

Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. Soccer Registration Package

November 2017

This Soccer Registration Package is prepared by Kayasit “Sid” Ly (the Executive Director) and authorized by the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. (HCNYC) to be used for its Soccer Tournament of the 2017-2018 Hmong New Year in Fresno, California.

It contains information, forms, rules, regulations, and procedures to be read and completed by the soccer teams wanting to enter the Soccer Tournament.

Note that this Registration Package does not contain all the soccer game rules. Additional soccer game rules based on FIFA’s Laws of the Game will be made available to all the teams before the tournament commences. Soccer teams are responsible to read and abide by the soccer game rules in addition to the rules, regulations, and procedures in this Registration Package.



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Tournament Information

From October 21, 2017 to December 21, 2017, the Soccer Coordinating Staff will accept registrations for the Soccer Tournament. Late registrations will not be accepted. HCNYC and its Soccer Committee reserve the right to deny entry to any player or team.

Teams wanting to participate in the tournament must register by completing the forms—Team Officers, Team Roster, Release and Media Consent Form, and Acknowledgement Form—in this Registration Package and submitting them with the appropriate Registration Fee to:

Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc.
Attn: Chao Moua, Soccer Coordinator
4903 E. Kings Canyon Road, Suite 221
Fresno, CA 93727

For more information, please contact the Soccer Coordinator:

Chao Moua
Phone Call: (559) 473-9470
Phone Text: (559) 473-9471
Email: EeLee73@yahoo.com

Number of Teams

The minimum and maximum numbers of teams are: 7 to 16. HCNYC will cancel the tournament if there are less than 7 teams registering to play.

Registration Fees

From October 21, 2017 to November 30, 2017, the Registration Fee is \$300. From December 1, 2017 to December 21, 2017, the Registration Fee is \$350. The Registration Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE, unless the tournament is cancelled before it commences. The Registration Fee may be paid with money order or cashiers check made **payable to HCNYC**. Please do not mail in cash.

Prizes for Places

Monetary Prizes will be awarded to First, Second, and Third places. The prizes for 10 or more teams are:

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| 1 st Place | \$6,000 (six thousand dollars) |
| 2 nd Place | \$2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) |
| 3 rd Place | \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) |

The prizes for less than 10 teams are:

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| 1 st Place | \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) |
| 2 nd Place | \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) |
| 3 rd Place | \$ 800 (eight hundred dollars) |

The prizes will be awarded to the place winners on January 2, 2018 @ 6:00 PM, at HCNYC's office located at 4903 E Kings Canyon Rd, Ste 221, Fresno, CA 93727.

Team Officers

Please complete this form. With this form, each of the Team Officers must submit a legible, good quality, colored copy of his/her driver's license.

Team Name: _____

Manager Information (if any)

Drivers License No.: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. : _____ Email: _____

Coach Information

Drivers License No.: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. : _____ Email: _____

Assistant Coach Information (if any)

Drivers License No.: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. : _____ Email: _____

Team Captain Information

Drivers License No.: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. : _____ Email: _____

Assistant Captain Information (if any)

Drivers License No.: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. : _____ Email: _____

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Registration Package received on

Registration Fee \$ _____ received

Signature of Recipient

Team Roster

Please read and complete this form.

Team Name: _____

A team may register no less than 11 players and no more than 20 players. A team may register up to six non-Southeast-Asian players, but only three non-Southeast-Asian players may play for the team on the field of play at any one time. The Team Officers who will play soccer with the team must be included on this Team Roster as players. Only the players registered on this Team Roster may play for the team. A player may register with and play for only one team in the tournament.

The minimum age requirement for a player is 16 (sixteen) on or before December 30, 2017. No one under the age of 16 (sixteen) may play in this tournament. PLEASE ENTER THE AGE OF ANY PLAYERS WHO IS YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OLD.

All teams are encouraged to police each other as to the eligibilities of the players, and report to the Soccer Coordinator any eligibility issues. Verification of a player’s eligibilities may be conducted at any time by any referees or any staff of HCNYS. All players must carry a valid picture identification card issued by the government during the tournament. A player may not be allowed to play until eligibilities can be verified. At the same time, the player and the Team Captain shall be cautioned with a yellow card issued to each and made applicable in the current match if their team is playing, otherwise in their next match.

