

LIONS FUTBALL CLUB

MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT 2009

MAY 23rd – 25th, 2009
Schertz Soccer Complex

GENERAL INFORMATION

LEVELS OF PLAY: The tournament is open to youth teams, boys and girls, U9-U10 recreational and academy, and U11-U18 Division II, Super II, and Division I. Every effort will be made to place teams in pure age and level brackets.

LOCATION: Games will be played at the Schertz Soccer Complex. Directions to the complex can be obtained from the Lions FC website at www.lionsfc.org.

GAME FORMAT: Matches, including semi-final matches, if applicable, will have 25 minute halves for U9-U10, 30 minute halves for U11-U14, and 40 minute halves for U14-U18.

ENTRY FEES:	U9-U10	\$350.00
<i>(Submit online or</i>	U11 8V8	\$400.00
<i>Checks/Money</i>	U11 - U18	\$475.00
<i>Order to Lions FC)</i>		

ENTRY DEADLINE: Each team must submit an application, preliminary roster, and entry fee by May 16, 2009. Online registration and payment is available. ALL SPECIAL REQUESTS must be submitted with the application. The tournament committee will attempt to accommodate reasonable requests.

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TEAM CHECK-IN: Check-in will be from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday, May 22nd at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites. Teams must provide a two copies of a valid roster signed by your association registrar, properly laminated USYS identification cards, and a medical authorization for each player. Teams outside of STYSA must provide approved travel permits.

HOST HOTEL: Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites – Selma
15408 I-35 North #2
Selma, TX 78154
[Holiday Inn Express Website](#)

For participating hotel(s) reservations, contact Babette Haddox toll free @ 1-866-281-5550 or E-mail: eventconnections@roadrunner.com

REFUNDS: No refunds will be made after acceptance unless an acceptable replacement team is substituted. If inclement weather cancels the tournament (or any complete divisions) prior to start of the first scheduled game, a maximum of 50% of the entry fee of the affected teams will be retained by the tournament to cover start-up cost of the tournament.

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ROSTERS:

Age Group	Roster Size	Guest Players	No of Players On Field	Minimum No. of Players
U9/U10	12	4	6	4
U11 8V8	12	4	8	5
U11 – U18	18	5	11	7

All teams must be properly registered with STYSA or other USYS state association. Teams outside of STYSA must provide approved travel permits. Guest players must have an approved laminated player card and must meet the same age group requirement as the team. Players and teams are allowed to play up in age group, but may not play in a younger age group where they exceed the age eligibility. A team's age group eligibility will be determined by the birth date of the oldest player. No player shall be allowed to participate with more than one (1) team in the tournament or to switch from one team to another during tournament play. Players not listed on the official roster or added as a guest player prior at check-in will not be allowed to play. Teams found playing with a player not listed on their roster as modified at check-in shall forfeit the match in which the player in question participates.

GAME FORMAT:

Age Group	Mini Game Length	Semi-Final Length	Final Length
U9/U10	2 – 25 Minute Halves	None	None
U11 8V8	2 – 25 Minute Halves	2 – 25 Minute Halves	2 – 30 Minute Halves
U11 – U14	2 – 30 Minute Halves	2 – 30 Minute Halves	2 – 35 Minute Halves
U15 – U18	2 – 40 Minute Halves	2 – 40 Minute Halves	2 – 45 Minute Halves

OVERTIME PERIODS:

Semi-Finals will go straight to Penalty Kicks; Finals will have two (2) Ten Minute overtime periods. If the match is still tied, then Penalty Kicks will be used to determine the winner.

HOME TEAM:

The first team listed on the schedule is the home team and, in the event of a uniform color conflict, must change jerseys. The home team will be responsible for supplying a game ball of appropriate size, weight and pressure to the referee.

PROTESTS:

Protests of any referee's decision are not allowed. Any other problems should be immediately reported to tournament headquarters and will be

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resolved by the Tournament Director or his representative.

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CARDS: Any player or team representative ejected from the game or any player who accumulates two yellow cards in a game will not be allowed to participate in his/her next game. Any such person who is then ejected again will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. All ejections and cautions, as well as improper conduct, will be reported to STYSA and the team's home association. The Tournament Director may remove a player, coach and/or spectator from a game or the tournament for unacceptable conduct and/or actions that endanger the safety of others. The Tournament Director may also remove an entire team for accumulating an excessive number of yellow and red cards.

