



**Tournament:** Como Champions Cup

**Dates:** April 10-12, 2009

**Location:** Como, Italy

The Como Champions Cup is played in Como and surrounding cities around the majestic Lake Como. Como is located just north of Milan and situated from 5 minutes from the Italian-Swiss boarder. In the 2008 Como Champions Cup 50 teams participated from Austria, Canada, Denmark, England, Italy, Ireland, Switzerland and USA.



**Tournament Information:**

<b>BOYS</b>	<b>Category A</b>	<b>Category B</b>	<b>Category C</b>	<b>Category D</b>	<b>Category E</b>
<b>Born On/After:</b>	1998	1996	1994	1992	1990
<b>Teams Per Group:</b>	4-6	4-6	4-6	4-6	4-6
<b>Duration of Matches:</b>	2 x 15	2 x 20	2 x 25	2 x 30	2 x 30
<b>11-a-side or 7-a-side:</b>	7-a-side	11-a-side	11-a-side	11-a-side	11-a-side
<b>Players Per Team:</b>	24	24	24	24	24
<b>Substitutions:</b>	7	7	7	7	7

<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>Category F</b>	<b>Category G</b>
<b>Born On/After:</b>	1994	1991
<b>Teams Per Group:</b>	4-6	4-6
<b>Duration of Matches:</b>	2 x 20	2 x 25
<b>11-a-side or 7-a-side:</b>	11-a-side	11-a-side
<b>Players Per Team:</b>	24	24
<b>Substitutions:</b>	7	7

**Age Dispensations.** In Category A, two (2) overage players born in 1997 are allowed to participate. From Category B through Category G three (3) overage players born one (1) year before the age category is allowed to participate.

**Who May Participate?** All teams and clubs that associated with their FIFA affiliated national associations are able to participate in the Como Champions Cup. The tournament is played under all applicable FIFA and or Italian Soccer Federation rules.

**Rule Modifications.** Three overage players (within one year) are allowed to be rostered and can play at the same time during matches. Flying substitutions are not allowed. Once a player is substituted he/she can not re-renter during the same match.

**Insurance.** All players, staff, and participants must carry their own insurance. The Como Champions Cup, nor United Soccer Academy does not carry any group insurance, and is not responsible for, protecting participants in case of injury, illness, theft or damage to property.

**Program/Tour.** Combining participation in the Como Champions Cup with other locations in Italy is ideal. For example, 2 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Florence, and participation in the Como Champions Cup or 2 nights in Florence, 2 nights in the Republic of San Marino, and participation in the Como Champions Cup. A soccer and sightseeing program can be designed either before or after the Como Lake Cup.

Thursday, April 9: Arrive Como, Italy. Option for sightseeing, training session with a professional coach or friendly match. Tournament registration in the evening.

Friday, April 10: Participation in the Como Champions Cup. Sightseeing program: Como, Milan, or Switzerland.

Saturday, April 11: Participation in the Como Champions Cup. Attend Serie A match between FC Inter and FC Palermo at San Siro Stadium.

Sunday, April 12: Participation in the Como Champions Cup. Group play and Finals. Afternoon awards ceremony.

Monday, April 13: Return to the United States or continuation of soccer tour in Italy.

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