



# Rhode Island Women's Soccer League 2009 Summer Tournament

## Rules and Regulations

(updated 5-14-2009)

<b>Location:</b>	Wilson Park, North Kingstown, Rhode Island
<b>Divisions:</b>	There will be three divisions based on the existing structure of the RIWSL teams. The number of entrants, team contact opinion, and the tournament committee's discretion will also factor into the placement of a team.
<b>Registration Fee:</b>	<p>Each team will pay a \$250 registration fee, which is fully non-refundable.</p> <p>Each team will also pay a \$75 performance bond, which shall be returned immediately upon completion of each team's preliminary and playoff games. Failure to show on-time and play any games, including playoff games, will result in the forfeiture of the offending team's performance bond.</p> <p>Fees are payable to RIWSL mailed to the attention of Tournament Registrations, RIWSL, P.O. Box 8453, Warwick, RI 02888.</p> <p>Other USASA affiliated teams are invited to participate in this tournament at the same fees.</p>
<b>Games:</b>	Each registered team is guaranteed a minimum of 4 games. The game length will be determined by the number of registered teams.
<b>Awards:</b>	A tournament prize will be awarded to the 1st place team in each of the three divisions.
<b>Eligibility:</b>	All RIWSL players may play on any registered tournament team, as long as the player is registered for the Spring 2009 season. Teams must submit an official "Tournament Roster" form, which may include guest players from other teams. Please fill in the Tournament Roster and email it to Année at <a href="mailto:ballet5slippers@cox.net">ballet5slippers@cox.net</a> no later than June 23rd. All players will be required to sign-in, with a picture ID, prior to their 1st match on each day of the tournament. Eligibility will be verified, and that player will be clear to play for the day.
<b>Tournament Assistance:</b>	Home teams (first listed on schedule) must bring ref card to tent to report score to tournament committee. Each RIWSL team may be assigned a time slot where team members will be responsible to assist with the tournament. Assignments will be made known to each team prior to the start of the tournament.



# Rhode Island Women's Soccer League 2009 Summer Tournament

## Team Information Sheet

(updated 6-24-2008)

<b>Sign-In:</b>	All players must check in on their first day of play. Wristbands will be given at check-in and are to be worn throughout the tournament. No player will be allowed to participate without a wristband.
<b>Registration:</b>	Players will not be permitted to take the field unless all paperwork, including the completed and signed "Tournament Roster" and "Roster/Waiver" forms, have been submitted to tournament officials. Players arriving late must sign said forms and have their eligibility verified before taking the field. The forms will be kept at the registration table.
<b>Tournament Committee:</b>	Molly Gross Kay Howard-Strobel Année Smith Stephanie Nocon
<b>Number of Players:</b>	Each team will be allowed a roster of 24 players. Players are permitted to play for only 1 team entered in the tournament. Any team using an illegal player will forfeit that match and their performance bond.
<b>Uniforms &amp; Equipment:</b>	<p>All players on a team MUST have matching uniform shirts with permanent numbers on the back of their game shirts. The same number must be worn throughout the tournament. If a player is not in a matching uniform, the referee may determine that she cannot play. No taped numbers are permitted.</p> <p>Alternate uniform shirts with permanent numbers or pinnies are required to be with the team at all times. Pinnies must be the same color but do not need to be numbered. The home team is responsible for changing uniform shirts.</p> <p>Shin guards are mandatory. No players will be permitted on the field of play without shin guards.</p> <p>Each team will have at least 3 regulation balls to be used during games.</p>
<b>Rules:</b>	All tournament games will be played in accordance with the "Laws of the Game" as issued by FIFA unless modified herein.
<b>Conduct:</b>	<p>Players, coaches, managers, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves with the spirit of the game in mind.</p> <p>Any player, coach, manager, or spectator who receives a red card will be ejected from the tournament site.</p> <p>Any player, coach, manager, or spectator who receives 2 yellow card offenses IN THE SAME MATCH will be treated as if he/she has received a red card. Said player, coach, manager, or spectator will be ejected from the tournament.</p>

