



2017 US Youth Soccer Southern Regional Championships

Greensboro, North Carolina

June 22-29, 2017

PLAYER EVENT AND OPENING CEREMONIES

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Greensboro Coliseum Complex

1921 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, NC

<http://www.greensborocoliseum.com/plan-your-visit/directions>

Concession Stands Will Be Open from 2:30p.m. until 4:30p.m.

We ask that parents, players and coaches arrive at 2:00pm to be down in their designated seating space by 2:45pm.

***Assigned seating map will be published.

We ask parents to allow kids to sit in lower sections of arena.

We will have these areas blocked off and labeled by state.

Parents will sit in the upper level of the arena.

Each state will need to select two players to carry their state's flag. States will proceed with their players from their seats into the parade around the floor of the main coliseum area.

3:10 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. Parade of State Flags

Players will parade down onto the coliseum floor from their seats and walk around the entire circle of the floor behind their state flag to music and video. Once around the arena floor, they will be led back up into their reserved seating which will be labeled by state.

3:45pm National Anthem

3:47 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies

Videos/OC Speaker/Mayor

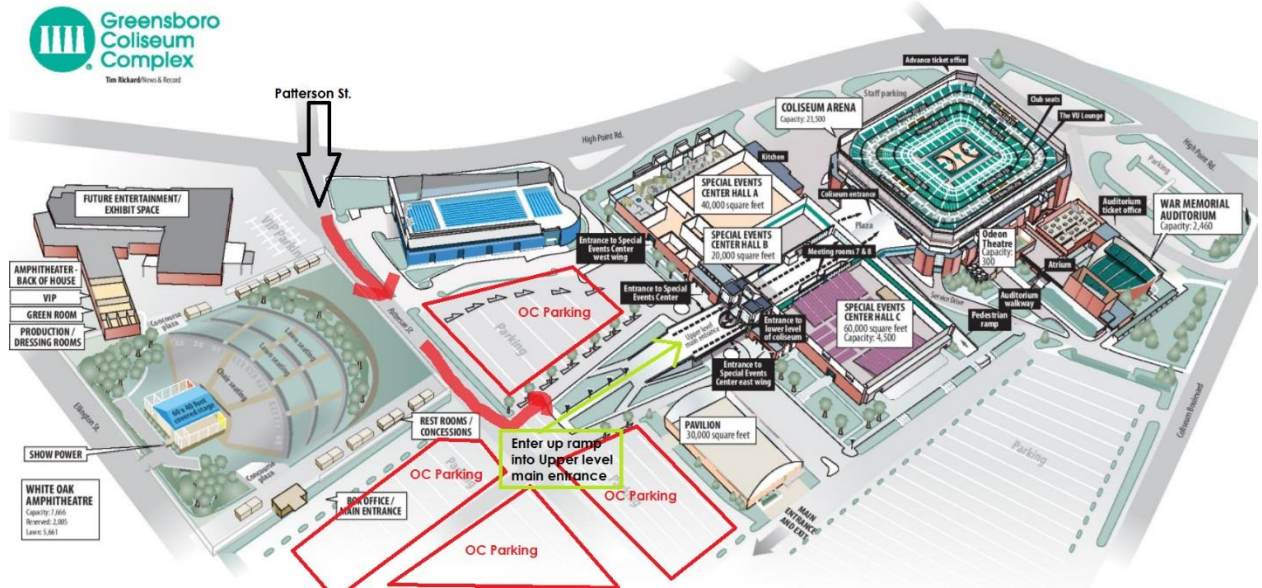
4:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies concludes.

4:00 p.m. – 4:35 p.m. Player Pin Swap/Gift Exchange

Players will proceed down to the arena floor after the Opening Ceremony presentation to conduct Player Pin Swap/Gift Exchange.

Players are encouraged to bring t-shirts, pins, hats, or smaller toys with state or team logo on them to swap with other players.

PARKING FOR THE OPENING CEREMONIES:



Directions

The Greensboro Coliseum Complex including the Arena, Special Events Center, Pavilion, Odeon Theater and War Memorial Auditorium can often attract large crowds for multiple events. It is recommended you allow enough time to leave your home navigate traffic and find parking in time for the event's start. Always follow traffic safety precautions when traveling to and from events. Directions to the Greensboro Coliseum Complex including the Arena, Special Events Center, Odeon Theater and War Memorial Auditorium.

I-85 South / I-40 West from Burlington

From the I-85 South / I-40 west split, follow I-40 West 7.5 miles to Exit 218-B Freeman Mill Road. Go .3 miles and turn left on Coliseum Boulevard. One mile to the Complex on your left, turn left onto Ellington Street and right into the main entrance.

I-85 North from Charlotte

On I-85 North from Charlotte, take Exit 120-A to access I-85 Business North. Continue 2 miles to Exit 35-B Highway US 220 North. Proceed 1.8 miles and turn left on Coliseum Boulevard. One mile to the Complex on your left, turn left onto Ellington Street and right into the main entrance.

I-40 East from Winston Salem

On I-40 East from Winston Salem, take Exit 216 Patterson Street, continue straight ahead for 2.4 miles to the Coliseum Complex. Or, continue 5 miles on I-40 East to Exit 217 High Point Road. Turn left at top of ramp and continue 1 mile on High Point Road to Ellington Street. Turn right for .5 miles and enter Complex through main entrance.

US 220 North from Asheboro

Highway 220 North to Greensboro becomes Freeman Mill Road. Stay on Freeman Mill Road, after crossing I-85 Business, proceed 1.8 miles and turn left onto Coliseum Boulevard. 1 mile to the Complex on your left, turn left onto Ellington Street and right into the main entrance.

US 220 South from Virginia

On Highway 220 South to Greensboro, road changes name to Battleground Avenue in the City. After crossing Cornwallis Drive, keep right which becomes Westover Terrace. Continue straight on Westover Terrace which becomes Aycok Street. Continue straight for 3 miles and turn right at Lee Street (Wendy's on the right). The Complex is one mile on your left. Turn left onto Coliseum Boulevard .3 miles to Ellington Street and turn right and enter Complex through main entrance.

Highway Directions from Piedmont Triad International Airport

Leave the airport and exit east to I-40 and Bryan Boulevard. Remain in the right lane 1.5 miles and exit to I-73 south (unmarked) I-40 Raleigh/Winston Salem. Continue on I-73 South, 2.7 miles to exit 1 I-40 east. Continue 3 miles to Exit 216 Patterson Street. Continue straight ahead for 2.5 miles to the Coliseum complex. Or, continue 4.2 miles on I-40 East to Exit 217 High Point Road. Turn left at top of ramp and continue 1 mile on High Point Road to Ellington Street. Turn right for .5 miles and enter Complex through main entrance.

Seating Chart:

Find the seating chart for the Opening Ceremonies below. We ask that players/coaches from each state sit in their designated spaces. Once the "Parade of Flags" begins, teams will come down to the floor out of their seats and parade around the coliseum floor in the direction shown on the map.

Once they have paraded around the coliseum floor, they will proceed back in to their seats for the remainder of the ceremony.

We ask that States have 2 "designated" flag bearers chosen prior to the event.

