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## 2018 NIRSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

November 29–December 1 • Foley Sports Tourism Complex • Foley, Alabama

The 2018 NIRSA National Soccer Championships will be held in Foley, Alabama at the Foley Sports Tourism 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 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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 Men's CHAMPIONSHIP final at 3pm and the Women'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 canceled after Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> will receive a 1-year sanction (not allowed in the 2019 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 2019 & 2020 NIRSA National Soccer Championships).

**Practice Fields:** The fields will be available for practice from 2:00pm – 7:00pm (2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 time slots) on Wed., Nov. 28. Please fill out this [form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbipJgvdUWS5H4S8-nGVRF_H4nyG7VbiN2delEvL3ZLV0tQ/viewform) to reserve a field ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbipJgvdUWS5H4S8-nGVRF\\_H4nyG7VbiN2delEvL3ZLV0tQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbipJgvdUWS5H4S8-nGVRF_H4nyG7VbiN2delEvL3ZLV0tQ/viewform)). The fields will be first come first serve.

**Team Check-in:** Check-in is on Wednesday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm at the [Foley Tourism Event Center](#), 1001 East Pride Blvd. Foley, AL. 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 Wed., Nov. 21 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 or make prior arrangements for late check-in.

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 28 at 7:00pm at the [Foley Tourism Event Center](#), 1001 East Pride Blvd., Foley. It will last about an hour and important updates and guidelines will be discussed.

**Roster Additions:** Will be allowed until **Nov. 19 5pm Pacific Time**. Send an email to [Nicole.Jackson@nirsa.org](mailto:Nicole.Jackson@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 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 [Foley Sports Tourism Complex](#), 920 East Pride Blvd., Foley, AL. The Tournament Desk will be near the field house.

**Photo ID:** Each player is **required** to show his/her physical ID before each game, **no** digital IDs. 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/national-championship-results/>. 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.



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**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. **All substitutes must wear a colored jersey/vest that distinguishes them from the other field players.**

**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 12 years. Sean Graninger, Coordinator of Intramural Sports, University of Oregon, will oversee the exam proctoring this year. Feel free to pass along Sean's email [tournamentproctor@nirsaleaders.org](mailto:tournamentproctor@nirsaleaders.org) to professors so he can get the pertinent information to administer the exams.

**Hotels:** Check for a hotel list on the [NIRSA website](#). Please reserve hotels by Nov. 16 for discounted pricing.

**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 the games from referees around the country.

**Rules of Play:** The tournament will use modified NCAA rules, you can download from the [NIRSA website](#).

**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 considering morning traffic/parking issues.

**Foley Attraction and Dining Discounts:** Check out this [site](#) for things in around Foley.

**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.