	Any player, coach, manager, or spectator who receives 2 accumulated yellow cards IN DIFFERENT MATCHES will be suspended from the tournament site for the next scheduled match.
<b>Forfeits:</b>	Any team forfeiting a preliminary or playoff game, for any reason, will forfeit its \$75 performance bond.
<b>Game Format:</b>	<p>Preliminary games consist of 2 30-minute periods with no overtime.</p> <p>A match is considered “official” once a minimum of 20 minutes have been played. Should a match be suspended after 20 minutes, the Tournament Committee will determine whether the match will continue.</p> <p>Teams have unlimited substitutions. Substitutions can be made on ANY DEAD BALL with the permission of the referee. Substitutes will not be permitted onto the field until granted permission by the referee.</p> <p>Games are expected to start on time. No more than a 5-minute grace period will be allowed to field a team of 7 players. Teams must field a minimum of 7 players, or a forfeit will be declared. Forfeit scores will be recorded as 3-0. Late starting games may be shortened to maintain the tournament schedule, if necessary.</p> <p>Tiebreaker Rules will determine advancement to the playoffs.</p> <p>Playoffs will include overtime (see below).</p>
<b>Standings:</b>	<p>The home team (team listed 1<sup>st</sup> in Game Schedule) is responsible for collecting the score card from the referee and returning it to the registration table within 15 minutes of the end of the match; otherwise, no score will be recorded, and no points will be awarded to either team.</p> <p>Points will be awarded as follows: 3 points for a win; 1 point for a tie; 0 points for a loss.</p> <p>In the event of a total points tie, standings will be determined by the Tiebreaker Rules: (1) head-to-head results will be determine advancement; (2) team with “most wins;” (3) goal differential vs. teams in the same division; and, finally, (4) penalty kicks (5/5 to 1/1 format).</p>
<b>Playoffs:</b>	<p>All four teams in each division will advance to the playoffs. All teams that qualify for the playoffs must be ready to play 15 minutes prior to match time.</p> <p>The semi-final and final games will consist of two 30-minute periods. If tied at the end of regulation time, there will be a “golden goal” overtime of two 5-minute periods. If necessary, alternating penalty kicks (5/5 down to 1/1) will take place. Only the players on the field at the close of the second golden goal period may participate in the penalty kicks. The goalie must remain the same throughout the penalty kicks, except in the event of an injury, which must be confirmed by the tournament officials.</p>

<b>Weather:</b>	<p>The Tournament Committee will have the authority to make changes as follows:</p> <p>The Tournament Committee reserves the right to relocate, reschedule, cancel, and/or change duration of matches due to weather and/or field conditions or field availability.</p> <p>In the event of extreme heat, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the game duration to 4 15-minute quarters with a 2 minute water break at the end of each quarter. This decision will be Non-Negotiable and will be enforced throughout that day.</p> <p>The Tournament Committee's decisions are final and binding.</p>
<b>Protests:</b>	<p>There will be no protests accepted. If these tournament rules appear to be violated, the matter will be brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee for final resolution.</p> <p>Violations must be brought to the attention of the committee within 1 hour of the alleged violation.</p>
<b>Refunds:</b>	<p>The Entrance Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE except for severe weather conditions. Should the tournament be canceled by the Tournament Committee due to severe weather conditions, the tournament entry fee and performance bond will be refunded minus an administrative fee.</p>



## Rhode Island Women's Soccer League 2008 Summer Tournament

### Directions to Wilson Park, North Kingstown

#### **From the North (using I-95):**

Take I-95 South to Exit 9, Route 4 South, to Exit 5 (Route 102 South, towards Wickford). At the end of exit ramp, make a right onto Victory Highway (Route 102). At fourth light (Shell Station on your right), take a left onto Route 1 (Tower Hill Road). At next light, take a right onto West Main Street, and the entrance to Wilson Park will be immediately on your left.

#### **OR (using Route 1)**

Follow Route 1 South (Post Road) all the way into North Kingstown. This is a business and residential area; you will encounter too many traffic lights to be counted! Once in North Kingstown, you will eventually pass the Rhode Island State Police Barracks on your right; the North Kingstown Police and Fire Stations on your left; and an empty restaurant called Bay Leaves on your left. You will come to the intersection of Post Road and West Main Street (a Honey Dew Donuts will be on your left). Take a left at that intersection, and the entrance to Wilson Park will be immediately on your left.

#### **From the South or West (using I-95):**

Take I-95 North to Exit 5A (North Kingstown) which merges onto Route 102 South/Victory Highway. After 0.2 miles take a right onto Nooseneck Road, then your very next left back onto Route 102 South/Victory Highway. Follow Route 102 approximately 10.6 miles until the junction with Route 1/Tower Hill Road (Shell Station on your right). Take a left onto Route 1 (Tower Hill Road). At next light, take a right onto West Main Street, and the entrance to Wilson Park will be immediately on your left.

#### **OR (using Route 1)**

Follow Route 1 North (Tower Hill Road) all the way into North Kingstown. When Route 1 splits with Route 4 North, stay to the right, as this will keep you on Tower Hill Road. Go straight through your first light. At the next light, take a right onto West Main Street. The entrance to Wilson Park will be on your left.

If you want to mapquest directions to the park - use Centreville Bank, 234 West Main Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852. This bank is directly across the street from Wilson Park.