



# National Championships

November 17-19, 2016 | Foley Sports Tourism Complex | Foley, Alabama

The 2016 NIRSA National Soccer Championships will be held in Foley, Alabama at the [Foley Sports Tourism Complex](#). Congrats on being one of the 96 teams that will be attending. 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 10th**. Any changes to that schedule will be updated and available at the Tournament Desk. 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, Men's CHAMPIONSHIP at 3 pm and Women'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. 10 will receive a 1-year sanction (not allowed in the 2017 NIRSA National Soccer Championships). Teams that do NOT show up for scheduled games in Foley will receive a 2-year sanction (not allowed in the 2017 & 2018 NIRSA National Soccer Championships).

**Team Check-in:** Check-in is on Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm at the Foley Sport Tourism Complex, 920 East Pride Blvd Foley AL 36535 – field house ([driving directions](#)). 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](mailto:valerie@nirsa.org) by Friday, Nov. 11 to make alternate arrangements to check-in prior to your first match on Thursday. Teams will have a \$25 late registration fee if they don't check-in on Wednesday night.

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
- Verify the roster including light & dark jersey numbers
- Answer question regarding online Team Rep Meeting
- Lodging information for the team

**Team Rep Meeting:** Will be **on-line** at <http://play.nirsa.net/soccer/national-championship/> and available on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Teams will be required to watch prior to first game. A question will be asked during check-in about the video.

**Roster Additions:** Will be allowed until **Nov. 14 at 1 pm pacific time**. Send an email to [Keeley.naughton@nirsa.org](mailto:Keeley.naughton@nirsa.org) with the player's name. She will let you know when the player can go to [www.imleagues.com/nirsa](http://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 Foley Sport Tourism Complex, 920 East Pride Blvd Foley AL 36533. The Tournament Desk will be in front of the field house (next to field 8).

**Photo ID:** Each player is **required** to show his/her ID before each game. Only a University ID, Driver's License/State ID or passport will be accepted.

**Tournament Balls:** The official ball for the NIRSA National Soccer Championships will be Flite. This sponsor will have a gift waiting for your team in Foley.

**Tournament Results:** Daily results of the championships will be posted on the [NIRSA website](#), you can also follow the Blog at <http://play.nirsa.net/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 seating available at the fields. Spectators should be prepared to bring their own seating, or sit/stand on the grass.

**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, with no duplicated numbers. All jersey numbers must be permanently attached to the jersey.

**Inclement 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.

**Practice:** The fields will be available for practice from 2:00pm – 7:00pm (2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 time slots) on Wed., Nov. 16. Please email [Keeley.naughton@nirsa.org](mailto:Keeley.naughton@nirsa.org) to reserve a field.

**T-shirts/Programs:** Long-sleeved 100% cotton t-shirts, dri-fit short sleeved t-shirts for \$20 and Under Armour Tech jackets for \$45 will be sold on-site throughout the championships.

**Concessions:** Concessions will be sold on site for the duration of the tournament. In addition, there are several restaurants 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 10 years. Brooke Turner, Assistant Director, Competitive Sports, University of Alabama, Recreational Sports department, will oversee the exam proctoring this year. Feel free to pass along Brooke's email [Bturner13@sa.ua.edu](mailto:Bturner13@sa.ua.edu) so arrangements can be made with professors to have her administer the exams.

**Hotels:** Check for a hotel list on the [NIRSA website](#).

**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.

**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. The NIRSA Championship Series encourages and promotes sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators.

The NIRSA Championship Series is committed to holding tournaments in a safe environment free from bullying. Offensive language including profanity, derogatory remarks around a person's race, ethnicity, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, national origin, veteran status, social economic class, religion, or professional status, 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 the competition site.

**Official Photographer**—Alan Poizner and his team of photographers with [ClubSoccerPhotos.com](http://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. Please visit the site for complete details, or feel free to email [alan@clubsoccerphotos.com](mailto:alan@clubsoccerphotos.com) to request photos.



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## Men's Championship – 24

Region 1	Tufts University
Region 1	University of Connecticut
Region 1	University of Delaware
Region 2	University of Central Florida
Region 2	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Region 2	University of Virginia
Region 3	Michigan State University
Region 3	The Ohio State University
Region 3	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Region 4	Texas A & M University
Region 4	University of North Texas
Region 4	St Louis University
Region 5	Colorado School of Mines
Region 5	Colorado State University
Region 5	University of Minnesota
Region 6	San Diego State University
Region 6	Cal State University – Long Beach
Region 6	Utah State University
At-large	University of Florida
At-large	Georgia Tech
At-large	University of Michigan
At-large	University of Cincinnati
At-large	University of Colorado
At-large	Stanford University

## Men's Open – 24

Boston College  
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo  
California State University - Fullerton  
East Carolina University  
George Mason University  
Georgia College  
Houston Community College  
Iowa State University  
James Madison University  
Louisiana State University  
Miami University of Ohio  
Penn State University  
Purdue University  
St Edwards University  
SUNY Cortland  
Towson University  
UCLA  
University of Arkansas  
University of Colorado – Colorado Springs  
University of Illinois  
University of Miami  
University of Oregon  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Utah Valley University

## Women's Championship – 24

Region 1	Penn State University
Region 1	University of Connecticut
Region 1	Syracuse University
Region 2	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Region 2	University of Virginia
Region 2	University of Florida
Region 3	Michigan State University
Region 3	Miami University of Ohio
Region 3	University of Illinois
Region 4	The University of Texas at Austin
Region 4	Texas A&M University
Region 5	University of Colorado "Gold"
Region 5	Colorado State University
Region 5	Colorado School of Mines
Region 6	University of Arizona
Region 6	University of California, Santa Barbara
Region 6	Gonzaga University
At-large	University of Delaware
At-large	Florida State University
At-large	The Ohio State University
At-large	University of Wisconsin - Madison
At-large	University of Kansas
At-large	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
At-large	University of California San Diego

## Women's Open – 24

Boston College  
Cornell University  
George Mason University  
Georgia Southern University  
Georgia Tech  
Houston Community College  
Iowa State University  
James Madison University  
Ohio University  
San Diego State University  
UCLA  
United States Air Force Academy  
University of Colorado "Black"  
University of Denver  
University of Iowa  
University of Miami  
University of Missouri  
University of Northern Iowa  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Southern California  
University of Vermont  
Virginia Tech  
University of West Virginia

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National Championship Series



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