



2010 CROSSROADS CHALLENGE T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Kids, how would you like to see your design placed on our t-shirt and worn by hundreds of people? The Patriot Soccer Club's Crossroads Challenge is an annual event held on Columbus Weekend. Soccer teams from southern and central Maine come to our community for this great weekend of soccer fun!

Patriot Soccer Club is holding a contest for the design to be placed on our t-shirt for the 2010 Crossroads Challenge. If you have an idea for a cool t-shirt design and enter the contest, you could be the winner of some awesome prizes!

Eligibility. This contest is open to last season's (2009) Patriot Soccer Club players on teams U9 to U13 and new players (8 to 13 year olds) planning to register as a Patriot Soccer Club player for the 2010 fall season. Only one entry per player will be allowed. The design must not be created by someone other than the player and must not include logos, trademarks, or copyrighted images owned by someone else. [Note that Patriot Soccer Club will be accepting registrations for the fall 2010 season in April/May. Player registration details will be posted soon at www.patriotsoccerclub.org.]

Entry Period. Designs must be submitted between **February 15 and March 15** and must include **Name; Birth date; Phone #; and e-mail address**. Submit your entry by mail to (scanned images and submissions by e-mail will not be accepted):

T-shirt Design Contest
Patriot Soccer Club
PO Box 120
Gray, ME 04039

Design Criteria.

1. Design must be created in one, two, or three colors.
2. Design must be no more than 10 inches in width and 11 inches in height
3. Design must capture the theme of soccer and be appealing to both girls and boys
4. Design must include the words:
 - ❖ Crossroads Challenge
 - ❖ Patriot Soccer Club
 - ❖ October 9th and 10th, 2010

Prizes. The creator of the winning design will win:

- ❖ winner's name on t-shirt – for example, "Designed by John Z. – U10B"
- ❖ free t-shirts for winner, winner's parents, and winner's siblings
- ❖ \$100 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card

Judging Criteria. After March 15, a panel of judges will determine whether each entry meets all eligibility and design criteria, and will select a winner based on the above design criteria, in addition to overall creativity. The determination of the winner is in the sole discretion of the judges, and their decision is final.

Notification of Winner: Patriot Soccer Club will notify the winner by phone and/or e-mail. The winner, by participation in this contest and acceptance of the prizes, agrees to Patriot Soccer Club's use of his/her name and design for promotional purposes in any media, including postings to www.patriotsoccerclub.org.

Additional Rules and Information. Patriot Soccer Club reserves the right to discontinue the contest in the event that there are an insufficient number of eligible entries and/or in the event the quality of the designs submitted is insufficient to allow for the production of the design. All design submissions become the property of Patriot Soccer Club and will not be returned. The winning design may be modified for printing on t-shirts.

Questions? E-mail tshirtcontest@patriotsoccerclub.org

Name: _____

Birth date: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent's e-mail: _____

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Who is the Patriot Soccer Club?

The Patriot Soccer Club (PSC) is a volunteer-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to create competitive soccer programs for the youth of Gray/New Gloucester.

You can contact the Patriot Soccer Club at:

P.O. Box 120
Gray, ME 04039

or visit:

www.patriotsoccerclub.org

What is its Purpose?

The purpose of the Patriot Soccer Club is to:

- a. Develop, promote, serve and administer the game of soccer in Gray/New Gloucester;
- b. Encourage, support and assist in the growth and development of competitive soccer programs in Gray/New Gloucester for soccer players of all ages, genders and abilities;
- c. Encourage, support and assist in the growth and development of soccer tournaments for teams of all ages, genders and playing abilities in Maine;
- d. Encourage, support and assist the participation of member players and teams in soccer tournaments and programs outside of Maine;
- e. Provide education, training and licensing opportunities for players, coaches and referees participating in the game of soccer in Gray/New Gloucester; and
- f. Do any and all other acts necessary or desirable in the furtherance of the foregoing purposes and for the good of soccer.

Registration Information:

Patriot Soccer Club will be accepting registrations for the Fall 2010 season in April/May 2010. Registration details will soon be posted at www.patriotsoccerclub.org.

If you have questions or do not have access to the internet please contact Lori Hayman, Registrar at 428-3808 or registrar@patriotsoccerclub.org.

Costs:

The cost to participate is \$125.00 per child, \$100.00 for second, and \$75.00 for the third child.

A limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. See Financial Scholarships.

Player Expectations:

Players will train twice weekly for approximately 90 minutes per session, except U-13 or U-14 teams. Their number of practices depends on the number of players committed to school teams. All teams compete in games on the weekend. Approximately half the games are "away." Most games are within thirty minutes travel time of Gray.

