



## **LEHIGH VALLEY CHALLENGE 2018**

**JUNE 30 & JULY 1, 2018**

**ALLENTOWN-AREA, PENNSYLVANIA**

Greetings, Coach / Manager:

### **A) SCHEDULE OF GAMES**

The schedule of games for the **LEHIGH VALLEY CHALLENGE 2018** Tournament will be posted on the website. We are using GotSoccer.com (affiliated with GotSport.com) for posting schedules, and results will be relayed to GotSoccer.com immediately upon the conclusion of the event. The schedules will be presented in a printable form for each bracket of competition as soon as the schedule is completed.

All schedules are accessible from the Lehigh Valley Steamroll Homepage located at <http://www.edpsoccer.com/lv-challenge>

Please check and confirm the dates, times and fields of your games as soon as they are posted. In the last ten days before the event, teams will be notified by direct email if they are involved in a material change of schedule. Team Contacts (as provided on your application) are responsible for checking their emails on a regular basis, especially the last week before the event, to ensure that no last minute communications are missed.

### **B) LODGING**

Please contact Titan Lodging for your travel needs. This is a "stay-to-play" event for any teams that are not day-tripping to the tournament.

If your room situation has still not been squared away, please contact the Titan Lodging Coordinator at [reservations@titanlodging.com](mailto:reservations@titanlodging.com) as soon as possible. You can also call 732-658-0331

### **C) REGISTRATION**

Teams are required to CHECK-IN at the venue HQ at least 45-60 minutes before their first game. Any last-minute adjustments can be handled at this time.

All teams must have:

A copy of the team roster they can leave with HQ officials. Pencil in any Guest players being used.

Player Passes for all participating players, rostered and guest.

Authorizations for Medical Treatment, more commonly referred to as Medical Releases, for all participating players. The ones executed when the player was first registered with the team for the season are usually adequate. Remember, these documents are critical to ensure that a player can be admitted to an ambulance, clinic or hospital for treatment, especially in the absence of a parent or legal guardian in attendance. These documents have to show original signatures. (And preferably be notarized, as we have heard of clinics that questioned how they could confirm the signature was actually a parent's or legal guardian's.)

Permissions To Travel for those out-of-state teams using USYS passes from state associations that require a Permission To Travel.

This is an "unrestricted tournament", which means all USSF-accepted player passes can be used. The event has sanctioning from both USYS (NJYS) and US Club Soccer.

**Remember: All players on your team must have player passes from the SAME governing body, whether USYS or US Club or AYSO, etc.**

#### **D) RULES OF PLAY & REGULATIONS**

Rules of Play can be accessed from the Tournament Homepage or directly at:  
[http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0092/1262/rules\\_tournament.pdf](http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0092/1262/rules_tournament.pdf)

All team coaches, managers, players and supporters are required to abide by these Rules & Regulations, covering both competition and conduct on premises. Coaches and Managers are responsible for distributing this information to their teams.

In particular, note the summary page at the end that covers procedures on scoring, playoffs, tiebreakers, foul weather, etc.

#### **E) AWARDS**

Medals are awarded for both First Place (Champions) and Second Place (Finalists) in all age groups from U8 through U19. Some brackets are decided by finals; others by point standings after round-robin play. Please make sure to stop by the Headquarters pavilion to receive your awards.

#### **F) TRAVEL DIRECTIONS**

Directions and Field Layouts to all venues being used can be accessed from the Lehigh Valley Challenge Homepage at <http://www.edpsoccer.com/lv-challenge>

#### **G) REFRESH YOUR WEB BROWSER / CONTACT MOBILE PHONE# / MESSAGING**

Please check your team account on [www.GotSport.com](http://www.GotSport.com) and make sure there is a valid mobile phone number listed for the TEAM CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION. This will be the first number called if there is a scheduling or weather problem at the fields.

Also, make sure you avoided using corporate or government email addresses for your team contacts entered in [www.GotSport.com](http://www.GotSport.com). These networked computer systems tend to have strong firewalls and spam filters that invariably prevent group messaging functions such as we rely upon from operating. Please provide at least some email addresses from residential accounts (AOL, Yahoo, Hotmail, Comcast, Verizon, Optonline, Gmail, etc.)

Note that the online registration form has space for at least three individuals (manager, coach, contact) who can receive team email notifications. Please DO NOT list the same person for all positions. If we are unable to get through to this one individual, it leaves us no alternatives to pursue.

#### **H) ON-SITE CONCERNS**

Some simple rules for each facility we use:

- Park only in designated spots. Do not park just anywhere. You may get ticketed! Or towed!
- No pets, on a leash or otherwise. Service animals must be clearly marked.
- No smoking or alcoholic beverages anywhere near the fields.
- Please pick up your trash. The pitch is sacred ground, and shouldn't be buried in discarded water bottles and wrapping tape.
- Any tents or canopies must be properly anchored.

- No BBQs or other open flames.
- Cooperate with tournament officials and field marshals.

Anyone caught abusing the above items will be evicted from the premises, and it may lead to early termination of an offending team's participation.

Sorry if any of this sounds restrictive, but most of it is just common sense and courtesy.

Looking forward to a great soccer festival,

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