

# 2009 Ohio Area State Tournament

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Congratulations and welcome to the 2009 Ohio Area State Tournament!

We have enclosed your team materials. If there are any problems or questions, please contact us immediately via e-mail at [OAST@fuse.net](mailto:OAST@fuse.net).

The Date, Time, and Playing field for your team's first game, your opponent, as well as whether your team is considered the "Home Team" or "Visiting Team" for that game is shown. For some teams with "byes" on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the identity of the opposing team will be determined by the outcome of their game on November 14<sup>th</sup>. When these are known, they will be posted on the Tournament Website (<http://www.ohiosay.org>)

**If your Area entered both First, Second or Third place teams, they are clearly marked as such.**

**NOTE: If you are uncertain whether your team is First, Second or Third place, immediately contact your Area President for clarification. The determination of which teams are First, Second or Third place entries is entirely up to your Area. Do not contact the OAST - we do not have that information.**

## **ROSTERS:**

Please coordinate with your area to ensure that your Team's roster is received by the Tournament Committee by not later than 5 P. M., on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. These rosters can be faxed to 513-563-4573 or, **PREFERABLY**, e-mailed to [LLeMen@cityofsharonville.com](mailto:LLeMen@cityofsharonville.com); and must contain the minimum information described in the Tournament Rules.

## **FIELD SUPERVISORS:**

**You are responsible for providing a Field Supervisor for each game in which your team participates.**

The "Field Supervisor Report Form" is the "Official" record of the game.

The role of the Field Supervisor is spelled out generally in the rules, and detailed instructions are provided for the completion of the "Field Supervisor Report Form".

**You are responsible for instructing the Field Supervisors and for ensuring that they correctly complete the Field Supervisor's Report Form and, for each game your team wins, for turn-in of the Field Supervisors Report Forms of both your team and that of your opponent immediately upon completion of the game.**

## **TEAM LISTINGS IN PROGRAMS:**

Your team may have names of Coaches and Players printed in the program for no charge.

Submit your Team's information via the Tournament Website's "Program Team Listing" Link.

**NOTE: The deadline for Team Listing submissions is 5 P. M., on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## **TEAM ADS IN PROGRAMS:**

Additionally, if your Team's Parents or Sponsor, are interested in promoting the team's accomplishments and wishing them good luck in the Tournament, a "Team Ad" may be purchased. Information about Team Ads is detailed on the enclosed NWCCSAY flyer.

**NOTE: The deadline for Team Advertisement submissions is 5 P. M., on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## **SHIRT ORDERS:**

Commemorative Tournament Shirts may be ordered in advance as detailed on the enclosed "IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR COACHES" flyer.

## **PROGRAMS & COMMEMORATIVE PATCHES**

Programs and commemorative Patches for each team's participating players and up to three Rostered Coaches will be provided at the tournament at no charge.

**For additional information or if you have questions, please first check the tournament website (<http://www.ohiosay.org>) or e-mail: [OAST@fuse.net](mailto:OAST@fuse.net)**

## **TOURNAMENT RULE REMINDERS:**

While there is a copy of the tournament rules enclosed, we'd like to call to your attention to a few items of particular interest to coaches:

### **1. TEAM CHECK IN**

The team's head coach must check-in prior to any game at the Tournament.

The team's head coach may check in

- A. on the evening prior to the teams first scheduled game from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM at the OAST registration table at the Sheraton Cincinnati North, 11320 Chester Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45246; OR
- B. on the day of their first scheduled game and all subsequent games at the Registration and Check-in Building at the following times - but in no event later than 30 minutes before every game.
  - (1) U- 8 Passers - 35 minutes before scheduled game time.
  - (2) U-10 Wings - 45 minutes before scheduled game times
  - (3) U-12 Strikers - 45 minutes before scheduled game time.
  - (4) U-14 Kickers - 35 minutes before scheduled game time.
  - (5) U-16 Minors and U-19 Seniors, 60 Minutes before game time

### **2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND ROSTERS**

#### **A. ELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

To be eligible to participate as a player in the Ohio State Tournament, the player

- (1) must be a rostered Fall Season SAY player AND
- (2) may NOT also have been rostered or have played on a High School or College team.

#### **B. ROSTER PRESENTATION**

A copy of the Team Roster that was faxed or e-mailed to the Tournament Committee for initial approval must also be presented at the time of registration at the tournament by the Head Coach and, after initial approval by the Committee, MUST be held by the Coach and made available for inspection during all games during the tournament.