The players also compete in the Cumberland Labor Day tournament, the Crossroads Challenge during Columbus Day weekend, as well as in a season-end tournament or festival.

Coaching Staff:

While our coaches are all volunteers, many of them have coached and/or refereed for years. Others have played at the high school or college levels. Each team is required to have two licensed coaches, and each coach is required to hold at least his or her USFF "E" license.

How are Teams Formed?

The PSC works diligently to field teams in each age bracket (U-9 to U-14) for both boys and girls. Teams are separated by gender and age, and play only like teams.

In the event of having multiple U-9, U-10 or U-11 teams; each team will be equal in overall skill – there will not be any differentiation. U-9, U-10 and U-11 teams play in "non-results" oriented games.

The U-12, U-13 & U-14 teams are competitive and players are selected based upon their skill level. The U-12, U-13, & U-14 teams play in "results oriented" games.

No age appropriate child will be bumped from a team by a younger, more skilled player. If necessary, "cuts" will be made if there are not enough players to field a team.

Player Registration Fee

Where Does The Money Go?

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| Team Supplies (Balls, ice packs, first aid kits, U-14 jerseys) | 19% |
| Club Tournament Attendance (Cumberland "Just for Fun" Fall Tournament) | 12% |
| Referee Fees (Home and away games) | 18% |
| Field Supplies, Paint, and Equipment (Maintenance of home fields) | 5% |
| SoccerMaine Dues and Fees (Player registration, insurance, year-end tournaments) | 33% |
| Club Operational Expenses | 3% |
| Year-End Banquet & Awards | 10% |
| | 100% |

Refund Policy:

Players and/or parents completing the registration process to play for the Patriot Soccer Club constitutes a commitment to play for the club and the team on which the player is assigned.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the club's viability to field teams without players seeking to "drop" from the club's pool of players after the registration cut-off date. Often, registration data dictates the decisions required to roster players to specific teams. When a player registers to play and teams are formed, then a player seeks to drop, it creates a tremendous amount of work to re-configure teams.

Players and/or parents will be eligible to receive a refund in the amount of 75% of the registration fee if their request is submitted and approved 30 days or more prior to the registration cut-off date.

Players and/or parents will be eligible to receive a refund in the amount of 50% of the registration fee if their request is submitted and approved 15 days or more prior to the registration cut-off date.

Registration refunds will not be available after the registration cut-off date of June 15, 2009.

Should an eligible player be dismissed from an approved team by the Patriot Soccer Club --due to roster limitations or due to the players' ability-- s/he will be entitled to a full refund if said decision takes place prior to the beginning of team training.



Patriots Crossroads Challenge

Why do we hold a tournament in our community?

The Patriot Soccer Club created this tournament in 2000 to raise much-needed funds as follows:

Team Uniforms

(Each Player receives a full uniform to use for the season)

Tournament Attendance

(To go away to a tournament would cost an additional \$300+ per team)

Player registration scholarships for current season

(All kids in Gray and New Gloucester should have the opportunity to play soccer at this level)

Field Equipment and Supplies

(Existing Goals, nets and flags used by teams; paint for lining fields)

E-License certification and training for all coaches

(We require all coaches who work with your child to be licensed)

College Scholarship offered to a graduating senior that played for PSC as a youth.

Sense of Pride and Community working with our neighbors

"Playing Up":

"Playing up" occurs when a child plays on a team older than the one defined by his/her date of birth as defined by SoccerMaine. The Patriot Soccer Club believes that it is generally preferable that children play within their own age group. This is especially important in the younger years as we implement a comprehensive training program that is both age and developmentally appropriate. The policy is designed more to maximize participation and support team viability. PSC retains the right to manage its player list to ensure fielding teams at each age bracket.

Patriot Soccer Club has a Zero Tolerance Policy

Parents and spectators are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which is consistent with the ideals of the Patriot Soccer Club and not bring discredit upon the Club. The role that parents play in the life of a soccer player has a tremendous impact on their experience.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities:

Being a volunteer based organization, there are many opportunities to help. Each team needs to have a team administrator to distribute information to players and parents as well as distribute uniforms. The Club also needs help with its tournament. Each parent is asked to provide assistance whenever possible.

FMI on volunteer opportunities, contact Tina Payne, Volunteer Coordinator, 657-7162 or tmprn91@maine.rr.com.

Financial Scholarships:

In order to qualify for a scholarship, a player's parent must submit a written request for the scholarship with their child's registration application. In addition to requesting consideration for either full or partial scholarship, this provides an overview of need sufficient to justify that need. In this regard, it is not normally required that a person submit financial records unless a challenge arises to the need and the parent wishes to contest denial of a scholarship request.



Soccer Maine Web Site:
<http://www.soccermaine.com>