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Players, Coaches and Team Managers,

Welcome to the South Texas Spring Showdown, hosting over 90 teams from Texas & Louisiana.

The goal of the tournament committee is to make your player's soccer experience on and off the field fun, safe and rewarding.

The purpose of this event is to create an atmosphere for youth players and families to have fun enjoyable games, preparing teams to experience what tournament play at the next level looks like, the format, experience & expectations.

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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/Showdown**. Schedules may change from what is now posted, until Wednesday, April 30.

However, please keep checking your schedule over the course of the weekend as there may be slight changes if necessary.

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ONLINE CHECK-IN

Non-HTX teams will check all teams online using the GotSport system. For help on how to check in, please [click here](#). The deadline for check-in is April 30, 2025

Documents required for check-in:

- US Club/USYSA Player Cards with pictures. If you have digital player cards, please submit screenshots of those cards or reach out to your administrator for a PDF of your physical cards
- US Club/USYSA Official Roster

If your player cards are not available, please submit a letter from your club registrar certifying your players are registered for the 2024/25 season through USYSA or US Club. The letter should be on club stationery and include the team name, player name, player date of birth and player ID number.

Please have your US Club/USYS Medical Releases at the game. Club-issued medical releases will not be accepted.



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ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Athletic Trainers will be located at 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/Showdown



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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/Showdown

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TOURNAMENT RULES

BRACKET ADVANCEMENTS

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

6 Team Brackets: All teams play 3 games. Two teams with the highest total points will play in the final regardless of what bracket they are in.

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.

AWARDS

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

TIE BREAKERS

The tie breakers are as follows:

1. Winner in head-to-head competition
2. Highest goal difference (goals for minus goals against) with a maximum of three (3) goals per 3. game.
4. Total goals allowed (Team with fewest total goals allowed advances).
5. FIFA Penalty kicks



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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/showdown** 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; **#HTXShowdown** **#HTXTournaments**

Thank you for attending the South Texas Spring Showdown.

We look forward to a positive and enjoyable experience for all participants.



Stuart Taylor

Tournament Director

