

## 1st Inaugural HWCi MLS IS BACK TOURNAMENT Soccer Tournament Pool

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 (Rev D)

### 2020 HWCi MLS IS BACK TOURNAMENT POOL

**(NOTE: Please print/scan/photo the Page 3 and email to [worldcup@hwci.com](mailto:worldcup@hwci.com) by 5 pm PDT).**

Welcome to the 1st HWCi MLS is Back Tournament pool based on our successful HWCi NCAA (25 years) and World Cup (7 times) and Euro (2 times) pools. With COVID-19 cancelling the NCAA March Madness and EURO 2020, MLS has come back with a World Cup format tournament. With all the uncertainty (we have already seen the DAL-VAN match moved due to positive COVID-19 tests), this pool is **FREE**. This way, I can make pool-based decisions based on unexpected events without worry about refunding people! Winners are how MLS determines it (e.g., forfeits, shortened matches). The 2020 MLS is Back Tournament will take place in Orlando from July 8 to August 11. You will choose the results of the 36 round-robin games, the 16 teams who will advance to the Round of 16 and the winners of each match after that- 70 choices in all and all before the first match is played!

A schedule with dates and inaugural bracket can be found on Major League Soccer's official website at <https://matchcenter.mlssoccer.com/>. Rules on how to enter are on the next page. A list of everyone's picks and updated standings will soon be found on our website at <http://www.HWCi.com/worldcup>.

Here is a quick look at the pool:

- WHAT:** 1ST HWCi MLS IS BACK TOURNAMENT SOCCER POOL (11<sup>TH</sup> OVERALL SOCCER POOL, 36<sup>TH</sup> OVERALL POOL)  
**FEE:** FREE per entry (max 2 entries per person)  
**DEADLINE:** 5 p.m. PDT on Wednesday, July 8, 2020  
**WHO:** Anyone with interest! Invite friends! No more than TWO entries per person.  
**INFO:** HWCi World Cup Pool: [1998](#) | [2002](#) | [2006](#) | [2010](#) | [2014](#) | [2018](#)  
HWCi EURO Pool: [2012](#) | [2016](#)  
HWCi Women's World Cup Pool: [2015](#) | [2019](#)  
**PRIZES:** Something I can mail, got lots of old/vintage soccer stuff – maybe top 3. Winners will be determined by points, not correct number of games (see *Points* section).  
**POINTS:**  
39 Round Robin matches= 1 point each (you can now pick ties!)  
16 Round of 16 teams= 3 points each  
8 Quarterfinal picks= 4 points each  
4 Semifinal picks= 6 points each  
2 Final picks= 8 points each  
1 Champ pick= 12 points  
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Total possible points= 171  
**ENTER:** Via Email (send pic or pdf of completed form or picks) to [worldcup@hwci.com](mailto:worldcup@hwci.com)  
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### HOW TO ENTER

You will make 70 choices in this pool- all before the first match is played! You will pick the 36 results of the round robin matches (you can pick ties), the 16 teams who will advance to the Round of 16, the 8 teams who will make it to the Quarterfinals, the 4 teams who will make it to the Semifinals, the 2 teams in the Final Match, the 2020 MLS IS BACK TOURNAMENT champion, and a tiebreaker total goals prediction. Here is what we will need from you:

- NAME:** Your full name
- EMAIL/PHONE #:** Your email address... if you win we need a way to contact you! Also, there will be a periodic email/blog/twitter update every other day or so.
- NICKNAME:** Something short, something sweet.... be forewarned- if you don't choose a nickname we will choose one for you!

*(Now to your picks...)*

**GROUP A (9):** List the six (9 for Group A) results in order of group play (see next page) (if you want to be safe, list the game number then winner/tie; e.g., "1-Orlando, 2-Nashville, 3-Phil, 14-Miami, 15-Tie, 16-NYC..." instead of "ORL, NSH, PHI, MIA, TIE, NYC..." (which is fine to do, if you have got them in the right order))

**GROUP B (6):** Same as above

**GROUP C (6):** Same as above

**GROUP D (6):** Same as above

**GROUP E (6):** Same as above

**GROUP F (6):** Same as above

**Round of 16 (16):** List the 16 teams advancing into the Round of 16 (top **3 teams** from Group A, top **2 teams** in Groups B/C/D/E/F plus next best **3 teams** (3<sup>rd</sup> Place B/C/D/E/F and/or 4<sup>th</sup> Place from Group A) (NOTE: Does **not** matter how you picked round-robin matches)

