

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Congratulations on being selected to attend the US Technical Championship - National Finals Event. Your skills on the pitch have shown you can “Make the Difference.” At your local and regional events, you showcased your abilities on the ball. Competing in the USTC - National Finals event, you will be amongst some of the top players in your age group. We applaud you and your accomplishment thus far.

...Your journey is not finished yet...

This December, we are holding the Finals Event for the US Technical Championship. The Finals are being held Friday, December 13 – Sunday, December 15 inside the world-class soccer facility at Grand Park. This facility has the largest indoor soccer space of any facility in the country and boasts 3 full size turf fields, just outside of Indianapolis.

All Participants must register [here](#).

About Grand Park:

Grand Park Sports Campus is a sports complex located in Westfield, Indiana. The 400-acre park features 26 baseball and softball diamonds, 31 multipurpose fields for soccer, football, and lacrosse. The Grand Park Events Center is now open, featuring three full-sized indoor soccer fields, a restaurant and administrative offices. The site hosted the 2016 Big Ten Conference Men's Soccer Tournament and the 2017 Big Ten Conference Women's Soccer Tournament. The Grand Park Events Center, which opened in the summer of 2016, is a centerpiece of the 400-acre Grand Park Sports Campus, one of the largest sporting complexes in the world. The facility features three full-sized professional turf fields, a spectator lounge, retail space, locker facilities, office and meeting space, and administrative offices. It also includes multi-use space in the massive 370,000 square-foot facility.

Parking: On site and free

Everyone receives:

2 jerseys 1 short, 2 socks, & 1 ball
Lunch is included on Saturday & Sunday

Awards

- 1st overall USTC - Grand Champion will win a free spot in a GIS International Tour (\$2,200 value)
- 2nd overall will win a free spot in a GIS National Camp voucher (\$645 value)
- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in **each age group** will win a free
 - GIS ID Camp in 2020 (\$165 value)

Itinerary

The preliminary itinerary for the USTC National Finals Event:

Friday:

1:00 pm - 2:15pm	Player registration
2:30 - 3:00pm	Opening Ceremony
3:30 - 6:30pm	Training sessions

Saturday

9:30am	Everyone arrives
10:00am - 12noon	Training
12noon - 1:30pm	Lunch (provided)
1:30 - 4:30pm	Training
4:30 - 6:00pm	Break / Lecture / Snack
6:00 - 8:00pm	Training

Sunday

9:30am	Arrive
10am - 12noon	Training
12noon - 1pm	Box Lunch (provided)
1:00pm - 1:30pm	Closing ceremonies
1:30pm	Depart

Food:

Those participating in the 3-day competition will receive lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Players will receive a voucher for their meal each day. The concession stand will also be open during the competition for spectators to purchase food.

Travel:

Grand Park is located approximately 40 miles north of Indianapolis International Airport. You are responsible for all travel and hotel costs. Most families are driving or flying into the Indianapolis area. Our recommendation is to arrive either Thursday evening or early on Friday, to avoid any delays. We will be done early enough on Sunday for most families to get home Sunday night.

Hotels

You are responsible for booking your hotels. We presently do not have any hotel agreements or requirements. There are many hotel options near Grand Park and Westfield Indiana. Upon arrival in the Indianapolis area, rental cars are readily available.

Parking

There is no cost for parking at Grand Park

Travel Expenses

Travel expenses are the responsibility of those families attending the event.

Cost:

Cost is only \$350 (\$50 early bird discount if you register by Sept 15) for you to compete in the USTC National Finals Event! Parents, friends, family do not need to pay for a ticket to watch the event. They are free. Only the participant needs a ticket. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation from us acknowledging your participation, and providing you with your ticket to the USTC National Finals

Registration:

Once you click on the registration link, complete the online form with payment. Upon completion, you will receive a confirmation email.

FAQ

How will I receive confirmation that I have successfully registered for the USTC Finals?

You will receive an automatic confirmation via email once you have registered through the provided link/flyer and have paid in full. You will also begin to receive email communications from USTC/GIS in the weeks leading up to the opening day.

Can players show up late for the event?

