



32nd Annual Jr. Irish Memorial Day Invitational Soccer Tournament 2010

Dear Coach or Manager, Dear Coach or Manager,

I would like to invite your team to apply to play in the **32nd Annual Junior Irish Invitational in South Bend, Indiana, Saturday May 29 through Monday May 31, 2010**. This USSF approved tournament has become extremely competitive with some of the strongest club teams from across the Midwest participating. A list of some of the recent participants is shown below.

A number of characteristics have made this tournament among the most popular and competitive in Region II. All teams will play a minimum of four games (weather permitting). The championship rounds may include semi-final and final games, with all players U11 and older participating in the championship game receiving individual awards. All **U8/U9, U9 and U10** players **receive** participation **trophies**. Lodging at special tournament prices will be available at local hotels, which are in close geographical proximity to the tournament-playing sites. There is a wide variety of Memorial Day activities in the South Bend area and a number of interesting sites, including the College Football Hall of Fame and the University of Notre Dame campus, in the immediate vicinity. In fact, registration this year will be at the University of Notre Dame. Details on the exact location will be forthcoming.

In addition to the first class facility at the Jr. Irish Soccer Complex (located near the South Bend Regional airport), the 2010 MDI will be held at Newton Park in Lakeville, Indiana which houses four full sized fields with lights, bleachers and audio systems, along with five small sided fields, indoor restroom facilities and concession buildings. **We guarantee that you will not play on better fields** or see two better complexes than you will experience at our tournament.

To help accommodate all levels of play we ask that when completing your application you designate the division you wish to play in. The **Green division** is designated as the top division designed to accommodate travel teams considered in the top 25% of your state leagues. The **White division** is structured to provide top quality competition compatible for all other teams. We will do our best to create divisions and to place your team in the appropriate division based on your team's resume and the number of teams that participate at each age group. The number of teams at each age group will determine our ability to create divisions and to place your team in your desired division.

Please be aware that **we will follow** the Indiana Youth Soccer [guidelines for small-sided games](#). This may impact your **U8/U9, U9, U10, U11 or 12** team. See the "**Team Requirements**" section of our [tournament rules](#) for clarification.

We hope that you will decide to spend the Memorial Day weekend in South Bend. We can promise you outstanding competition, **first class facilities** and the genuine hospitality of the Jr. Irish Soccer Club.

Sincerely,
Barry Hall
Tournament Director
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Recent Participants:

Illinois: Team Chicago, Rockford United, Libertyville, SASA Raiders, Palatine Celtic, Darien Dynamo, Elmhurst Soccer Club, Windy City Pride, Brunswick Arsenal

Indiana: Jr. Irish, Elkhart Flames, Inner City Pumas, Inferno, Northwest United, Millenium, Fishers, Ft. Wayne Citadel, Ft. Wayne SC, Warsaw, Fusion

Michigan: Kalamazoo Soccer Club, LYSC, GSSC, SCSC, Rochester Select SC, WAZA, TKO, Georgetown Rangers, Vardar West, Fire Juniors

Missouri: Busch Soccer Club, Florissant, Coca-Cola, Lou Fusz

Ohio: Lakota, Perrysburg, Fairfield, Pickerington, Toledo Celtics, Greater Toledo FC, Kolping

Wisconsin: Brookfield, TOSA, Madison 56ers, Bavarian, Green Bay

Nebraska: River City

Minnesota: Team Mizuno

Kansas: Pele Soccer Club

Pennsylvania: Lake Erie United, Penns Forest, Foothills Soccer Club

Others: Erin Mills (Canada), Chargers Golden Eagles (Colorado), London City (Canada)

Jr. Irish Memorial Day Soccer Tournament Saturday, May 29 – Monday May 31, 2010

Format: The following single year age group divisions of tournament play are scheduled:

Boys under U8/U9 and U9 through under 19

Girls under U8/U9 and U9 through under 19

Each team will play a minimum of four (4) games (weather permitting), with bracket play on Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30. Championship games will be played on Monday, May 31. Whenever possible, four games will be bracket games. In age groups where the total number of teams makes four bracket games impossible, teams will play crossover games, which will be counted in determining which teams will advance to the semi-final round. The U9 and U10 teams will not play either a semi-final or final game, but will receive participation trophies.

