



JUNE 8-10, 2012 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 20-block, 10,000 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 in existence.

The U.S. OPEN is conducted over three days. The 2012 format is projected to include 10 teams playing two matches on Friday, two on Saturday and consolations, semifinals and the Championship on Sunday.

DETAILS:

- **DEADLINE TO ENTER:** The *entry deadline for the OPEN is MARCH 1, 2012, 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 the LunaSea Café **Thursday evening, June 7th** in conjunction with an OPEN player's reception. 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 U.S. 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 Friday morning as early as 8AM, and 8 AM Saturday and Sunday. The Final will be completed by mid-afternoon Sunday. Evening matches under the lights will be conducted in 2012.
- **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 2012 based on OPEN sponsorship support developed during the Fall/early spring. The winner's purse in 2011 was \$10,000.
- **ENTRY FEE: \$550 US**
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CONGRATULATIONS to U.S. OPEN 2011 teams!



**1st Place: Florida Beach Soccer
Boyton Beach, FL**



**2nd Place: HRSC Elite
Virginia Beach, VA**



**3rd Place: Team PUGG
San Francisco, CA**



**4th Place: SoCal Beach FC
Oceanside, CA**

*** and other US OPEN participants ***

**Beach Foot Assn, Dakar, Senegal
Miami MaPaw, Miami, FL
Montco Azzurri, Landsdown, PA**

**Rave FC, NoVA, VA
Team Canada, Mississauga, CAN
United FC, NoVA, VA**

Heartiest congratulations to individual stars for special recognition.



**Most Valuable Player:
Golden Toe (Top Goal Scorer):
Best Goalkeeper:**

**Oscar Gil
Adriano
Aldo**

**Florida Beach Soccer FC
SoCal Beach FC
Florida Beach Soccer FC**