



Event Manual



AMANDA POST MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

March 3-4, 2012 Boys Weekend

March 10 -11, 2012 Girls Weekend



Welcome to the Amanda Post Memorial Tournament!

We are very excited to host you and your team as you participate in the Amanda Post Memorial Tournament. What an honor to be a part of this great event!

This manual should answer any questions that you, your team, team parents, and fans may have about the tournament. We want this to be a fun and safe event for all, so please read all rules and regulations beforehand.

We would like to congratulate all of you for being a part of this tournament and wish each and every one of you Good Luck as you participate in this event.

Thank You,

Elite Tournament Staff





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Amanda Post Tournament Background

In Loving Memory of Amanda Post

The Amanda Post Soccer Tournament is a tournament that has a lot of meaning not only to the organizations and participants of this event, but also the community around it. This is an annual tournament that is dedicated to the memory of Amanda Josephine Post, who passed away in 2009 during her freshman year at River Hill High School. She was in her ninth year as a Soccer Association of Columbia/Howard County soccer player, when the unfortunate news was announced to her and her family, that there were complications from a bone marrow transplant (BMT) for her relapse of Myeloid Leukemia (AML).

Amanda's family, friends, and teammates set up a scholarship program in the memory of Amanda. The scholarship is awarded annually to help defray tuition/room & board/expenses for the recipient's freshman year of college; there are two recipients for this year's scholarship. One of the recipients will be a sprinter at Xavier, while the other plans on majoring in Kinesiology and playing club soccer or lacrosse.

Amanda was diagnosed with AML as a seventh-grader at Folly Quarter Middle School. She would undergo five rounds of month-long inpatient chemotherapy at the Children's Hospital at Sinai in Baltimore. After the first round of treatment, she was already showing signs of remission. Amanda never gave up and was able to return to school for 8th grade; she made straight A's, and resumed playing travel soccer with her SAC/HC Lady Diplomats' team. In the Fall of 2008, Amanda entered River Hill High School as a member of the Class of 2012 and secured a spot as a starting forward on the girls' JV soccer team, as well as beginning her seventh season as a Lady Diplomat, wearing her lucky number "24" (also her birthdate in April) on both jerseys. Unfortunately, halfway through the season her AML returned, at that time she had to undergo two relapse rounds of chemotherapy at Sinai, followed by a BMT at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. But Amanda never gave up; she fought this terrible disease every day.

Amanda loved being a member of the SAC/HC Lady Diplomats' soccer team. In Fall 2008, she was one of only three remaining original "Lady Dips" from the team that was started in her first year of eligible travel soccer play when she was eight years old. Prior to that, Amanda played for two years on SAC's "Blue Angels" recreational girls' soccer team. She also loved being a student at River Hill High School and a member of its girls' JV soccer team. For a month in Fall 2008, Amanda lived with the knowledge that her leukemia may be returning, yet maintained straight A's in her classes, was the second highest scorer on her girls' JV soccer team, and continued as a starting forward on her Lady Dips' team. You would have never guessed what she was going through, she did not show it, she was always happy. Amanda was incredibly proud to be a Lady Diplomat and River Hill "Hawk", wearing both her SAC and Hawk sportswear even while undergoing treatment and decorating her hospital rooms with pictures and posters of her



Amanda Post Tournament Background Continued...

beloved Lady Dips' and River Hill Hawks teams. She was awarded the "Hawk" Award for her JV team, as well as River Hill's 2009 "Hawkie" Courage Award.

Amanda was a lifelong resident of Clarksville; when she was younger, she attended Glenelg Country School from Pre-K through fifth grade. In addition to excelling academically and on the soccer field, she performed in school plays, took dance, guitar, and horseback riding lessons, had been a gymnast and played girls' ice hockey, and was voted freshman Homecoming Princess by her RHHS classmates. She was loved by all. Amanda was also involved with her family in fundraising for the pediatric expansion project for the Children's Hospital at Sinai in Baltimore, speaking about her AML in a fundraising video and presenting a poem about the day of her diagnosis to over 100 candidate donors. Amanda was absolutely passionate about her family, her friends, her classmates, her teammates, and those who cared for her medically. She would live everyday to the fullest.

Amanda's family, friends, classmates and teammates experienced Amanda's vibrancy in their lives; witnessing her passion in the classroom, on the field, and in every other venture in which she participated, people were captivated by her joyful zest for living each moment to the fullest. Together they established the Amanda Post Memorial Fund when she passed away, and which now annually funds two \$5,000 scholarships – The Amanda Post "AmandaWins" River Hill High School Student-Athlete Scholarship, and The Amanda Post "AmandaWins" Soccer Association of Columbia/Howard County Student-Athlete Scholarship – both of which are named after her CarePage which is also named "AmandaWins" (<http://www.carepages.com/carepages/AmandaWins>), to reflect Amanda's winning attitude and lively spirit for everything she did in her life.

Amanda and her beloved SAC Lady Diplomats played in this tournament (at this time, named "March Mania"), each year when they were U9 through U12, and upon her passing, the Soccer Association of Columbia generously offered to rename this tournament in perpetuity in Amanda's memory and to honor her love of the great game of soccer.