All **preliminary round games** will be the following times:

2x25 (50 min) for U8/U9, U9, and U10

2x30 (60 min) for U11 and U12

2x35 (70 min) for U13 through U19

All **semi-final and championship games** will be the following times:

2x30 (60 min) for U11 through U12

2x35 (70 min) for U13 through U14

2x45 (80 min) for U15 through U19

Awards:

All U11 and up teams reaching the semi-finals will receive individual awards

All U8, U9, and U10 players will receive individual trophies

Tournament Fees: \$475 per team for U8/U9, U9, and U10; \$500 for U11 through U19

Registration Deadline: March 31, 2010

Team Requirements: State approved Team rosters, tournament rosters (with player names and numbers) USSF travel permits, USSF youth player passes, release of liability forms, and medical release forms must be presented at check-in or your team will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

Guest Players: All teams are limited to a maximum of three (3) guest players.

Roster Size/Field Players: We comply with the Indiana Youth Soccer small-sided games guidelines.

- U8/U9, U9, and U10 teams play 6v6 (5 field players + 1GK) with a maximum roster size of 12 players.
- U11 and U12 teams play 8v8 (7 field players + 1GK) with a maximum roster size of 14 players. U12 teams will have the option of registering to play 11v11.
- U13 through U16 teams play the traditional 11v11 with a maximum roster size of 18 players.
- U17 through U19 teams play the traditional 11v11 with a maximum tournament roster size of 22 players; however, teams that register more than 18 players will be required, at registration, to designate the 18 players who will play at each game (substitutions can only be made in the event of player injury).

We will accept your official state roster if it exceeds the maximum roster size of 12 or 14 players (U9 through U12 teams). Your tournament roster may exceed the maximum roster size of 12 or 14 players (U9 through U12 teams only), but may not exceed your official state roster size.

Age Group Brackets: In order to provide the most competitive play for all teams attending, our age groups are bracketed according to performance level (Green and White). Please be sure to indicate your preferred division on your application. The Green division is designated as the top division designed to accommodate travel teams considered in the top 25% of your state leagues. The White division is structured to provide top quality competition compatible for all other teams. We will do our best to create divisions and to place your team in your requested division based on your team's resume and the number of teams that participate at each age group.

Field Sites: Tournament games will be played at the Jr. Irish soccer complex and Newton Park in Lakeville, Indiana (just south of South Bend). Information about Jr. Irish fields may be found at <http://www.jririsoccer.org/> and information about Newton Park fields may be found at <http://www.newtonpark.org/>. As a tournament participant you will be pleased with the easy access to both field locations as well as the outstanding field quality at both sites. The owner of Hoosier Racing Tire has donated the money (well in excess of \$1.5 million) to build the new Lakeville complex with the sole intent of providing an unequalled family focused athletic complex. We think you will agree that he has accomplished his mission when you visit this facility.

Lodging: For your convenience you should book your room through [Anthony Travel](#). Anthony Travel may be contacted at 1-800-736-6377. Please indicate your association with the tournament when contacting Anthony Travel. Teams may want to make arrangements as soon as possible.

Acceptance: All teams will be notified about their acceptance to the 2010 Memorial Day Invitational on or after April 23, 2010.

Refund: Once a team is accepted, the registration fee is non-refundable.

Game schedules, location of playing sites, tournament rules, etc will be posted on the web site no later than fifteen days before the tournament. Please check the web site first if any questions arise at <http://www.jririsoccer.org/>.

Send [Application](#), Check, and [Roster](#) to:

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Return by March 31, 2010