

2011 Schwan's USA Cup – Team Photo Experience

This is a unique opportunity limited to a maximum of 5 teams attending the 2011 Schwan's USA Cup, from July 19 to 23rd, to have your experience documented by an event accredited professional photographer and be provided with a DVD of photos that will be a lifelong keepsake.

What do you get?

Team Specific Photos

Your team is there to compete against the best in the world, and the most important memories are from the soccer pitch. I will attend a minimum of 1 game for your team and shoot several hundred action photos of the game including photos of all players on the team in action. *Depending on team game schedules, I will attempt to cover 2 games for each team (not guaranteed).

- A team photo taken before or after one of your games
- Action shots from a minimum of one of your games
- Awards Ceremony (for those team who win awards)

USA Cup Bonus Photos

With so many exciting events happening, I can't guarantee shots specific to any individual or team, but rather of the overall sights and sounds of the event. *However, if your team is participating in a specific event and I am available; you can make arrangements for me to cover that event for your team.

- Opening Ceremony
- Activity Centers
- Pin and Patch Trading
- Athletes Party

Team Photo DVD

Each player will receive all Team specific and Bonus photos on a souvenir CD, which you can share with friend and relatives after the event.

How much is it?

The cost for each participating player is \$30.00 (this includes all taxes).

There is also a 10 players per team minimum.

This opportunity is limited to 5 Winnipeg teams.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is the photographer?

My name is Doug Portz, I am a Winnipeg based photographer specializing in sports photography. I use only the best Canon cameras and lenses guaranteeing sharp high quality images.

What is a Winnipeg based photographer doing at the event?

The USA Cup attracts media and professionals from around the world to cover the event. In this case my son is playing on a participating team and I will be at the event cheering him on. This gives me the opportunity to offer my photographic services to other Winnipeg teams.

What do you mean by Event Accredited Photographer?

I am accredited by the USA Cup organizers as "Media" giving me access to shoot at most events as well as from pitch-side during games. This gives me unique access to take photos that would not otherwise be possible.

Are you associated with the Schwan's USA Cup or the National Sports Federation?

No, I am a freelance photographer. I have no affiliation to the organizing bodies for this event.

Why is this opportunity limited on only 5 teams?

My goal is to provide as many personalized team photos as possible, and with so many events and games going on, I am limiting my coverage to no more than 5 teams to ensure I have plenty of time to cover those teams.

Why is there a minimum of 10 players per team needed?

I am trying to keep the individual player cost as low as possible; the minimum ensures that there are enough players on a team participating in this opportunity to cover the costs I incur in covering the team.

What if there are players on our team who don't want to participate?

That is no problem, if there are players who do not want photos there is no obligation for them to participate. You only need the minimum of 10 players participating.

What if we have less than 10 players that want photos but we really want participate?

In this case if the team pays for 10 players they can participate even if there are fewer than 10 participating players.

How many of our games will you photograph?

You are guaranteed at least one game, and depending on the schedules and the weather I will try to cover two games for each team.

How many photos do you take during a match, and how many will we get?

It varies, but generally I will take many hundreds of photos, with about 300 photos from a single game ending up on the disk.

How many photos will there be of my son/daughter playing?

It really depends on how active your son/daughter is within the game, but in general, I try to get a minimum of 10 photos per player. That is a minimum, with more active players getting more photos.

What about off the pitch, will you get individual shots of my son/daughter at the Opening Ceremonies?

Unfortunately that is something I can't guarantee, but something I want to try and do. I can't guarantee these shots for a few reasons. With 15,000 players all attending the opening ceremonies simply finding all the players let alone photographing will be challenging to say the least. That said I will be on field during the Opening Ceremonies and will do my best to cover all the teams.

What about other events, will you photograph our team participating in those events?

I do want to document other events and all the better if your son/daughter is participating in it. Again I can't guarantee it, but if your team is going to participate in a particular event, you can contact me, and if I am available I will attend and document it for you. Please remember that my priority is the on-pitch action, so if another team is playing that will take priority.