About the Amanda Post Scholarship

The scholarship was created by Amanda's family, friends, teammates and classmates, based on how Amanda would want her memory perpetuated and focusing on that for which she was so passionate ... excellence in academics and athletics, and being part of the SAC community. The scholarship is awarded annually to help defray tuition/room & board/expenses for the recipient's freshman year of college.

Amanda's SAC scholarship is only open to seniors who are Howard County residents who have played at least one year during high school for SAC (can be rec or travel). As for her River Hill HS scholarship, that one is restricted to a River Hill High School senior who has played a year of any JV or varsity sport while there.

If you would like more details about the scholarship, please visit the Columbia Foundation website at <http://www.columbiafoundation.org/receive/scholarships> (once here, scroll about halfway down the page).



What to do Once Registered for the Event

1. Mail in Payment

- After you have applied, please mail in your application payment to the following address:

Checks Payable to: SAC

Mail to: Attn. Amanda Post Memorial Tournament
401 Center Street Ste. 205
Mt. Airy MD, 21771

2. Book Hotels

- Teams who require hotel rooms must book with THS. To make your reservations online go to:

Boys Weekend: <https://secure.thsweb.com/event2.aspx?tournamentid=3586&cid=1>

Girls Weekend : <https://secure.thsweb.com/event2.aspx?tournamentid=3587&cid=1>

- Any questions or issues with hotels, contact THS directly
<https://secure.thsweb.com/contactnames.cfm?contact=ind>

3. Pre-Order T-Shirts

- Order forms are available online: http://www.elitetournaments.com/02_tshirts.php
- There are limited quantities of tournament tee shirts, there may be some shirts available during the tournament but it is not guaranteed.

4. Look at Accepted Teams and Schedules

- Accepted Teams: http://www.elitetournaments.com/02_accepted.php
- Schedules: http://www.elitetournaments.com/02_schedules.php (to be posted on 2/24/12)

5. Review the tournament Rules

Rules: http://www.elitetournaments.com/02_rules.php

6. Update Roster

- Make sure you update your roster on 'Got soccer' website



What to do Once Registered for the Event continued...

7. Check - in and submit roster for the tournament

- All team must check-in 1 hour prior to the start of the teams first game at Covenant Park

What to bring for On-site Registration:

1. Two copies of your USYS State Association or US Club approved roster to be submitted to the tournament committee
2. Player passes for every participating player
3. Medical releases for every participating player
4. Guest players and information added to the bottom of the roster being submitted (if applicable)
5. A copy of the state association's permission to travel.
Permission to travel is not needed for teams traveling within Region I, except for teams from New Jersey or as dictated by the state association.

8. Guest Players

- A maximum of six (6) guest players may be used on a tournament roster. However a team using guest players must have no more than the maximum total of players indicated below:
 - Maximum 14 players: Under 9 – Under 12
- To add a guest player to the roster, please handwrite their full name, unique jersey number, player identification number and birthday below the existing rostered players.
- US Club Soccer teams may only take guest players registered under US Club Soccer, and USYSA teams may only take guest players registered with properly stamped USYSA player pass cards. No roster may be comprised of players with different passes from different organizations (no “mixed rosters”).”



Frequently Asked Questions

Questions Regarding Payments

When do I submit my payments?

- Payments are due before or by February 15, 2012

What are the fees for the tournament?

- U9-U10 (7v7): \$525
- U11-U12 (8v8): \$525

How do I confirm that my application fee was received?

- Teams must login into your getsoccer account and follow the directions below:
 1. Select the Amanda Post Memorial Tournament
 2. Select "Application Status"
 3. In the left box called "Payment Information" you will see "Paid"
 4. If received, this section will say "yes"

Are referee fees included in the application fee?

- Yes, the referee fee is included in the application fee.

Questions Regarding Acceptance List and Rosters

How do I know if I have been accepted?

- Log onto getsoccer.com, click on "application status" in the top menu. In the left column, you will see accepted, "yes" or "no."
 - You can also see the accepted teams list on the tournament homepage

How do I update my roster on getsoccer.com?

- Log onto getsoccer.com, at the top menu there is a link of roster and results
 - Update your roster as needed



Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

Questions Regarding Scores and Schedules

Who reports the scores after a game?

- There will be a field marshal at the field, who will collect and report the scores to the site coordinator. A representative of the team (coach, assistant coach, or team manager) must sign off on the sheet that the field marshal has.

If scores are wrong on the website, who do I contact?

- Contact the Tournament Directors by email as soon as your applications are submitted

What do I do if I have scheduling conflicts?

- Contact the Tournament Directors by email

If I have a complaint during the event, whom do I contact?

