

Seattle Sounders FC Corporate Cup 2010

Frequently Asked Questions

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Note: This is an online document and will be updated frequently based any questions that surface. If you have a question that is not included below, please email info@sounderscorporategcup.com. We'll answer your question and then add it to this document so that everyone can have the answer.

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Corporate Qualifications:

Q. Are we qualified to enter our corporation/company?

A. There are some specific criteria for entering your business into the Cup. You do not have to be an incorporated company in order to participate, but you must fulfill one of the following criteria:

- Publically traded company
- Privately-held company with Pacific NW business or sports ties
- Sounders FC or America Scores Seattle Corporate Partner

If you don't fit into these categories, please email info@sounderscorporategcup.com. The tournament organizers will review exception requests on a case-by-case basis.

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Fundraising:

Q. What if we have questions about fundraising for our \$5500 entry fee?

A. We are glad to help you brainstorm fundraising ideas! Your company may have charitable matching for non-profit organizations - many match dollar donations at 50%. If this is the case at your company, then you'll just need to raise \$2750, which amounts to \$137.50/person for a 20-man 11 v 11 men's team and \$196.42/person for a 14-person 7 v 7 co-ed team. We recommend having the team players fundraise themselves – this really helps connect them to the event and the charitable purpose for it. If they each find 10



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people who would donate \$20/each to cover the cost for them to play (assuming you have corporate matching), then you've got it covered.

- Q.** One of the tournament benefits listed for participating businesses is a *Sounders FC player appearance at your corporation for help in fundraising your entry fee (local businesses only)*. What format / details can we expect for the Sounders player appearance at our business?
- A.** The club will provide 2-3 players, based on their availability and other appearance schedules, for no more than 1.5 hours. The preferred format is a panel during which we ask that you provide 10 minutes for SCORES Seattle to present an overview of their program/non-profit, the Sounders players to then discuss their work in the community via the club's four charity partners, one of which is SCORES. After that you are free to open to a general Q&A followed by autographs or another inventive way through which you'd like to engage the players to help you fundraise.
- Q.** When is our entry fee due?
- A.** A non-refundable \$500.00 deposit is due at the time of registration (May 31st deadline), with the \$5,000.00 balance due by July 1st, 2010.
- Q.** Is America SCORES Seattle a non-profit?
- A.** Yes. America SCORES Seattle is a registered 501 (c)(3) organization and an affiliate of the national organization America SCORES.

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Logistics:

- Q.** Who is administering the tournament – do we need player cards?
- A.** The Greater Seattle Soccer League is administering the tournament.
- Q.** Is it expected that players will be required to have GSSL player cards for the tourney?
- A.** Yes. Player cards will be used to track rostered players and yellow/red cards. The cost for players cards is included in your \$5500 registration fee. More information on obtaining your cards will be communicated closer to the event, but team managers will need to collect player photos and their details and then coordinate with the GSSL office.



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Q. Are shinguards required to play?

A. Yes. In both the 7 v 7 and 11 v 11 brackets.

Q. Is there any chance you'll be able to keep track of potential primary jersey colors and alert us to potential conflicts? Do we need away jerseys?

A. Yes. We will track kit colors (you will provide info on your jersey color in the registration process). We will supply pinnies in the event of color conflicts if you don't want to purchase an away kit. We are also arranging a team jersey discount with a local soccer retailer. Information will be communicated after registration closes in April.

Q. Do we need jersey numbers?

A. Yes. Numbers are required for your jerseys. We encourage you to show your company spirit can wear jerseys that represent your corporate colors or branding! Think about the photo opportunities!!

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Team & Team Members:

Q. Who is eligible to play on our team?

A. Team members must be 18 or older and current employees of your company, either full-time, vendor or contractor. Significant others of employees are not eligible to play. An honor system is in place, but the Cup organizers may do periodic checks or inquiries as necessary or if questions arise. Play fair, follow the rules and have fun!

Q. Can players on our 11-man team also play on our 7-person co-ed team?

A. No. Unfortunately the schedule won't work in your favor. Both brackets will play simultaneously on July 24-25th. You should roster 20 for your men's team and a different set of 14 players for your co-ed team should you decide to go that route.



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- Q.** By what date do our rostered players technically have to be employees of our company?
- A.** Team managers will have to submit photos of each player and their final written rosters by Friday, July 16th. We'll create GSSL player cards and distribute those to the teams at the Pre-Tournament party on Friday, July 23rd. For this reason, the requirement for employee start dates is Friday, July 16th.
- Q.** Do we have to be a Seattle-based company?
- A.** No. Corporations from all around the Pacific Northwest (from Vancouver, BC to Portland, OR to Western WA) have been invited to play in the tournament.
- Q.** Is there a discount hotel for traveling teams?
- A.** Yes. We are working with several local Sounders FC hotel partners to provide corporate discounts on hotel rooms. Location will be in downtown Seattle.

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Tournament Format:

- Q.** Which bracket should we enter?
- A.** The 11 v 11 bracket is the more serious of the two. 7 v 7 teams will have good players and the competition is expected to be good, but 11 v 11 men's teams likely will have played together in league play and practiced quite a bit.
- Q.** How many teams are you expecting in each bracket?
- A.** We have the field space and capacity to host eight 11 v 11 men's teams and twenty-four 7 v 7 co-ed teams.
- Q.** How many matches will each team play?
- A.** In both brackets each team will play a minimum of three matches. In the 7 v 7 bracket – if teams advance through to the final match at Qwest Field they'll play seven matches total. In the 11 v 11 bracket teams if teams advance through to the final match at Qwest Field they'll play four matches total.



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Q. How long is each match?

A. 11 v 11 men's matches will be a seventy minutes (35 minute halves). 7 v 7 seven matches will be 40 minutes (20 minute halves).

Q. What are the tournament rules of play?

A. The rules vary by the bracket:

11 v 11 Men's Bracket will play using full FIFA rules, including slide tackling, offsides, no passing back to the keeper's hands, etc. The one exception is that you are allowed unlimited player substitutions.

7 v 7 Co-Ed Bracket will play on a small field, with modified tournament rules. The complete rules will be published prior to the tournament, but will include: no passing back to the keeper's hands, no offside rule in effect, no slide-tackling, unlimited substitutions, three women must be on the pitch at all times.

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