

Freedom Cup Soccer Tournament

February 7-9, 2019

Houston County High School and Veterans High School would like to welcome all the teams and their fans to the third annual Freedom Cup. This will be an exciting weekend of great matches between great teams. We hope that everyone is prepared for fun and competition as we will play 24 matches in three days. Because we are able to use Freedom Field, The Pasture, and CGSA we will be able to host the girls' and boys' matches concurrently. Both brackets are included in this document with game times and locations. All fields will have full concessions, bathrooms, changing areas and ample parking. The addresses are as follows:

Freedom Field is 111 Bear Country Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088

Houston County's field (The Pasture) is 920 Highway 96 Warner Robins, Ga 31088

CGSA is 110 Snellgrove Dr. Warner Robins Ga, 31088

Please note that Saturday's games begin as early as 9:00 am. If you plan on staying overnight in Warner Robins, I've included a list of nearby hotels and their phone numbers.

La Quinta (478) 333-6920

Wingate (478) 333-6650

Holiday Inn Express (478) 333-2737

Hampton Inn (478) 953-9443

Comfort Suites (478) 953-5240

Country Inn and Suites (478) 971-1660

Please contact Tyler Daly at tylerdaly@gmail.com / 478-396-1200 or Matt Roth at matthew.roth@hcbe.net / 770-601-5177 if you have any questions.

Freedom Cup Tournament Details

• Admission to the Freedom Cup is as follows:

Tournament Admission--\$10 (good for all games Thur, Friday and Saturday). This pass allows re-admittance to any match at any venue on any day. You must have your pass to re-enter. No exceptions.

Children 8 and under are FREE. In the unfortunate event of a rainout this amount will not be refunded.

• The HOME team is in bold and listed first on the bracket schedule. **To keep with the state's rule change, home teams will wear their primary colored jerseys and away teams will wear white.** They will be listed as the HOME team on the scoreboard. Visitors will wear dark jerseys. If coaches agree, these jersey options may be exchanged prior to kickoff. The scoreboard will still follow the outlined schedule. In order to adhere to the game schedule, we will only do callouts prior to the two championship matches. The HOME team is responsible for providing game balls for their match.

• The tournament is a standard bracket tournament with the repeat winner of games advancing towards the championship match. Any team that loses a match would no longer be eligible to play in the championship but will continue to play matches. Each team is scheduled to play three matches, weather permitting. Times/locations and match-ups are determined by the results of each individual game. In the event of a rainout resulting in game cancellations, the higher seeded games would take precedence over lower seeded games and the lower games could be cancelled. Game times could be altered allow higher seeded kickoffs. Every effort will be made to allow teams to play all their scheduled matches.

• Matches will be played with 35 minute halves and a 7 minute half-time period. There is no overtime in any matches and in any of the non-championship matches the games would go directly to penalty kicks. **These matches should be considered a tie for individual team records** as PKs are needed for seeding purposes. If a game doesn't determine advancement in the tournament, the match will simply end in a tie and no penalty kicks will be taken. The championship match has a slightly different outline. That match will feature 40-minute halves, a 10 minute half-time period, and two 5 minute overtime periods in the event of a tie. If the game should remain tied after both the overtime periods are played then a penalty kick shootout will occur. This result would be a win or loss for the teams involved as the match features regulation halves, overtime, and penalty kicks which will determine a winner and loser.

• Our concession stands will be open for the entire weekend. We have many Coke products available, including Powerade, and there will be a wide variety of snack items available. Meal items will also be available at certain times (lunch/dinner). Restrooms are available at each venue.

• All fans must follow the GHSA guidelines in regards to fan participation. This statement is read before every GHSA match. Any individual who does not follow these will be asked to leave the facility and no refunds in any amount will be issued. We appreciate your help in making all areas of the Freedom Cup positive for everyone.