



April 17, 2018

Dear Coach, Manager or Team official:

Congratulations on being a part the 2018 Canton Cup Memorial Weekend Soccer Tournament. This year's tournament is our 36th annual and being held on May 25-27, 2018. The quality and diversity of teams selected to participate this year is outstanding. You will be one of over 550 teams to join us this year and we are sure your team will enjoy the challenge of the matches and the overall Canton Cup experience.

Below you will find useful information about the tournament and steps you must take prior to the tournament as well as information that you will need at time of check-in, and other important items.

Contact Information

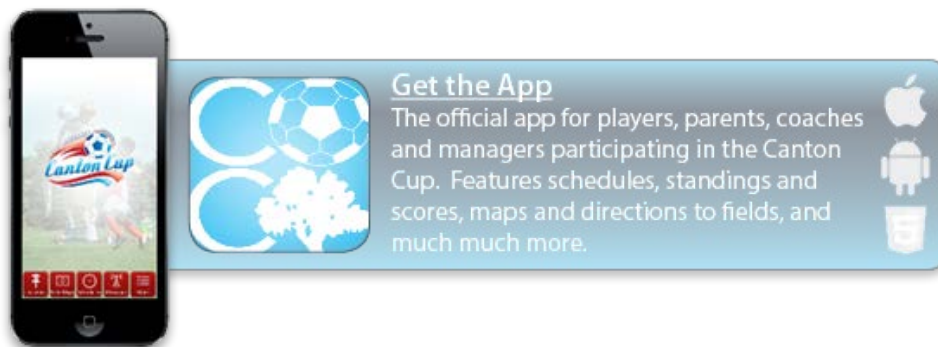
Please find below the contact information you may need:

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The tournament information is available through our Smart Phone App for Windows, Android, and Apple phones. Please have all of your players and parents download this free app. This is the easiest way to stay up to date.



Tournament website can also be reached directly at www.cantoncup.net, or via the link on our Canton SC website at www.cantonsoccerclub.com

NOTE: Latest updates will be communicated via the App and Website. Check in often for the latest information and schedules.

Follow the 2018 Canton Cup on Twitter: **#Cantoncup** and like us on Facebook: **Canton Cup Soccer Tournament**



All Forms and Notices are available on-line at www.cantoncup.net

- [Hotel Reservations](#)
- [Maps \(Field Locations and Layouts\)](#)
- [MSYSA Guest Player Roster Form Referee availability](#)
- [Tournament Rules](#)
- [New Liability Waiver Form](#) (it now includes the Medical Release and Concussion Form & Certificate completion acknowledgment)

Medical Release Policy

Teams must either upload the medical release forms for each player or verify they have them in their possession by using the NEW* Liability Waiver Form. Use of the standard MSYSA medical release form available on our website is suggested, however, you may use another form if it is accepted by your league.

Risk Management Policy

As stated on our website, all coaches, managers, and trainers involved in the games **must** have documentation of compliance relative to their own State/Province association relative to risk management. All Michigan teams must have risk management cards from MSYSA or Passcard showing "KID SAFE." Please contact www.michiganyouthsoccer.org for more information.

Pass Cards

Select/Premier Teams

Every Select/Premier player must have a pass card. This lets us know that your player is a registered player and insured.

Recreational Teams

Per MSYSA Rules, **Recreational Teams do not require a passcard** if they are playing in the Recreational brackets (Yellow or Purple Brackets).

The Canton Cup Tournament will accept club issued passcards for recreation teams playing in a Select/Premier bracket – signed by registrar or club official (pictures are still required). Help is available for recreational teams requiring passcards due playing in a select / premier bracket.

Tournament Brackets and Game Schedules

With the extremely cold weather this Spring season that has impacted many teams in our soccer community, the 2018 Canton Cup has extended our application period to help impacted teams to join us as their Spring Tournament.

We are in process of completing the initial bracketing for the tournament and will post them for review on April 25 – 27. **Please review and provide feedback on your bracketing during the review period.**

Schedules will be posted for review May 2nd - 5th. **Again, Please review and provide feedback on your schedule during the review period.**

The final tournament schedules will be posted in the Canton Cup App and online at www.cantoncup.net by **May 16**.



