



1st Annual Women's Winter Classic

presented by The Arsenal Rome Soccer Club
January 23rd and 24th, 2010



General Information

The Arsenal Rome Soccer Club is proud to host the 1st Annual Women's Winter Classic Tournament. The Tournament will take place from Saturday, January 23rd until Sunday, January 24th, 2010, at the YMCA Grizzard Park in Rome, Georgia. This incredible complex has six 11 v 11 fields. We are preparing for 20+ teams this year and expect to attract many of the best teams in the Southeast. As this event will be very popular, please apply early to insure consideration in the tournament. Please be part of this competitive and exciting tournament.

Rob Koch
Tournament Director
Arsenal Rome

Tournament Format*

A minimum of three (3) games are guaranteed for all accepted teams. All games will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws, except as modified by Tournament Rules. Tournament Rules are listed below.

Players Party

Will be held Saturday, January 23, 2010, at Bella Roma Grill next to State Mutual Stadium in Rome, Georgia starting at 8 pm.

Age Requirements

Players must be at least 17 years of age by the tournament date. Any player being 17 years of age must provide at Check-In the Medical Authorization Form. Player will not be able to compete unless form is turned in.

Divisions

Elite: Top Club, Regional and Tournament Teams.

Premier: Developing Club and Rec. Teams.

Masters: Most over 30 teams are competitive. Over 30 teams are allowed 2 players 28-30 on roster.

The intention of the tournament is to match all teams against competition that is appropriate for their level of play.

11v11 Play Notes:

- ⚽ 11v11 "group play" games will consist of two (2) 35 minute halves with a 5 minute half time. (No overtime)
- ⚽ 11v11 "semi-final and final" games will be played as outlined within the "11v11 Tournament Rules" below.

**Tournament Formats may be altered at the discretion of the Tournament Committee*

Standings / Point Scoring System for Tournament

Game points will be scored as follows

- ⚽ 6 points for a win
- ⚽ 3 points for a tie
- ⚽ 1 point for a shutout (including 0-0)
- ⚽ 0 points for a loss
- ⚽ 1 point for each goal scored (Additional 1 Points Goal Count Limit of 3 per game)
- ⚽ 1 point "**deducted**" for each red card received

Tie Breaking Rules

In the event two or more teams are tied in preliminary round standings based on final point total, the following procedure shall be used in priority order to determine group winners or wild card teams:

1. Winner of head to head competition
2. Most wins
3. Fewest goals allowed in all games
4. Goal differential (max of 3 goals per game)
5. Most Shutouts
6. Penalty Kicks using FIFA rules

Manager Check-In / Team Registration

Team Check-In / Registration

Mandatory team registration for all teams will be held from **4:00 to 9:00 p.m.** on Friday, January 22nd, 2010, at the Tournament Headquarters located at YMCA Grizzard Park.

The following items are needed for team registration:

- ⚽ Medical release forms for each Team. (Does not have to be notarized)
- ⚽ Permission to Travel Form (if necessary).

Teams may not play without having "checked-in" under penalty of forfeiture of games and entry fee.

Referees

A USSF three-man referee system will be used to the maximum extent possible for all 11v11 matches. USSF Registered referees, who are in good standing and who wish to referee, should contact our Referee Director, Brooks Smith at (706) 766-9138 or email at smithbs30165@yahoo.com.

Hotels

Arsenal Rome has arranged for special accommodations for teams needing hotels. Please contact us at romegasoccer@gmail.com for details.

Medical Releases

It is mandatory that the medical release form for each team be presented at Check-In. No team may play without a valid medical release under penalty of forfeiture of the game played in. These medical release forms do not need to be notarized.

2010 Tournament Application

All Entry Fees must be postmarked by January 15, 2010, to guarantee consideration. All late applications will be put on a wait list for review. Upon acceptance, the fee is non-refundable. If your team is accepted and late withdraws, the entry fee is non-refundable.

Check or Money Order Payments:

All Check or Money Order entries must be postmarked by January 15, 2010, and should be made payable to Rome Floyd County YMCA. All entry fees received through check or money order are deposited immediately and refunded within 2 weeks of non-acceptance. Teams must include, along with your entry fee, your teams completed application. Payments should be mailed to Rome Floyd County YMCA c/o Rob Koch, 810 East Second Ave Rome .Ga. 30161

Entry Fees should be mailed to:

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Entry Fees:

\$350 for Applications post marked by January 1, 2010
\$400 for Applications post marked after January 1, 2010

Acceptance

Participation is not final until acceptances are announced on January 15, 2009. Acceptances will be posted on the Tournament Website.

Note: No refunds will be made in the event the tournament is cancelled in whole or in part due to inclement weather, adverse field conditions or circumstances beyond the Tournament's control.

Schedules

Schedules should be posted no later than January 19, 2010.

Tournament Rules

11v11 Play General Notes

The acting Tournament Committee reserves the right to make the following changes in the event of inclement weather:

1. Relocated and/or reschedule a match
2. Reduce scheduled duration of a match
3. Cancel a match:
 - a. If inclement weather prevents a match from being completed during the scheduled time, the score shall stand if at least one-half of the match has been completed.
 - b. The Tournament Committee, the coaches of the host teams, or any sponsors of tournament activities shall not be responsible for expenses incurred by any team or club if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part.
 - c. Coaches and players will share one side of the field. All spectators will take up a position on the opposite side of the field during the time that the match is in progress.
 - d. The acting Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters relative to the tournament. His/her decisions are final. All Tournament matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA except as modified below.

