

**PAN AFRICAN NATIONS CUP**  
**PO Box 307592**  
**Gahanna, Ohio 43230**

**Mission:** To contribute to the development and advancement of youth and adult soccer in the State of Ohio and specifically the Greater Columbus community.

**Goals:**

1. To establish an annual soccer tournament that promotes unity among people of African descent in Columbus, Ohio
2. To establish and/or work with organization(s) designed to promote and enhance better relations among people of African descent globally.
3. To provide scholarship opportunities for youth of African descent and other ethnic groups to further their education
4. To assist in resolving social problems affecting people of African descent on the continent, within North and South America as well as, the Caribbean Islands
5. To organize and sponsor a Under 23 men's team to compete in the Professional Development League within the US

**Tournament Objectives:**

1. To create a festive environment in order to foster better relations among people of African descent and extend that hospitality to the greater central Ohio community.
2. To establish a youth organization that promotes athletic and academic achievement and advancement.
3. To establish and solidify communicative links and relationships between the African community and the Columbus community in general-indeed the world community.
4. To expose African culture to the broader Columbus community in order to assist in dispelling stereotypical notions about that community.
5. To assist in reducing obesity and other health issues affecting youth and adults in Central Ohio
6. To assist in the reduction and eventual elimination of violence and drug abuse in Central Ohio

## **Rules and Regulations**

FIFA rules and regulations will apply to the tournament

## **Tournament Guidelines**

1. The tournament will be a round robin format, wherein the winner of each group will advance to the next round(s) of play
2. Teams will abide by FIFA rules regarding competition, no exception.
3. Random drawings/selection will occur to determine group assignments on July 4. There will be 18 -20 teams participating in tournament play of 2009.
4. Disciplinary actions will be as follows:
  - a. Red card – one game suspension which extends into the next year’s competition if received in the final game.
  - b. Two yellow cards – one game suspension
  - c. Three consecutive yellow cards in different games will result in suspension from preceding game
  - d. Ejected players will leave the sidelines immediately and escorted by the field marshal to the spectators side of the field
  - e. Ejected players number will not be worn in preceding games

## **Registration**

All teams must officially register by May 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee is \$500 to participate in tournament. Each team must submit a roster of no more than twenty two (22) players. Teams must submit an eighteen (18) player roster before each game to the field marshal in alphabetic order with names and assigned numbers. Each roster must also show coaches and assistant coaches no more than three (3) team officials (two coaches and trainer) on the sidelines of each game. Each player must have a pictured identification card to participate in the tournament. An identification card includes the following: Driver’s license, passport, or state identification card to be eligible to play. Each player will be photographed and assigned an ID number before participating in the tournament. A player pass will be provided as a means to enter areas restricted to the general public during the tournament

## **Team Eligibility**

The tournament is considered men’s open wherein the age limit for participants will be 17 years old and above. Team managers must present identification for each player when registering the team on September 4, 2009. Each player will be officially registered to

participate in tournament games with the signed completion of a liability waiver thereupon be eligible. All players and teams must be in good standings with the State of Ohio and the United States of America.

### **Uniform and Equipment**

Home teams will be the first team listed on the schedule. Tournament will provide game balls. Player's shirt numbers must match number on game time roster and throughout the tournament. Shin guards are mandatory. Referee decisions of equipment compliance are final.

### **Laws of the Game**

All games will be played under international (FIFA) rules with exceptions as follows:

Duration of games – First round games will be sixty (60) minutes. Second and third round games will be eighty (80) minutes. The final game will be ninety (90) minutes along with the consolation game (if any). During games referee on the field will determine stoppage time beyond established game time only in the final game. There will be no stoppage time added to any game except the final game. However, in the event of a tie at the end of the allotted time in the semi-final and quarter final games there will be no extra time allotted thus penalty kicks will determine a winner.

**Substitution:** Teams will be allowed unlimited substitution during the game. However, substituted players can return only once in the first half and can reenter only once in the second half. Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee – Before a goal kick, before a throw-in, at half time or before the start of any overtime, as well as in case of an injury.

### **Standings and tie breaks procedure**

In the first round group winners will be determined by the FIFA point system in order to advance to the second and third rounds of play or quarter final and semi-final games. Three points for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss. In addition, in the event of tie breaks during first round games group winners will be decided first by goal difference, second by least amount of goals scored against and third by number of yellow cards. In the event of a tie at the duration of quarter final and semi-final games penalty kicks per FIFA rules will determine the winner. Only in the final game will extra time be added. That time allotted will be 20 minutes (two ten minute halves).

### **Failure to show for a scheduled game will result in a forfeit**

A minimum of seven players constitutes a team. A fifteen minutes grace period will be extended beyond the scheduled kick off time before a forfeit is declared. The score of a forfeited game shall be 3 – 0. Failure to complete a match or a team leaving the field during play may constitute a forfeit and may be disqualified from further tournament games. The tournament directors reserve the right to decide on all matters concerning a forfeit.