How do I know what games you will be photographing for our team?

Once the schedules are posted by the tournament organizers I will create a shoot schedule and let each team know which games I will be covering prior to tournament starting.

What if it is raining during the game you going to cover for our team?

Well that will depend on the weeks weather forecast, and my ability to adjust my schedule to cover a different game. If we can schedule a different game then I will, but otherwise I carry all weather gear for my equipment, and can easily shoot in the rain. (if your kids can play in the rain, I can work in the rain).

WHY a DVD and not a CD, will I be getting video files?

No, you only get photos, but I use DVD's because they hold more photos, and a single CD just doesn't have enough room.

Do all the players get the same photos, or are the photos just of my son/daughter?

Each player on the team who participates will get an identical DVD, which will include all the action photos from your games, as well as the bonus photos from all the other events. All the participating teams receive the same bonus photos.

What about the awards ceremonies, will you cover that?

Absolutely, if your team wins an award, I will be there to cover the awards presentation. **You will need to contact me the day before to let me know when the awards will be presented.**

How do we contact you during the tournament to let you know where our team will be or if we are receiving an award?

I will ask that each team identify a Contact Person that I can liaise with during the tournament. I will give that person my cell phone contact information and I will get their information so we can communicate during the event.

What can I do with the photos you give me on the DVD?

Share them with your family or friends, email them, post them on your website, or have prints made of them. It is actually simpler to detail what you can't do with the photos - You can't sell them or have them published.

Can I give a copy of the DVD to other players on the team that did not pay for photos?

No. I purposely kept the cost for this opportunity very low so everyone can participate. Giving photos to other who did not participate limits my ability to cover my costs and to offer this type of service in the future.

How long will it take to receive our photos after we get back from the USA Cup?

I will deliver the DVDs to your Team Liaison around August 15.

What happens if we sign up and we can't go, do we get our money back?

We all hope that something like that would never happen, but I understand that things happen, and for some unforeseen reason your team may not be able to attend. Provided you cancel prior to July 1, 2011. I will refund your money in full. After July 1, 2011, there will be no refunds.

What if we decide we don't want to participate but are still going to the USA Cup, can we get our money back?

If you decide to not participate in this opportunity, and I am able to find a team to replace yours, then I will refund your money. If I am not able to find a replacement team then there will be no refunds.

I have other questions that you didn't answer...

Just give me a call or send me an email, I will be happy to answer any of your questions. Doug Portz (204) 661-5664 or on my cell phone at (204) 793-5986.

Okay, I'm sold, how do I sign up?

Simply, contact me and let me know you are interested. This opportunity is available on a first come first serve basis. Your position is not 100% secured until you have provided payment for your team (minimum of \$300). Again this opportunity is limited to the first 5 teams only.

What information do you need when I call to sign up?

Your Team Name:

Team Age Group:

Number of participating players:

Coach's Name:

Hotel Name and Address:

Contact Person Name:

Contact Person Local Winnipeg Phone Number:

Contact Person Mobile Number: (how I can reach you during the tournament)

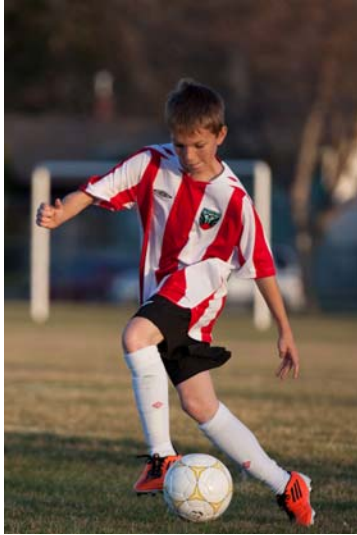
Contact Person email address:

Contact Person Winnipeg Address:

Sample Photos*

Photos will be a mix of group action, individual action, and general on-field shots

These photos are representative of the type of photos you will receive as part of the coverage of your games.



*Actual photos will be of a higher resolution than those depicted in this promotion document.