

Gentlemen,

As announced during our last USL General Membership meeting, our 6th Annual International Tournament is scheduled to be held on Sunday, August 15th, 2010 at the Oakland Recreational Field at Oak Street, in Oakland, NJ. (Note: detailed field directions can be downloaded from the Oakland team page on our league website at www.uslnj.com/oakland_recreation_fields.htm).

Since this event is only seven weeks away, I need the cooperation and assistance of all team managers to distribute this information to any and all players on your respective teams who may be interested in joining us at this tournament. Additionally, I would very much appreciate it if managers could act as a conduit to collect the following player related information and return such data to Dieter Lachmann, Registrar, and to Greg Nowicki our Tournament Director, via e-mail no later than by Sunday, July 19th, 2010

Player's Name, email address, Nationality and uniform size (large or X-large).

Kindly send the tournament registration information to: Greg Nowicki at: nnowy@optonline.net and to Dieter Lachmann at: ddlachmann@aol.com.

The cost per player to participate in the tournament is \$40 per person and includes a day of soccer, T-shirts, food and drinks. As in the past, accompanying family members are free of charge and are welcome to enjoy the food and drinks provided by the USL. Please keep in mind that to play in this tournament you have to be an active carded player in our league. No exceptions due to insurance requirements!

The event is increasingly becoming more popular each year. Accordingly, I urge every player who is interested to sign up as soon as possible, since we can only field ten teams of 16 players each for a total of 160 players. Last year I had to turn away over 30 players who tried to register late. Please, don't let this happen to you, I don't enjoy turning players away!

Also, since some players signed up early and then didn't show up for the tournament without informing me about it we will charge you if you sign up and don't cancel at least five days prior to the event!

The Tournament Rules and Details:

The tournament will start at 9:30 AM sharp! Please leave your house early enough to get to the field on time and warm up!

Sign in for the tournament will start on Sunday, August 15th at 8:30 AM, at the entrance to the fields. As mentioned above, the cost per player is \$40, which will be collected when you pick up your T-shirts. Please, bring exact change!

We will try to field ten teams with 16 players each. The ten teams will be divided into two groups (I and II), which means that each team will play four group games. Teams get three points for a win and one point for a tie. The two top teams of each group will advance into the semi-finals. Tie-breakers are decided based on head to head competition, followed by total goal differential and finally based on total goals conceded. All group games are 30 minutes long, with no half times and a ten minute break in between games.

In the semi finals, the winner from group I play the second team from Group II; and the winner of group II plays against the second team from Group I. The winners of the semi-final games play for the Championship after a thirty minute break. In the event of a tie during the semi-finals or at the championship game, penalty kicks will decide the winner.

A yellow card results in a five minute cool-off period. The player can be substituted. A red card results in an automatic one game suspension, unless the Tournament Committee, in consultation with the referee and respective team managers, feels that a longer suspension is required. Decisions are rendered immediately after each game and are final!

While we are looking forward to a great day of competitive soccer, please remember that this event has been staged to promote continued friendship and camaraderie. Accordingly, show your best behavior on and off the field and leave your aggressions at home.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me.

I am looking forward to hearing from all of you.

Best regards,

Dieter