

BLUE CHIP HAMMER CUP FAQs

What are the Playing Formats for each age group?

U9 - U10 will play 6v6

U11 - U12 will play 8v8

U13 - U14 will play 11v11

Can I pre-register my team?

Yes, you can pre-register by mail by submitting the following documents no later than Saturday, March 21st, 2009. Completed registration packets should be mailed to:

Blue Chip Hammer Cup
Attention: Cathy Schmuck
P.O. Box 30327
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Documentation may also be emailed in PDF or Word formats ONLY to Cathy Schmuck at schmuck@classicshammerfc.com

A completed packet must include the following documents:

If registering under USYS, you must provide:

1. Copy of the original State Approved Roster
2. Copy of the Validated Player Pass Cards, both rostered players and guest players, both sides of the cards must be submitted (see sample available in forms section)
3. Copy of the Validated Coaches Pass Card, both sides, if applicable. Maximum of three.
4. Copy of the Tournament Indemnity Form which must list all players, including guest players, and be signed by a parent or guardian
5. Copy of the approved Travel Permit if outside of Ohio South except for US Club Soccer
6. Copy of the Guest Player Roster approved and validated by the state in which the player is registered
7. Copy of the pre-registration check sheet make sure to include a team contact name (non-coach please) and cell phone number and the name of the hotel where your team will be staying, if applicable.

If registering under US Club Soccer affiliation, you must provide:

1. Copy of the original State Approved Roster
2. Copy of the Validated Player Pass Cards, both sides of the cards must be submitted (see sample below)

3. Copy of the Validated Coaches Pass Card, both sides, if applicable. Maximum of three.
4. Copy of the Tournament Indemnity Form which must list all players, including guest players, and be signed by a parent or guardian
5. Copy of the pre-registration check sheet make sure to include a team contact name (non-coach please) and cell phone number and the name of the hotel where your team will be staying, if applicable.

The registration check sheet is available by clicking the "Registration" button.

What forms are required to register my team?

If registering under USYS, you must provide:

1. Copy of your original State Approved Roster
2. Validated Player Pass Cards, both rostered players and guest players
3. Validated Coaches Pass Card - Maximum of three.
4. Completed Tournament Indemnity Form which must list all players, including guest players, and be signed by a parent or guardian
5. Approved Travel Permit if outside of Ohio South except for US Club Soccer
6. Guest Player Roster approved and validated by the state in which the player is registered
7. We require medical release forms but they do not need to be notarized
8. At registration you'll also be asked to provide a team contact name (non-coach please) and cell phone number and the name of the hotel where your team will be staying, if applicable.

If registering under US Club Soccer affiliation, you must provide:

1. Copy of your USCLUB approved roster
2. Validated Player Pass Cards
3. Validated Coaches Pass Card - Maximum of three.
4. Completed Tournament Indemnity Form which must list all players, and be signed by a parent or guardian
5. We require medical release forms but they do not need to be notarized
6. At registration you'll also be asked to provide a team contact name (non-coach please) and cell phone number and the name of the hotel where your team will be staying, if applicable.

Are medical forms required?

Yes. However, they do not need to be notarized. Medical release forms will be checked at registration and must be carried to the fields for every game.

Do I have to use the Tournament's Housing service?

Yes. Following the trend in the youth soccer industry we are implementing a "Stay to Play" policy. We will make every effort to book your entire team at one hotel. Our Hotel Coordinator will facilitate securing Hotel arrangements. For more information, click on the "Hotels" page.

How do I get the required forms?

All forms will be available on the Team Administrator page (in early February). Click on the "Registration" page for more information.

Where is registration and how do I get there?

Registration is at the **Crowne Plaza - Blue Ash**, 5901 Pfeiffer Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Do we have to fill out the Participant Release/ Waiver form?

YES. The Tournament Indemnity form will be available by clicking on the "Registration" button. All players and parents/guardians must sign the Tournament Indemnity form.

We want to bring Guest Players, where can we get a Guest Player Roster form?

If you are from Ohio South go to the forms section of our website and click on Guest Player Roster which will link you to the OSYSA website. Click on the "e-Forms" tab and select the Guest Player Roster Form to fill out.

Non Ohio South teams should use their own State Association's Tournament Guest Player Roster Form and have it approved/validated by your state association. Please make sure to allow plenty of time to do this and note that some state associations charge a fee for the guest player.

When will we find out if our team has been accepted?

We expect to send team acceptance letters/emails on or before February 28th.

Are pets allowed at tournament sites?

No, pets are not permitted at the field complex.

Can my Club's teams all stay in one hotel property?

Teams must stay in an approved tournament hotel (click on HOTELS on the side menu bar). Our Hotel Coordinator will make every effort to place your entire club into one hotel.

How can I get a copy of your USYSA Application to Host Form?

All forms will be posted under the "Registration" page.

Schedules just came out and our first game isn't until Saturday noon. We previously signed an agreement with our hotel for Fri and Sat but now we are thinking we just want Sat night or perhaps we would take Sat and Sun night if we make it to the semi-finals. Can the tournament tell the hotel this is ok?

Agreements signed between hotels and teams are binding agreements between these two parties. The tournament does not have any authority over this area. Many of the most popular hotels know that there is enough demand for them to require a Fri and Sat night stay. They also understand that teams who promise to stay Sat and Sun nights instead of Fri and Sat nights are likely to check out early so they won't accept this option from a team. If you are not positive you will stay

Fri and Sat nights you should not select hotels that require the Fri/Sat two-night minimum.

We are not a USYSA Registered Team, what do we need to bring to Registration?

All teams must be USSF affiliated (USYSA or US CLUB Soccer members) or have USSF approval for travel. The materials to bring to registration include the following:

- 1) Two (2) copies of your Official Roster (maximum # players as permitted by our rules). The Roster should contain birth dates of all players. One copy will be kept on file and the other copy will be stamped as Tournament Approved and must be kept with you for review by the Field Marshall. The Roster submitted at Registration will be the Official Tournament roster and may not be altered during the Tournament. Note that players are only allowed to play for one team.
- 2) Player Passes (identification cards) for each player (and Guest Player if applicable) complete with photo identification and birth date. If you have copies of Birth Certificates please bring them - although not required, it's always a good idea to have.
- 3) Approved Travel Permit (if required by your Association).
- 4) Guest Player Roster approved by the appropriate state association (if applicable).
- 5) We require medical release forms but they do not need to be notarized

What is the address of the fields?

Miami Whitewater Soccer Park
8715 St. Rt. 128
Miamitown, OH 45030

What is the application deadline?

February 20th, 2009. Checks must be received in the mail no later than February 27th, 2009

Where do I mail the fees?

Please make checks payable to: **Classics Hammer FC** and please put Hammer Cup in the Notes Section

Please mail to:
Blue Chip Hammer Cup
ATTN: Gary De Jesus
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