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USCAK To Host 2013 International Ukrainian Football Tournament

The Ukrainian Sports Federation of USA & Canada (USCAK) will be welcoming the world to New York June 30th thru July 6th 2013, for the fifth installment of the International Ukrainian Football Tournament (IUFT).

A minimum of eight amateur Ukrainian men's soccer teams from around the world will converge for a seven day sports and cultural event in the scenic Shawangunk and Catskill Mountain Region of New York State.

The tournament's location aims to leverage the natural patronage to the area during the July 4th holiday and allows for the integration of IUFT with festivities traditionally organized at Soyuzivka Ukrainian Resort and Oselia CYM.

Matches will take place primarily at Robert Dietz Memorial Stadium, a lighted turf field situated in Kingston, NY with a 1,500 seat capacity. The event will be bookended with an opening ceremony performance at the beginning of the tournament and an awards banquet dinner at the end. Numerous social events and local tours have been scheduled throughout the week to ensure the event is a complete and robust experience for all who participate.

The tournament began as an idea from Danylo Sawalaga, a Ukrainian-Australian who some eight years ago envisioned creating an event where Ukrainians from around the world were united by a common passion for soccer. It has since evolved into a high level competition which acts as a forum to exchange ideas and learn from one another to further develop each participant's respective soccer clubs and local Ukrainian communities.

Beginning in 2007, IUFT has been hosted four times in three different countries, each building on the previous hosts' successes. This year the goal is no different for the US hosts as Andrij Panas, IUFT Host Committee Chair attests: "The bar has really been set high for us, but our goal is to deliver the best IUFT to date and ensure that all who take part have a truly unforgettable experience. Our focus on offering something special is not only geared towards the teams that are coming to visit, but also geared towards the US diaspora so that they too are enticed to join in on this truly unique event."

Early commitments from Team Great Britain, Team Canada, Team Australia, & 2 US teams already guarantee the competition to be fierce and the host committee is currently in the process filling the balance of the field with teams from Ukraine, Brazil, and Germany. The committee is also hard at work soliciting sponsors and creating an all-out media blitz to garner wide support.

More information about IUFT, how to become a volunteer, or become a sponsor can be found at the following website: www.iuft.net, as well as social media links to the official IUFT Facebook page & Twitter feed.

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