



March 7, 2017

Coaches/Managers,

The Early Bird Spring Soccer Invitational Tournament Committee is proud to inform you that your team has been accepted to our tournament on April 1-2, 2017. We have accepted **182** teams for our 7<sup>th</sup> year of the Early Bird Spring Soccer Invitational. Teams will be attending and representing their local clubs from US Club, Michigan, Pennsylvania-West, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio North and Ohio South Soccer Associations. We are looking forward to providing a highly competitive tournament for your team.

Please be aware that by registering for the tournament and by receiving this acceptance email, we are expecting your team to play in the Early Bird Spring Soccer Invitational and pay all entry fees due for the tournament.

**All entry fees are due now. If you still owe your entry fee, please mail it to: The Early Bird Spring Soccer Invitational, 640 Lakeview Plaza Blvd., Suite D, Worthington, OH 43085. NOTE: This is NOT the MOSSL Office.**

Please check the attached team acceptance list for the correct spelling of your team name and that we have the correct team accepted. If you have multiple teams, please check all that have entered. Contact us ASAP if there are any questions.

**We do have a few openings in the BU9, BU11, GU9, GU11 and GU13 age brackets. If you know of a team interested, please have them contact me by phone ASAP. Openings will be filled on a first come first accepted basis.**

Ohio's "Online Concussion Training Course & Return to Play Law" requires **All coaches, trainers, substitute coaches and referees at the tournament** to present proof (**certificates must be valid through December 31, 2017**) at team check in that they have successfully completed either the:

**[National Federation of State High School Associations Concussion in Sports - What you Need to Know:](http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000)**  
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Or the "Heads Up" National Center for Disease Control version. These online courses do not cost anything and are good for three (3) years. In addition, we need all parents to receive a copy of the attached "Return to Play - What Parents-Guardians Need to Know - Youth Athletics" information sheet put together by the Ohio Department of Health.

Attached and at [www.TheEarlyBirdSoccer.com](http://www.TheEarlyBirdSoccer.com) you will find the following forms and information for your team:

1. Tournament T-Shirt Preorder Form. This is the best way to guarantee getting one.
  - i. (All preorders are due **March 24, 2017**)
2. Accepted team listing. If you coach/manage multiple teams, please verify that all your teams are spelled correctly, in the proper age bracket and are listed as accepted.
3. Weekend Contact Form
4. Team Waiver/Concussion form
5. "Return to Play - What Parents-Guardians Need to Know - Youth Athletics" information sheet. This form must be given to your parents.
6. "Return to Play - What Coaches Need to Know - Youth Athletics" information sheet.

Check in will be on Friday, March 31, 2017 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the office of the Mid-Ohio Select Soccer League, 670 Lakeview Plaza, Suite D, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

The MAPQUEST location can be found at the following link:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Worthington&state=OH&address=670+Lakeview+Plaza+Blvd&zipcode=43085-4783&country=US&latitude=40.11327&longitude=-82.997758&geocode=ADDRESS>

Please send an authorized team/club representative to check the team in on Friday evening. Those unable to check in on Friday, March 31, 2017 **MUST** contact Arnold Zirkes, Tournament Registrar to make other arrangements **at least one week in advance**.

***Each team must provide:***

- a. One (1) copy of the official Team Roster.
- b. Official photo cards encased in plastic for all players and coaches for the current seasonal year.
- c. Team travel permit if from outside of Ohio South and a US Youth Soccer Association member.
- d. Guest Player form from their home state association. If applicable.
- e. Weekend contact sheet (including hotel information if from out of town.)
- f. Team Waiver/Concussion form signed by the player's parent or legal guardian.
- g. Copy of the Online Concussion Training Course completion verification certificate valid through December 31, 2017 for **ALL** coaches, trainers and managers planning to be on the sidelines.

The schedules will be available on the tournament website [www.TheEarlyBirdSoccer.com](http://www.TheEarlyBirdSoccer.com) when ready. No times of games or field locations will be available before. With the number of scheduling requests, we will try our best to honor as many of them as possible.

Feel free to check our website [www.TheEarlyBirdSoccer.com](http://www.TheEarlyBirdSoccer.com) for updates, maps, divisions, rules, t-shirt preorders, etc.

We look forward to welcoming your team and their families to the Columbus area. Good luck to all participants!

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