

NIRSA NATIONAL SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Request for Proposal

Event: 2022 NIRSA National Soccer Championships

Date: Wednesday, November 16 – Sunday, November 20 (tournament Thursday through Saturday)

Deadline: December 20, 2021

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Association Profile: NIRSA is the premier association of leaders in collegiate recreation who transform lives and facilitate the development of healthy communities worldwide. By providing opportunities for learning and growth, supporting and sharing meaningful research, and fostering networking among our member community, NIRSA is a leader in higher education and champion for the advancement of recreation, sport, and wellness. Since its foundation in 1950, NIRSA membership has grown to comprise nearly 4,000 dedicated professionals, students, and associates, serving an estimated 7.7 million students. NIRSA conducts 26 collegiate championships a year. NIRSA follows conventions that support leadership, sportsmanship, and respect while conducting quality tournament for the student participants.

Event Overview: The NIRSA National Soccer Championships began in 1994 for collegiate sport club teams. These teams from across the country are supported mainly by the campus Recreation Department, and compete in leagues outside the university. Participant demographics: 50% male, 50% female; average age is 20; age range is approximately 18 to 25; very healthy with limited disabilities requiring special accommodations. The NIRSA National Soccer Championships is conducted as a National Event to crown a collegiate sport club champion.

Expected Attendance: ~4,000

- 100+ Teams, averaging 20 players/team (48 men's, 48 women's, 8-12 co-rec Unified)
- 120 Coaches and team personnel
- 70 NISOA Officials
- 40 Staff
- ~2,000 traveling spectators



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Tournament Agenda: Event is the third week of November (date not negotiable)

- Tuesday, November 15: Venue set up
- Wednesday, November 16: Team practices (10 lighted fields)
- Thursday, November 17: Pool Play (16 lighted fields)
- Friday, November 18: Bracket Play (16 lighted fields)
- Saturday, November 19: Semis and Final Play (10 lighted fields)
- Sunday, November 20: Back-up day in case of inclement weather

Tournament Venue:

- Space #1: A minimum of 16 lighted soccer fields measuring a minimum length of 100 yards (110 yards preferred) and a minimum width of 70 yards (75 yards preferred), complete with field painting, goals, nets, corner flags, team benches, and bleacher seating for 25/field.
- Space #2: Saturday, early afternoon-evening. Event finals on one field, with event seating for 500, lighting, PA system, and electronic scoreboard. Stadium preferred, can be one of the fields that are used during the tournament.
- Tournament Desk: 20 X 20 covered area for game management
- Official Area: 30 X 30 covered area for shade and dining (includes tables and chairs)
- Trainers Area: 10 X 10 covered area for every 4-6 cluster of fields
- Tournament Merchandise Area: up to three 10 X 10 covered area with table, chairs and access to Wi-Fi

Lodging Requirements: Host hotel with 5 miles of the venue and 500 hotel rooms within a 12-15 miles radius.

<u>Tues., 11/15</u>	<u>Wed., 11/16</u>	<u>Thurs., 11/17</u>	<u>Fri., 11/18</u>	<u>Sat., 11/19</u>
20 D/D	500 D/D	500 D/D	500 D/D	400 D/D

- Affordable rates (preferred rate under \$130)
- All guest rooms require two Double or Queen beds, with a flat rate of 1-4 occupants.
- NIRSA will not sign any agreements that contain attrition clause
- Hotels to include a \$10 room per night rebate to NIRSA

Host Hotel

- 4 complimentary suites for tournament staff and VIPs (Mon. 11/14 – Sun. 11/20)
- 75 staff and officials rooms at a heavily discounted rate
- Complimentary breakfast for staff and officials
- Complimentary meeting space to accommodate 100+ theater style for officials' meeting
- Shuttle service to provide transport to the fields for officials and staff
- Complimentary parking



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Event History

2020	Event cancelled due to COVID-19
2021*, 2018, 2016	Foley Sports Tourism Complex Holiday Day Inn Express, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Comfort Suites, Hampton Inn, Hilton Garden Inn, Courtyard, Hotel Magnolia Foley, Alabama
2019	Round Rock Multipurpose Complex Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Marriott North, Home 2 Suites, Sleep Inn, Townplace Suites, Courtyard, Homewood Suites, Best Western Wingate by Wyndham, Hampton Inn Round Rock, Texas
2017, 2015, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2009	Reach 11 Sport Complex, hosted by Arizona State University Campus Recreation and Phoenix Sports Commission Embassy Suites Phoenix North, Sheraton Crescent, Courtyard by Marriott Happy Valley, Hilton Garden Inn Happy Valley Phoenix, Arizona
2014, 2012	Mike Rose Soccer Complex, hosted by Memphis Sports Commission Hilton Memphis, 4 Point Sheraton, Hampton Inn, Marriott, Hyatt Place Memphis, Tennessee
2008, 2005, 2003, 2001	University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa Sports Commission Fairfield Inn, Holiday Inn Express, La Quinta, Days Inn Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Other sites include: Brosnham Field Complex, Pensacola, Florida: 2007; Temple Sports Complex, Temple, Arizona: 2006; The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas: 2004, 2000, 1996, 1995, 1994; Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia: 1999, 1998, 1997; Bakersfield Soccer Complex, Bakersfield, California: 2002.

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CVB/Sports Commission Requirements

Provided Concessions to NIRSA

- Tournament Venue at no cost to NIRSA
 - 16 lighted field including the following on each field: team bench seating, goals, nets, scorer's table, water station
 - official's area, tournament desk, trainer's area, merchandise area
 - tables and chairs in areas listed above
 - complimentary parking
 - PA system on Championship field
 - Toilets for venue
- Equipment/staff for execution of the tournament at no or low cost to NIRSA
 - 10 golf carts
 - 40 two-way radios
 - At least 8 insured and certified athletic trainers on site during competition hours
 - Staff to maintain cleanliness of venue
 - Staff to maintain high quality condition of fields and goals
- List of possible regional/local sponsors for the event.
- \$10/night room rebate from all hotels used by the event
- Complimentary shuttle to and from airport for staff and officials
- Paid site visit to the city for 3 tournament staff (flight and hotel)

Please provide the following in RFP:

- Venue information and all provided concessions from CVB or Sports Commission
- Proposed hotel rates and information
- City map showing locations of field venues and hotel(s)
- Transportation for the city
 - Airport(s) and distance to venue
 - Airlines and average airfares
- Three references with phone numbers (prefer groups of similar size).
- Other possible grants and sponsorships provided by the City/CVB or Sports Commission

REVIEW PROCESS & POTENTIAL FOLLOW-UP SITE VISITS

All proposals meeting the required specifications will be reviewed by the Director of National Sport Programs and NIRSA Services Corporation Board of Directors. The final decision will be made by NIRSA's Executive Director.

