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Overview

Welcome to the 6th Annual Hellenic Soccer Tournament organized and presented by the most successful sports web site outside of Greece – GREEKSOCCE.COM. This is a one of a kind event that brings together Hellenic Soccer teams from all over the globe in one location at Schaumburg, Illinois, USA.

If your team has competed in our tournament - thank you and we hope you will return. If you are considering entering for the first time, let us assure you that your team will be treated to a premier soccer experience. The Northern Cook County/Southern Lake County area is a great place to visit, and you will find the friendly atmosphere refreshing.

This Hellenic soccer tournament is open to all ages. At the end of the tournament there will be only one undisputed Hellenic Soccer tournament champion (per division)! This packet explains all the details of the tournament, as well as it provides you with the forms needed to be filled out and submitted by the required deadlines.

We look forward to your participation at the Hellenic Soccer Tournament. If there is any way we can help or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send us an email at tournament@greeksoccer.com or give our Tournament Director John Kosmas a call at his mobile phone: 1-847-722-4848.

For all the latest information visit our tournament web site at: <http://www.greeksoccer.com/tournament>

Our 5th Annual Hellenic Tournament pictures, standings, results, etc can be found here:
<http://www.greeksoccer.com/tournament/2010/chicago2010.htm>

Important Dates and Deadlines

Pre-registration Deadline:	July 1, 2011
Final Registration Deadline:	July 15, 2011
	http://www.greeksoccer.com/forms/tournament.php
Entry Fee Deadline:	July 15, 2011
	(\$100 late fee added if payment received after this date)
Group Draw:	August 15, 2011
All Forms Due By:	August 15, 2011
Player & Team Registrations:	September 2, 2011 (3:00PM - 7:00PM) September 3, 2011 (12:00AM - 2:00PM)
	All registrations to take place at the GREEKSOCCE.COM Booth (at the entrance of Olympic Park Fields)
Group/ Finals Games:	September 2, 2011 (8:00PM - 11:00PM) September 3, 2011 (3:00PM - 11:00PM) September 4, 2011 (10:00AM - 6:00PM)
Awards Ceremony:	September 4, 2011

Fees/Costs

Note: All fees are in US dollars.

Tournament Registration Fee - \$900 per team (includes refundable \$100 deposit)

The entry fee for each team is and it must be submitted with the Final Tournament Registration by July 15, 2011. The fee includes a \$100.00 deposit that helps maintain the integrity of the tournament, and will be refunded after your team has participated in all of its scheduled tournament games.

Participating Teams

Please refer to the tournament website for the latest updates on teams participating:

<http://www.greeksoccer.com/tournament/>

Trophies

All tournament divisions will receive:

- First , Second, Third place teams: Trophy
- First place teams will also receive player & coach medals

Rules & Information

1. **Men's Open Competitive Division** - This is the ONLY division that teams DO NOT HAVE to meet the minimum requirement of Greek players on their roster (22 player roster maximum). Any player can play at any time without us having to check if they are Greek or non-Greek.

ROSTERS: Completed Rosters must be turned in to the registration desk no later than one hour prior to your first game. Please see the table above for dates and location information. A total of 22 players can be used in the tournament. If the initial roster contains fewer than 22 players, additional players may be added during the scheduled registration times mentioned above but no new players can be added for the play-off games.

2. **All Other Divisions** - Teams will be allowed to have only 5 non-Greek players on their roster (22 player roster maximum). This way any player can play at any time without us having to check if they are Greek or non-Greek. This means that you can have 6 Greek players and 5 non-Greek players on the pitch.

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3. All Players, due to insurance reasons, must be registered for this tournament. Players who are not registered cannot play.

When: September 2, 2011 (3:00PM - 7:00PM) & September 3, 2011 (12:00AM - 2:00PM)

Where: GREEKSOCCE.COM Booth at the Olympic Park Entrance Gate

What you need to bring with in order to register: Team Managers need to bring COMPLETED roster/waiver forms with player signatures. In order for the players to be allowed to play they need to bring with them one of the following in order to acquire their "player wristband":