Rosters

Each team shall be allowed a maximum of eighteen (18) players on the roster. **Players can only play with ONE team for the duration of the tournament.**

Laws of the Game

FIFA Laws of the game shall apply to all matches with the following modifications:

Player Equipment

- ⊗ Shoes must meet FIFA specifications
- ⊗ Shin guards are mandatory
- ⊗ No jewelry is to be worn
- ⊗ Players may play with a cast with padding approved by the referee
- ⊗ In the event of a uniform color conflict, the home team shall change. The home team is shown first on the schedule.
- ⊗ The keeper shall wear a different colored shirt from his teammates and his opponents.
- ⊗ The keeper does not require a number
- ⊗ All equipment is subject to referee approval

Duration of Matches

11v11 Group Play: Two (2) 35 minute halves and one (1) 5 minute half-time break. No overtime.

11v11 Playoff Rounds will be played according to the following schedule:

1. Two (2) 35 minute halves with a 5 minute half-time break
2. In the event of **TIED PLAYOFF GAMES** after regulation play the following will decide the match:
 - a. Overtime will be one (1) 10 minute period played to sudden death. Ball possession to be determined by coin toss.
 - b. If still tied, all players on the field at the end of the overtime period will remain on the field. 5 penalty kicks by 5 players (on the field) from each team will be taken (alternating kicks with first kick decided by coin toss). The team with the most goals at the end wins.
 - c. If still tied, alternating penalty kicks will be taken by the balance of the remaining players on the field (substitutes may not participate in the penalty kicks) until a team has a one goal advantage at the end of a round. A round is defined as each team having taken an equal number of penalty kicks. If still tied, the group of original 5 penalty kick takers and the balance of the team (on the field) will take a second penalty kick in the same order as originally taken and under the same rules of this paragraph.

Substitution

Each team will have unlimited substitutions subject to the following conditions and upon approval of the referee:

- ⊗ Prior to thrown in by the team in possession
- ⊗ Prior to goal kick by either team
- ⊗ After a goal by either team
- ⊗ At half-time
- ⊗ After a caution (cautioned player) with the referee's acknowledgement. The opposing team will be able to make a like number of substitutions.
- ⊗ Red card players may not be substituted. Team must play short for the rest of the match.
- ⊗ After an injury (injured player) with the referee's acknowledgement. The opposing team will be able to make a like number of substitutions.
- ⊗ Before beginning an overtime period

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Ball

We will use a size 5 ball

The referee will provide the official tournament ball.

The home team is responsible for a backup match ball.

Referees

A referee and two linesmen will be assigned to each match.

Forfeits

A team, which cannot field seven (7) players at the start time, shall forfeit the match.

- ⚽ In the event a team forfeits a game, the opponent will be credited with a 1-0 score and awarded 8 points (6 for the win, 1 for the goal, and 1 for the shutout). Teams are allowed a maximum of 5 minutes from game time to forfeit time.
- ⚽ No points will be awarded if neither team shows up.
- ⚽ The Tournament Committee will decide if the team that has forfeited a game will be allowed to continue to play in the tournament.

Protests

A written protest must be presented to the acting Tournament Committee within one half (1/2) hour of conclusion to the match.

The acting Tournament Committee will rule on the matter.

Discipline

- ⚽ If a player is ejected from a match – red card by the referee – that player must sit out the remainder of the match plus her teams' next tournament match.
- ⚽ No substitution may be made for the ejected player during the match that the red card was issued.
- ⚽ The referee will collect the player's name and bring it to the tournament tent for record keeping. The coach or manager of the player ejected must make sure that player sets out the next game or Forfeit the game.
- ⚽ Red cards issued after the end of regulation play or as a result of physical assault are subject to review by the acting Tournament Committee and a more strenuous penalty, which is not subject to appeal, may be employed.
- ⚽ Coaches in receipt of a red card are subject to the same penalties as outlined above for players. Any coach ejected from a match will not be allowed in the vicinity of the field for that match and for her team's next match.
- ⚽ Coaches are responsible for their players, parents and guests on the sideline.
- ⚽ No team or club official may enter the field of play regardless of the circumstances unless that person has been given permission to enter the field of play by the referee.
- ⚽ Tournament Committee can suspend any coach or team for remainder of tournament if found in violation of any rules or regulations.

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Section One: Team Information. Type or print in dark ink.

Team Name			
Club Name			
Primary Colors		Alternate Colors	

Section Two: Coach/Captain Information

Coach	Name		
	Address		
	City	State	Zip
	E-mail	Telephone	Mobile Phone
Captain	Name		
	Address		
	City	State	Zip
	E-mail	Telephone	Mobile Phone

Section Three: Team Profile (essential to selection/seeding process – feel free to attach additional information)

Preferred Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Elite <input type="checkbox"/> Premier <input type="checkbox"/> Masters (over 30)		
State Association		League	
Most Recent League Record	W ____ L ____ T ____	League Standing	

Section Four: Tournament History (Please list your most recent tournament results)

Date (MM/YYYY)	Tournament Name	City/State	Record (W-L-T)
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Additional Information:

Application Form and Entry Fee due by January 18, 2010.

Fees - \$350 Before January 1, 2010; \$400 after January 1, 2010

*Fees non-refundable after acceptance

Applications are not considered accepted until payment is received.

Mail application and make checks payable to:

Rome Floyd County YMCA c/o Rob Koch

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Rome GA. 30161