### **Match and Score Reporting**

Upon completion of each match the referee will turn over score cards to the Field Marshal who will be responsible for reporting the score to head quarters. Scores and standings will be posted at head quarters at the venue where matches are being played as well as on the tournament website. Field Marshals will report ejections to head quarters immediately. All questions or issues must be directed to the tournament committee.

### **Protest and Disputes**

Any protest must be presented in writing to the tournament Headquarters within one hour of the completion of the game. A protest committee will consider all protest. Referee judgment cannot be considered as basis for protest. Referee decisions are final. Decisions made by the committee are final and may not be appealed.

### **Standards of Conduct and Sportsmanship**

All participants, players, coaches, referees, spectators and tournament officials will be expected to maintain the highest ethical and moral standards of conduct during the tournament. All spectators must be on the opposite side of the field from the teams within the designated areas. Coaches will remain in their designated areas; failure to do so will result in a yellow or red card at the discretion of the referee. There shall be a fourth official on the sidelines to maintain control of substitutions and monitor sideline activities. There shall be no dissent towards the referees and officials. Questioning a referee in a dignified and respectable manner is not considered dissent. Abuse of referee will not be tolerated. Violation of this policy may result in forfeiture of the game and or expulsion from the tournament. No substitution will be permitted for an ejected player during the remainder of the match in progress. Anyone fighting will be automatically ejected from all tournament games. The referee's decisions are final regards to game situations. Petitions to question referee on the field decisions are not permitted. Teams are responsible for cleaning team designated areas at the completion of each match.

**Comments on the registration process are possible in writing at any time prior to the start of tournament play.**

## Waiver of Liability

We are pleased you have chosen to participate in the Pan African Nations Cup tournament. Although we try to make games as safe as possible, there is no way to totally eliminate the possibility of an injury to a person participating in the tournament. As a non-profit organization, TVSA, its volunteers and officers, employees, tournament officials/organizers or agents, including the Santos Futbol Club, cannot reasonably assume the financial responsibility for an injury that a person might sustain at a game or tournament event.

We encourage you to observe a few obvious precautions. All players should not participate if he is ill or wearing improper attire. No jewelry (i.e. pierced ear or nose rings, watches, necklaces, bracelets, rings, etc.) can be worn while playing.

To permit your participation in the tournament you attest that:

**“I hereby consent to participate in the Pan African Nations Cup tournament. I agree to hold the City of Columbus, the City of Westerville, the Northern Columbus Athletic Association, Tri-Village Soccer Association, Santos Futbol Club, The Ohio State University and its officials, the tournament officials and all other volunteers, employees, and agents harmless for any personal accidents or injuries while participating in any PANCC (Pan African Nations Cup Committee) sponsored events, or games.”**

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Player's Signature

Date

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Print Player's Name

Date

# TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

## Team Application

Team Name (Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team City/ State \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Jersey Color \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact is    Coach            Manager            Asst Coach            (circle one)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone\_(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Wireless Phone\_(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Full payment of team fee is due with submission of tournament application. Upon acceptance participating teams are then automatically eligible to receive all the benefits that the tournament offers. Notification letters /email will be sent to accepted teams to confirm their place in the tournament. Benefits include cash prizes (Winner \$3,000, Finalist \$2,500), medals and trophies distributed to the tournament champions. Individual prizes are also included as follows: Golden boot award (most goals scored), Most Valuable offensive and defensive player awards in the championship game. Best goalkeeper, Fair play award and Most Entertaining team.

## **Stop and read carefully**

Please take this opportunity to check over your application to ensure that all the required fields have been completed. Please check to indicate your acceptance of the terms below.

I understand that the tournament reserves the right to accept or reject teams at its discretion. Applications are not considered on a first come basis. If my team is not accepted into the tournament I will receive a refund in full. Cashing of the check by the tournament submitted with the application **DOES NOT** indicate acceptance

The application above is a complete and accurate representation of my team.

If my team is accepted, I understand that registration is held on the Friday night before the tournament weekend that I will have planned for a qualified representative to register the team at the designated location and time posted on the website. A team roster of no more than twenty two players and no less than thirteen players, along with the liability waiver for each player on the roster is due upon registration.

I understand that once a team is accepted and later withdraws the entry fee is forfeited

I understand that inclement weather is a possibility and that such weather may result in the abbreviation or cancellation of tournament games. In the event this may occur, no refunds full or partial will be given.

\_ I have read the above guidelines and agree to participate in the Pan African Nations Cup soccer tournament. My team meets all the requirements and will abide by the rules and regulations as outlined in the tournament handbook. We have enclosed **\$500.00** registration fee along with our application to be considered for acceptance in the Pan African Nations Cup tournament.

For more information contact:

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c/o Tournament Committee  
PO Box 307592  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230**

# TEAM ROSTER

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Asst Coach \_\_\_\_\_

**Player Name**

**Jersey #**

**Birth Date**

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