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Release and Media Consent Form

Each and every participant (Officer and Player) must read and sign this form as an application to enter the Soccer Tournament of the 2017-2018 Hmong New Year of the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. (HCNYC) to be held from December 30, 2017 to January 1, 2018 in Fresno, California.

Team Name: _____

I, the participant, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Soccer Tournament of the 2017-2018 Hmong New Year of HCNYC in Fresno, California.

I am fully aware of the risks and hazards connected with being on the premises where the tournament is being conducted and with participating in the tournament, including physical injury or even death, and hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said tournament, knowing that conditions may be hazardous or may become hazardous to me and my property. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage, or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of my participation in the tournament.

I hereby forever release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue HCNYC, its Soccer Committee, coordinating staff, volunteers, directors, officers, employees, servants, agents, representatives, contractors, and sponsors (hereinafter referred to as "releasees") from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, while participating in the tournament, or while on or upon the premises where the tournament is being conducted.

It is my express intent that this release shall forever bind the members of my family and spouse, my assignees, my heirs, my distributees, my parents, my guardians, my next of kin, and my legal representative, and shall be deemed as a Release, Waiver, Discharge, and Covenant Not to Sue the above named releasees.

I hereby agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them, from any loss, liability, damage or costs they may incur due to my participation or involvement in the tournament.

I know that the Soccer Tournament is a festival activity of the Hmong New Year, which is a public event. I am aware that during my participation in the tournament, any person or media or organization, including HCNYC, may be photographing or videotaping my image and/or audio recording my voice.

I hereby irrevocably grant to the releasees or any person or media or organization working with the releasees' authorization the absolute right and permission to photograph, videotape, audiotape, or otherwise record my image and/or voice during my participation in the tournament to be copyrighted, used, published, or broadcasted intact or in part in any medium without

restriction in conjunction with my real or fictitious name, for any purposes whatsoever, including but not limited to art, illustration, promotion, advertisement, or trade.

I also release, waive, and discharge the releasees from any and all claims arising out of or in connection with any use of the materials, caption information, and images described above, including any and all claims for libel, defamation, right of publicity, or invasion of privacy. I agree to hold harmless the releasees from and against any and all claims, demands, complaints, actions, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of, or by reason of, or be caused by the use of my image, or likeness, or voice on any and all media, including but not limited to television, radio, motion pictures, print medium, the Internet, or any other electronic/digital medium.

I understand and agree that no monies or other consideration in any form will become due to me, my family, heirs, agents, or assigns at any time for the recording or using of my image, likeness, or voice as a participant of the tournament.

In signing this Release and Media Consent Form, I acknowledge and represent that I have read and understood it; that I sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; that no oral statements, representations, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreements have been made; and that I execute this Release and Media Consent Form for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same.

For the participants under 18 years of age, a Parent or legal Guardian must also read and sign this form: I am a Parent or legal Guardian of a participant. I approve of my child participating in the Soccer Tournament of the 2017-2018 Hmong New Year of HCNYS. As Parent or legal Guardian, I release HCNYS, its officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and contractors from any and all liability, damages, or claims whatsoever for any injury or harm that may occur to my child while participating in HCNYS's Soccer Tournament. I agree that I will make no claim or demand against HCNYS, its officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and contractors if an injury or accident occurs during or travelling to and from HCNYS's Soccer Tournament and understand that HCNYS is not responsible for transportation. I will look to my own resources, insurance, or assets to pay all medical bills, damages, or losses whatsoever if an injury occurs. I verify that my child and I understand the significance of this Release and Media Consent Form. I hereby irrevocably consent to the unrestricted photographing, videotaping, or otherwise recording or broadcasting or publishing and other unrestricted use of my child's image, or likeness, or voice without limit, reservation, or remuneration by the releasees or any person or media or organization working with the releasees' authorization. I release all rights in the said recordings on behalf of myself and my child.

| Print Name of Participant | Signature of Participant | Signature of Parent/Guardian |
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Procedure to Schedule Matches

The Procedure to Schedule Matches will be explained to the soccer teams on December 22, 2017 @ 6:30 PM, which is the draw date.

Awards of First, Second, and Third Prizes

Third Place Prize will be awarded to:

- a. the winner of the Third Place Match, or
- b. the only loser from the Semi-Finals when there are two winners from the Semi-Finals.