#### **C. ROSTER FORMAT**

- (1) Team Rosters can be submitted in the format that is in use within your Area.
- (2) However, regardless of its format, the Roster
  - (A) MUST contain information that is identical to that on file with your League, SAY Area and SAY
  - (B) MUST contain at least the following information:
    - i. The Players: Last and First Names, Date of Birth, Home address, Home telephone number and Shirt number
    - ii. The Coaches: Last and First Names
    - iii. A clear identification of the SAY Area, SAY District, Playing Division, the Team's Name and, (optionally) the team's sponsor (if any).
  - (C) MUST identify your SAY Area President (INCLUDING those Team Rosters that are computer generated).
- (3) Regardless of their format,
  - (A) rosters submitted by the Area President need not be signed,
  - (B) rosters submitted by other than the Area President MUST be signed; and the name of the SAY Area's President and his/her signature MUST appear somewhere on the roster as verification that the team is the Area's representative

#### **D. ROSTERED PLAYERS**

- (1) Only eligible players shown on the roster may participate in the Ohio State Tournament.
- (2) If at the time of the registration it is known that any rostered player will not be playing or present at the game for any reason (e.g.: discipline, illness, family vacation etc.) the coach must submit a written statement providing details of the reason to the Tournament Committee when registering.

NOTE: All such statements must be signed by the player's parent / guardian or, the District Representative or the Area President with a contact phone number that may be used to verify its authenticity.
- (3) If, at the time of the game, any rostered player is not present for reasons unknown to the coach, such absence shall be promptly reported to the Tournament Committee.
- (4) Any unexcused absence deemed inappropriate by the Tournament Committee shall be grounds for forfeiture of that game and the decision of the Tournament Committee is final and is not subject to further appeal.

### **E. ROSTER VERIFICATION**

The Ohio State Tournament Committee reserves the right to randomly verify

- (1) the data on all rosters submitted.
- (2) the identity of all players and coaches.
- (3) the reasons stipulated for any rostered players absence.

### **4. FIELD SUPERVISORS**

- A. For each game, the Head Coach of each team shall select a parent from their team who is not a Coach to act as a Field Supervisor.
- B. The Head Coach has been supplied with detailed written instructions for the Field Supervisor and the form necessary for completion.
- C. The Head Coach is responsible for instructing the Field Supervisor on their responsibilities.
- D. The Field Supervisor will be responsible for:
  - (1) pre-game verification of the identity and eligibility of players on the opposing team.

**NOTE: No protest for ineligible players will be considered if made after the start of the game.**

  - (2) tracking the playing time of players for both teams and goals scored for both teams in writing on the form supplied
  - (3) verifying playing times and goals scored for both teams with their opponent's Field Supervisor before the start of the next quarter and at the end of the game.
- D. The Head Coach of the winning team is responsible for collection and turn-in of the reports of both Field Supervisors to the Registration and Check-in Building immediately after their game.

### **5. GAME STARTING TIMES**

- A. All Games are expected to start at the scheduled time.
- B. All teams shall be treated as if they are "Home" Teams and no additional "grace period" time will be allowed for "Visiting" teams.
- C. Failure to field the minimum number of players at the later of the scheduled or actual starting time may result in game forfeiture.

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### **7. UNIFORM COLOR CONFLICTS**

- A. We will not hold to strict enforcement of matching uniforms.
- B. Extra clothing may be worn under the uniform. Soft hats and gloves will be permitted. Common sense will prevail.
- C. The Home Team (the team shown in the top bracket) is responsible to change Jerseys if there is a color conflict.
- D. It is recommended that all Teams bring alternate colored shirts for all players. Such shirts may be worn over their team jersey and must be of the same color, but need not be numbered. **BE PREPARED.**

### **10. COACHING**

- A. ALL coaching instruction from the sidelines must be
  - (1) made only from the team side of the field no closer to the Touchline than one yard and outside the boundaries of the Penalty (or Goalkeeper Areas); and
  - (2) limited to positive and encouraging direction.
- B. Only three Coaches listed on the team's Roster are permitted to instruct players.

### **13. GENERAL**

- A. Except as noted herein, all games will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as detailed in the SAY rule book.
- B. U-8 Passers division games will be 7 vs. 7, with a maximum of 14 rostered Players, and shall be played on the smaller fields provided. There will be no "second chance" on improper throw-ins.
- C. U-10 Wings division games will be 9 vs. 9, with a maximum of 18 rostered Players, and shall be played on the smaller fields provided.
- D. All other games will be 11 vs. 11 and shall be played on the fields provided.
- E. In all games other than the Finals, the quarters of regulation play in the U-16 Minors and U-19 Seniors divisions shall be 15 minutes in duration
- F. Co-ed teams will play in the Boys Division