



## **Bulletin # 3 – AASCA Small School Soccer Tournament**

February 26, 2010

Dear AASCA Colleagues,

The **AASCA Small Schools' Soccer Tournament (March 10 through 14)** is now just a week and a half away. There is much to report to you about the tournament and the setup, and I know you have all been eager to know more details. My apologies for the delays in getting Bulletin #3 to you. Three schools from the original list dropped out, and we had to re-do the draw for the brackets and re-structure the tournament. Another significant detail to work out was with fields. Even with 16 teams now (down from 20 originally), we need more than the two fields that ISP has on site. I am happy to report that games will be played at both ISP and Balboa Academy. I am grateful to our sister school Balboa, and to Ms. Sosa, Ms. Magee and to their Athletics Faculty for the gracious support and collaboration that they have offered. Just as with the MBS-CDS partnership at AASCA basketball this year, soccer will see a similar partnership.

I am also grateful to Crossroads Christian Academy, who have agreed on late notice to participate with their boys' team in the tournament, ensuring that both brackets have five teams.

Below are the critical points of information for Coaches, Athletic Directors and Administrators.

### **1. The Brackets**

<b>Boys' Teams</b>	
<b>Group 1</b> International School of Panama Marian Baker School Colegio Americano del Sur Country Day School Crossroads Christian Academy	<b>Group 2</b> Balboa Academy Colegio Maya American International School Lincoln International Academy Mazapan School
<b>Girls' Teams</b>	
International School of Panama Balboa Academy Colegio Americano del Sur Colegio Maya Country Day School Escuela Panamericana	

## 2. Tournament Setup

The brackets were made according to AASCA guidelines, in the presence of Administration and Athletics Staff of ISP and Balboa Academy. The girls' bracket was set as one group with all six of the teams. The boys' brackets were selected by this criteria: school names pulled in random order, with teams from the same country separated whenever possible, and with the winner and runner-up from the last soccer tournament separated.

The essential details of the **boys'** tournament are the following:

- Each team will play each other team in the bracket (4 games total – 2 on Thurs, 2 on Fri).
- After the four games are played, the top two teams in each bracket will play a crossed semi-final game on Saturday morning. The two winners advance to a Saturday afternoon Championship game.
- Games will be played on Saturday to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place teams.

The essential details of the **girls'** tournament are the following:

- Each team will play each other team in the bracket (5 games total – 2 on Thurs, 2 on Fri, 1 on Sat).
- After the five games are played, the top two teams in will play a Saturday afternoon Championship game.
- Games will be played on Saturday to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place teams.

Most teams will play two games per day and six total games for the tournament. The two 5<sup>th</sup> place boys' teams will play only one game on Saturday, versus each other.

## 3. Travel and Transportation

ISP will provide bus transportation for all visiting teams – for airport pickup, travel to hotel, and travel daily from hotel to the games and back to the hotel.

A few key points:

- Due to the size of soccer teams, and due to several different hotel locations, teams will have their own bus for the duration of the tournament. Large buses will be provided for schools with both a boys' and girls' team, smaller buses for schools with only one team in the tournament.
- All teams should expect to travel between ISP and Balboa Academy at some point during the tournament. Travel between the two schools is much faster and easier now with the opening of the Corredor Norte.
- We are attempting to keep boys' and girls' teams from the same school together at a site for a given morning or afternoon of games.
- Any team wishing to arrange additional trips during the day may do so with our bus service provider at their own expense. Prices will be reasonable and outlined for you upon your arrival.

## 4. Other Logistics

- The Ice Breaker Activity will be held at ISP at 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 10. The ISP Student Council will run the activity for the teams, while coaches and athletic directors meet to discuss tournament logistics. A dinner will be served for all.
- The Opening Ceremony will take place at ISP at 7:45am on Thursday, March 11. Games will begin immediately thereafter – at 9:00 for teams staying at ISP, and likely at 10:00 for teams traveling to Balboa Academy.
- The ISP and Balboa Academy PTAs will be providing snacks, beverages and lunches at reasonable cost throughout the days of the tournament. For teams playing at Balboa, there are also restaurants and cafes in close proximity to the fields. This is not the case at ISP.

## 5. Payments

Payment for each team participating in the tournament is \$400. A school with two teams in the tournament pays \$800.

Electronic transfers may be made to ISP at:

**CITIBANK NEW YORK, N.Y.**

**SWIFT CITIUS33**

**ABA 021000089**

For further credit to:

**BANCO GENERAL, S.A. - PANAMA**

**SWIFT BAGEPAPA**

**Account No. 10951934**

For further credit to:

**LA ESCUELA INTERNACIONAL DE PANAMA**

**(THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PANAMA)**

**Account No. 03-01-01-020860-7**

We prefer that you make the wire transfer. We will also accept checks upon your arrival made out to the International School of Panama.

## 6. Information from Visiting Teams

Thank you for sending your hotel and flight information, and your team rosters. If you have not yet done so, please send this ASAP. It is absolutely critical that we have this information by early next week for organization purposes.

Again, your contacts for the tournament are:

- **Dan McKee - HS Principal** [dmckee@isp.edu.pa](mailto:dmckee@isp.edu.pa) 507-293-3014
- **Cristine Kelso - Athletics Coordinator** [ckelso@isp.edu.pa](mailto:ckelso@isp.edu.pa) 507-293-3077

Please look over the information above carefully and let me know what questions you may have. You will hear from me one more time before your travel to Panama. AASCA soccer is just a week and a half away.

Saludos!

**Dan McKee**  
High School Principal  
International School of Panama