- a) Your own team registration card (w/photo)
 - b) Driver's License
 - c) Photo ID
 - d) Passport
4. First team listed on the schedule is designated the home team. In case of uniform color conflict with the opposing team, the home team must change. The home team shall also supply the game ball.
 5. All matches for the Hellenic Soccer Tournament will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.
 6. Men's Open Division (recreational or competitive) teams can use up to 2 players from the Over-30/Over-40 but not vice-versa. Over-40 Division teams can use up to 2 players between the ages of 35-39.
 7. Teams are not allowed to have guest players from other clubs participating in the tournament.
 8. Every team needs to check in with the referees 15 minutes before their respective games.
 9. Players who are shown the red card must follow tournament rules and sit out the next game.
 10. Players who show extreme behavior during the game, such as fighting or attacking a referee or any other person during the game, will be suspended from the tournament indefinitely.
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 11. Teams that show extreme behavior at any point during the tournament, such as arguing referee calls, fighting or attacking a referee or any other team during the tournament will be suspended from the tournament indefinitely.
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 12. A player is ineligible if any of the following occurs:
 - a. He is not on the roster.
 - b. He is not registered with the Hellenic Soccer Tournament.
 - c. He is red-carded (1 Game Suspension).
 - d. His team has been eliminated or disqualified.
 13. All decisions made during the match and/or contest can only be made by the referee assigned to that match and cannot be overruled by the tournament director or staff. In the event a referee terminates a match (different from temporarily suspending) the score will be recorded, as it was when the game was stopped.
 14. Teams have 5 minutes to show up for the schedule match, if a team does not show up within those 5 minutes the opposing team will be given a 2-0 win.
 15. Teams need a minimum of seven (7) players to start and compete in a tournament match. If a game is canceled for any reason by tournament officials, the game is considered a 0-0 tie (if Final penalty shoot-out to ensue).
 16. There are no yellow card accumulations. If a player receives a red card they will miss their team's next game.
 17. There will be unlimited substitutions with the permission of the referee at the following times: (a) possession of a throw in; (b) either teams goal kick; (c) either team scores a goal; (d) at the beginning of the second half; (e) in case of injury, the player may remain in the match. unlimited substitution; (f) all substitutes must enter the playing field from the half way line and should not enter the playing field until the player they are replacing has reached the touchline at midfield.
 18. Teams that do not show up/play their scheduled tournament game they will lose with a 3-0 scoreline and also be deducted 3 points.

Format

1. There will be four divisions – Men’s Open Competitive, Men’s Open, Men’s Over 40, & Men’s Over 50.
2. All games are 2 x 30 minutes except (all teams are guaranteed to play 4 games) the finals which are 2 x 45, and will be played on the assigned fields at Schaumburg’s Olympic Park complex (please see Olympic Park section below for park details & regulations).
 - a) There will be final games from each division featuring the 1st v 2nd placed teams (determines tournament champion), and 3rd v 5th placed teams (determines 3rd place team), and so on. If divisions have an odd number of teams registered, the last team on the division after group play (4 games guaranteed) will not play a final game.
3. All games will feature three referees.

THERE IS GOING TO BE STRICT ENFORCEMENT (teams will forfeit games) if any players or teams argue referee decisions or calls.

4. Matches that are tied at the end of regulation (applies only to semi-finals and finals), the tie will be broken by the use of 5 penalty shots. Each team will select (5) players to kick - only players on the field at the end of the game may be selected. After the first 5 penalty shots any player from the team can be used.
 - a. Team will alternate kicks - first team to kick will be determined by the referee's coin flip
 - b. If the score remains tied after five (5) kicks, teams will alternate kicks one at a time until a winner is determined
 - c. All eligible players must kick before any eligible player can repeat
 - d. Goalies may be changed after any shot

Group Ranking Criteria

- Teams will be awarded points according to the following:
 - o Win = 3 points
 - o Tie = 1 points
 - o Loss = 0 points
 - o In the case of a forfeit (i.e. team does not show up), the winning team is awarded a 2-0 victory.
- Group Tiebreakers:

If at the end of preliminary group matches two or more teams are tied with the same number of points the following tiebreakers will be used:

(1) If only two teams are tied: (a) result of head-to-head competition; (b) goal differential; (c) fewest goals allowed; (d) most goals scored; (e) penalty shots.

(2) If more than two teams are tied and all the teams involved have played each other, use the tiebreakers in # 1 until a clear winner has been determined.

(3) If more than two teams are tied and all the teams did not play each other use the tiebreakers in # 1 starting with: (a) goal differential, until a clear winner has been determined; (b) number of teams tied has been reduced to two.

