



### **Panama City Beach to Become the Center of Soccer in the Southeast**



### **To Host Over 15 New Tournaments and 700 Teams at New Sports Complex Beginning This August**

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla., January 25, 2019 – [Visit Panama City Beach](#) is looking ahead to summer 2019 with great anticipation, with plans to open its world-class [Panama City Beach Sports Complex managed by Sports Facilities Management \(SFM\)](#). [The brand-new \\$37 million complex will offer visitors on ‘play-cation’ a place to enjoy multiple sports and activities including soccer on its 13-field complex. Destined to be the center of soccer in the southeast, Panama City Beach will host over 700 soccer teams for more than 15 tournaments beginning in August.](#)

“Panama City Beach’s new Sports Complex will become the ultimate destination for soccer in the southeast,” shares SFM General Manager of the Panama City Beach Sports Complex J.D. Wood. “As a full-service venue with 13 new fields including two new championship fields, we are excited to start off with a large lineup of new soccer events and look forward to all the new visitors and teams coming to Panama City Beach in 2019-2020 and beyond.” Wood adds; “With US Youth Soccer, Soccer Skills Unlimited, Bay United, Soccer By Design, Arnold High School, YTH Sports and SNAP Soccer, we are so fortunate to have some outstanding partners helping to develop an event calendar that will bring a lot of new visitors and do so much for our local economy in the non-summer months with National, State and Regional soccer events.”

In addition to soccer, the Panama City Beach Sports Complex’s flexible design will also allow for lacrosse, rugby, football, baseball, softball and almost any other event you can think of. Details of the opening including special festivities for Bay County residents will be announced closer to August. More information on Panama City Beach’s new Sports Complex can be found at [www.playpanamacitybeach.com](http://www.playpanamacitybeach.com). A link of renderings can be found [here](#).

Please see below for a list of Panama City Beach’s Soccer Tournament scheduled at this time:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
August 1-4, 2019	Soccer Youth All-American Series: Summer
August 17-18, 2019	Region D Qualifying League by Bay United & FYSA
Aug. 30- Sept. 2, 2019	Soccer Skills Unlimited: Southeastern USA Labor Day Cup
October 12-14, 2019	SBD: Surf 'N Turf Classic
November 9-11, 2019	USYS National League South Region Cross Conference Series
November 29-30, 2019	Florida-USA Soccer Challenge (Arnold HS)
December 7-8, 2019	The Gatorade Showcase & Junior Cup
December 28-31, 2019	Soccer Youth All-American Series: Winter
January 11-12, 2020	Snap Soccer Play Date
February 15-17, 2020	Snap Soccer Presidents Cup
March 13-15, 2020	SBD: Emerald Coast Invitational
March 28-29, 2020	Panama City Beach College Showcase
April 25-26, 2020	The Panama City Beach Spring Cup
May 16-17, 2020	PCB Beach Cup
May 29-31, 2020	Soccer Skills Unlimited: PCB Memorial Day Cup

**Below are a few comments from some of our event partners:**

"We are looking forward to bringing our inaugural National League South Region Cross-Conference event to PCB Sports Complex in November. There's no question that PCB's first-class fields and event staff will enhance teams' experience playing in the US Youth Soccer National Leagues Program. This event will lay the groundwork for future National Leagues Program events at PCB."

-Mike Leland, Events Manager of US Youth Soccer: National League

"We, at Soccer Skills Unlimited, have been organizing and running events for 20 years. We have never been more excited to have secured a place at this complex. It looks to be the "State of The Art Facility

for Florida". Can't wait to get started!!" -Jeff Pinteralli, President of Soccer Skills Unlimited

"SBD Event Management is excited to be on the ground floor of one the new outstanding sports complexes in the South. Panama City Beach will be the perfect host for our two events- Surf 'N Turf Classic to be held in October 2019, and The Emerald Coast Invitational to be held in March of 2020"  
-Brent Paulson, Chief Strategic Officer of SBD Event Management

"The team at Snap Soccer is very excited to be working with JD and everyone else at the Panama City Beach Sports Complex. We have built a reputation of running some of the best and most organized soccer events in the area, but the one the biggest areas we succeed in is choosing outstanding venues. We feel the PCBSC will be a great addition, as one of those venues that stands out from the others"  
-Zack Touchstone, Director of Operations for Snap Soccer

"The Panama City Beach Sports Complex is the perfect location for our inaugural Soccer Youth All-American Series. Our event features some of the most talented players from all over the nation. Providing a first-class event with a state-of-the-art facility in a vacation type of setting is priority for Soccer Youth." –Scott Hacker, President of YTH Sports.

#### About Panama City Beach

Panama City Beach is situated on 27 miles of sugar-white sand beaches bordering clear, emerald-green waters where the Gulf of Mexico and St. Andrew Bay converge. With 320 days of sunshine annually and attractions such as St. Andrews State Park and Pier Park, the region has long been favored by travelers seeking an affordable beach vacation with year-round offerings for families, couples, groups and adventure-seekers. These include championship golf courses, spas, sporting events, award-winning dining and diverse recreational activities. In addition, Panama City Beach's Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport offers non-stop flights on Delta Airlines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines. For more information, call 850-233-5070 or visit the official website of the Panama City Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau at <http://www.visitpanamacitybeach.com>. Live HD video of the world-famous beach is now available at [www.visitpanamacitybeach.com/webcam/](http://www.visitpanamacitybeach.com/webcam/). Stay connected with Panama City Beach on Twitter ([@Visit\\_PCB](https://twitter.com/Visit_PCB)), Instagram ([@Visit\\_PCB](https://www.instagram.com/Visit_PCB)) and Facebook ([@Visit\\_PCB](https://www.facebook.com/Visit_PCB)).

About Panama City Beach Sports Complex: The Panama City Beach Sports Complex is located within the Breakfast Point development and is the premier destination for travel sports tourism in the Florida panhandle. The facility features 13 rectangular fields including nine with artificial surfaces and two championship fields with seating up to 1,500 spectators. The flexible design allows for soccer, lacrosse, rugby, football and flag football, as well as baseball and softball to be played. The Panama City Sports Complex is a facility managed by Sports Facilities Management, LLC. For more information, visit: [www.playpanamacitybeach.com](http://www.playpanamacitybeach.com)

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