

# NIRSA NATIONAL SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Request for Proposal

**Event:** 2024 NIRSA National Soccer Championships

**Preferred Date:** Wednesday, November 20 – Saturday, November 24

**Secondary Date:** Wednesday, December 4 – Saturday, December 8

**Deadline:** until site secured

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**Association Profile:** NIRSA comprises and supports leaders in collegiate recreation. As college and university students develop into future leaders, NIRSA members support their learning and growth by fostering lifelong habits of wellbeing. Leadership, teamwork, dedication, and respect are among the many skills exercised by inclusive competition, fitness, and recreation. Since its founding in 1950, NIRSA membership has grown to comprise nearly 4,500 dedicated professionals, students, and businesses, serving an estimated 8.1 million students. NIRSA believes that collegiate recreation is a significant and powerful key to inspiring wellness in local, regional, and global communities. Our network of passionate professional and student members drives the association through [volunteer leadership](#) and is supported by the [NIRSA team at headquarters](#), based in Corvallis, Oregon. The rich environment of inclusive competition, sportsmanship, and professional development—from participants to fans to volunteers—supports communities of health and wellness, which is what NIRSA is all about. NIRSA conducts approximately 40 regional and national championships each academic year.

**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% men, 50% women; average age is 20; age range is approximately 18 to 25; extremely healthy. The NIRSA National Soccer Championships is conducted as a National Event to crown a collegiate sport club champion.

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## Expected Attendance: ~6,000

- 100+ Teams, averaging 20 players/team (48 men's, 48 women's, 8-12 co-rec Unified)
- 120 Coaches and team personnel
- 70 Intercollegiate Soccer Officials
- 40 Staff
- ~3,700 traveling spectators

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

- Tuesday, November 19: Venue set up.
- Wednesday, November 20: Team practices (10 lighted fields)
- Thursday, November 21: Pool Play (16 lighted fields)
- Friday, November 22: Bracket Play (16 lighted fields)
- Saturday, November 23: Semis and Final Play (10 lighted fields)
- Sunday, November 24: 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., 11/19</u>	<u>Wed., 11/20</u>	<u>Thurs., 11/21</u>	<u>Fri., 11/22</u>	<u>Sat., 11/23</u>
20 D/D	500 D/D	500 D/D	500 D/D	400 D/D

- Affordable rates (preferred rate under \$150)
- 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

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## Host Hotel

- 4 complimentary suites for tournament staff and VIPs (Mon. 11/18 – Sun. 11/24)
- 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

## Event History

2022, 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 <b>Round Rock, Texas</b>
2021, 2018, 2016	Foley Sports Tourism Complex Holiday Day Inn Express, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Comfort Suites, Hampton Inn, Hilton Garden Inn, Courtyard, Hotel Magnolia <b>Foley, Alabama</b>
2020	Event cancelled due to COVID-19
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 <b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>
2014, 2012	Mike Rose Soccer Complex, hosted by Memphis Sports Commission Hilton Memphis, 4 Point Sheraton, Hampton Inn, Marriott, Hyatt Place <b>Memphis, Tennessee</b>

Other sites include University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 2008, 2005, 2003, 2001; Brosnahan 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 comparable size).
- Other 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.