The beginning of the USTC Final is very important. Players go through the registration process, meet the staff, change into uniform and an orientation is conducted; all before they even step on the field for the first session. If a player is not able to attend the beginning introduction of the event, please notify info@globalimagesports.com as early as possible. There are no refunds, or partial refunds, for late arrival to the USTC Finals.

How can players be contacted at the event?

You will be given an emergency telephone number during check-in. It will part of the USTC Final itinerary.

When and where is registration on the first day?

Check-in for the 2019 USTC Finals will be in the main entrance of Grand Park's indoor facility, 19000 Grand Park Blvd, Westfield, IN 46074 and will begin at 1:00pm – 2:30pm on the first day of the event at Grand Park. It is recommended that parents accompany their player and be present for check-in (carpooling is fine). USTC/GIS will circulate a map of Grand Park facility before the start of the event. There is adequate parking on site.

When is departure on the last day?

The closing ceremony on the last day (December 15) takes place between 1:00 & 1:30pm. All families will be able to depart no later than 1:45pm. Plan to attend!

What does each player receive at registration?

Each player will receive the following:

- A Soccer Ball
- 2 x Sets of Kit (including 2 x shirts, 1 x shorts, 2 x pairs of socks).

Players will be asked to change into a specific kit prior to opening ceremony. Please bring your own water bottles and bags with you for the Finals.

When is the first meal of the USTC Finals?

Those participating in the 3-day competition will receive lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Players will receive a voucher for their meal each day. The concession stand will also be open during the competition for spectators to purchase food.

It is important than on Day 1 – the player is well fed and hydrated prior to arrival please.

When is the last meal of the USTC Finals?

The last meal is lunch on Day 3.

What if my child has food allergies?

We take great pride in meeting the many unique needs of our participants and their special dietary needs. With this being said, we rely on parents to let us know about their children's allergy and dietary restrictions during the registration process. Players with allergies and dietary restrictions will be provided a specific wristband at registration check-in. We kindly ask that if you give your child snacks for their time at the finals – they do not contain nuts. None of the lunches we provide will contain any nuts either.

What is the policy with Finals participants who are local?

Local participants, who's families wish to leave their player with staff on-site during the day must be dropped off in the morning at the time indicated on the schedule and picked up at the indicated time. When signing over your player, the parents must make contact with the person from USTC/GIS who will look after them during the day and then sign to say they have collected them at the end of the day.

Is there a laundry service provided during USTC Finals?

There is no laundry service provided during the event. Local hotels may have the option if being used for accommodation by the family.

What about safety & supervision?

Players are fully supervised by staff during the hours of the finals indicated on the schedule. Outside of these hours – parents are responsible for their children as the event staff will not be guaranteed to be on site.

My child is a goalkeeper. Will you have goalkeeper coaches for his or her specialized training?

No, this event is a technical skill event focused on field players. Goalkeepers are welcome to train and compete as a field player.

Are scholarships available?

Global Image Sports and the USTC does not currently provide any scholarships for this event.

How can I arrange an airport transfer?

GIS/USTC does not operate this service as this is a non-residential event. You can look into these type of services on your own.

What happens if my child is injured or sick during the finals?

Athletic trainers will be on duty for the duration of the USTC Finals to care for injuries and illness. Parents or guardians will be contacted immediately if there is a serious injury or a child needs to leave the competition early for a medical reason. Please make a notation on the medical portion of your registration if there is any medical condition, we should be aware of in advance of the player's attendance.

Does the player need medical insurance?

Every player must have some form of medical insurance if they are going to participate in the USTC Finals. If a player needs emergency medical attention, hospitals will require proof of medical insurance or payment on site.

Can my child take his/her regular medications while at the USTC Finals?

Yes, your child can take regular medications on the same schedule that he/she does at home. Please check in ALL over the counter and prescribed medications (including aspirin, Tylenol, etc.) with our athletic trainers at the registration table. Include written instructions and label all medications with your child's name.

Can parents observe the competition?

Parents are welcome to attend sessions during the day and observe. We respectfully ask that all family members observe off the fields, in designated areas, and refrain from interacting with coaches or players during sessions. This follows International Academy protocols.

