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Welcome Teams and Coaches to the 38th Annual Virginian Elite Showcase Soccer Tournament!

My name is Howard Lincoln and I will be your Lead Site Coordinator for Word of Grace/Arrowhead Park satellite complex located in Herndon & Fairfax County, VA respectively. Word of Grace and Arrowhead Park are two of the 25 venues that will be used during this year's Virginian where over 600 teams will be playing more than 1,300 games throughout tournament weekend.

Word of Grace/Arrowhead Park will be hosting Preliminary and Semi-Final games Saturday and Sunday for the following divisions:

U-10 Girls – Premier Gold	(Arrowhead Park - Field #2)
U-17 Boys – Virginia Cup	(WoG Fields #1 or 2; Arrowhead Park Fields #1 or 3)
U-18/19 Boys – Virginia Cup	(WoG Fields #1 or 2; Arrowhead Park Fields #1 or 3)

As your Site Coordinator, I am responsible for overseeing all operations at WOG/Arrowhead Park during The Virginian. WoG and Arrowhead Park provide four full-size fields for the U17/U18-19 age brackets (2 turf and 2 grass) and one smaller field (grass) for U10 bracket. There will be two separate HQ tents to ensure smooth operations throughout the weekend at both venues. Assisting me in the operation of your fields at Arrowhead Park will be Andrew Cook. We shall be on-site and available all day, Saturday, May 24th, and Sunday, May 25th and we look forward to meeting you and your teams.

Here is some helpful information to assist you in making the tournament a great weekend experience:

Directions to the fields –

- **Word of Grace (WOG) (Old Redskin Park)** – 13832 Redskin Drive, Herndon, VA
 - From points west heading eastbound on I-66:** Take Route 28 North to a right on McLearen Road. Take a left on Towerview and left on Redskin Dr. Fields are behind Word of Grace Christian Academy, which is one block ahead on the right.
 - From Dulles Tollway,** take Route 28 South to McLearen Road. Make a Left on Towerview and a left on Redskin Dr.
 - From Route 50,** take Centreville Road North toward Herndon. Turn left on McLearen Road . Turn Right on Towerview Rd. Turn Left on Redskin Drive.
- **Arrowhead Park** – 5200 Arrow Head Park Drive, Fairfax County, VA
 - From points south (i.e. Richmond, North Carolina) heading northbound on I-95:** At Capital Beltway juncture (I-95/I-395/I-495) take I-495 North/Capital Beltway toward I-66 West to Exit 55B (VA-7100 Fairfax County Parkway). Merge towards Reston/Herndon, and TURN LEFT at first light onto Fair Lakes Parkway. Continue on Fair Lakes Parkway for 1.4 miles, and TURN LEFT onto Stringfellow Road (VA 645). Follow Stringfellow Road for 0.9 miles. TURN RIGHT onto Centreville Farms Road, and take an IMMEDIATE LEFT onto Arrowhead Park Road. The FIRST RIGHT takes you into the parking lot at Arrowhead Park, and the SECOND RIGHT takes you into the parking lot of Colin Powell Elementary School (follow path to Arrowhead Park Fields #2 & 3).
 - From points west (i.e. Manassas, Front Royal) heading eastbound on I-66:** Take I-66 east bound to Rt 28 take Centreville exit (Rt28 south) go .4 miles to Rt 29 (Lee Highway). Take Route 29 NORTH towards Fairfax. TURN LEFT at the intersection of Stringfellow Road/Route 29 North. There is a 7-11 at that intersection. Continue on Stringfellow Road 0.6 miles, and TURN LEFT at traffic light onto Centreville Farms Road, and an IMMEDIATE LEFT onto Arrowhead Park Road. FIRST RIGHT takes you into the parking lot at

Arrowhead Park, and the SECOND RIGHT takes you into the parking lot of Colin Powell Elementary School (take path to Arrowhead Park Fields).

From points south, heading northbound on Fairfax County Parkway: Proceed onto Fairfax County Parkway North (Route 7100) to Route 29 (Lee Highway). TURN LEFT on Route 29 (toward Centerville) and proceed 1.7 miles to Stringfellow Road and TURN RIGHT. There is a 7-11 at that intersection. Continue on Stringfellow Road .6 miles, and TURN LEFT at traffic light onto Centreville Farms Road, and an IMMEDIATE LEFT onto Arrowhead Park Road. FIRST RIGHT takes you into the parking lot at Arrowhead Park, and the SECOND RIGHT takes you into the parking lot of Colin Powell Elementary School (take path to Arrowhead Park Fields #2 & 3).

- **Local shopping/restaurants:** Both WOG and Arrowhead Park fields are not too far from chain restaurants, shopping centers, quick stop shops and gas stations that are located along Route 50; about 5~10 minutes travel time from either site. However traffic in NoVA, particularly on weekends can be pretty hectic. Plan your trips accordingly.
- **Concessions:** The Virginian Tournament Committee is attempting to have concessions at both sites to provide limited snacks and beverages. However, a concessionaire has not yet been found. I would strongly recommend coming prepared with plenty of water/sports drinks for your players and spectators. If we identify a concessionaire for the sites, I'll let you know.
- **Merchandise:** We will be selling Virginian Merchandise at our fields throughout the weekend. Please check out the tournament store on our website (www.soccertournament.com) to review some of the merchandise that will be available.
- **Parking:** Parking areas are identified on the site layout map, attached. I will be reserve some parking for our FIFA referees and Certified Athletic Trainers. There is sufficient handicapped parking as well. **What to Bring:** I would recommend bring folding chairs for spectators. Teams can set up pop-up shelters on the opposite side of the field from the spectators for their games provided they do not interfere with the ARs. There is not a lot of shade for cover at either venue.
- **Team Check-in Reminder:** Please have the team manager look for the Field Marshal (in Blue SYC Field Marshal bib) about ~30 minutes prior to your scheduled game to check in your team. Do not forget your individual player cards and your stamped Virginian Registration roster. Our field marshals will check player passes against team members for every game so make sure you have them.
- **Playing Surface:** The two full size fields at WoG are artificial turf and Arrowhead Park fields are grass.
- **Assistance Request:** I'm requesting every team (parents, players and coaches) to help "police up" the trash they generate, particularly empty water bottles, etc. and place it trash boxes and garbage cans located throughout the field complex. Your help in this area will help make the next set of teams move on to the field much quicker.
- **Medical Emergencies:** Although we hope there will be no need for it, we are prepared for injuries and will have a Certified Athletic Trainers at our site for all games. I've attached a map to the nearest INOVA hospital (Fair Oaks) Emergency Room should it be necessary to seek aide beyond what our excellent Certified Athletic Trainers can provide.

We have teams coming from as far away as Canada, Massachusetts, Texas, South Carolina and all points in-between. This year's Virginian promises to be an exciting three day weekend of soccer for all who attend. I pray for every team's safe travel (and fair weather, too) as you journey to our nation's Capitol region. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you still might have. Thanks for playing the 2008 Virginian!

Sincerely,

Howard Lincoln

WOG/Arrowhead Park Lead Site Coordinator
Provide phone numbers