



TOURNAMENT TIME

September 10, 2013

Dear Parents, Players, and Coaches:

Welcome to the 2013/2014 Quartz Hill AYSO Tournament Season. My name is Michael Linder and I am your Tournament Director. Our Tournament Season begins in October with tryouts, followed closely by our first tournament during Thanksgiving weekend, and typically lasts through May or June. This is a great time for soccer players in U-10 and above to increase their soccer skills by playing competitive soccer year round, and an opportunity for everyone to meet new friends and travel to tournaments all over. With six plus additional months of practice and play, and the high caliber of competition, the personal growth that each player experiences is phenomenal! Many an All Star is borne on a Quartz Hill Tournament team!

The cost per player, per tournament (around one or more tournaments per month), varies but on average ranges from \$35 to \$65 per player if the team has a qualified referee team. The uniform cost is approximately \$65 each and is kept by the players. Parents please be aware that if your player is chosen for a team you will be asked upfront for approximately \$250 to cover the uniform and the first couple of tournaments. After that you will have one tournament fee per month. Overnight stays may be needed for some tournaments and are not included in the cost of the tournament fee estimate. Tournament jackets and tournament bags are optional items that can be purchased and are approximately \$60 each. All of these expenses can be offset by team fundraising and team sponsors with the written approval of the regional commissioner. Players are selected by the tournament coaches for their skill level, desire to play, availability, and player's parent(s) willingness to referee or to become a referee for the tournament team. The region will provide classes for interested participants and the next ones are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday AND Thursday September 17, 18, 19, 5pm - 8pm, ALL 3 EVENINGS. Sunday September 29, 8am - 5pm. Tournament Season is competitive; that is why we encourage multiple teams in both boys and girls divisions. In past years we have had as many as three teams in one age division! The number of tournament teams in a particular division is only limited to the number of players and accepted tournament coach applicants. **Tournament Coach Applications are now available online at www.qhayso.org and are due back to Michael Linder by Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013.**

Quartz Hill AYSO also hosts a tournament every spring. Our upcoming tournament is tentatively scheduled for May 17-18, 2014. All Quartz Hill AYSO teams will be required to participate in our tournament. We are an all-volunteer organization and as such require **every tournament team to provide volunteers for this major fundraising event.** The funds raised benefit all the children involved in Quartz Hill AYSO.

On our website, you will find a Tournament Player Application Form. I encourage all players, who will participate in at least ½ of the regular season games and are interested, to complete an application and attend tryouts. Players who do not participate in at least ½ of the regular season may still be eligible if the lack of participation is due to a bona-fide medical reason. The tryout dates will be posted on our website and will take place in early October. Please email me with any questions you might still have. I look forward to a successful tournament season. **ALWAYS REMEMBER:** when you participate on a tournament team, you represent Quartz Hill AYSO. The AYSO philosophies of safety, fairness and fun, along with good sportsmanship should always guide you.

Sincerely,

Michael Linder,
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