*If the number of teams tied has been reduced to two then return to (1a) and begin the process again.

Insurance

The Hellenic Soccer Tournament is sanctioned by the Illinois State Soccer Association. If you are not a US Club Soccer member, there is insurance information available on the tournament web site. If you need additional information, please call the tournament director.

Player Equipment

All players and teams participating must meet the following requirements. **Shin guards must be worn.** No jewelry will be allowed. Where jersey colors are similar, the away team (which is team that is listed second on the schedule) must change their jersey. All teams must bring two different jerseys. All socks must be pulled up over the shin guards and jersey's tucked in at the start of the match and beginning of the second half and overtime periods. No duplicate jersey numbers will be permitted whether on the sidelines or on the field of play. All jerseys must have a number on them.

Casts and braces: The referee for each match will be the sole judge as to whether a player wearing an orthopedic cast or braces shall be eligible to participate.

Eyewear: Players with prescription glasses must wear sports goggles while participating in our tournament.

Player, Coach, Bench Personnel, Spectator Behavior

All players, coaches, bench personnel and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the spirit as well as the letter of the Law of the Game. Referees have been specifically instructed to run the matches according to this spirit and will act accordingly. Dissent from players, coaches, bench personnel and/or spectators will not be tolerated; cautions and/or dismissals will result. Players are encouraged to play all matches with intensity and desire. However, unnecessary physical play particularly that with intent to injure will not be tolerated; cautions and/or dismissals will result. Coaches are responsible for the actions of the players, bench personnel and spectators as well as those of himself. Players who are dismissed from a match will not be allowed to participate in the next match. Coaches, bench personnel or spectators dismissed from a match will be banned from further tournament competition. Dismissed coaches, bench personnel and spectators with in "sight" or "sound" of his/her teams match(es) may be grounds for his/her team(s) being disqualified from the tournament. Players who are dismissed for fighting may be banned from further tournament participation. The tournament director will make this decision. His / her decision is final and binding. Teams will be held responsible for adhering to this rule. Any team playing a dismissed player outside of this rule will be disqualified from the tournament and all matches played by the team.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to terminate the participation of a team in the tournament if the behavior of the player(s), coach(es), bench personnel and/or spectators creates an atmosphere in which a match(es) cannot be completed with the spirit and letters of the Laws.

Inclement Weather

Regardless of weather conditions, players and managers must be at the Olympic Park site at the scheduled playing time, ready to play. The master schedule is posted at <http://www.greeksoccer.com/tournament>. All paper copies of the schedule are only tentative schedules. It is the manager's responsibility to check the master schedule for changes. A minimum of 7 players must be prepared to play before a team will be allowed to start a match and continue playing a match. The tournament director may reduce the length or terminate the match due to weather conditions; all such matches will be considered to be official.

IMPORTANT: Olympic Park officials will cancel the matches due to inclement weather and adverse field conditions.

Protests

Referee decisions may not be protested. All other appeals will be decided by the tournament committee. The tournament committee shall rule on all matters not covered herein, and their decision is final.

Accommodations

IMPORTANT: We have reserved a block of rooms on our official tournament hotel (Marriott) so please call them at your earliest convenience and book your club rooms.

Please reference: The **Hellenic Soccer Tournament** in order to receive the tournament rate!

You may reserve the rooms by calling Marriott Reservations at **(847) 240-0100** and requesting the Hellenic Soccer Tournament rates of:

1) With breakfast - \$99

This option will give up to four (4) guests of a room the ability to utilize the breakfast buffet for the duration of your stay. Online reservation at:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chisb?groupCode=hsthstb&app=resvlink&fromDate=9/2/11&toDate=9/5/11>

2) Without breakfast - \$89

Online Reservation at:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chisb?groupCode=hsthsta&app=resvlink&fromDate=9/2/11&toDate=9/5/11>

Note: Requests must be made by **Wednesday, August 10, 2011** in order to qualify for the tournament group rate.

Tournament organizers have reserved a block of rooms at the above special rates for September 2, 2011 (Friday night) to September 4, 2011 (Sunday night). These rooms can accommodate up to 4 adult players (2 double beds). Remember, the Awards ceremony is on Sunday, September 4, 2011 so you will most likely be checking out of the rooms on Monday September 5, 2011.

