

Northern Illinois University Soccer 2011



Visiting Team Guide

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Dining/Hotels

Please visit <http://www.niuhuskies.com/ot/dining.html> for a complete dining guide.

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Driving Directions

**NIU Soccer and Track & Field Complex
325 Stadium Drive West
DeKalb, IL 60115**

I-88, I-90, and I-294 are toll roads. Annie Glidden Road exit requires a \$1.10 exact change only cash toll or IPass/EZ Pass are accepted. Peace road exit requires a \$0.80 exact change only cash toll or IPass/EZ Pass.

Facility

NIU Soccer/Track & Field Complex

Though the rules of the game have been in place for nearly 150 years, everything about soccer continues to evolve, including the facilities and playing surfaces. Northern Illinois has taken the next step in that evolution with the NIU Soccer and Track & Field Complex. The new \$3.5 million facility is home to the men's and women's soccer programs, as well as the Huskie track and field team, and is highlighted by a world-class quality soccer turf, which was built to the specifications of a FIFA 2-Star pitch.

Several layers underneath the playing surface help keep the field ready for action in almost any weather. When rain falls on the new turf, it quickly moves through the pitch thanks to a foot-thick layer of P-210 stone. A herringbone channel drainage system then directs the water to a retention pond, keeping the field ready for play even in the heaviest storms.

When the Huskies play at home, fans are able to enjoy amenities that make the game day experience "can't miss." The Huskie faithful enter on the northwest side of the complex, with nearly unlimited parking available in the Convocation Center parking lot. Bleachers line the east side of the field, giving up to 1,989 spectators a clear line of sight to the action. To keep track of the game, a new scoreboard stands on the north side of the field, and is capable of displaying both soccer and track and field information.

In-Game Vending

NIU Soccer/Track & Field Complex will provide concessions. The concession stand will be open 1 hour prior to game time and closes towards the end of the 2nd period. **No outside food or drink is permitted inside the NIU Soccer/Track & Field Complex. All bags are subject to search.**

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Locker Room

NIU recommends that visiting teams dress at the hotel and arrive at NIU in uniform. Visiting team locker rooms may be available at Huskie Stadium, located just east of the Soccer/Track Complex. Towels will be provided upon request for post-game showers. Please coordinate all locker room and laundry requirements prior to your arrival on campus. For more information, contact **Dan Stinson, Huskie Stadium Equipment Manager**, at dstinson@niu.edu or **815.753.8409**.

Media Information

NIU Media Relations recommends that any radio requests be made no less than seven (7) days in advance. Radio personnel should be self-sufficient and provide all of their own equipment. Every attempt will be made to house visiting radio in the press box; due to space constraints this may not always be possible. For all radio requests, please contact **TBD, Media Relations Graduate Assistant** at [TBD](#) or **815.753.9538**.

Video

If you would like to record your game, the primary location is from a platform located next to the press box. Battery powered cameras are strongly recommended. Your team is responsible for providing any necessary extension cords and tape to secure the cords. Upon request, NIU Men's Soccer will provide a copy of the game film. The copy will be mailed within three business days of the game.

Medical Information

The following will be provided during practices and competition: water, cups, towels, ice bags, and bio hazard supplies.

The Athletic Trainer on site will have the following supplies, AED, airway kit, spine board, splint bag, crutches and first aid kit. The NIU police (815.753.1212) carry AEDs within their vehicles and are first-responder trained. For more information or to coordinate specific medical needs, contact **TBD, Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer**, at [TBD](#) or **815.753.4839**.

