



2011 Newsletter – Volume 1

Greetings:

This is the first of several e-mail newsletters you will receive regarding this year's Nike Mt Hood Challenge Soccer Tournament. These e-mails will go to the team contacts that are currently registered with each team. Please make sure we have current e-mail addresses for these people on your team and let me know if you want to add email addresses to our master contact list.



Volume 1 Topic: Team Check-In

Team check-in will occur on Thursday, August 18, from 12pm (noon) to 8pm, and Friday, August 19, from 9am to 3pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 9000 SW Washington Square Drive, Tigard, Oregon 97223. We will have apparel on site for you to preview and/or purchase (if there is any left), and pre-ordered items will be available for pickup. Given that we currently have 350 teams registered, and expect to end up with close to 500, all teams will have to check-in during these times at this location. Teams will NOT be able to check-in at any of the fields. We really encourage all teams to check-in on Thursday to avoid traffic delays on Friday as you do not want to take a chance of getting to your game late.

Here is what you will need to bring:

1. An adult representative
2. Seven (7) TYPED copies of the official Nike Mt. Hood Challenge Roster Form. **No exceptions.** You must use this form. It must be typed on your computer. You can type it once and copy it. I have attached the form for you to use. It is a word document. If you have problems opening it, call Valorie at 503-740-6734. She is smarter than me, and has a better phone voice.
3. Individual player cards for every player on your roster. Cards do not need to be laminated or have pictures. The birth dates on the cards must match the birth dates on the roster. We can accept US Youth Soccer player cards from either the 2010/2011 or 2011/2012 soccer year. US Club Soccer cards must be from the 2011/2012 soccer year. **Under US Soccer Federation Rules, a team may NOT mix and match cards of the various youth Associations. Your entire team must have cards from the same Association.**
4. If you are an out-of-state US Youth Soccer Association team from Region IV, you no longer need to bring travel papers to team check-in, but you must get approval from your State Association to travel out-of-state. If you are a US Club Soccer team, you need your official US Club Soccer Roster in addition to the tournament roster.
5. Bribes for the tournament director (me, and only for me. No bribing my staff.)

Here is what you do NOT need at team check-in:

1. Your team
2. Notarized medical releases (I think every team should have these, but that is up to you, and we do not need to see them)
3. A roster signed by your club registrar.
4. Birth Certificates for your players. (We pretty much go with the birthdate on the player cards. Not our job to double check State Association's work)
5. A bad attitude

One other note: I am getting a number of emails about special scheduling requests. We will do everything possible to accommodate your special scheduling requests. However, given the size of the tournament, there is a specific process we follow. Around August 1st, we will send out the "special requests" email. This will have detailed instructions for getting us the information about your situation. This is the email you will need to respond to. Any special requests received prior to this email being sent out will be used for dart board practice and will NOT be considered.

Volume 2 Topic: What makes a great tournament schedule?

Okay, this is probably the second shortest email I have ever sent to registered teams and it likely will not happen again so enjoy it while it lasts. As always, questions, problems, etc. email or call me. I am always happy to talk to you guys.

Thanks everyone.

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