EJECTIONS: Any team representative who is ejected from a game by a game official or the Tournament Director will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game for that team. Additional penalties may be enforced based upon the seriousness of the incident. Players, coaches or spectators ejected for fighting or especially egregious conduct shall leave the facility and not return for the remainder of the tournament.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Either team may request unlimited substitutions subject to the following conditions:

- The referee is informed before the substitution is made.
- The request occurs prior to requesting teams throw in.
- The request comes after a yellow card.
- Any time the referee approves a substitution (as in the case of injury).

In the event of a substitution, the following conditions apply:

- The substitute only enters the field after the replaced player leaves and the substitute is signaled on by the referee.
- The substitute must enter the field of play at the halfway line.

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SCORING: Mini-game scoring is 6-3-0 for W-T-L, one point per goal scored up to three, and one point bonus for a shutout. No shutout bonus will be awarded for a 0-0 tie. Maximum number of points is 10. A forfeit is scored 2-0 (9 points). If two teams have the same number of points after the mini-games, the tie will be broken as follows:

1. Result of head-to-head competition
2. Goal differential, maximum 3 goals for/against
3. Lowest total goals scored against (count all goals)
4. Most goals scored (count all goals)
5. Penalty kicks

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- AWARDS:** Awards will be presented to the first and second place teams for the U11 – U18 divisions. Awards will consist of a team trophy for the first and second place team accompanied with individual medals for each player for the first and second place teams. Participation medals will be presented to each player in the U9/U10 age groups. Awards will be presented after the final game in each division.
- FORFEITS:** A teams with less than minimum number of players at game time will not be allowed to start and will forfeit the game. Forfeit Time is Game Time plus five (5) minutes.
- SPECTATORS:** All spectators will be on opposite sides of the field from the players. STYSA team coaches/representatives staying on the same side of the field as the players shall display their KIDSAFE cards. There are to be no more than three team coaches/representatives on the team sideline. On the team's sideline, the home team has the choice of side from the center line and coaches must stay within their side of the line. No coaching shall be permitted from behind the goal line or from the parent spectator sideline. No one shall be allowed behind either end line. The referee and/or Field Marshall(s) are authorized to remove any spectator whose behavior, in their opinion, interferes with the play of the game or violates the coaching ban from the parent's sideline. **The Behavior of Parents and Fans remains the responsibility of the coach/manager and the coach/manager may receive a yellow/red card for failing to monitor and control the behavior of the team's parents and/or fans.**
- INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Regardless of weather conditions, unless notified by the Tournament Director, coaches and their teams must appear at their respective fields at their scheduled time prepared to play. Failure to appear will result in a forfeiture of the match.
- In the case of inclement weather, the Tournament Director will determine if games are to be played. The Lions FC will make every effort to allow teams to play their complete tournament schedule, however game schedules or length of play may need to be altered. The Tournament Director will have the authority to change, cancel or re-schedule any game and/or its format. In the case of unplayable fields for extended periods of time, the use of penalty kicks, coin toss or other means may be used to determine the winner. **The Tournament Director's Decision shall be final.**
- Once a game has started, the decision to continue play rests with the referee and the Tournament Director. If any games are cancelled or re-scheduled, it is up to the team's representative to check with the Tournament Director for re-scheduling information. **Any game terminated at or after half-time due to adverse weather conditions shall be considered official.**

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PRESIDENT'S DAY TOURNAMENT 2009 RULES

GENERAL: Any situation or question on rules of competition not covered herein will be governed by FIFA, USYSA, STYSA and Administrative Rule Books in that order. Any matter not provided for in the Tournament Rules or FIFA, USYSA, or STYSA rules shall be determined by the Tournament Director, whose decision shall be final.

DISCLAIMER: Neither the Tournament Director, the Lions Football Club, Tournament Sponsors nor coaches of host teams are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is canceled in whole or part due to inclement weather, adverse field conditions or circumstances beyond the Lions Football Club's control.

**NO PLAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY WITH A HARD CAST
PADDED OR NOT**

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