



2017 NIRSA National Championships

November 15-17, 2017 • Reach 11 Sport Complex • Phoenix, Arizona

The 2017 NIRSA National Soccer Championships will be held in Phoenix, Arizona at the Reach 11 Sport Complex. Congrats on being one of the 96 teams that will be attending.

Tournament Schedule: A tentative tournament schedule will be posted on **November 9th**. 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 two (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 1pm on Saturday, with the Women's CHAMPIONSHIP final at 3pm and the Men's CHAMPIONSHIP final 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. 9th will receive a 1-year sanction (not allowed in the 2018 NIRSA National Soccer Championships). Teams that do NOT show up for scheduled games in Phoenix will receive a 2-year sanction (not allowed in the 2018 & 2019 NIRSA National Soccer Championships).

Practice Fields: Important change for practice fields from previous years: Reach 11 Sport Complex has limited practice on Wednesday, November 15 to the turf field (Field #1). NIRSA has secured an additional grass field at Arizona State University West Campus (approx. 10 minutes from host hotel) for teams to practice. Teams will be able to reserve ½ field for ½ hour between 2pm and 7pm Mountain Time by sending an email to Valerie@nirsa.org on November 3 by 8:00am Pacific Time. It will be first come/first served. Please let me know the time you would like and the turf or grass field.

Team Check-in: Check-in is on Wednesday, Nov. 15th from 4:00-7:00pm at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel, 2610 W Dunlap Ave., Phoenix, AZ (602) 943-8200. 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 by Friday, Nov. 11 to make alternate arrangements to check-in prior to your first match on Thursday. Teams will have a \$100 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 NIRSA national office immediately if you do not have this document)
- Cell number for team representative
- Verify the roster including light & dark jersey numbers
- Lodging information for the team

Team Rep Meeting: All team reps/coaches are required to attend this meeting on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00pm in the Ballroom Sheraton Crescent, 2610 W Dunlap Ave., Phoenix. It will last about one hour and important updates and guidelines will be discussed.

Roster Additions: Will be allowed until **Nov. 10 at 5pm Pacific Time**. Send an email to Nicole.Jackson@nirsa.org with the player's name. She will let you know when the player can go to www.imleagues.com/nirsa and fill out the 3 required forms. Once forms are approved, a Player Enrollment Verification Form will be emailed to the 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 Reach 11 Sport Complex, 2425 E Deer Valley Drive, Phoenix, Arizona. The Tournament Desk will be on the west side next to concession area.

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 Results: Daily results of the championships will be posted on the <http://play.nirsa.net/soccer>. 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, as 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.

T-shirts/Programs: Long-sleeved 100% cotton t-shirts, dri-fit short sleeved t-shirts for \$20 and Under Armour Tech jackets for \$42 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 11 years. Ryan Bradshaw, Assistant Director of Assessment, George Mason University, will oversee the exam proctoring this year. Feel free to pass along Ryan's email rbradsh5@gmu.edu so arrangements can be made with professors to have Ryan administer the exams.

Hotels: The host hotel will be the Sheraton Crescent, 2610 W Dunlap Ave., Phoenix, AZ (602) 943-8200 and it is sold out. A couple of back-up properties will be Four Points Phoenix North, 2532 Peoria Ave., (602) 371-2810 rate of \$105 + tax and Courtyard by Marriott Phoenix North Happy Valley, 2029 W Whispering Wind Drive, Phoenix, AZ (623) 580-8844 rate of \$125 + tax.

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 Men's Championship match
- Women's Championship – immediately following the Women's 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.

Rules of Play: The tournament will use modified NCAA rules, you can download from the NIRSA website <http://play.nirsa.net/soccer>.

Evaluations: 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.