



17th ANNUAL
NORTH AMERICAN
SAND SOCCER
CHAMPIONSHIPS
U.S. OPEN



JUNE 11-13, 2010 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA USA

BACKGROUND: The North American Sand Soccer Championships (NASSC) has presented a cash prize division for top men's pro/am teams since 2001. This high-visibility competition is conducted in a beach stadium and is the focal point of the 18-block, 9,500 player world's premier amateur/pro/am beach soccer festival. Given its size and longevity, the OPEN is considered the U.S. national pro/am championship. NASSC's prize structure is the largest known purse of any USA pro/am beach soccer tournament.

The U.S. OPEN is conducted over three days. The 2010 format is projected to include **8-10 teams** playing two matches on Friday, two on Saturday and consolations, semifinals and the Championship Sunday.

DETAILS:

- **DEADLINE TO ENTER:** The *entry deadline for the OPEN is MARCH 1, 2010, when both application and full entry fee will be required* in hand at the HRSC Office in Virginia Beach. There will be no exceptions. Professional team administration is expected. Team/player history will be required from teams who have not previously participated in NASSC
- **REGISTRATION:** US OPEN registration will be held at NASSC HQ **Thursday evening, June 10th**. Rosters are NOT required until registration.
- **TEAM SIZE:** Maximum of 12 players. No roster changes permitted for any reason once submitted at registration. All players may dress for and compete in a match.
- **UNIFORMS:** Formal soccer uniforms are required for the OPEN, including matching shorts and numbered shirts. Teams should be prepared to wear either light or dark numbered jerseys. Scrimmage vests will NOT be permitted

- **OFFICIALS:** A minimum of two on-field officials will be used for preliminary matches and three for semifinals and finals
- **RULES:** Refer to standard rules published on the tournament website
- **FORFEITS:** A team forfeiting a match for any reason will not be allowed to compete further
- **TIMING OF MATCHES:** Matches will commence as early as noon on Friday and 8 AM Saturday and Sunday. The Final will be completed by mid-afternoon Sunday
- **TRAVEL & LODGING:** Teams are responsible for their own travel and lodging. Distant travelers routinely develop their own sponsors
- **TRANSPORTATION:** Team (vice individual) transport may be provided on a case basis to/from Norfolk International Airport to lodging site, if coordinated well in advance
- **PRIZES:** Cash prizes will be determined in Spring 2010 based on OPEN sponsorship support developed during the Fall/early spring.
- **ENTRY FEE: \$550 US**
- **CONTACTS:** Joe Ruddy, US OPEN Coordinator jruddy@vit.org
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CONGRATULATIONS to U.S. OPEN 2009 teams!



**Champion: Footvolley.net
Ft Lauderdale, FL**



**Finalist: HRSC Elite
Virginia Beach, VA**



**3rd Place: Lusitanos SC
Miami, FL**



**4th Place: VB/FL/NoVa
Miami FL**

*** and other US OPEN participants ***

CNU FC Virginia
SoCal Beach FC, California
Team Rio, Florida

Team Pugg, California
United FC, NoVA, WI Virginia
WISC Williamsburg, VA

Heartiest congratulations to individual stars for special recognition, and selected by US National Beach Soccer Coach Eddie Soto:



**MVP: Fainor Lime
Footvolley.net**



**Golden Toe: Igor Matos
Team Rio**



**MV Keeper: Daryll Fischer
HRSC Elite**