



The 2019 NIRSA National Soccer Championships will be held in Round Rock, Texas at the Round Rock Multi-Purpose Complex, 2001 North Kenney Fort Blvd., Round Rock, Texas. Congrats on being one of the 100 teams that will be attending.

Tournament Schedule: *Series Live* will have a have a podcast on Nov. 13 with a schedule reveal (NIRSA Championship Series You Tube channel). A tentative tournament schedule will be posted online **November 14th**. 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. 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. Unified will start games on Friday morning. Unified, 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 canceled after Nov. 5th will receive a 1-year sanction (not allowed in the 2020 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 2020 & 2021 NIRSA National Soccer Championships).

Practice Fields: The fields will available for practice from 2:00pm – 8:00pm (2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 time slots) on Wed., Nov. 20. Please fill out this [form](#) to reserve a field The fields will be first come first serve.

Mandatory Team Check-in: Check-in is on Wednesday, Nov. 20th from 4:00-7:00pm at the **Holiday Inn, 2370 Chisholm Trail**, Round Rock. 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 Fri., Nov. 15 to make alternate arrangements to check-in prior to your first match on Thursday. Teams will have a \$100 late check-in 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 Certification form (Enrollment Verification)
- Cell number for team representative
- Verify the roster including light & dark jersey numbers
- Lodging information for the team

When you get your Player Certification form back from the registrar, please take a photo and email to series-soccer@nirsaleaders.org so we can do an initial review. Bring the original with you to Check-in.

Team Rep Meeting: There will NOT be a team rep meeting this year. After reading this newsletter and the [Rules of Play](#) if you have additional questions please contact Tournament Director [Valerie McCutchan](#), Co-Directors of Competition [Danny Feitel](#) and [Chris McAlpine](#) or Director of Officials [Erik Jaeke](#). The directors will also be at team check-in to answer any questions.

Roster Additions: Will be allowed until **Thursday, Nov. 14 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: We will be using grass and turf fields (Men's Championship teams will play first 3 rounds on turf, Men's and Women's Open will have assorted games on turf) at two locations. The Round Rock Multi-Purpose Sports Complex, 2001 North Kenney Fort Blvd., Round Rock **has ten fields (5 turf & 5 grass) and Old Settlers Park**, 901 Harrell Parkway, Round Rock, about ½ mile away has 5 grass fields. Tournament Desk will at Round Rock Multi-Purpose Sports Complex between fields 4 & 7.



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/>. You can also follow the Blog at <http://play.nirsa.net/blog/> or @NIRSAchamp #NIRSAsoccer for the Twitter and Instagram fans. The men's and women's National Championship games will be livestreamed on the NIRSA Championship Series YouTube.

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. **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 Nike Epic jackets for \$50 will be sold on-site throughout the championships.

Concessions: Concessions will be sold at 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. Vinnie Daino, Director of Campus Recreation, Pittsburgh State University, will oversee the exam proctoring this year. Feel free to pass along Vinnie's email 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 ASAP for discounted pricing.

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.

Rental Cars: Enterprise is one of the few car rental companies that will rent to customers under 25 years old. With this agreement, players will be able to rent minivans. Book online at <https://www.enterprise.com/en/home.html> and put in #L508502 where it asks for Corporate or promotional code or call 213-534-3565, option 6 and reference #L508502.

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
- Unified - immediately following 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](#).

Soccer Ball: The tournament will use Brine Championship II.

Evaluations: All participants will be invited to complete an online tournament evaluation.

Code of Conduct: Please remind all players they signed a Code of Conduct. Remember you are representing your school. Respect the quiet hours at the hotel and practice good sportsmanship on the field.

Sportsmanship Statement: We wholeheartedly embrace the position that, for sportsmanship to prevail, coaches, student-athletes, and fans must display respect, fairness, civility, honesty, and responsibility before, during, and after all athletic contests. The NIRSA Championship Series is committed to holding tournaments in a safe and inclusive environment free from bullying. Offensive language including profanity and/or derogatory remarks of any kind directed at officials, event staff, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the competition site.

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