Tournament Brackets and Game Schedules (cont.)

We are accepting around 550 teams and are able to accommodate all head coaching conflicts (for coaches with 3 teams) and most noted scheduling requests. Our scheduling program takes into account too many variables to change the schedules after May 16. These variables include noted coaching conflicts and minimum rest periods between games. The Canton Cup is one of the few, if not the only tournament of this size that can provide head-coaches a ***“Pool Play no schedule conflict” guarantee for up to 3 teams.***

Canton Cup Team Registration / Check-In Process

Our 3-Step process is detailed below:

1. Roster Entry and Document Upload (Initial Uploads due May 1):
 - a. Enter your 2018 Canton Cup Tournament Player Roster.
 - b. Online Team Registration (Document Upload).
2. Tournament Check In (@ Independence Park May 24th & 25th)
3. Game Check In (@ Game Field Check In Tents)

Online Team Registration

In an effort to reduce the amount of time required by our guests waiting in line to check their team onsite, we are requiring that **all teams** follow the Online Team Registration process below.

Step 1: Team Registration Online Process (Uploads Due May 1):

First (a): Enter in your **Tournament Roster** online at your cantoncup.net **MYTEAM** account (login and password required).

- Feedback on missing or incorrect information will be communicated in your MYTEAM dashboard.
- Note: Players may be added or dropped from the Tournament Roster due to injury or availability up to May 18 online in your MYTEAM account. After May 18 all final changes must be completed at Tournament Check-In.

Second (b): Collect and Scan all required Team Check-in documents.

NOTE: Documents must be scanned as .pdf and be 1.0 MB max size per file and multiple files are accepted.

- League Roster
- Guest Player Forms (if needed)
- Coach Risk Management Card or Passcard displaying “KID SAFE.”
- Pass Cards for all players on the Tournament Roster
 - Please Combine Passcards on as few pages as possible.
- Permission to Travel Form (all non-Michigan Teams)
- **Liability Waiver Form****

****We have launched a NEW Liability Waiver Form to save you time. The NEW form allows you to check that you have the following documents in your possession and therefore do not need to upload them:**

- Player Medical Release Forms
- Player Concussion Forms
- Coach Concussion Training Verification



Team Registration Online Process (Uploads Due May 1)(cont.):

Teams will be able to print out their confirmation letter that all required documents and the Team Roster have been received and approved from the MY TEAM account. **Confirmation letters may be printed any time prior to Tournament Check In Thursday May 24 or Friday, May 25.**

Bring the confirmation letter to Independence Park on May 24 or 25 between 4:00pm and 9:00pm to receive the Player Wrist Bands, Tournament Books, and Tournament Game Ball.

Step 2: Tournament Check-in is at the Canton Cup tournament headquarters: Independence Park 1898 Denton Road, Canton, MI

Tournament Check-in is on Thursday May 24th and Friday, May 25th from 4:00-9:00pm.
You must check-in to receive your player wrist bands prior to your first game.

All Canton Soccer Club teams are required to register on Thursday and we invite any other of our guest teams to take advantage of the early Thursday check-in time as well.

Please email the Tournament Head Registrar at registrar@cantoncup.net for more information.

If you have a 5:00pm game on Friday, you may check-in between 3:00 – 4:00pm (only teams with an early game may check-in at this time).

What is needed at Tournament Check-in?

- Confirmation Letter printed from the MY TEAM account.
 - Bring any late roster change documents to the rework area.

The team representative will then receive:

- Player Wrist Bands
- Copy of the Tournament Roster
- Team Ball
- Tournament Programs
- Guest Appreciation Gifts
- Participation Medals for U8 – U12 teams

Step 3: Game Check-in's

Teams are required to check-in 30 minutes prior to each game. Player check-in before games will be **at the check-in tents designated for your game field (see field maps for the tent assigned to your game field).**

Each team will be issued Tyvek wristbands for the players at the Tournament Check-in. This wristband is to be worn all weekend by the players. Players will not be allowed to play without wristbands.

