



Bulletin # 1 – AASCA Small School Soccer Tournament

December 2, 2009

Dear AASCA Colleagues,

The International School of Panama is pleased to host the **AASCA Small Schools' Soccer Tournament**, from **March 10 through 14**, 2010. We are expecting a big turnout of girls and boys teams, and are excited to be hosting the soccer tournament again.

We open with the Icebreaker activity at ISP on Wednesday evening, March 10 and conclude with the Closing Ceremony on Saturday evening, March 13. The travel dates will be Wednesday, March 10 and Sunday, March 14.

The deadline for confirming your school's participation is December 16 – two weeks from today. Please send the attached Registration Form to confirm your participation. It is critical that we know by the 16th and that you reserve hotels by then. There appear to be a number of conferences going on in Panama City during that week in March, so please, book early!

Additionally, remember that for small school AASCA soccer, **teams may consist of 16 players**. The **registration cost per team is US\$400**. If a school brings both a boys' and girls' team, the cost is US\$800.

On the following page I have described the hotel options and our recommendations for your 4-night stay in Panama City. There are particular advantages to options number 1 and 2, but there are not enough rooms for all the teams at either Country Inn or Paitilla Inn. If you prefer either of these options I recommend booking them immediately. The third option – the Continental – is bigger, could hold all the teams, costs more and involves longer travel time to ISP. It is the most comfortable of the three options in terms of accommodations. As the organizing school we are prepared to arrange transportation for teams that may be spread out at three different hotels.

I will be communicating again with you just before the Christmas Break, and then again with more details in late January and early February.

Consider both me and Cristine Kelso, the ISP Athletics Coordinator, your contacts at ISP for any questions or queries regarding the tournament. We can be reached at

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Please also refer to the AASCA website for information and regulations regarding soccer tournaments. We look forward to hosting you here at ISP in mid-March, and continuing this great partnership of schools in Central America – in the spirit of friendship and athletic competition.

Saludos!

Dan McKee
High School Principal
International School of Panama

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Hotel Information

Option # 1

Hotel Country Inn El Dorado (25 rooms available)

www.panamacanalcountry.com/eldorado/

This option is the most affordable and the location in El Dorado, very close to Corredor Norte, means just a 20 minute trip to ISP.

Standard/Double Room	\$90.00
Junior Suite	\$110.00

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Option #2

Hotel Plaza Paitilla Inn (40 rooms available)

www.plazapaitillainn.com

This option, also economically priced, is located very close to Corredor Sur. The trip to ISP should take approximately 30 minutes.

Standard/Double Room	\$110.00
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Option #3

Hotel Continental (200 rooms available)

www.hotelesriande.com

This option is a bit more expensive, and can hold all the AASCA teams. The location near via España means the possibility of some traffic and a 50 minute trip to ISP.

Standard/Single	\$135.00
Standard / Double	\$155.00

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