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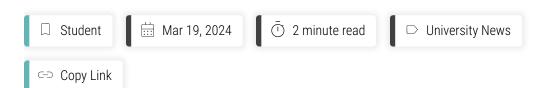
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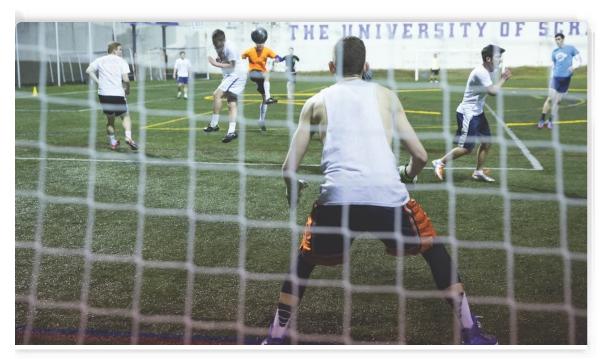
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# Playing Soccer to Teach Sports Management

Soccer tournament guarantees games for middle and high school players while teaching sports management concepts to University of Scranton undergraduates.



Registration is open to area middle and high school soccer players at all skill levels for the Scranton Soccer Fest, set for May 4 at The University of Scranton's Fitzpatick Field. Groups of six to 10 can register to compete in the 6-on-6

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tournament in the following age divisions: U12 male; U12 female; U14 coed; high school male; and high school female. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the American Breast Cancer Foundation.

Area middle and high school students can participate in soccer tournament run by University of Scranton students as part of a sports event management course. Proceeds from the second annual Scranton Soccer Fest, set for Saturday, May 4, at The University of Scranton's Fitzpatrick Field, will benefit the American Breast Cancer Foundation.

Groups of six to 10 can register to compete in the 6-on-6 tournament in the following age divisions: U12 male; U12 female; U14 coed; high school male; and high school female. Each team is guaranteed to play at least four games. Those at all levels of soccer skills are welcome to participate. Games will begin at 9 a.m. on May 4.

The registration fee of \$150 per team prior to April 15 includes a t-shirt for participants. Registration between April 16 through April 28 is \$165 per team and does not include a t-shirt.

The event is being organized by members of the University's sports event management course taught by Ovidiu Cocieru, Ph.D., assistant professor of management. The project is designed to provide students with handson opportunities to put together a community-based sports event. The project encompasses all aspects of the managing the event, from registration to marketing, to the organization of the play itself.

For more information or to register, visit **Scranton Soccer Fest webpage**. For additional questions, contact Dr. Cocieru at 570-941-4728.

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