For example:

Suppose that in the Semi-Finals, in Match 1, Team A plays against Team B and wins because Team B gets disqualified; in Match 2, Team C plays against Team D and wins fairly. The two winners (Teams A and C) from the Semi-Finals will play the Championship Match. The lone loser (Team D) from the Semi-Finals will take Third Place Prize automatically.

Second Place Prize will be awarded to:

- a. the loser of the Championship Match, or
- b. the only loser from the Semi-Finals when there is only one winner from the Semi-Finals. For example:

Suppose that in the Semi-Finals, in Match 1, Team A plays against Team B; both teams get disqualified; in Match 2, Team C plays against Team D and wins fairly. The one winner (Teams C) from the Semi-Finals will be awarded the First Place Prize, and the one loser (Team D) from the Semi-Finals will be awarded the Second Place Prize. Note that in this case, the Third Place Prize will not be awarded to any team.

First Place Prize will be awarded to:

- a. the winner of the Championship Match, or
- b. the only one winner from the Semi-Finals (see example above).

No place and prize will be awarded to any team that gets disqualified. For examples:

- a. Suppose that in the Third Place Match, both teams get into a violent physical fight and both teams get disqualified, then third place and prize will NOT be awarded to any team.
- b. Suppose that in the Championship Match, both teams get into a violent physical fight and both teams get disqualified, then the first and second places and prizes will NOT be awarded to any team.

No place and prize will be awarded to any team that negotiates with another team to split up the prize(s) regardless of the outcome of a match.

For examples:

- c. Suppose that the two teams scheduled to play the Third Place Match negotiate with each other to split up the prize, then none will be awarded the third place and prize.
- d. Suppose that the two teams scheduled to play the Championship Match negotiate with each other to split up the prizes in half, then none will be awarded the first or second place and prize.

Important Note: Because match schedule can change at any time, it is the responsibility of the teams to check for updated match schedule with the Soccer Coordinating Staff at their Information Center at the soccer fields regularly.

Procedure to Disqualify and Ban a Team

If an incident (such as a violent physical fight) occurs in a match and goes out of the control of the referees, then the referees will try to stop the incident first. Once the incident is stopped, the referees will decide what to do next.

If the referees incline to disqualify any team involved in the incident, then they must present their case to the Soccer Coordinator and his staff. In no more than ten minutes, the referees will present the facts of the incident in details:

- a. who is winning; who did or said what in the incident from the beginning to the end,
- b. how many players, coaches, families, friends, and fans were involved in the incident,
- c. how much damages were done,
- d. was any weapon (umbrella, stick, rock, chair, soda can, etc.) used,
- e. how long did the incident last, and/or
- f. how quickly did the Team Captain respond to stop the incident

After hearing the facts, the Soccer Coordinator and his staff will determine the severity of the incident and the risk of danger of the team to other participants. They will be fair by considering the totality of the circumstances. For example, a team that gets into a violent physical fight with their opponents for self-defense only will probably not get disqualified if it is winning the match or playing with good sportsmanship up until the fight erupted, but a team that starts an out-of-control violent physical fight will probably get disqualified if it is losing the match or playing with poor sportsmanship, with unnecessary roughness, with excessive force, or with malice, intending to inflict great bodily injury to another person.

Because incidents can vary infinitely, the Soccer Coordinator and his staff will look at the totality of the circumstances to determine the severity of the incident and the risk of danger. In no more than 5 minutes, they will consider the facts and make a final decision that will best serve the safety purposes of the tournament.

The Police Officers will take necessary actions to subdue a violent physical fight. Players committing any “unlawful” physical offenses against any persons may be arrested by the Police Officers and prosecuted by the District Attorney to the fullest extent of the law.

A team disqualified will not be allowed to remain at or return to the premises of the tournament. A disqualified team must pack up and leave the premises of the soccer tournament immediately. Security Officers will be called to escort the disqualified team off.

A team disqualified from the tournament will be fined \$2000 (two thousand dollars), and will be banned from future tournaments of the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. for 3 or more years depending on how severe the incident was and how dangerous the team is. The Team Officers are responsible to pay the \$2000 fine. This fine is not the limit of the Team Officers’ liability. In addition to the fine, the Team Officers may be liable for any and all damages caused by them or their players while participating in the tournament.

After the tournament, the Soccer Coordinator will brief the incident, through which the team got disqualified, and make a recommendation on the number of years to ban the team to the Board of

HCNYC. Once the number of years is approved by the Board, it will be kept on file and publicized to all teams.

