



Southern Ohio Adult Soccer Association

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When you join the Southern Ohio Amateur Association, you become part of several different groups. You belong to worldwide FIFA. You become part of US Soccer, of the United States Amateur Soccer Association and of the SOASA. Affiliation with these groups, in addition to other benefits, gives players and teams the opportunity to participate in many different programs, competitions and events.

The USASA manages four nationwide programs: the **Elite Players Program, National Cups Competition, Veteran's Cup** and the **National Coed Competition**.

The Elite Player Program, originally known as the Select Teams Program, identifies players that exhibit skillful qualities with the intent of becoming a part of the USASA National Select Team player pool. Once selected, the player will be showcased in competitions against professional and international teams. The exposure that our elite players may gain by competing against those professional and international teams can result in professional opportunities for those players. In addition to identifying our elite players, the program provides our coaches the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in highly competitive game situations. This program provides an excellent showcase for the national team coaches to view the best players in the country for inclusion in the National Teams program.

The National Cups Competition: The USASA conducts annual competitions to determine national championships for both men and women amateur soccer players in open competitions (AMATEUR CUPS), as well as for Under-20, Under-23, Over-30, Over-40 and Over-50 players. USASA now features a national coed championship tournament as well. USASA also participates in the qualification process for the United States Soccer Federation Open Cup tournament, the longest and most prestigious soccer tournament in the country.

The Veteran's Cup was established by USASA in 1998 to provide high-level competition for both male and female veteran soccer players. The tournament is held annually and is divided into the following divisions:

Men's:

Over - 30, 35, 40 Premier and 1st division, 45.

Over - International Open 50, 55 and 60.

Women's:

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The Coed Cup was established in 1999 to provide a national competition for the coed soccer players in the United States. There will be an Open, Over 30 and Over 40 event. In each event there will be three different levels of play to reflect the competitive diversity of coed teams: Premier (highest level); First Division (Competitive); and Second Division (Less Competitive). Teams participating in the 2008 Coed Cup will represent the four regions of Adult soccer in the U.S.

The Midwest Region of the USASA manages two competitions: the **Region National Cup Games** and the **Joseph L. Rogrigues Tournament of Champions**.

Tournament of Champions: The Joseph L. Rodrigues Tournament of Champions features the state and league championship teams in seven competitive categories from the Midwest Region's 14 state associations. These categories include Men's, Women's, Men 0/30, and Women 0/30 division, Men U23, Women U23 and Coed Division. The tournament has grown to be one of the two largest such events in the Midwest annually, including between 30-40 teams in certain years. Envisioned by Joe Rodrigues (past Regional Director, Region II), the TOC began in 1980 to provide competition between the best teams in each of the States of the Midwest Region. The men's competition is open to Midwest (Region II) State Champions and Runners-Up (SOASA Cup). All of the other competitions are open to any league champions from the region. Following the long illness and death of Joe, the tournament was renamed in honor of its founder to be the Joseph L. Rodrigues Tournament of Champions. There is no national Tournament of Champions tournament.

The Southern Ohio Adult Soccer Association manages two competitions: The **Founder's Cup** and the **SOASA Cup**.

Founder's Cup: The Southern Ohio Amateur Soccer Association conducts this event in late June. Every SOASA affiliated team in good standing with its league is eligible to participate. The event takes place at the Ankeney Soccer Complex near Dayton, OH. The number and variety of divisions of the Founder's Cup depend upon the number of entries received. The competition is usually in a World Cup format. The Founder's Cup is also used as an occasion to honor an individual who has contributed a great amount of time and effort to the betterment of the game. The tournament is the one time when teams from all over the state are able to test themselves against teams from other leagues. It has become a social event as well. The players and their families enjoy the annual opportunity to renew friendships.

SOASA Cup: The competition is held in early July to determine the teams that will represent the state in the Men's Open Division of the Joseph L. Rodrigues Tournament of Champions. Each affiliated league may name the top two qualified teams from its Men's Open Division to the tournament. The SOASA Cup winner and the runner-up are eligible to play in the Midwest Region's Tournament of Champions on the last weekend of July.

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