



HESC Reliant Power Cup



Dear Soccer Coach:

The 3rd Annual HESC Reliant Energy Cup tournament will be hosted by Houston Express Soccer Club over the weekend of February 3-5, 2012. We are excited to bring you this opportunity for your U9-U12 boys and girls Academy/Rec Plus and Competitive team. Last year we brought over 80 teams together to compete and expect 100 teams this year. Games will be played at our South Campus fields, located off of the South Loop near Reliant Stadium.

The event, which is sanctioned by USYSA, will include single age brackets in the Boys and Girls Divisions for U9/U10 Academy/Rec Plus and U11/U12 Competitive teams. Teams will be divided into two flights by age and gender; a competitive flight – Navy and an average flight – White. A limited number of teams will be accepted, based on the competitive balance of the tournament.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Entry Fees: **\$350**
- Entry Deadline: **January 20, 2012**
- Entries should include a completed **Entry Application, Entry Fee, copy of Team Roster** including guest players **and Travel Permit (non-STYSA teams)**. Incomplete entries will be placed on a waiting list until all items are received.
- Entries received after entry deadline will be accepted on a space available basis. Teams will be notified of acceptance by e-mail by **January 30, 2012**.
- Entries cannot be accepted over the telephone or fax.

WITHDRAWALS

There will be no refunds for teams withdrawing from the tournament after the registration deadline. A non-refundable fee of 25% will apply for teams withdrawing prior to the entry deadline. Should a team not be bracketed a full refund will be issued.

ROSTERS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Rosters will be limited to twelve (12) players for U9 and U10, fourteen (14) for U11 and U12 with only three (3) guest players permitted on any team.
- Players may play for only one team and may not play at a level below his or her current registration age.
- An initial roster showing player names, birth dates and jersey numbers must accompany each entry. Changes to the team roster will be permitted up to team check-in.
- Medical Release Forms for each player are required.
- All players must be registered on the team making the application and have the proper USYSA ID Card (2011-2012). A proper ID card has the player's signature and picture attached to the back and is laminated. Identification numbers must be listed on the team's final tournament roster, and will be checked at team check-in.
- A player roster (including guest players) signed by your Club Registrar is required.
- All teams should have ID cards in their possession at all times during the tournament for inspection.
- Team officials with STYSA teams will be required to display an Adult Participation Pass while on the team sideline during a game.

FORMAT & RULES

- 8v8
- All games will be regulation time. U9-U12: two 25 minute halves with 5 minute halftime
- Round robin play within 5-team brackets by flight (Navy and White) on Saturday and Sunday morning; a limited number of round robin games may be scheduled for Friday evening involving Houston area teams.
- Complete tournament rules are available on the website.

TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

One official from each team will be required to present the team's final official roster, ID cards (player and coaches), and medical release forms for review at the Tournament Headquarters located onsite at the Emery Weiner School outdoor basketball court. Check-in must be done at **least one hour prior** to the first game.

RAINOUT POLICY

- The Tournament Director will have jurisdiction over field playability, cancellations and rescheduling. Every effort will be made to play as many games as possible.
- In the event of a total rain-out, a make-up date will be considered. **A fifty percent refund will be given in the event of a total rain-out.**
- In the event of a partial rain-out, matches will be rescheduled or shortened at the discretion of the Tournament Director. It will be the individual responsibility of the coach or team manager to check at Tournament headquarters to learn of schedule changes.
- If at least half of a game has been completed and conditions prohibit continuation, that game will be considered complete and the score at the time of the stoppage will be the final score.
- **No refunds will be given once the tournament games begin..**
- Rainout information will be posted at (281) 397-4570.

REGISTRATION

To register, please see our website at: www.houstonx.org. Registration will be processed through Got Soccer. A complete list of all tournament rules is also available on our website.

If you have further questions please contact:

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