loss, or tie, must report the score of each game on the official scorecard to the scorers table at the game site immediately following the game. If a team fails to present their official scorecard to the scorer's table within one hour following the game, they will relinquish the right to contest the final score if inaccurate.

Rainouts

Tournament will make final decision over field conditions and game cancellations. In the event of rainouts, games will be rescheduled if possible with in tournament time constraints.

REFUNDS

Teams will be given partial refund if they drop out before the event. Teams will be given partial refund due to tournament cancellation due to inclement weather. If a team forfeits a game in the tournament, no refund will be given. Refund will be mailed out after the tournament.

Sportsmanship/Discipline

All player, coaches and spectators are expected to show good sportsmanship at all times. Failure to do so could lead to the disqualification of the team from the tournament. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team and supporters. Coaches who receive red card must leave the complex immediately and sit out the next game. Players who receive a red card must leave the playing field and sit out the next game. If a Coach receives a second red card, he/she will ejected from the tournament. If a player receives a second red card, he will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the tournament.

1. Both teams will be on the same side of the field. Supporters will be on the opposite side of the teams. No one is allowed behind the goal.

Red Card

-A player receiving a red card is prohibited from participating in the rest of that game and the next game. The player may be escorted from the field at the game site immediately following a game.

-A second red card to the same player results in that player being expelled from the tournament.

Yellow Card

-A player receiving two yellow card (2) in the same game is prohibited from participating in the rest of that game and the next game.(Two yellow cards in the same game is a red card and is counted as a red card)

-A player accumulating three (3) yellow cards (in three separate games) is suspended for the next schedule game.

Reporting

-Referees are required to report all disciplinary actions taken before, during or after a game on an official game report, and to separately report all cases of serious misconduct to tournament headquarters immediately following the game in which the serious misconduct occurred.

-All yellow and red cards are reported to STYSA on the official post tournament report immediately following the tournament.

-Foreign teams will be reported by the Tournament Committee to the USSF. The USSF will report the incident to the home Federation, for disciplinary action.

REFEREE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.

**ALL REFEREE DECISIONS ARE FINAL. NO PROTEST ARE ALLOWED.
THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL HAVE FINAL JURISDICITON OVER ALL
MATTERS RELATED TO THE TOURNAMENT.**

No alcoholic beverages and smoking allowed at both playing sites.

AGE GROUPS CHART

DIVISION	MONTH/DAY/YEAR		Guest Players
U-09	8/01/99	TO 7/31/00	3
U-10	8/01/98	TO 7/31/99	3
U-11	8/01/97	TO 7/31/98	3
U-12	8/01/96	TO 7/31/97	3
U-13	8/01/95	TO 7/31/96	3
U-14	8/01/94	TO 7/31/95	3
U-15	8/01/93	TO 7/31/94	3
U-16	8/01/92	TO 7/31/93	3
U-17	8/01/91	TO 7/31/92	3
U-18	8/01/90	TO 7/31/91	3
U-19	8/01/89	TO 7/31/90	3

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME OF INSTITUCION: _____

TEAM NAME: _____

DIVISION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ COUNTRY: _____

TELEPHONE: (_____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

MANAGERS NAME: _____

FOR COMMITTEES USE ONLY

CHECK IN DATE: _____

ROSTER: YES _____ NO _____

DOCUMENTS COMPLETED: YES _____ NO _____

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