

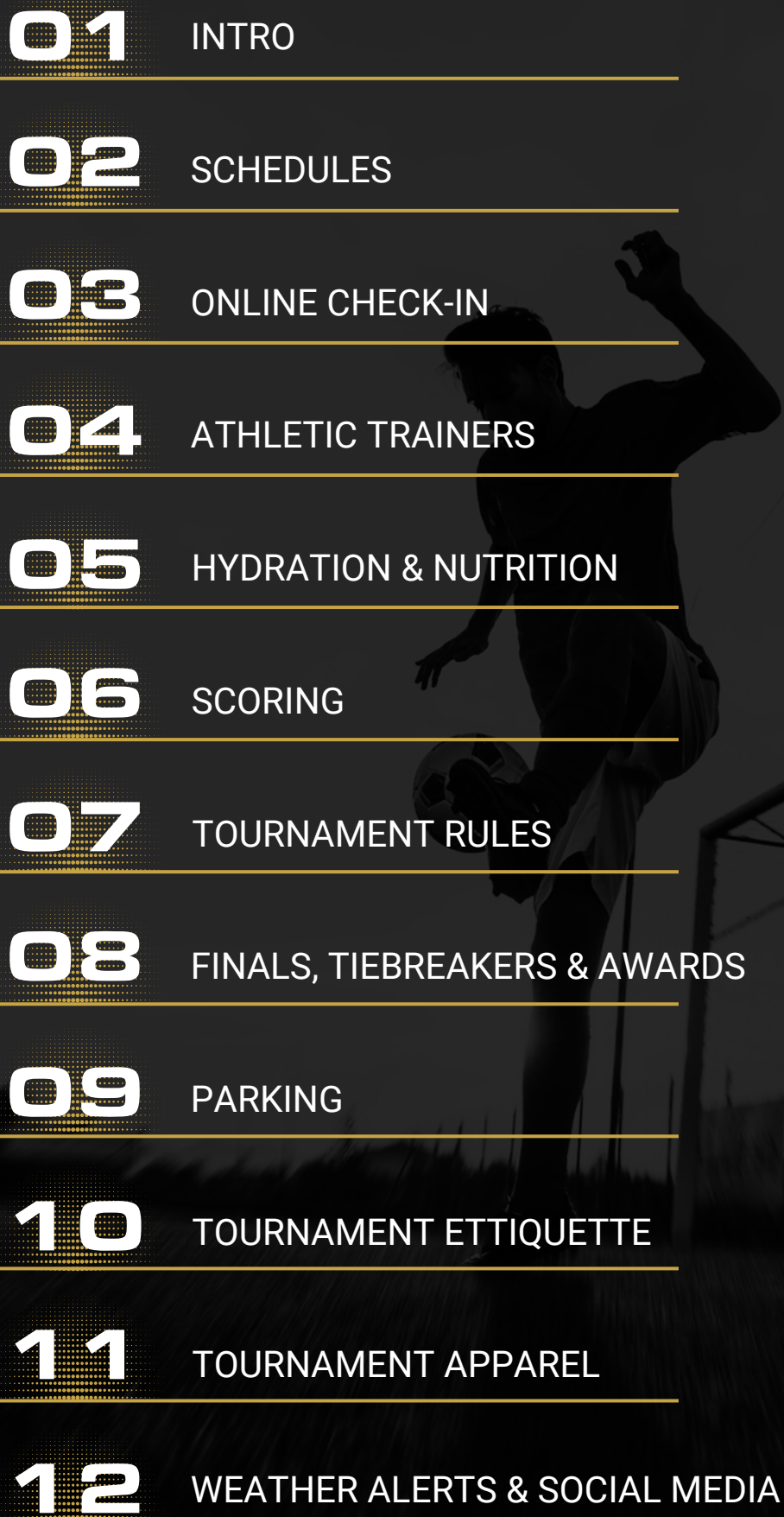


# HTX SOCCER

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION PACKET

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[HTXSoccer.com/Winterblast](https://HTXSoccer.com/Winterblast)



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Players, Coaches and Team Managers,

Welcome to the 18th Annual Winterblast held in The Woodlands, Texas. This year's event will host over 220 teams from all over South Texas and out of state. The schedules for the tournament are now posted. The goal of the tournament committee is to make your players soccer experience on and off the field fun, safe and rewarding.

Over the last 17 years the Winterblast has created an atmosphere for youth players and families to have fun enjoyable games with little emphasis placed on the results. In addition, the Winterblast has created a special environment where good sportsmanship and love for the game flourishes.

Referee harassment and recruiting of player will be not be tolerated at this event and anyone found violating these core value will be expelled from the facility.

