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## **2015 FC Tucson Desert Diamond Cup teams and schedule announced**

[FC Tucson](#) and [Major League Soccer](#) have announced the six teams slated to take part in the 2015 FC Tucson MLS preseason tournament, known as the FC Tucson Desert Diamond Cup.

The Colorado Rapids, Montreal Impact, New England Revolution, Real Salt Lake, Seattle Sounders FC and Sporting Kansas City will take the field from Wednesday, Feb. 18, through Saturday, Feb. 28, at the North Kino Sports Complex. All matches will be promoted through partnerships with Pima County and VisitTucson.

Now in its fourth year, the FC Tucson Desert Diamond Cup has become a highly anticipated event for soccer fans throughout the region and a popular travel destination for MLS supporters nationwide. Soccer fans will have the opportunity to see stars from the U.S. Men's National Team coming off a memorable run at this year's World Cup in Brazil, including Clint Dempsey (Seattle Sounders), Jermaine Jones (New England Revolution), Graham Zusi (Sporting Kansas City), Matt Besler (Sporting Kansas City), Kyle Beckerman (Real Salt Lake), and Nick Rimando (Real Salt Lake).



Each evening, FC Tucson will host games at Kino North Stadium at 5:30 p.m. and North Grandstand at 6 p.m. A third match will kick off at 8 p.m. at the Kino North Stadium.

"We are always seeking to improve the experience for our local and out-of-town guests and ensure a great atmosphere for the MLS teams," said FC Tucson ownership in a joint statement. "The idea of an open festival where attendees can move between games and participate in a wide variety of other experiences makes this year's MLS preseason even more unique and memorable for soccer fans."

### **2015 FC Tucson Desert Diamond Cup Tournament Schedule**

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015

Game #1, 5:30 p.m.: Colorado Rapids vs. Sporting Kansas City, Kino North Stadium  
Game #2, 6 p.m.: Real Salt Lake vs. New England Revolution, Kino North Grandstand  
Game #3, 8 p.m.: Seattle Sounders vs. Montreal Impact, Kino North Stadium

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015

Game #4, 5:30 p.m.: Colorado Rapids vs. New England Revolution, Kino North Stadium  
Game #5, 6 p.m.: Real Salt Lake vs. Montreal Impact, Kino North Grandstand  
Game #6, 8 p.m.: Seattle Sounders vs. Sporting Kansas City, Kino North Stadium

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015\*

Game #7, 5:30 p.m.: Colorado Rapids vs. Montreal Impact, Kino North Stadium

Game #8, 6 p.m.: Seattle vs. New England Revolution, Kino North Grandstand

Game #9, 8 p.m.: Real Salt Lake v. Sporting Kansas City, Kino North Stadium

Saturday, February 28, 2015\*

Game #10, Time TBD: 5th Place v. 6th Place, Kino North Stadium

Game #11, Time TBD: 3rd Place v. 4th place, Kino North Grandstand

Game #12, Time TBD: 1st Place v. 2nd Place, Kino North Stadium

\*Schedules subject to CONCACAF Champions League Calendar

All game times and matchups are subject to change.

### **Ticket Information:**

General admission tickets for the 2015 event have been priced at only \$18, which will allow fans to enjoy all three games each evening. FC Tucson season seat owners are invited to reserve their seats through a new Upper 90 Club Membership that now includes the MLS Preseason along with the FC Tucson regular season. More information can be found at

[www.shop.fctucson.com](http://www.shop.fctucson.com).

**FC Tucson**, established in 2010, is committed to bringing the highest caliber of competitive soccer to Tucson and establishing a successful and long-lasting source of pride for city, county, state and country. FC Tucson owns FC Tucson Soccer, Tucson's top-level soccer team and the FC Tucson Desert Diamond Cup, a MLS pre-season tournament. Our owners, coaches, players and staff will play to win in sport, business and community connection. We recognize that our quality, commitment and passion for the game will guide our success and establish deep bonds with our stakeholders as we strive to be recognized and respected locally, nationally and internationally. FC Tucson was named the Premier Development League Rookie Franchise of the Year in 2012, won the PDL Marketing award in 2013, and advanced to the Western Conference Finals and fielded the PDL Young Player of the Year and the Goalkeeper of the Year in 2014. To stay up to date on all events including the FC Tucson Desert Diamond Cup, visit [www.fctucson.com](http://www.fctucson.com), [www.facebook.com/FCTUCSON](http://www.facebook.com/FCTUCSON) or [www.twitter.com/FCTucson](http://www.twitter.com/FCTucson).

**Major League Soccer** is headquartered in New York City and is the top-flight professional soccer league in the United States and Canada. MLS features many stars from the U.S., Canada, and around the world. MLS's 18th season features 21 clubs each playing 34 regular-season matches. Those clubs include the Chicago Fire; Chivas USA; Colorado Rapids; Columbus Crew; D.C. United; FC Dallas; Houston Dynamo; 2012 MLS Cup champion LA Galaxy; Montreal Impact; New York City FC, New York Red Bulls; New England Revolution; Orlando City SC; Philadelphia Union; Portland Timbers; Real Salt Lake; San Jose Earthquakes; Seattle Sounders FC; Sporting Kansas City; Toronto FC and Vancouver Whitecaps FC. For more information about MLS, visit [www.MLSsoccer.com](http://www.MLSsoccer.com).

**Kino Sports Complex** is the largest sports and entertainment venue in Pima County. The home of FC Tucson soccer includes a 1,000-seat North Grandstand soccer field, 2,900-seat North Stadium, and the 11,000-seat Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium. The north side of the complex includes four additional professional caliber soccer fields. Along with seven more baseball fields (four with lights) and lighted softball fields, Kino Sports Complex is a great fit for youth, amateur and professional sports, concerts, and community events. Visit [www.kinosportscomplex.com](http://www.kinosportscomplex.com) or call (520) 546-5466.

**Visit Tucson's** mission is to drive economic development by connecting visitors with their ideal travel and meetings experiences in Tucson and Southern Arizona. Visit Tucson is financially supported by the City of Tucson, Pima County, the Town of Oro Valley and more than 500 individual and business partners. Learn more about how tourism powers the region at [VisitTucson.org](http://VisitTucson.org).