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ALL NATIONS CUP FESTIVAL AND TOURNAMENT RETURNS FOR 2008!

All Nations Cup, a soccer tournament comprised of teams from throughout the Puget Sound's immigrant communities, celebrates its return for the sixth year in a row this June 2008 with a larger tournament and expanded arts and cultural celebration.

Founded in 2003 by Sister Communities, a South-end nonprofit organization, All Nations Cup 2008 is expanding to a three-week celebration of cultural diversity in the Pacific Northwest. This year the event is getting started early with the kick off the event on **Friday, June 6th, 2008** at Starfire Sports Complex in Tukwila. For a third consecutive year, the Muckleshoot Tribe will host the opening ceremony by welcoming the teams to their ancient lands and electing a Queen of the Tournament.

This year All Nations Cup is further celebrating soccer's diversity by expanding the Women's Tournament to include six regions--Europe, Middle East, East Asia, Africa, North America, and Latin America--and will be introducing the first-ever All Nations Cup Youth Tournament. For the first time, young players will have the chance to mimic what they see on the fields of the adult tournament. Teams will be divided into two age brackets of four regional teams—Africa, Americas, Asia, and Europe. The ANC Freestyle Soccer Competition will also return with two youth brackets and an adult bracket for players to show off their skills.

After two weeks of tournament and finals play, the Championship Game Day will be held at Starfire Sports Complex on **Sunday, June 22nd, 2008**. An All Stars game will be held for the star players of the teams that did not make it to the semi-finals, coached by two guest coaches from the Puget Sound area. The festivities will close with a trophy award ceremony and 10-minute firework display.

Participating countries in 2008 include Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bosnia, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, El Salvador, England, Ethiopia, Europe, Fiji, France, Gambia, Guatemala, Honduras, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Kurdish Community, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Oromo Community, Peru, Poland, Romania, Russia, Somalia, Spain, Tanzania, Turkey, Ukraine, USA and Vietnam

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All Nations Cup Detailed Schedule:

June 6	Opening Ceremony
June 7-8	Qualifiers Festival Weekend
June 13-15	Round of 16, Women's Regional, Master's Division, and Youth Games
July 16-20	Quarterfinals and Semifinals
July 22	Championship Games Day

Children 12 and under are admitted FREE to all events

June 6 – Opening Night is FREE for everybody

June 7-22 – Admission is \$5 per day.

For more information about the tournament, ticket sales or volunteer opportunities, visit www.allnationscup.org or contact Sister Communities at (206) 267-9000.