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Players, Coaches and Team Managers,

Welcome to Houston Youth Cup 2024! Please read all of the information in preparation for this year's event! To read more information about the New York Life partnership, please visit **HTXSoccer.com/HYC**

To maximize your enjoyment and experience whilst at this year's event, please read this document from start to finish prior to the event.

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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/HYC**. All schedule requests made by Coaches and Club Directors have been honored by the Tournament Scheduling committee to the best of our abilities. If you see any errors in your schedule, please contact your Coach and/or Club Director. Schedules may change from what is now posted, until Wednesday, August 14. 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

The deadline for Online Check-In has been extended to Wednesday, August 14 at 10 PM. If you have not completed this task, please do so ASAP.

There will be no Check-In at the fields without permission from the Tournament Director. HTX Soccer & Scrimmage Bracket teams are not required to check-in.

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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



OS 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
- These scores will be posted online within 90 mins after card is submitted
- Any questions regarding scores, please contact the Tournament HQ.

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TOURNAMENT RULES & UNIFORMS

To view the Houston Youth Cup rules, please visit **HTXSoccer.com/HYC. Uniforms:** Home in their dark uniform, Away team in their light uniform.

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TOURNAMENT RULES

BRACKET ADVANCEMENTS

- **4 Team Brackets:** Round robin. Two teams with the highest total points will play in the final. If one team wins all 3 games that team will be crowned champion and there will be no final.
- **6 Team Brackets:** Cross bracket format. Teams play 3 games. Two teams with the highest total points will play in the final.
- **8 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. Total goals allowed. Team with fewest goals allowed advances
- 4. FIFA Penalty Kicks

AWARDS

The 1st and 2nd place team in each flight (Gold, Silver, Bronze) will receive awards. 1st place receives individual trophies and 2nd place receive medals.



OS 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.

1 O 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.

1 1 TOURNAMENT APPAREL

The tournament apparel is supplied by Fine Designs. Fine Designs will be set up at the following sites over the course of the weekend.

Carl Barton, Gosling and The Woodlands High School. The online store for tournament apparel will also be posted to the tournamet website before the event starts.



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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/HYC and on our social media platforms. Follow us now by searching Dynamo Dash Youth 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; #HYC2024 #HTXTournaments

Thank you for attending Houston Youth Cup 2024. We look forward to a positive and enjoyable experience for all participants.