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### SCHEDULES

The tournament schedules are now posted. They can be viewed, along with field maps and more tournament information, by visiting [HTXSoccer.com/winterblast](http://HTXSoccer.com/winterblast). Schedules may change from what is now posted, until Wednesday, December 6. However, please keep checking your schedule until Friday and over the course of the weekend as there may be slight changes if necessary.

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### ONLINE CHECK-IN

All teams **MUST** check in prior to their first game. There are 2 options to check-in, please see below for the options.

HTX Soccer players need to check in with a completed South Texas Youth Soccer Medical Release. All non-HTX players must check-in with official medical release US Club or USYS and matching player cards from the same governing body.

#### **OPTION 1: ONLINE CHECK-IN**

Log into the GotSport account you registered the team with & upload the required documents to the event.

Online Check-In Deadline: December 6 @ 10 PM

#### **OPTION 2: SATURDAY AM CHECK-IN**

Check-in at the Tournament HQ, one hour prior to your teams first game.



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## ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Athletic Trainers are Provided by Memorial Herman and will be located at many of the sites for this event. Please view the Tournament Field Maps for specific locations. If you need help finding your nearest trainer, please visit the Tournament HQ at the location you are at!

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## HYDRATION & NUTRITION

- Drink water to prepare for the weekend. You should be hydrating the day before the games, making sure to consume a minimum of 64oz of water the day before and more than that each day so that you are able to re-hydrate between games
- Avoid dairy, carbohydrates (bread, waffles, pancakes) and other foods that are hard to digest the before games. Eat fruit prior such as watermelon and bananas. These are both light on the digestive system and will also help you hydrate
- Bring at least 64oz of water with you to the games. The weather is going to be hot and you need to keep hydrated before, during and after the games
- Drink some Gatorade/Powerade after the session to help you replenish the electrolytes you lost through your sweat during the games

**More nutrition information is listed at [HTXSoccer.com/HYC](http://HTXSoccer.com/HYC)**



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## SCORING

Team officials (Coach and/or Manager) are responsible for reporting the scores of each game!

- Game cards will be provided by referees
- Completed game cards should be submitted in at the Tournament HQ at each site by the game winning coach/manager (or home coach in the case of a tie) immediately after the game finished
- Please check the result is correct on the card before submission
- These scores will be posted online within 45 mins after card is submitted
- Any questions regarding scores, please contact the Tournament HQ.

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## TOURNAMENT RULES

To view the event rules, please visit [HTXSoccer.com/winterblast](http://HTXSoccer.com/winterblast).

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## TOURNAMENT RULES

### BRACKET ADVANCEMENTS

5 Team Brackets: Round robin. Team with the highest points is the Champion. Second place is runner up/ finalist.

6 Team Brackets: All teams play 4 games. Two teams with the highest total points will play in the final regardless of what bracket they are in.

8 Team Brackets: Cross bracket format. Teams in Bracket A play teams in Bracket B. Two teams with the highest total points will play in the final regardless of what bracket they are in.

10 Team Brackets: Bracket A play round robin, Bracket B play round robin. The team with the highest total points in Bracket A will play the team with the highest total points in Bracket B in the final.

### TIE BREAKERS

**The tie breakers are as follows:**

1. Winner of head to head competition
2. Highest goal difference (goals scored minus goals conceded) with a maximum of three goals per game
3. FIFA Penalty Kicks

### AWARDS

The 1st and 2nd place team in each flight will receive awards.



# 09

## PARKING

Parking is always a challenge at tournaments. Please encourage your families to take the following steps to reduce parking headaches (and view site-specific information on the tournament website for more parking information):

- Give yourself plenty of extra time to arrive at the fields. If you're running late you will be tempted to stop in the middle of the roadway and drop kids off at the fields, which is both unsafe and slows down the progress of other drivers.
- Carpooling will reduce your stress as well.

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## TOURNAMENT ETIQUETTE

Please obey the rules and regulations associated with each of our tournament sites. The tournament committee reserves the right to remove spectators behaving inappropriately.

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## TOURNAMENT APPAREL

The tournament apparel is supplied by Fine Designs.

Check out the HTX Soccer social media for more info!



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## WEATHER ALERTS

In the event of inclement, such as lightning (within 10 miles) or heavy rain that causes unsafe conditions, field status and information will be communicated by:

### EMAIL

The emails will come from a GotSport email to the coaches, team managers and contact person listed on the teams GotSport account. If you aren't sure if your details are correct on your teams GotSport account, please login and update any information NOW!!

### WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Alerts and special announcements will be posted at [www.HTXSoccer.com/winterblast](http://www.HTXSoccer.com/winterblast) and on our social media platforms. Follow us now by searching HTX Soccer on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by searching @HTXSoccer. For a chance to be featured in our posts, don't forget to tag your posts with @HTXSoccer and the hashtags; #Winterblast2023 #HTXTournaments

Thank you for attending 3v3 Winterblast 2023. We look forward to a positive and enjoyable experience for all participants.



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