The ban is applicable to the team as a whole and to the members (players, assistant coaches, head coach, and managers) as individuals. The whole team and the individual Officers and Players will not be allowed to participate in any future tournament of HCNYC until the ban is lifted and the fine is paid.

Disqualification or Banning of a Player

A player will be disqualified from the tournament by any referee or staff of the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. (HCNYC), if the player:

- a. receives two red cards issued by the referees,
- b. threatens to use violence against any referee or staff of HCNYC,
- c. violently attacks another person (player, coach, referee, fan, etc.),
- d. effectively instigates someone to commit violent act, or
- e. frequently or continuously disturbs the peace at the premises of the tournament

The Police Officers will take necessary actions to subdue a violent physical fight. A player committing any “unlawful” physical offenses against any persons may be arrested by the Police Officers and prosecuted by the District Attorney to the fullest extent of the law.

A player disqualified will not be allowed to remain at or return to the premises of the tournament. A disqualified player must pack up and leave the soccer fields immediately. Security Officers will be called to escort the disqualified player off.

A player disqualified from the tournament will be fined \$200 (two hundred dollars). The disqualified player or his Team Officers must pay this fine before their team may play its next match. If there is no next match, then the fine must be paid before the team can play in any future tournament of HCNYC. This fine is not the limit of the disqualified player’s liability. In addition to the fine, the disqualified player may be liable for any and all damages caused by him while participating in the tournament.

After the tournament, the Soccer Coordinator will brief the incident, through which the player got disqualified, and make a recommendation to the Board of HCNYC whether or not to ban the player. If the Soccer Coordinator recommends a ban on the player, he will recommend the number of years of the ban as well. Once the ban is approved by the Board, it will be kept on file and publicized to all teams.

Interpretations of the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures

The soccer Rules, Regulations, & Procedures are established for the following purposes:

- a. to maintain safety, parity, and fairness for the teams,
- b. to promote sportsmanship by all participants, and/or
- c. to maintain the integrity of the soccer tournament

Some amount of interpretation of the rules, regulations, and procedures on how they should be applied may be necessary because they may contain ambiguities or uncertainties. When called upon, the Soccer Coordinating Staff will determine the meanings of the rules, regulations, and procedures in a manner that best serves the purposes of the rules, regulations, and procedures.

Where there is a conflict or inconsistency between some rules, regulations, and procedures, there is a presumption that the one rule, regulation, or procedure that serves the above stated purposes to the greatest degree takes precedence.

Acknowledgement Form

We, the Officers of the soccer team _____, have read and understood the Soccer Registration Package of the Hmong Cultural New Year Celebration, Inc. (HCNYC). We know that it is our responsibility to review the information, forms, rules, regulations, and procedures with all of our Players before participating in the Soccer Tournament of the 2017-2018 Hmong New Year of HCNYC. We know that additional soccer game rules based on FIFA's Laws of the Game will be provided to us before the tournament commences, and that we are responsible to read and review these additional soccer game rules with all of our Players. We know that our team (the Officers and Players) are expected to abide by the additional soccer game rules to be provided and the rules, regulations, and procedures set in this Soccer Registration Package during our participation in the tournament.

We know that the tournament is a grand festival activity of the Hmong New Year of the Hmong People of Fresno, California, and therefore, in the spirit of the Hmong New Year and in honor of the Hmong People of Fresno, and will sincerely demand that our team (Officers and Players) participate in the tournament with the greatest degree of sportsmanship.

We know that the use of unlawful physical violence against any person (a player, a coach, a referee, a staff, a fan, etc.) is a serious concern of HCNYC, and therefore, have in good faith, for the safety of all persons, excluded any player, who has been known to have a history of violence or a propensity to use unlawful physical force against another person either on or off the field of play.

We know that each and all of us Team Officers are responsible to pay a fine of \$200 (two hundred dollars) for each one of our members (Officers and Players) disqualified from the tournament. We know that if our team get disqualified from the tournament, we are responsible to pay a fine of \$2000 (two thousand dollars). We know that these fines are not the limits of our liability. In addition to the fines, we may be liable for any and all damages caused by us or our players while participating in the tournament.

By signing below, each and all of us Team Officers confirm that we have read and understood this Soccer Registration Package.

Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Assistant Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Captain Signature: _____ Date: _____

Assistant Captain Signature: _____ Date: _____