The hotel is located very close to the tournament venue at Olympic Park – less than 300 feet away. It's also in an area that offers you many shopping and dining options.

Chicago Marriott Schaumburg, 50 N. Martingale Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173

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<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chisb-chicago-marriott-schaumburg>

The Streets of Woodfield mall is less than a mile away, and the massive Woodfield Mall and an IKEA furniture store are nearby. You will find many restaurants as Shaw's Crab House, and Maggiano's Little Italy. If you're looking for Greek fun or food, the area also offers Greek Village Taverna and Yannis Restaurant.

Schaumburg is close to Chicago's O'Hare airport (about 20 minutes) has lots of hotels, shopping malls, bars, and restaurants. It is about 40 minutes away from downtown Chicago.

Athletico Services

Athletico is excited to provide athletic training and first aide coverage for the 5th Annual Hellenic Soccer Tournament.

Athletico will provide certified athletic trainers on site at the soccer field during the tournament for any registered team player. Services will include taping, bandaging, injury management, and if need be emergency care. Band-Aids and other basic first aid supplies will be available through Athletico.

If a registered team player would like to be taped (ex: ankle sprain), **the athlete must provide their own tape**. Our on staff certified athletic trainers will provide the evaluations and applications for taping, bandaging, and injury management.

Web: <http://www.athletico.com>

Olympic Park Directions

Olympic Park Complex
50 Martingale Road
Schaumburg, Illinois 60195



The tournament will be held on 6 Synthetic Turf Soccer Fields (#1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7) and 1 Natural Grass Soccer Field (#6).

Directions

From Chicago

- Take The Kennedy Expressway (I-90) west. Follow signs "To Rockford".
- Exit onto 53- I290 South.
- Exit at Higgins Road.
- Turn right (west) onto Higgins
- Make quick left (south) onto Martingale Road.
- Turn right (west) at Schaumburg Road
- Make a quick left into the Olympic Park Parking lot.

Olympic Park Rules



We hope that you enjoy your experience at Olympic Park. Please help to protect this community asset by observing the following rules.

- All field use is by **permit** only. Please call (847) 891-1266 or visit www.parkfun.com for field rental information.
- **Animals** are not allowed inside the soccer complex.
- **Smoking** inside the fenced area is prohibited.
- **No food** (including **sunflower seeds**), **gum** or **chewing tobacco** is allowed on the synthetic turf surface.
- **Metal spiked shoes** are not allowed on the synthetic turf surface.
- Clean athletic shoes (free of mud) and plastic cleats are permissible.
- During athletic competitions all **spectators** shall remain off of the synthetic turf surface.
- Moving of **portable soccer** goals by authorized personnel only.
- Only free standing field markers and sports equipment may be used on the synthetic turf surface. **No stakes**, posts, poles or markers of any kind may be driven into the synthetic turf surface.
- No unauthorized **tents, chairs or shade structures** on the synthetic turf surface.
- **Grills** or other open fire cooking structures are prohibited.
- **Alcohol** is not allowed in the park.
- Authorized vehicles only.
- No **glass** containers.
- Please dispose of all **garbage**.



Parking

All fields are walking distance from the tournament hotel, but if you choose so to drive there is no parking fees once at the facility.

Cancellation Policy

The Hellenic Soccer Tournament organizers (GREEKSOCCE.COM) will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event games are discontinued or cancelled due to inclement weather or adverse field conditions. No refunds will be made unless the tournament is cancelled, in which case refunds will be refunded at a prorated amount of the entry fee based on the number of games played. All decisions and/or interpretations made by the tournament committee are final.

Contact Information

There are many questions that are not covered in the scope of this tournament packet. Please feel free to contact the tournament director below with any questions regarding the tournament.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- Is the tournament fee in US dollars?

Yes.

- Do you accept credit cards for the entry fee?

Yes.

- Can we send cash for the entry fee?

Yes. Cash payments can be received at the following PAYPAL address - shop@greeksoccer.com.

- Who do we make the money orders or checks payable to?

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- Where do we mail the tournament entry fee checks, forms, etc.?

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- How many Greek players must be playing on the field at all times?

Since this is a Hellenic Tournament we are trying to make sure that the majority of players on the field are Greek. Please read the specific division rules contained in this packet for the number of Greek vs non-Greek players.