**Quarterfinalists (8):** List the 8 teams advancing into the Quarterfinals (based on your R16 matchups)

**Semifinalists (4):** List the 4 teams who will reach the Semifinals (based on your QTRFINAL matchups)

**Finalists (2):** List the 2 teams who will play for the 2020 MLS IS BACK TOURNAMENT title

**Champion (1):** List the 1 team who will win it all

#### Tiebreaker

**Total Goals:** In case of a tie, predict the total number of goals scored in regulation or overtime in the two (2) Semifinal and Final matches (3 matches) (i.e., NOT including penalty kick tiebreaker goals). You can pick in ½ goal increments (i.e., 4.5 goals). The tiebreaker is just "closest to", so if one person guesses 3.5 goals and another 4.5 goals and the *actual* total is 4 goals, then there is a tie.

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## The Schedule and Bracket (FREE Entry Fee)

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NICKNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

You can circle the results (you can pick ties) here if you have a hardcopy of this sheet; otherwise, email the results for each group in the order shown. Circle the results in the round-robin matches and then fill in the bracket below (**top 3** from Group A, **top 2** teams from B/C/D/E/F plus **top 3** 3<sup>rd</sup> place B/C/D/E/F or 4<sup>th</sup> place A finishers advance - don't forget the tiebreaker: total combined goals in the 2 Semifinal and Final matches (3 matches). Use this as your worksheet to enter your picks and email your scan/photo to [worldcup@hwci.com](mailto:worldcup@hwci.com). [#]-MLS Ranking (3/10/20)

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F
[22] Orlando City SC (ORL)	[2] Seattle (SEA)	[5] Toronto FC (TOR)	[16] Real Salt Lake (RSL)	[1] Atlanta United (ATL)	[3] LA Football Club (LFC)
[21] Inter Miami (MIA)	<del>[9] FC Dallas (DAL)</del>	[18] New England (NE)	[6] Sporting KC (SKC)	[26] FC Cincinnati (CIN)	[17] LA Galaxy (LA)
[11] New York City FC (NYC)	[19] Vancouver (VAN)	[14] Montreal (MTL)	[7] Colorado (COL)	[12] New York Red Bulls (NY)	[24] Houston (HOU)
[10] Philadelphia (PHI)	[23] San Jose (SJ)	[15] D.C. United (DC)	[4] Minnesota (MIN)	[8] Columbus (CLB)	[13] Portland (POR)
[20] Chicago Fire FC (CHI)					
[25] Nashville SC (NSH)					
<u>Round Robin Games</u>	<u>Round Robin Games</u>	<u>Round Robin Games</u>	<u>Round Robin Games</u>	<u>Round Robin Games</u>	<u>Round Robin Games</u>
01- ORL - MIA - TIE	<del>04- DAL - VAN - TIE</del>	05- MTL - NE - TIE	10- SKC - MIN - TIE	08- ATL - NY - TIE	12- LFC - HOU - TIE
02- NSH - CHI - TIE	07- SEA - SJ - TIE	06- TOR - DC - TIE	11- RSL - COL - TIE	09- CIN - CLB - TIE	13- LA - POR - TIE
03- NYC - PHI - TIE	<del>17- SEA - DAL - TIE</del>	18- MTL - TOR - TIE	23- SKC - COL - TIE	20- ATL - CIN - TIE	25- POR - HOU - TIE
14- MIA - CHI - TIE	19- VAN - SJ - TIE	21- DC - NE - TIE	24- RSL - MIN - TIE	22- CLB - NY - TIE	26- LFC - LA - TIE
15- PHI - NSH - TIE	<del>30- DAL - SJ - TIE</del>	32- TOR - NE - TIE	35- RSL - SKC - TIE	33- ATL - CLB - TIE	38- LA - HOU - TIE
16- ORL - NYC - TIE	31- SEA - VAN - TIE	34- MTL - DC - TIE	37- COL - MIN - TIE	36- CIN - NY - TIE	39- LFC - POR - TIE
27- NYC - CHI - TIE					
28- PHI - MIA - TIE					
29- ORL - NSH - TIE					

