



2023 Thorns RTC Tournament Information

Event: RTC Tournament

Dates: March 25-26, 2023

Location: Eastside Timbers Complex - 4710 SE 174th Ave, Portland, OR 97236

Age Groups: 2012 and 2013/14 RTC Groups (All 2012 and 2013/14 players invited)

What is the RTC Tournament?

The RTC Tournament is the final event for the 2022-23 RTC season where all RTC players and regions come together for a round-robin like tournament. Players will go through some brief training with our senior staff, and then will compete against each other in games. 2012 players will be evaluated for the eventual 2012 Friendship Cup roster where our Timbers 2012 players will play against other states in the Friendship Cup tournament in May. The 2013/14 players will compete for all-tournament honors where they will be recognized on the Timbers website. This is a fun event for players where they get to see themselves against other players in the program.

What is the RTC Tournament format?

2012 players will compete in a 9 v 9 format with their RTC groups they have been training with in the fall and winter. There will be situations where some players move around to help other RTC locations who need extra players. **2013/14 players** will compete in a 7 v 7 format with their RTC groups they have been training with in the fall and winter. Again, there will be situations where some players move around to help other RTC locations who need extra players.

Check-In Process Saturday

All players will arrive 30 minutes prior to your first session starting (see your schedule below). Once you arrive, you will meet with your RTC Director or head coach where you will receive your tournament number for the event. Players, with the assistance of parents, will pin the number on their right front leg so all coaches can see this. We will provide a tent area where players and parents can grab safety pins for players. Once players have their numbers on and are with their coaches, parents should leave the playing area so we can begin the event. Beyond the morning check-in Saturday, players should arrive for their sessions at least 20 minutes early for the rest of the weekend.

What do players wear during the event?

All RTC players need to wear their RTC training kit for the duration of the tournament. This is very important once games begin as we use the RTC kit as one of the colors while giving a different color pinnie to the other team.

RTC Tournament Schedule

Thorns Girls 2012 RTC Schedule

Dates	Event	Times	Location
March 25 th	RTC Tournament	10-11:30 am, 1-2:30 pm	Eastside Timbers Complex #3
March 26 th	RTC Tournament	10--Noon	Eastside Timbers Complex #3
March 27/28	Friendship Cup Rosters Announced		Timbers Website

Thorns Girls 2013/14 RTC Schedule

Region	Dates	Times	Location
March 25 th	RTC Tournament	11:30-1 pm, 2:30-4 pm	Eastside Timbers Complex #3
March 26 th	RTC Tournament	12-2 pm	Eastside Timbers Complex #3
March 27/28	RTC All-Tournament Team Announced		Timbers Website

More information included on the next page



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What do players need to bring to the event?

Players need to bring their RTC training kit, soccer ball with air and a name on the ball, shin-guards, cleats for a turf surface, water, snacks and clothes for the weather elements we may see during the tournament.

Can parents attend, stay and watch?

Absolutely! Our protocol here though is that parents are not on the same sideline as our coaching staff. In most cases, our staff will be on the inside sidelines and parents will need to stay on the fence line. Eastside also asks that parents refrain from bringing chairs or tents on the fields. They have bleachers available as well as benches. Parents who come onto the same sideline as the staff will be asked to move so be prepared. We ask that parents avoid coaching their kids from the sidelines as well.

If my 2012 player makes the Friendship Cup roster, what does this schedule look like?

As mentioned in the RTC Information Guide on the Timbers website, the 2012 age group will select a group of roughly 30-36 players who will participate in the Friendship Cup Tournament, May 26-29 here in Portland. Below is a training schedule for the 2012 groups after the RTC Tournament, in preparation for the Friendship Cup in May.

2012 Friendship Cup Roster Training Schedule

May 13	3-5 pm	Eastside Timbers Complex
May 14	10-Noon	Eastside Timbers Complex
May 20	3-5 pm	Eastside Timbers Complex
May 21	10-Noon	Eastside Timbers Complex
May 26-29	Friendship Cup Tournament	Portland, Oregon

Is the RTC Tournament required for the 2012 Friendship Cup roster?

Yes! This is the one event where attendance is mandatory if players want a shot at making the 2012 roster we create from this tournament. If players are not in attendance, we can't fairly and accurately evaluate all players against each other for roster selection.

Hotels for Out-of-Town Families

Families are welcome to stay wherever they would like for the RTC tournament, but we have given three hotels below that are close and have decent rates for the weekend.

-Courtyard Portland East - 2811 NE 181st Ave, Portland, OR 97230 - (503) 665-2811

-Hampton Inn Clackamas - 9040 SE Adams St, Clackamas, OR 97015 - (503) 655-7900

-Best Western Cascade Inn - 23525 NE Halsey St, Troutdale, OR 97060 - (503) 491-9700

If you have any questions about the RTC Tournament, don't hesitate to email Erik Lyslo at elyslo@timbers.com. I will make sure you have all the information you need moving forward.

Thanks all and we look forward to seeing everyone at the RTC Tournament in March.

Timbers and Thorns Youth Staff