First Game Check-in:

The entire team needs to be in attendance for the first game check-in with wristband on. The tournament staff will go through the game check-in process and collect the pass cards. The team will receive the game sheets in exchange for the pass cards (Team Roster for Recreational teams). The pass cards will be exchanged for the completed game sheet after the game **at the check-in tent.**



Step 3: Game Check-in's (cont.)

2nd and 3rd Game Check-in:

For subsequent division games, only a team representative needs to come to check-in to drop off pass cards and pick up the game sheet. The referees will monitor that wristbands are in place for each player. The pass cards will be exchanged for the completed game sheet after the game **at the check-in tent.**

Championship / Bonus Game Check-in:

The entire team will need to once again be present at the check-in tent. The team will receive the game sheet in exchange for the passcards. After any championship or bonus game, the pass cards will be picked up **at the trophy tent.**

Referee payment tickets will be given to the home team at the field check-in tent. Bring the game sheets and referee payment ticket to the field and give to the center referee for each game.

Reminder: The completed game sheets must be returned to the check-in tents after each game in order for the teams to retrieve their player passcards.

T-Shirt Pre-orders: \$5 discount until May 22.

We are offering a \$5 pre-order discount for all apparel orders. A limited number of official 2018 Canton Cup Team Balls are also available for pre-sale. The online pre-tournament order form is available for the tournament t-shirt and sweatshirt advance orders at www.cantonicup.net. Please follow the online directions to submit your order. Tournament pre-ordered t-shirts and balls can be picked up anytime during the tournament at the Tournament Headquarters at Independence Park. We prefer that orders be picked up during the Tournament check-in on Friday, May 25th at Independence Park.

T-Shirt On-Site Sales

On-site sales will be available at Independence Park, Heritage Park and Plymouth – Canton Educational Park High Schools (limited supply) over the tournament weekend.

Severe Weather Policy

The 2018 Canton Cup has updated the Severe Weather Policy to align with the MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) guideline that once Thunder is heard or Lightning is observed all teams are to take immediate safe shelter. **Pavilions are not safe shelters.** It is recommended to **enter your vehicles.** No one is to return to the playing fields until 30 minutes after Thunder is heard or Lightning is observed. The 30 minute count-down restarts after each case of Thunder or Lightning.

No Private Segway's, Motorcycles or Four Wheelers allowed at any of the venues

We have been asked by the Canton Police Department to remind our guests that motorized vehicles are not allowed away from designated parking areas at any of the venues. Because of the large number of guests at the venues only official tournament vehicles will be allowed outside of the designated parking areas. All other vehicles will be ticketed and / or impounded.



Hotel Information

Hotel information and contact information for our tournament coordinator, **Traveling Teams**, is also available at the tournament site. Traveling Teams must be used when making hotel arrangements. They have pre-approved hotels that meet the Canton Cup Quality and Service requirements. Traveling Teams has also reserved blocks of rooms at discounted prices for various price points to provide high value to our guests.

Please see the Canton Cup App for directions to and from the hotels / fields.

Family fun stuff

Inflatables: On Saturday and Sunday, May 26th and 27th, there will be Inflatables available for the kids at Independence Park and Heritage Park. There will be a nominal charge for admission good at all sites!!

Memorial Day Remembrance: On Saturday, May 26th at 12:00 Noon, we will have a ceremony at Independence Park to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

- Special guest appearance from Pat Williams; Canton Township Supervisor.
- The highly decorated Canton Fire Color Guard.
- **Michigan Bucks vs Lansing United:** On Saturday afternoon at 12:00 Noon, directly following the Memorial Day Celebration, the Canton Soccer Club will be hosting a top level soccer match between these two heated PDL rivals. Admission to the game is free to our guests.

Summit on the Park: All Soccer Players and Referees with Canton Cup Wrist Bands are able to use the facilities at the Summit on the Park at [46000 Summit Pkwy, Canton, MI 48188](#). A special thank you to our partners at the Canton Township Leisure Services that have made this possible. Take advantage of the world class pool and fitness center during your visit to Canton.

During the tournament weekend, please review the tournament program for restaurants, sponsors, and other activity your team and family may enjoy. Also, the website will have a posting of various activities.

We advise you to **check the app** and website regularly for news and updates which will include all local construction notices and other special activities available during your stay for the tournament weekend.

Welcome, have Fun and Good Luck!

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