

YOUR TEAM IS INVITED!

Join us in Hudson, Ohio, for the 16th annual Columbus Day tournament Oct 8-9-10th, designed to get your team playing at their peak form in time for your league playoffs and to chart your teams' progress for the fall season.

The fields at NC Soccer Club in Hudson are big with excellent grass and decent drainage. The site is convenient to the Ohio Turnpike, Route 8, and I-480.

We're committed to providing the most possible fun and good competition to your team. We offer a 3-game guarantee, rain or shine, so you can get your team organized and playing together early in the season. And this tournament is an excellent, convenient and inexpensive team-building opportunity.

NEOSL is a non-profit community soccer league with teams playing at the travel (classic) level. This is the 16th year this tournament has been held.

USYSA/OHIO NORTH SANCTIONED

The 2010 COLUMBUS DAY Youth Soccer Tournament is approved by Ohio-North (USYSA) and is open to all teams affiliated with the USSF. Teams from inside Ohio North do not need travel permits. USYSA teams from outside Ohio North must have approved permission to travel from their state association and bring player passes and notarized emergency medical forms. Other USSF-affiliated teams, especially those from US Club Soccer, are welcome to participate, but must bring proof of insurance from USCS, AYSO, SAY or their USSF-affiliated organization. Foreign teams are not accepted.

**Guest players must be from the same affiliated organization as the team to which they choose to guest.

FORMAT

The COLUMBUS DAY tournament will be conducted in traditional youth tournament format modified for the number of teams in a division. In round-robin play, teams will earn 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. The advancement tiebreakers are head to head, goal differential (maximum 5), goals scored, goals allowed, sportsmanship points, and if still tied, a FIFA rules PK contest. The tournament will use FIFA rules of play and standard modifications for youth in all the youth divisions U14 through U13. Unlimited substitution is permitted.

SPECIAL U8 THROUGH U12 FORMATS

In U8-U9-10-11-12, Ohio North rules now require the use of small-sided games formats. U8 plays 4v4. U9-10s play 6v6 (five field players plus a keeper) while U11 and U12 play 8v8.

In U9 and younger divisions, per Ohio Youth Soccer North and USYSA rule guidelines, the tournament will be conducted in "festival" format with each team playing at least three games...two on Saturday and *at least* one more on Sunday. There will be awards for every player in the U9 and younger groups.

TEAM AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Youth teams properly registered with their state associations and/or USSF affiliates are eligible. All players must have player pass and/or acceptable proof of age. Youth rosters are limited to 18 for teams playing 11v11, 14 for U11-U12 teams and 12 for U8-9-10 teams. Players may play on more than one team as long as the teams are age-appropriate and in different age groups.

LEVELS OF PLAY

Teams from ALL LEVELS will be accepted. The tournament will schedule a division for any age group in which there are at least 3 entries. Pickup teams and tournament teams will be evaluated based on information supplied by the entrant. There may be both a Gold and Silver division in any age group where at least 10 teams are entered.

THREE-GAME GUARANTEE REFUND POLICY

This is a rain or shine tournament. In the event some games cannot be played due to unusually bad weather, refunds will be made at the rate of \$25/team for each unplayed match. There will be NO REFUNDS for any other reason once a team has been notified of acceptance by depositing your check in the bank. The tournament reserves the right to combine age groups and arrange divisions by format rather than age group; teams will not receive a refund of the tournament entry fee if they withdraw because they do not like the format or the bracketing.

AWARDS

There will be 1st and 2nd place awards for every player in the competitive championship games, as well as awards for the clubs or coaches. Every U9 and younger player will receive an award in the festival format.

ENTRY FEES AND NUMBER OF GAMES

The entry fees for this event is as follows per team:

All teams playing 4v4 format, \$245
All teams playing 6v6 format, \$275
All teams playing 8v8 format, \$345
All other teams, playing 11v11, \$380

The length of games: 2x25 minute (4v4, 6v6 and 8v8) or 2x30 minute (11v11).

Generally, teams should expect to play at least 2 games on Saturday and 1 more on Sunday. We do not hold Friday night registration meetings. Do to large number of teams expected there will be a few Friday night games, *if your team is not available for a Friday night game please inform us with your tournament application.*

ENTRY DEADLINE

The entry deadline is **September 25, 2010**. HOWEVER, this tournament has limited space, and early entry is advised. We had over 100 teams last year and had to turn away 15 additional teams, so please register early!! Mail entries to the indicated address. Be sure to include your check...no entry is accepted without payment. There are NO REFUNDS for any reason after your entry has been confirmed.

Late entries may be faxed to 330-656-1776 with credit card number. You are advised to call before entering late. All questions and comments can be phoned to 330-650-2554 there is 24-hour voice mail on that line.

You will be sent an email confirmation of your entry schedules will be emailed and posted on our website approximately 7-10 days prior to the tournament..

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING FORM TO ENTER THE TOURNAMENT TODAY!

How to Enter? Simple. Fill out the entry information below! Mail your entry or use your reply button for email...then mail the original with your payment. Please remember that no entry is considered complete until it is paid, and there will be no refunds if a team drops out after mailing their entry.

We hope you'll join us for this fun, competitive event!