



**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL  
SOCCER MATCH**



## EVENT DETAILS

**Date:**

Tuesday, May 21  
5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Location:**

Audi Field  
100 Potomac Ave SW,  
Washington, DC 20024

**Event Elements:**

Embassy Tournament  
Congressional Soccer Match  
Staffer Tournament

## ABOUT THE U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION

At the U.S. Soccer Foundation, we use the world's game to create positive social change in the communities where the need is greatest. We ensure that girls and boys living in underserved communities have access to evidence-based soccer programming that delivers positive health and youth development outcomes, as well as a fun soccer experience.

In 2017, the Foundation announced its strategic goals to engage 1 million children in *Soccer for Success* and build 1,000 safe playing spaces.

In conjunction with this announcement, the U.S. Soccer Foundation launched *It's Everyone's Game*, a campaign to inspire and empower the nation to drive the change that ensures children in underserved communities enjoy the health and youth development benefits of the game.

## THE NEED

Too many children are left without the resources they need to reach their full potential. Millions of children lack organized after-school activities and safe places to play.

- Every school day, more than 11 million children are unsupervised from 3:00-6:00 PM.
- One in three children lack a mentor in their lives—the supportive relationship they need to grow and develop into thriving, productive, and engaged adults.
- The prevailing pay-to-play model of youth sports leaves too many children on the sidelines. More than 80% of children living in poverty are not playing sports and those children are four times less likely to have access to safe play spaces. In short,

## OUR SOLUTION

*Soccer for Success* helps children succeed on the pitch, in the classroom, and throughout their lives. *Soccer for Success* is a high-impact solution that provides children living in underserved communities with free access to quality soccer programming, safe places to play, and caring coach-mentors, who are trained to help transform young lives. Eighty-three percent of participants have improved health outcomes; 86% stayed away from anti-social behavior; 88% work better on a team; and 81% feel better about their future.

To date, the U.S. Soccer Foundation and its partners have impacted more than 700,000 children in more than 180 communities.

For more information, visit [www.ussoccerfoundation.org](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org), or follow us on Twitter at @ussoccerfndn and Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/ussoccerfoundation>.

## EMBASSY TEAMS

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Chile
- China
- Denmark
- European Union
- Georgia
- Italy
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Peru
- Russia
- South Africa
- United Kingdom
- U.S. State Department

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Embassy Tournament: The night will kick off with the Embassy Tournament, featuring 15 embassy teams and the U.S. Department of State representing their countries in a mini-World Cup tournament.

### 6:30-8:15 p.m.

Congressional Soccer Match: The main event includes Members of Congress, soccer and sports legends, special guests, and select corporate partners going head-to-head in a bipartisan match.

### 8:30-9:15 p.m.

Staffer Tournament: The evening will conclude with the Staffer Tournament, featuring federal employees from both sides of the aisle competing in a friendly round-robin.

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