



May 2009

Dear Coach, Manager or Team official:

Congratulations on being accepted to the 2009 Canton Cup Tournament. This year's tournament is our 27th annual and being held on May 22, 23 and 24 (rain date May 25). The quality and diversity of teams selected to participate in this year's tournament is outstanding. You will be one of over 580 teams and we are sure your team will enjoy the challenge of the matches and the overall tournament experience.

Below you will find useful information about the tournament, and steps you must take prior to the tournament, information that you will need at time of check-in, and other misc. items.

Forms and Notices available on-line

- Medical Release forms
- Hotel information
- Maps
 - Field Locations
 - Field Layouts
- Notice on Risk Management
- Notice on out of state / country Insurance statement
- Referee availability
- Tournament Rules

Mandatory on-line Tournament Roster

The Canton Cup requires each team to fill out and submit an on-line Tournament Roster. This is **mandatory** and is essential for our usage during the tournament. By doing this your Game Reports that you receive at Check-in will already have your players names filled out. The Canton Cup prides itself as being ahead of most other tournaments with our internally developed scheduling system. This is one way that we are able to accept over 500 teams. On-line roster submission will be allowed up to Midnight, May 20th. If you do not comply, then at team check-in, you will be required to complete a roster via one of our remote laptops which will be available at a \$25.00 rental fee.

Medical Release Policy

You do not have to use the medical release format which we have on line. However you must present a properly executed medical release form at check-in for each player. Out of State and Canadian forms will be accepted at check-in.





Risk Management Policy

As previously stated on our website, all Michigan coaches, managers and trainers involved in the games **must** have documentation of compliance with a risk management check from MSYSA. Please contact msysa.org for more information. Please see notice in acceptance area for more details.

Pass Cards

Every player must have a pass card. Get them from your league registrar if you don't have them. This lets us know that your player is a registered player and insured. The Canton Cup Tournament will accept club issued pass cards for recreation teams – signed by registrar or club official. Pictures are still required.

Team Registration Schedule

Tournament Registration/check-in is on Friday, May 22nd from 4:00-9:00 PM. A Coach or Representative must check-in before your first game at this time - please do not bring your entire team to registration unless you are playing Friday night. Registration is at our Tournament HQ located at Independence Park. If you have a 5:00 game on Friday, you may check-in between 3:00 – 4:00 pm (only teams with an early game may check-in at this time). Local teams may check in at Registration along with the Canton teams on Thursday, May 21st from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Please email the tournament director for more information.

What is needed at Registration

Your Tournament Roster will already be printed by the Tournament Committee. You will need to submit a league roster (that can be kept by the tournament), guest player documentation (includes USYSA guest player form issued by your association – MSYSA, OYSAN, US CLUB, etc. and a copy of guest player's regular team roster) and present player pass cards, and medical release forms. All Michigan teams are required to show Risk Management documentation for coaches and all out of state teams are required to submit permission to travel documentation.

Game Check in

Teams are required to check-in 30 minutes prior to each game. Player check-in before games will be at the check-in tents designated for your game field. To help speed up team check-in for your games, each player will be issued a Tyvek bracelet at your first game check-in. This bracelet is to be worn all weekend. The entire team needs to be in attendance for the first game check-in with bracelets on. The tournament staff will go through the check in process and collect the pass cards. For subsequent division games, only a team representative needs to come to check-in to drop off pass cards. The referees will monitor that bracelets are in place for each player. Game sheets and referee payment tickets will be given to each team at check-in. For any championship or bonus game, the entire team will need to once again be present at the check-in tent.

Tournament Bracketing

Team Bracketing is currently available on-line. No further changes will be made.





Tournament Game Schedules

Schedules will be available on-line on or before Wednesday, May 13th

No changes to the schedule can be made. We accepted over 580 teams and were able to accommodate most coaching conflicts and noted scheduling requests. Our scheduling program takes into account too many variables to change the schedules this close to tournament time. These variables include noted coaching conflicts, minimum rest periods between games and avoidance of two early morning games in a row on Saturday and Sunday. We hope you understand. The Canton Cup is one of the few, if not the only tournament of this size that can provide coaches a “no schedule conflict” guarantee for up to 3 teams.

T-Shirt Pre-orders

An online pre-tournament order form is available for the tournament t-shirt and sweatshirt (discounted prices). Please follow directions to submit your order. Your Tournament pre-ordered T-shirts can be picked up all weekend, but we prefer you do it following your Tournament check-in on Friday, May 22nd at Independence Park. On May 23 or 24 they can be picked up from Tournament Headquarters at the Independence Park Pavilion. All orders are COD – payment due upon pickup. Pre-orders can be made online up to Wednesday, May 20th.

On-site sales will be available at Independence Park and Heritage Park (limited supply) over the tournament weekend.

Contact Information

Please find below the contact information you may need;

Tournament Director

John Vaughn
Email: TD@cantoncup.net

Soccer Club Office

Phone: 734-480-7046
Email: office@cantonsoccerclub.com

The tournament site can be reached directly at www.cantoncup.net or via the link on our Canton SC website at www.cantonsoccerclub.com.





Hotel Information

Hotel information and contact information for our tournament coordinator – Traveling Teams is also available at the tournament site. We require you to use them when making arrangements - they already have block reservations and discounted prices set up with many of the local hotels.

Family fun stuff

The Canton Cup once again will be providing family fun activities throughout the weekend. This will include

Inflatables: On Saturday and Sunday May 23 and 24, there will be Inflatables available for the kids at independence Park. There will be a nominal charge.

Michigan Bucks vs. Cincinnati Kings: On Saturday afternoon the Canton Soccer Club will be hosting a soccer match between these two heated PDL rivals. The Canton Cup is very proud to be able to host such a prestigious event. – The match will be held on Field 7 of Independence Park starting at 3:00 pm. Admission to the game is free.

Summit on the Park: Canton Township's recreation facility is offering free swimming and recreation to all Canton Cup participants. Hours over the weekend will be from 4:00 to 9:30 on Friday, 1:00 to 7:00 on Saturday, and 1:00 to 7:00 on Sunday. The Summit is located on the Southeast side of Heritage Park.

Please visit the Meijer gaming trailer located at Independence Park. A variety of video and electronic gaming will be available.

During the tournament weekend, please review the tournament program for restaurants, sponsors, and other activity your team and family may enjoy. Also, the website will have a posting of various activities.

We advise you to check the website regularly for news and updates which will include all local construction notices and other special activities available during your stay for the tournament weekend.

Welcome, have fun, and Good Luck!

John Vaughn
Tournament Director