- First contact the field marshal for your field, if the issue is not resolved you may contact the site coordinator at your complex



On Site-Tournament Contacts (Email Only)

Tournament Directors

Contact about Schedules and Fields

1. Dominic Popolizio dominic@elitetournaments.com
2. Michael Libber mlibber@elitetournaments.com

Assistant Tournament Director

Contact about Tournament Application Fees, Check-in process, guest player question, and t-shirt pre-orders

1. Megan Schmidt mschmidt@elitetournaments.com



Airport and Rental Car Information

Airport

- Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI)
 - For teams flying in and out of BWI, you can log onto BWI's website at <http://www.bwiairport.com> for up to date flight information, terminal maps, as well as information on parking and transportation.

- Dulles International Airport
 - For teams flying in and out of Dulles, you can log onto Dulles' website at <http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/dulles.htm> for up to date flight information, terminal maps, as well as information on parking and transportation.

- Reagan National Airport
 - For teams flying in and out of Reagan, you can log onto Reagan's website at <http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/reagan.htm> for up to date flight information, terminal maps, as well as information on parking and transportation.

Rental Car

- Hertz Program
 - Discount with Hertz
 - You can save up to 20% when making a reservation
 - Go to <http://www.hertz.com> for your rental car reservation
 - You will have the option to click on "I have a discount"
 - Click on this option and enter the CDP code.
 - CDP Code
 - The code is 1925342 (counter discount program)
 - The discount can be up to 20%



Facility Map

Location: Covenant Park

Address: 4560 Centennial Lane Ellicott City, MD 21042

Facility Description:

A popular location for local soccer, Covenant Park hosts a variety of events as well as games. Offering 8 soccer fields (4 grass fields and 4 synthetic fields), a playground, parking lot, pavilion and clubhouse, Covenant Park is a great setting for both sports activities, and private events.





Inclement Weather/ Event Restrictions

Inclement Weather

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Event Parking Restrictions

For parking at Covenant Park, please make sure your teams listens to all directions from parking attendants and do not park along driveway

No Dogs!

Pets are not allowed at any locations. Only exception is for certified service dogs.

No Smoking!

No Grilling!

No Alcohol!



Emergency Contacts, Local Food and Shopping

Emergency Contacts (Hospitals)

Howard County General Hospital

5755 Cedar Lane Columbia, MD 21044

Telephone: (410) 740-7890

Restaurants and Shopping near Covenant Park

- Zi Pani Breads and Café
 - 4725 Dorsey Hall Dr.
Ellicott City, MD 21042
- Subway
 - 4725 Dorsey Hall Dr. Ste E
Ellicott City, MD 21042
- Carrabba's Italian Grill
 - 4430 Long Gate Pkwy
Ellicott City, MD 21043
- Outback Steakhouse
 - 4420 Long Gate Pkwy
Ellicott City, MD 21043
- Columbia Mall
 - 10300 Little Patuxent
Columbia, MD 21044



Upcoming Events in 2012 May through October

Tournament Calendar: <http://www.elitetournaments.com/calendar.php>

May

May 19 -20 FC Revolution Premier Cup Fleetwood, PA Boys and Girls U9 – U11
May 26 – 28 Columbia Invitational Columbia, MD Boys and Girls U9 – U19

June

June 16 -17 Southern MD Classic Waldorf, MD Boys and Girls U9 – U19
June 16 -17 Mason Dixon Cup Hagerstown, MD Boys and Girls U9 – U19
June 16 -17 Spire Institute Father's Day Tournament Geneva, OH Boys and Girls U9 – U19

July

July 14 – 15 Spire Institute Summer Sizzle Geneva, OH Boys and Girls U9 – U19
July 14 – 15 Mid - Atlantic Cup Boys Weekend Lancaster, PA Boys U9 – U19
July 20 -21 NSCAA High School Summer Showcase Indianapolis, IN Boys and Girls HS teams
July 21 – 22 Mid – Atlantic Cup Girls Weekend Lancaster, PA Girls U9 – U19
July 27 -29 NSCAA College Showcase – Northwest Tacoma, WA Boys and Girls U15 – U19

August

August 4 -5 Kirkwood Boys College Showcase New Castle, DE Boys U15 – U19
August 14 – 15 Spire Institute Kick – Off Classic Geneva, OH Boys and Girls U9 – U19

September

September 1 - 3 OBGC Capital Cup Olney, MD Boys and Girls U9 – U19
September 1 - 3 Keystone Cup Lancaster, PA Boys and Girls U9 – U15

October

October 6 -7 SAC Columbus Day Columbia, MD Boys and Girls U9 – U19
October 6 -7 Frederick Cup Girls Premier New Castle, DE Girls U9 – U19
October 6 -7 Coppa Classico Lancaster, PA Boys and Girls U9 – U16
October 6 -8 WAGS Tournament Washington, DC Girls U11 – U19

November through December events can be found on our Tournament Calendar : <http://www.elitetournaments.com/calendar.php>



Thank You

Thank you so much for wanting to participate in this year's Amanda Post Memorial Tournament! Once again, congratulations on being accepted to this great event!

We hope that you have a fun, exciting, and enjoyable time while participating in this event. We would love for you to apply to our tournament again next year!

For more information about upcoming soccer tournaments and next year's Amanda Post Memorial tournament, please log on to <http://www.elitetournaments.com/index.php>

Thank you again for your participation and corporation,

Elite Tournament Staff



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