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An Alabama native is bringing a large women's soccer tournament to Birmingham and five other Alabama cities next week.

Nichelle Gainey, a Huntsville native who started SilverStone International after serving as assistant commissioner of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, partnered with the Alabama Youth Soccer Association to present the Futbol Internacional 2007.

The event, which features thousands of women's soccer players from Argentina, Canada, China and Mexico, is estimated to pump \$2.84 million into Alabama, with \$1.4 million of that in Birmingham.

The festival starts at Legion Field in Birmingham Sunday and ends in Mobile April 28.

Admission is \$16, with children under 4 free. For more information, visit [www.2007futbolinternacional.com](http://www.2007futbolinternacional.com).

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