



PLEASE READ OVER THIS INFORMATION VERY CAREFULLY AS SEVERAL DEADLINES ARE UPCOMING!!!

October 23, 2018

Dear Coach/Team Manager:

The Bethesda Soccer Club is pleased to accept your team to participate in our thirty-fifth Annual Bethesda Premier Cup presented by Koons Ford of Silver Spring and Adidas. Again this year we will be hosting one of the largest tournaments in the country with outstanding competition and we are really excited about hosting the event in a couple of weeks.

A copy of your game schedule, tournament rules, and playing locations will be provided to you on the [tournament website](#) no later than October 31st. In addition to the tournament website, information will be available on Premier Cup Live, which will be rolled out on November 1st. You will be notified of any necessary changes in the schedule or playing fields at either the tournament registration or by email. The U16, U17, U18 and U19 age groups will play one game per day and each team will play on Friday, November 9th with games beginning as early as 8 a.m. ***Please note that due to the large number of teams and the limited supply of lighted fields, it will be very difficult to accommodate any scheduling requests for Friday.*** All other age group tournament games will begin early on Saturday, November 10th and will continue until the finals are played on Sunday, November 11th.

TEAM REGISTRATION:

Friday, November 9 th	Maryland SoccerPlex	U16 - U19	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday, November 9 th	Maryland SoccerPlex	U9 – U15	3 p.m. – 8 p.m.

All teams must register either [on-line](#) or in-person during one of the times listed above. Each team should have available your 2018-2019 certified team roster, current player passes for all players and authorized permission to travel form (if appropriate). ***Our tournament accepts both USYSA and US Club affiliated teams.*** If your team needs guest players, please use the form that is available [on-line](#). ***Guest players must have a current card that is the same affiliation that your team is registering as*** and a roster with guest players in the U9 & U10 age groups cannot go above 14 present at the tournament, U11 & U12 cannot exceed 16 players, and U13 through U19 teams can have up to 22 guest players present at the tournament. Also, all players ***must*** participate with their primary carded team if they are registered in the tournament, no exceptions. The Guest Player Form is due by November 7th.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT EACH OF THESE DOCUMENTS WILL BE CHECKED AT REGISTRATION. FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THESE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WILL PRECLUDE YOUR TEAM'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT.

The Tournament Committee will retain a copy of your certified team roster and the permission to travel form if necessary. **Teams that have not checked in and are not present by the close of check-in (8 p.m. at the SoccerPlex) will be assessed a \$100 (cash only) penalty in order to register for the tournament. Teams will not be allowed to register at the site on Saturday.**

Each team that is participating in the tournament must provide a field marshal for their game when listed as the home team. The Age Group Coordinators will work with each team to confirm the game(s) that each team is responsible to provide a field marshal and instructions.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION:

Deadline for Girls Premier Cup on-line registration is Friday, October 26th and the deadline for Boys Premier Cup on-line registration is Friday, November 2nd. On-line registrations will not be accepted after the deadline dates under any circumstances. If your team misses the on-line registration or have changes to their roster after they submit their information, they must attend the in-person registration listed above.

Instructions and Forms can be found on the [tournament website](#) as well as at the bottom of this letter.

COLLEGE PLAYER DATA FORMS (U16 – U19):

We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with [CaptainU](#) again this year to create player profile books to be given out to college coaches at the tournament. The detailed information regarding submitting your team roster and instructions on creating individual player profiles that will be included in the College The coaches profile book can be found on the website by clicking [here](#).

The player data information should be entered as soon as possible as the deadline is October 31st.

COLLEGE COACHES SEMINAR

On Saturday, November 10th at the Gaithersburg Hilton(620 Perry Parkway Gaithersburg, MD,20877) the tournament will again provide a college recruiting seminar at 7:30 p.m. for the U15 through U19 players and parents, led by a panel of collegiate coaches. This event has always been very well attended and each college division is represented at the seminar. Discussion items include recruitment, visits, scholarships, financial aid, what the schedule is like for a collegiate soccer player, etc. We advise you to come early so as to get the best possible seat.

APPAREL

This year Fine Designs will be providing all of the apparel for our thirty-fifth Annual Premier Cup presented by Koons of Silver Spring and Adidas. They will have shops at all of our main venues: Muldoon's Farm, Summerhill Farm, Polo Grounds, Olney Boys & Girls Club, and SoccerPlex (multiple locations).

“PREMIER CUP LIVE” – TEAM PAGES

For the first time ever the Premier Cup will be using a virtual event bag during our tournament running from November 1st through January 31st. The virtual event bag – “Premier Cup Live” will include schedules, results, maps, all tournament information which includes advertising and sponsorships. You can learn more about how to place an advertisement on the tournament website.

Create your team page on Premier Cup Live! You can place your team picture, a youtube or vimeo video, links to social media, and your team schedule. With this interactive placement, you will be able to track your fans as they follow you all tournament. The cost is \$250 for each non-BSC team page and \$125 for BSC teams. [Click here](#) to build your team page today! Make sure to use the placement code: KHMK-8PPG-4FBV (non-BSC teams) and WFX4-LL1N-PF71 (for BSC Teams) at checkout.

ESPN

This year the Bethesda Premier Cup will be part of the ESPN Cup Soccer Series, The Worldwide Leader in Sports. ESPN will help create a unique, fun, and high energy environment for players and families to interact and enjoy activities and promotions. There will also be participation from local ESPN television and radio affiliates at the event. Players will be encouraged to join the ESPN experience. Registration for this opportunity will be sent out to each team announcing the partnership in an email release prior to the tournament. Cost for each player is \$20 and includes the following:

- 1 year subscription to ESPN the magazine (a \$27 value)
- The chance to compete in the ESPN Cup National Championship
- Players of all ages will have the chance to win College Scholarships
- Access through an AP to promotional products and discounts from ESPN sponsors including AT & T, McDonalds, Dicks Sporting Goods, Coca-Cola, Sprint, Gap and many more.

NEXTPRO/GAME TIME FOOTAGE

Beginning this year, NextPro will be filming all of the U16 through U19 games at the Maryland Soccerplex. The game films are great to send to college coaches or for teams to use as a teaching tool. [Click here](#) for more information on securing game footage along getting a list detail of prices.

INTERESTED IN REFEREEING AT THE TOURNAMENT

If you are interested in serving as a referee for this year's tournament please contact Missy Lambert at 301-213-1614 or mglambert33@msn.com.

The main point of contact for any questions should be your Age Group Coordinators which you can access through the website [here](#).

Below are a list of important documents and contact forms that should help you in getting prepared for the tournament. If for some reason you are having difficulty accessing any of these forms you can also find them on the [tournament website](#).

[Guest Player Application](#)

[College Player Data Instructions for Captain U](#)

[List of Age Group Coordinators](#)

[Instructions for On-Line Registration](#)

[Medical Release Form](#)

[Maps & Directions](#)

[Tournament Rules](#)

Schedule (Will be posted no later than October 31st)

We look forward to seeing you in November!

Sincerely,

Brad Roos
Tournament Director
Bethesda Premier Cup

