



Dear Soccer Coach:

The **Houston Express NRG Power Cup 2017** tournament will be hosted by Houston Express Soccer Club over the weekend of **January 27-29, 2017**. We are excited to bring you this opportunity for your U8-U14 boys and girls Academy/Rec Plus and Competitive team. Last year the tournament earned the highest GotSoccer ratings for boys and girls of all South Texas events. We hosted over 250 teams from all over Texas and beyond, and we will expect to reach our full capacity again this year. Games will be played on some of the best fields in Houston, including the Houston Express South Campus fields, located off of the South Loop near NRG Stadium.

The event, which is an unrestricted tournament sanctioned by STYSA, is open to USSF teams. The tournament will include single age brackets in Boys and Girls Divisions for U8/U9/U10 Academy/Rec Plus and U11/U12/13/U14 Competitive teams. U8 teams will play in a special 7v7 bracket, while U12 teams will again have the option of playing in either a 9v9 or 11v11 format. Teams may be divided into two or more flights (depending on number of teams in the age and gender). **A limited number of teams will be accepted**, based on the competitive balance of the tournament, so **early registration is advised**.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Entry Fees: U8-U10 (7v7) - \$475, U11-U12 (9v9) - \$550, U12-U14 (11v11) - \$600
- Entry Deadline: U13-U14, U12 (11v11) - **January 6, 2017**, U8-U10 (7v7) and U11-U12 (9v9) - **January 13, 2017**
- Entries received after the entry deadline will be accepted on a space available basis. Teams will be notified of acceptance by e-mail on or before **January 20, 2017**.

#### FORMAT & RULES

- U8-U10 – 7v7 – Two 25 minute halves (U8 play in special U9 bracket).
- U11-U12 – 9v9 – Two 25 minute halves
- U12 (11v11) and U13-U14 – Two 30 minute halves
- Complete tournament rules are available on the website

All teams will be guaranteed at least 3 games. Games will be played on Saturday and Sunday, with the potential for a limited number of Friday night games between Houston based teams if needed.

#### REGISTRATION AND DETAILS

To register and to get more information about the tournament, please visit the [Houston Express NRG Power Cup 2017 Website](http://www.houstonx.org/tournament). Registration will be processed through GotSoccer. More information, including a complete list of tournament rules, is available on the tournament website at: <http://www.houstonx.org/tournament>

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