



Oakwood Premier Invitational 2010

Oakwood Soccer Club, Inc. is pleased to invite your team to apply to the 19th annual Oakwood Premier Invitational to be held in Connecticut on May 29-31, 2010. The outdoor field complexes at Sage Park, Berlin; Dwyer Park, East Hartford; Addison & Buckingham Parks, Nayaug Elementary School, Glastonbury; Curtis & Iron Horse Park, Simsbury; Willow Brook Park, New Britain and Manchester Memorial Fields have all provided excellent playing surfaces for this event in the recent past. New this year, is the Oakwood Soccer Park in Portland, CT featuring 2 full-sized artificial turf pitches, including one with lights.

This year we will accept teams U10 thru U19 that are currently registered in good standing with their state association. All teams will compete 11 v 11, except for the U10 division which will play 8 v 8. **The age divisions for U16 & U17 will be showcased. All teams are encouraged to bring player profiles for distribution to all college coaches attending.**

In order to maintain the high competitive quality of our event, the number of teams selected will be limited to approximately 180; Teams will be selected on the strength of their league, tournament records and geographical balance. As proven by our history, all divisions will compete at a very high level. We are looking for Regional, State and Premier League Champions. Last year, teams came from nine northeastern states. This year brackets will be extremely limited.

Acceptances will be posted on the club website: www.oakwoodsoccer.com on or after March 29, 2010. Early applications would be greatly appreciated. **Application deadline is March 22, 2010.**

For teams "on the bubble" with pending applications at other major tournaments; the OPI Selection committee may hold up to two spots for teams in the age groups U-16, 17, 19. To be considered for these spots, an application (without payment) must be sent in prior to March 22nd. Payment would be due upon acceptance.

FORMAT All teams will receive a minimum of three matches (U10 will get 4 matches with no play on Mon). Play will begin Saturday* at 8:00am or later. Most teams will play two matches Saturday and one Sunday followed by semi-finals later that day. All Championship matches will be played Monday morning, unless inclement weather prevails. *Special feature games may be scheduled Friday & Sat. evening.

AGE GROUPS

Teams are based on USSF/USYSA age groups: for:

Boy's U-19/18 & Girl's U19/18	Born on or after August 1, 1990
Boy's U-17 & Girl's U-17	Born on or after August 1, 1992
Boy's U-16 & Girl's U-16	Born on or after August 1, 1993
Boy's U-15 & Girl's U-15	Born on or after August 1, 1994
Boy's U-14 & Girl's U-14	Born on or after August 1, 1995
Boy's U-13 & Girl's U-13	Born on or after August 1, 1996
Boy's U-12 & Girl's U-12	Born on or after August 1, 1997
Boy's U-11 & Girl's U-11	Born on or after August 1, 1998
Boy's U-10 & Girl's U-10	Born on or after August 1, 1999

ELIGIBILITY

This is a USYSA sanctioned tournament through the Connecticut Junior & Senior Soccer Association (CJSA). All teams must be affiliated with USSF/USYSA and must be in good standing with their state association. Tournament teams with proper paperwork and guest players will be allowed.

REGISTRATION

Team registration will be from 6:00 to 9:00PM on Friday, May 28 at the Oakwood Sports Center, 40 Oakwood Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033. Player passes, certified rosters and medical release forms will be checked at that time. US Club Soccer teams will need to provide a certificate of insurance. On site registration will be allowed 45 minutes prior to your first match.

AWARDS

There will be individual medals for first place teams and finalists in each age group, except U10 division which is non-result oriented. A team award will also be presented to the coach of the champion and finalist.

HOUSING

Market Segments Inc. (MSI) is the official housing bureau for the tournament. All accepted out-of state teams must use this service. You are able to reserve individual & team rooms by calling Andrea Casperson at MSI 1-888-832-6745 or email: andrea@bookmygroup.com

REFEREES

A USSF three-man referee system will be used for all matches, except U10. We encourage all teams applying to indicate on their application the names of any certified referee who may be interested in officiating or they can contact our assignors via email at ref@oakwoodsoccer.com

APPLICATION

A separate application for each team must be submitted by March 22, 2010 with the entry fee of **\$500.00** (US Currency) per team for age groups U-12, U-13 and **\$600.00** (US Currency) per team for age groups U-14, 15, 16, U-17, U-19. Checks should be made out to Oakwood Soccer Club. Acceptances will be posted on or after March 29, 2009. If not selected, money will be refunded immediately.

**If a team has been accepted and drops out, the fee is forfeited.
No refunds will be made for inclement weather.**