What should a player bring to the USTC Final?

- Soccer cleats and turf shoes (the fields being used are going to be turf)
- Sneakers, flip flops for indoor and cafeteria use
- Shin guards
- Casual clothing: t-shirts, sweats, hoodies, etc. for in between sessions
- Limited amount of money for a variety of snacks and beverages at the concession stand.
- Players may also bring snacks and drinks from home. NO food containing nuts is permitted. All events are a nut-free environment.

Players should not bring food items containing nuts, jewelry or expensive electronic devices.

How will we be informed if our son/daughter has been selected to attend the International Tour Program?

Players will receive a special invitation to travel with and take part in a GIS tour at one of our network of professional partner clubs in 2020. This will involve matches against an academy team or culminate in a tournament.

What is the camp cancellation policy?

There is a \$100.00 cancellation fee. All cancellations must be in writing and sent to the US office. **NO REFUNDS AFTER November 15th** **NO REFUNDS** will be given to players who leave the event voluntarily or are removed for disciplinary reasons.

What about photography and filming?

A photographer/videographer will be covering the event and all pictures will be featured on Social Media (so we strongly urge you to sign up to Meulenstein Method and Global Image Sports Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). As part of the registration process, you will all have signed waivers confirming parents are happy with these arrangements. Should you have any concerns or do not wish for your son/daughter to be photographed/filmed – simply let us know in writing at info@globalimagesports.com.

My son/daughter is competing but my family is going to support, do we need a ticket as well?

No, only the player competing needs a ticket to attend the event. Family members and those coming to watch attend for free.

What is the USTC Technical Championship?

The USTC is the US Technical Championship. This is our 6th annual USTC National Finals Event, where players from around the country compete in different age groups for the title National Technical Champion. Last year we had players from around the country and Canada participate in our finals event. More information and videos can be found on our website, www.MeulensteinMethod.com

Is there training involved or is this just a competition?

There is certainly training involved. We will work with players in small groups in training activities prior to the start of the competition. Training will focus on players' technical abilities.

How active is my son/daughter? Meaning, how much will they be training vs watching?

Our goal is to have all players as active as possible during the majority of the competition. In the training phase, we work in small groups to keep the intensity higher, the repetitions more frequent. Everyone plays. There are few substitutions. We do look to manage the intensity of training and rest, to provide players enough rest to do their best over the weekend.

What soccer equipment do I need to bring?

Cleats and/or flats (either are fine) and shin guards. Don't forget a water bottle, extra socks, etc to remain comfortable. It will be cold so plan accordingly.

How many days is the competition?

3 Days. Friday, December 13 – Sunday, December 15, 2019

Will we be out early enough to fly home on Sunday?

Yes, we plan to wrap up the event by 2:00pm at the latest.

What age group will my son/daughter be competing in?

We have four age groups.

- 2009/2010 age groups: 2011 birth year players will compete in this age group.
- 2007/2008 age groups:
- 2005/2006 age groups:

How much playing time will I get?

Our goal is to have all players as active as possible during the majority of the competition. There are few substitutions. We do look to manage the intensity of training and rest, to provide players enough rest to do their best over the weekend.

What costs will I incur for attending the event?

All travel costs are the responsibility of the family attending. There is a cost to compete in the event, which is \$350.

Will you have food and water available?

YES! There will be concessions open and available for everyone during the competition at Grand Park. We will also provide lunch Saturday & Sunday, for the players only.

Is it just technical training?

No. It's much more small sided game play. We introduce the players to different skill sets needed to dominate their opponent in the four different 1v1 situations. We spend a lot of time in small sided games building from 1v1 to 4v4 play allowing the players the most opportunity to showcase their skills.

Why do you only play small sided games? Why not 8v8, 9v9, or 11v11?

While we will spend some time in larger games, it's simple. It's about maximizing touches on the ball. Giving the players the biggest opportunity to shine. In a Manchester United study, players in a 4v4 game had:

- 135% more passes
- 260% more scoring attempts
- 500% more goals scored
- 225% more 1v1 encounters
- 280% more dribbling skills/tricks

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