



REGION I CHAMPIONSHIPS

2009 IMPORTANT REMINDERS UPDATED JUNE 23rd

ONLINE Team Information/Media/Code of Conduct and Player Profile Forms – ALL TEAMS: Instructions on how to access and complete the aforementioned online forms can be found on the Region I website. JUNE 4th is the deadline date that all online tasks MUST be completed by all teams except for those teams that do not complete their cup on or before May 31st. Teams completing cup after May 31st will have forty-eight (48) hours to complete the online task.

PRACTICE FIELDS: Practice **will not** be allowed at the Barbourville City Park Soccer Complex and the Scott Orthopedic Soccer Complex at the YMCA Kennedy Center. The Host Committee is looking into getting practice fields and once secured the information will be placed on the Region I website.

MANDATORY Team Officials Registration, Thursday, July 2nd: To be held at the HQ Hotel the Pullman Plaza Hotel and will begin at 9:00am and will close promptly at 1:00pm.

MANDATORY Team Officials Meeting, Thursday, July 2nd: A Team Official from each team must attend one of the three (3) meeting offered at the HQ Hotel. **Times:** 10:00am, 11:15am and 12:30pm

MANDATORY Opening Ceremonies, Thursday, July 2nd: This event is mandatory for the U-18 and younger age groups both boys and girls and is Optional for the U-19 age group. It will be held in the Joan C. Edwards Stadium at Marshall University in Huntington. Concessions will be sold in the Stadium. **OUTSIDE FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE STADIUM.**

Report Time inside the Stadium is 3:00pm and **Event Start Time** is 3:40pm with all players, team officials, referees and assessors in their assigned seats. When it is time for all teams to march onto the field the Host State Association West Virginia will march in first followed by Virginia, Vermont, Soccer Rhode Island, PA West, New York West, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Eastern Pennsylvania, Eastern New York, Delaware and Connecticut. **Premier League** teams will march with their State Association. Referees and Assessors will follow Connecticut All teams **Must** be uniformly dressed.

REGION I GRACE PERIOD RULE: Make sure you read Section F.3 in the Region I Championships Rules Manual located on the Region I Website - Allow plenty of travel time getting to the fields)

RULE F11. PLAYER/TEAM OFFICIAL PASSES for the U-16 & OLDER AGE GROUPS: The Under 16 & Older Age Group may have a maximum of twenty-two (22) players on their team roster and a maximum of eighteen (18) players on each game roster. The Region I Championships Committee will provide each Under 17 & Older team copies of their Team Roster that was approved by their State Association. For each game, it will be the responsibility of a Team Official to cross out the names of the players who will not be participating in the team's game. The team's game roster can have a maximum of eighteen (18) players. The marked roster must be presented to the Game Officials before the start of each game. The player passes of the players who are not on the game roster will be given to the Game Officials. Upon completion of each game the Game Officials will return the player passes to the appropriate Team Officials

The players not on the game roster may be on the team bench but they may not be in uniform and they must wear a credential around their neck provided by the Region I Championships Committee.

RULE G1. TEAM AND PLAYER BREACH OF RULES If a player is sent-off from any game, the player's pass together with the referee's report of the incident shall be turned over, by the referee, to the Region I Championships Committee. A player that has been sent off during a match, must be immediately escorted to the Region I Championships Site HQ for the remainder of the match. If the resulting suspension is to be served at the current Region I Championships, then the player will report to the Site HQ one (1) hour prior to said game to receive an Inactive Player Badge (from the Region I Championships Committee). The player may sit on the team bench side providing he/she is dressed in street clothes and wearing the Inactive Player Badge.

RULE G6. TEAM AND PLAYER BREACH OF RULES If a Team Official is dismissed from any game, the team official's pass together with the referee's report of the incident shall be turned over to the Region I Championships Committee by the referee. A team official that has been dismissed during a match, must be immediately escorted to the Region I Championships Site HQ for the remainder of the match.

HOME TEAM–VISITING TEAM: Team listed first is the home team. The visiting team will have the choice of jersey colors. If in the opinion of the referee there is a color conflict, the home team shall change jerseys.

TEAM BENCH REMINDER: Team Bench Passes **MUST** be worn and **MUST** be visible to the Referees and Tournament Officials at all times while your match is going on or you will be asked to leave.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT: Please read your Rules for the required information. Teams will be permitted to wear sleeveless jerseys.

YELLOW CARDS: Yellow Cards **DO NOT** accumulate from game to game in the Region I Championships.

TIE BREAKER RULES: Please refer to the Region I Championships Rules located on the website and in your Tournament program.

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS: If a game is tied at the end of the regulation play, two complete overtime periods will be played at the end of normal playing time. If game is still tied after the end of overtime play, FIFA "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" rules will apply in order to determine the winner.

SIGN-IN, PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS: Tuesday, **July 7th** Championships Games at the Barboursville City Park Soccer Complex will be the only games that players and team officials will have to sign-in. Each team must report to the Region I Championships Committee HQ Tent. (Field map forthcoming on website) Do not go to the field without signing in before your Championships Game. Failure to do so will result in your team being escorted to the designated sign-in area so this activity can be completed and then you will be allowed to return to your field. **Read Grace Period Rule.**

AWARDS CEREMONY AFTER SEMI-FINALS: At Barboursville City Park there will be two (2) designated areas for the presentation of the Bronze Medals. When available the site locations will be placed on a map on the Region I website. All teams are expected to report for the presentation of the Bronze Medals.

AWARDS CEREMONY AFTER FINALS: At Barboursville City Park there will be two (2) designated areas for the presentation of the Silver and Gold Medals. One area will be for the Under 12 and 13 age groups and the other area will be for the Under 14 through Under 19 age groups. All teams are expected to report for the presentation of the Silver and Gold Medals in a timely fashion.

US YOUTH SOCCER and SPONSOR BANNERS: At the Tournament Headquarters Hotel, the Pullman Plaza Hotel, Marshal University, Barboursville City Park and the Kennedy Community Center there will be many US Youth Soccer and Sponsor Banners displayed on fences, buildings etc. These Banners **ARE NOT** for the taking and are to remain in place throughout the Region I Championships. Any participant caught taking these Banners **MAY BE suspended** from participating in the 2009 Region I Championships. Please make sure your players are informed not to take the banners.

REGION I ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY: Coaches and Assistant Coaches are expected to maintain a high level of sportsmanship, professionalism, and integrity both on and off the field. Coaches must maintain respect for the game as well as the referees and all others involved with the game. Coaches are charged with the responsibility of controlling their players and parents at all times during a match. Coaches lead and teach by example. They are expected to have respect for the game, the authority of the referee, and his/her assistants.

Region I Officials, Region I Championships Committee, Region I Referee Committee, and referees will be taking a Zero Tolerance. Any harassment, foul or abusive language along with berating of the referees, players or fans during or after the match by players, coaches or parents will be dealt with under Zero Tolerance.

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Pullman Plaza Hotel (Phone: 304-525-1001)
1001 Third Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701

Marshall University
1 John Marshall Drive, Huntington, WV 25755

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Barboursville City Park Soccer Complex
6099 Booten Creek Road, Barboursville, WV 25004

Scott Orthopedic SC at the YMCA Kennedy Center
5800 Ohio River Road, Huntington, WV 25703