

OLDEST ONGOING SOCCER TOURNAMENT IN THE U.S. TO CELEBRATE ITS 100th ANNIVERSARY WITH 2024 AMATEUR CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

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In 2024, The National Amateur Cup Soccer Tournament brings together four elite amateur teams from throughout the United States to compete, in the semifinal and final games. The tournament will feature 4 days of men's and women's semifinal matches, leading to the final. Teams qualify to compete in the semifinals after first winning their own State's or region's championship. Unlike other amateur competitions in the U.S., the National Amateur Cup tournament is open to any amateur adult team in the U.S., that enters and competes in one of the regional qualifying events.

Said John Motta, President of USASA, "We're pleased to celebrate 100 years of amateur soccer in the United States with this prestigious tournament. It is a testament to the longevity and growing popularity of the sport in America."

DeKalb Illinois, where the National Amateur Cup soccer tournament is being held, returns the national championship to its home, Chicago, Illinois, the site of the first amateur soccer

championship competition, which was held in 1924. The local USASA club, Dekalb County United, will serve as the host organization.

The winner of the Fitz Marth Cup also receives a place in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup competition. Another historic tournament, the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup competition is conducted on a single-game, knockout basis and open to professional and amateur teams affiliated with U.S. Soccer.

In addition to the competition on the field, the 100th-anniversary celebration will include a variety of festivities, according to USASA Executive Director Bruce Bode. He said, "We are planning fan zones and special guest appearances. We will also highlight the history of this tournament during the build up to and at the finals. We want to create an unforgettable experience for players, fans and families, and create an environment for attracting and welcoming many new fans to the U.S. soccer community."

ABOUT USASA

The United States Adult Soccer Association is the national association for adult amateur soccer in the United States. Established in 1982, USASA oversees a wide range of adult soccer programs, leagues, and competitions, providing opportunities for players of varying skill levels to engage in the sport. Through its fifty-four state associations, with over 220,000 players and national leagues, USASA promotes the growth and development of adult amateur soccer at both the recreational and competitive levels. USASA is a member of the United States Soccer Federation and plays a vital role in advancing adult soccer in the United States.

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