



May, 19, 2021

Dear Coach, Manager or Team official:

Congratulations on being a part the 2021 Canton Cup Memorial Weekend Soccer Tournament. This year's tournament is our 38th annual and being held on May 28-30, 2021. The quality and diversity of teams selected to participate this year is outstanding. You will be one of about 300 teams to join us this year as we had to limit capacity, 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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<u>Tournament Registrar</u>	Dan McEvilly	Email: dan@cantonsoccerclub.com
<u>Master Scheduler</u>	Mike Jones	Email: scheduler@cantoncup.net
<u>Team Payments</u>	Michelle Keen	Email: clubadmin@cantonsoccerclub.com

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

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REFEREES

- As you may know, we (the entire soccer world) is under a referee shortage. If you are licensed and would like to officiate some games, please check the [Referee availability](#) form for details.
- Let us all do our part in supporting our referees who will be putting in really long hours to officiate approximately 500 games over the weekend.

TEAM CHECKLIST

In an effort to provide contactless forms, please review the CHECKLIST and enter in your team roster by Monday, Friday May21st. Any rosters not entered by this date or roster changes after this date must be handled at tournament check-in. Please allow extra time for roster entry or changes (i.e. do not arrive for check-in at 4:00, with no roster in the system, for a 5:00 game).



Medical Release Policy

Teams must verify they have medical release forms in their possession by using the on-line 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

All brackets and schedules are final unless communicated with the specific teams. We have accepted about 300 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 13. 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 Pass Card copy submission (Submissions due May 21):
 - a. Enter your 2021 Canton Cup Tournament Player Roster in the on-line form.
 - b. Send Pass Card copies to canton.cup.2021@gmail.com.
2. Tournament Check In (@ Independence Park May 27th & 28th)
3. Game Check In - Pre-game team checks in not required this year (see STEP 3 below).



Online Team Registration

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. For more details, see “Forms” under “Information” at www.cantoncup.net.

Step 1: Team Registration Online Process (Due May 21):

The registration process for the 2021 Canton Cup has been streamlined to 2 steps.

First: Complete the Canton Cup Tournament – Roster / Document On-line Checklist

- A. Type in Team ID Number
- B. Type in Team Name
- C. Type in Club
- D. Type in Player Numbers and Names
- E. Select if player is on League roster or is a guest Player.
- F. Check if a copy of the Player’s medical release form and Concussion form exists.
- G. Check to confirm that the coach has Risk Management, Concussion and SafeSport compliant.

Second: Email copies of your pass cards to canton.cup.2021@gmail.com

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 27th and Friday, May 28th from 4:00-9:00pm.
You must check-in to receive your player wristbands prior to your first game.

All DCFC teams are required to check in on Thursday and we invite any of our other 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?

- Know the **BRACKET** your team is playing in (e.g. BU13BLACK; GU12GREEN etc.)
- We can look up the bracket using your team name, but the process will go faster if you know it in advance
- 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



- Guest Appreciation Gifts
- Participation Medals for U8 – U12 teams

Step 3: Game Check-in's

Game Check in will not be part of the process this year. Field Marshall's will deliver game sheets to the referee's pregame and pick them up post game for reporting.

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. If your child needs a new wristband your manager must alert a Field Marshall before your game and show the players passcard and previous wrist band to the Field Marshall. Field Marshalls will check the team roster and issue a replacement.

Championship / Bonus Game Check-in:

For Championship games this year you will just need to show up at the field and play. All players must have a wrist band or they **CAN NOT** participate. No Exceptions. The entire team will need to once again be present at the check-in tent. After the championship the Field Marshalls and Trophy team will distribute Trophies at the field. **THERE IS NO TROPHY TENT THIS YEAR.**

Severe Weather Policy

The 2021 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: Due to COVID protocols, there will be **NO** inflatables this year, but we hope to see them (and you) back for 2022.

Memorial Day Remembrance: On Saturday, May 29th 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 Anne Marie Graham-Hudak; Canton Township Supervisor.
- The highly decorated Canton Fire Honor Guard.
- A semi-professional women's match will be hosted on Indy field 3 at 12pm with Detroit City FC vs Rebels FC of the UWSL 2. Admission to the game is free to our guests.

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.

Canton Cup App

Will be available for download on Wednesday, May 26th for the 2021 tournament. The app will include schedules, maps, directions, vendors, sponsors and so much more.

Welcome, have Fun and Good Luck!

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