

# DARFUR UNITED MEN'S TEAM TRYOUTS



**JULY 28-29, 2018**  
**LOS ANGELES, CA**



The Darfur United Men's Soccer Team will be holding tryouts in Los Angeles on July 28-29, 2018. Experienced and skilled Darfuri soccer players, born in Darfur, Sudan, or elsewhere to Darfuri parents, are welcome to participate.

## Information

The two-day tryouts will be an opportunity to identify potential players that might be invited to become available to play for Darfur United in future games and tournaments. Tryouts will be led by **Darfur United Head Coach Mark Hodson**. Travel expenses and lodging are at the cost of the participants. Lunch will be provided on both days. A gathering will be held in Los Angeles on Friday, July 27, for the players participating in tryouts.



## About Darfur United

The original Darfur United (DU) is a men's soccer team of resettled refugees from Darfur, Sudan, based in Östersund, Sweden. In a joint effort with the Darfuri refugee community, the UN Refugee Agency, and soccer fans, iACT formed DU in 2012. That year, iACT took the team from refugee camps in eastern Chad to Iraqi-Kurdistan to participate in the Viva World Cup, in which the team competed and scored the Darfuri community's first international goal. Two years later, iACT facilitated the team's participation in the 2014 CONIFA World Football Cup in Östersund, Sweden. During this tournament, DU players shared their stories with the world and iACT began forming partnerships with Swedish communities. Thirteen of the original Darfur United players were able to claim asylum in Sweden in 2014.



Not only is Darfur United an opportunity for the refugees to represent their people while playing the "beautiful game," it is also a movement—a movement to bring hope, inspiration, and joy to the people of Darfur.

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To find out more information and inquire about participating, potential players must contact Felicia Lee at [felicia@iactivism.org](mailto:felicia@iactivism.org). After the initial inquiry, tryouts are open only to those players that are invited to participate.

Learn more at [www.darfurunited.com](http://www.darfurunited.com)