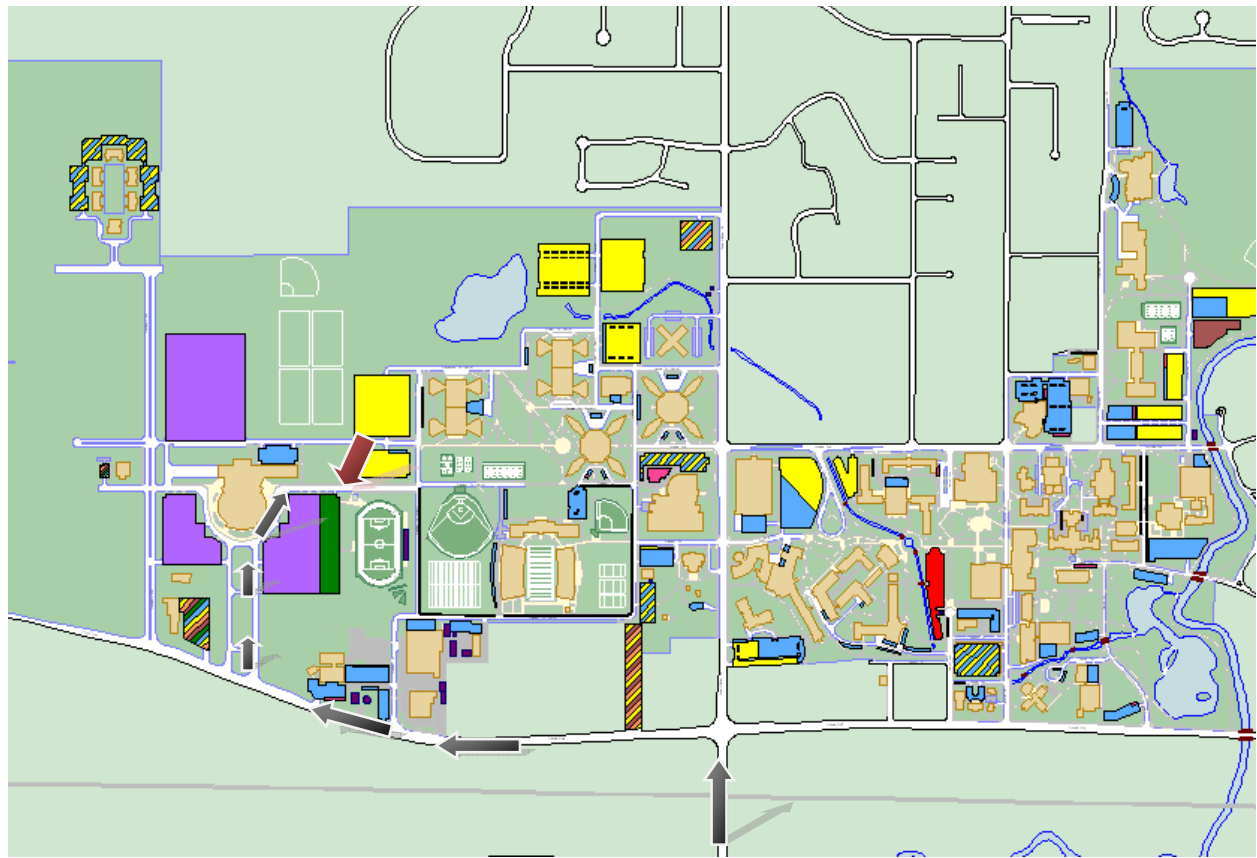
The nearest hospital is Kishwaukee Community Hospital located at:

One Kish Hospital Drive
DeKalb, IL 60115
(815) 756-1521

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Parking Information

Unless otherwise instructed, buses should enter campus via the main entrance of the Convocation Center, which is just west of the DeKalb water tower on Lincoln Highway (SR 38). Follow the drive to the right around curve. Main entrance to the lot is located at the northwest corner of the Track facility. Team buses may drop off players, coaches and equipment at NW field gate and proceed to park in the southeast corner of the lot. Please contact **Sue Hansfield, Assistant Athletics Director of Facilities and Games Management, at 815.753.9544** with any questions regarding parking.



Parking Information for Fans

Fans will find an entrance on the northwest side of the complex, with nearly unlimited parking available in the Convocation Center parking lot C2.

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Pre-Game Format

CLOCK	ACTIVITY	TIME				
60:00	Game field / balls available for warm-up	12:00pm	1:00 pm	2:00pm	3:00pm	4:00 pm
30:00	Referees Arrive	12:30pm	1:30 pm	2:30pm	3:30pm	4:30 pm
20:00	Roster Exchange	12:40pm	1:40 pm	2:40pm	3:40pm	4:40 pm
10:00	Captains Meet, Coin Toss	12:50pm	1:50 pm	2:50pm	3:50pm	4:50 pm
8:00	Teams Clear Field, Introduction of Officials and Starting Line-ups, National Anthem	12:52pm	1:52pm	2:52pm	3:52pm	4:52pm
0:00	Kick-off	1:00pm	2:00 pm	3:00pm	4:00pm	5:00 pm

Times are subject to change based on pre-game ceremonies, weather conditions or other circumstances and will be communicated to you as early as possible.

The pre-game format will be posted in the dugout prior to arrival.

Tickets

No Admission Fee. While there is no charge for admission, gates will be monitored to prevent fans from bringing pets, contraband and outside food and drink inside the gates.