



April 15, 2019

Dear Team Official:

Congratulations! Your team has been accepted to play in one of the largest soccer tournaments on the East Coast - The 44th Annual Virginia Elite Soccer Tournament. The tournament will host over 8,000 players who will compete against each other over the 3-day tournament weekend. These competitive teams are coming from Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Florida and Washington D.C.

We'd like to first ask that you go to the tournament's website at www.soccertournament.com and click on "Accepted Teams" under the Teams tab. Please check to make sure your team is placed in the proper age group and gender. If there are any problems with your team's listing please contact the Tournament Director, Dotty Talbott at director@soccertournament.com.

All Acceptance Packet documents are listed on our website. At the tournament website, click on the TEAMS tab and then Acceptance Packet. The Accepted Team Packet List document will display all pertinent documents for your review or action, along with a list of important dates.

We will have electronic registration this year. All teams must submit their electronic registration packet by 5:00 pm Friday, May 17, 2019. If you cannot submit your team package by this time, you will need to do in-person registration at Tournament Headquarters on Friday, May 24, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This year our Tournament Headquarters is the Westfield Marriott Washington Dulles, 14750 Conference Center Dr. Chantilly, VA, (703) 818-0300. There will be no check-in at the fields.

If you need to add a player to your roster after the May 17th deadline, that must be done in-person at Tournament Headquarters. Please pay careful attention to the *Virginia Tournament Acceptance Packet List* located under the **Acceptance Packet** heading on the tournament website. This checklist contains important information on how to properly register your team for the tournament. As a sanctioned national tournament, it is imperative that we comply with the requirements set forth by the US Soccer Federation. Therefore, each team must also explicitly adhere to the instructions on the checklist to assure compliance as well as to facilitate a quick and orderly check-in. Teams not meeting these requirements will NOT be allowed to play in the tournament.

Schedules

All schedules will be posted on the website May 12, 2019.

Division/Flight Placements

Even though your team requested a specific Division/Flight (i.e. Cup, Gold, Silver, or Bronze); the Virginia Elite Placement Committee has final determination for teams competing in the 2019 Tournament. In determining placement, the Committee looks at different criteria

including but not limited to current league standings and placement, tournament competitions, Cup competitions, previous performance at the Virginian as well as additional comments from team representatives and other sources of reference. Final Divisional/Flight placement also includes other factors such as total number of teams applying and bracket sizes. While the Committee tries hard to honor the requests of teams relative to divisional placement, they reserve the right for final placement.

Tournament Rules – Please spend time reviewing the Tournament rules. A link can be found on our website at www.soccertournament.com under the Details tab. The rules meet national hosting agreement specifications and will be strictly enforced.

All of us at the Virginian Elite look forward to another great event as we mark our 44th year. Thank you all for your continued support of this great event. If you manage to find some free time before or after your competitions, I would also encourage you to visit a few of the numerous historical sites located in Fairfax County and the surrounding Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Once again, welcome to the Virginian Elite! I wish all of you the best of luck!

Sincerely,

Dotty Talbott

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Virginian Soccer Tournament