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Tallahassee Hosts Elite Soccer Teams Competing in the 2018 Florida State Invitational

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (Feb.13, 2018)—Elite and Premier Soccer Teams from around the Southeast will converge in Tallahassee for the 2018 Florida State Invitational taking place April 14-15 at the Florida State University Rec-Sportsplex (3950 Tyson Road). Approximately 175 teams will compete in this year's tournament.

Sanctioned by Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA), the Florida State Invitational is open to all US Soccer members (US Club Soccer, AYSO, USSSA). The tournament offers three different divisions based on competitiveness. Gold, silver and bronze divisions will be offered in each age group with up to eight teams per division. Each team is guaranteed to play three games; two games on Saturday and one game on Sunday. Championship matches will be played later on Sunday afternoon.

"As the tournament continues to grow in participation and impact on the local community, we will continue to look for better ways to raise our profile," said Tournament Director Lee Blenman. "With the support of Visit Tallahassee, the Florida State Invitational has become and will continue to be a meaningful experience for players and spectators living in or visiting Tallahassee."

Tallahassee/Leon County offers a variety of attractions and sporting events year-round. For information about additional offerings, go to <u>VisitTallahassee.com</u>

About the Florida State Invitational:

The Florida State Invitational is hosted by Tallahassee Tottenham Hotspur Futbol Club (TTHFC) a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Proceeds from this year's tournament will be used to fund future tournaments and support TTHFC soccer programs.

About Leon County Division of Tourism/ Visit Tallahassee:

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