Texans Aggieland Classic Tournament
Tournament Rules
February 13-14, 2010

Divisions: Recreation: U9 & U10 (boys/girls)
Competitive: U11 to U17 (boys/girls) – D2
Open: U11 to U17 (boys/girls) – D1, S2, and D2

FIFA Rules apply unless noted.

Game format: The intent is to have 8 teams per flight with 2 groups in each flight. Each team will have 3 games with the winners of each group playing for the championship. Games will be scored on the 10 point system to determine the bracket championship. Teams will be grouped by skill level and location. If necessary age groups and/or open and competitive will be combined to complete brackets.

Match Length: The length of games, unless shortened due to inclement weather or field conditions, will be as follows:

U9 & U10	2 periods of 20 minutes each
U11 & U12	2 periods of 25 minutes each
U13 & U14	2 periods of 30 minutes each
U15 & Up	2 periods of 40 minutes each

* **5 minute halftime for each game**

Registration: Team is completely registered when payment and registration have been received. Teams must use online registration at www.dallastexansaggieland.com.

Laws of the Game: FIFA laws shall apply as modified by USYSA and STYSA, except as noted. All players must wear shin guards. No player will be allowed to play in the tournament competition without shin guards. The wearing of hard casts during a game is at the discretion of the referee.

Substitutions:
- Prior to your throw-in.
- Prior to goal kick by either team.
- After a goal, by either team.
- At half-time.
- After an injury, by either team when the referee stops play.
- At the referee's discretion.

Check in: Check-in must be completed the night before (February 12th) at the host hotel to be announced, unless other arrangements have been made. Team representatives must have the proper USYSA ID Card (2009-10) (must include player's signature and picture, and must be laminated). An official roster signed by the club's registrar is required. The roster must include all players' jersey numbers. Medical release forms are required. Properly completed and signed travel permits, executed by the state office, are required for all out-of-state teams (this includes North Texas teams). Teams are allowed up to 8 guest players, not to exceed roster number of 18 or 22 for U17 and U18. A Division 1 player may not guest play for a team registered as Division 2 or open. In 8v8 matches only 5 guest players are allowed.

Player Equipment: Shin guards must be of appropriate size for the player's age and size. Casts must be protected with foam padding and must meet referee requirements.

Games: Teams must arrive 20 minutes prior to a game. Home team will be given the option to kickoff or defer. Home team is listed first. Home team provides the game ball. In the event of similar color jerseys, home team will change. ***Player cards must be inspected prior to each game.*** If a team is not ready to play at time of kick off, it will forfeit. If both teams are not ready, both teams forfeit.

Scoring:

- Win equals six (6) points
- Tie equals three (3) points
- Loss equals zero (0) points.
- One (1) bonus point awarded for each goal scored - maximum of three bonus points per match.
- One (1) point awarded for a shut out in a match.
- Forfeit equals 9 points.

A TEAM WHO FORFEITS A MATCH WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AWARDS.

Tie Breaker:

- Head-to-Head.
- Team with most wins.
- Goal difference (total goals for minus total goals against)
- Total goals scored
- Fewest goals allowed.

Game Cards: Games Cards must be filled out and signed by the referee (including any disciplinary action). The winning coach will be responsible for turning in the game card to the scorer's tent within 30 minutes of completion of game.

Awards: Members on submitted roster of the First and Second place teams shall receive awards.

No Protests: All referee decisions are final. No protests allowed. Tournament Director will have final jurisdiction over all matters related to the tournament.

Refunds: A team withdrawing from the tournament after being accepted shall forfeit its entry fee. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Director has the authority to restructure or cancel the tournament. It will not be rescheduled, and no refunds issued once play has begun. If the tournament is canceled prior to the start of play, then a refund, less expenses will be distributed.

Rain-Out Procedures: 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, no make-up date will be set prior to the tournament, and any refunds will be minus expenses. Once the first iterations of games begin, no money will be refunded. If cancellation on Sunday, teams will be scored based on seeding, and champion will be determined based on points, win/loss, goal differential, etc. Matches will be rescheduled or shortened at the discretion of the Tournament Director. It will be the individual responsibility of the coach 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.

Misconduct: All players, coaches and spectators are expected to show good sportsmanship at all times. Failure to do so could lead to the disqualification of the team from the tournament. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team and supporters. Coaches, players or spectators who are involved in fighting, physical or verbal abuse to a referee, other coach, player or spectator, may be cause for themselves and/or their team to be ejected for the tournament and/or forfeiture of awards due them.

Cards: A player, coach or trainer receiving a red card is prohibited from participating in the rest of that game and the next game. A second red card to the same individual results in that individual being expelled from the tournament. An individual receiving two yellow cards (2) in the same game is prohibited from participating in the rest of that game and the next game (two yellow cards in the same game equals a red card). An individual accumulating three (3) yellow cards is suspended for the next scheduled game. Anyone sent off must leave the field area within two (2) minutes of receiving the Red Card or the game will be abandoned by the Referee and will be scored as a forfeit. Anyone receiving two (2) Red Cards will be suspended from further participation in the tournament. Red/yellow cards must be reported on the game cards by the referee. Cards and other matters are reported to the Host State Association and the home club/league of the team.

Illegal Players: A team playing an illegal player will be disqualified and not permitted to continue tournament play. All prior and future tournament games involving the team will be scored as forfeits. No refund will be given. An illegal player is defined as one not listed on the initial roster or revised roster approved at check-in. No Division I players are allowed to play on any D2 or S2 team. Players cannot play "across teams," meaning if a club has two teams at the same age/gender in the tournament, players cannot play for both teams.

Reporting: Referees are required to report all disciplinary actions taken before, during or after a game on an official game report, and to separately report all cases of serious misconduct to tournament headquarters immediately following the game in which the serious misconduct occurred. All yellow and reds are reported to **STYSA** on the official Post Tournament Report immediately following the tournament. All referee decisions are final. No protests allowed. Tournament Director will have final jurisdiction over all matters related to the tournament.

Registration: The entry deadline is January 31, 2010 for the tournament. Entries received after the deadline are subject to acceptance on a space available basis. The entry fee will be refunded if a team is not accepted. There will be no refund after a team is accepted. Teams shall register using the online system available at www.dallastexanshouston.com. Entries will not be accepted until payment has been received.

Registration fees (Entry fees) for each age group shall be as listed on the Application to Host submitted to STYSA

Checks or money orders should be made payable to "**Texans**". Mail to **DT Aggieland Tournaments, PO Box 3171, College Station, TX 77841.**

Tournament Director is authorized to decline or refuse to allow a team to participate in the tournament.

For Additional Information: Contact Max Armatys at aggieland@dallastexanshouston.com.

Matters Not Provided: Any situation or questions on rules of competition not covered herein will be governed by FIFA, USYSA, STYSA and Administration Rule books, in that order. Any matter not provided for in Tournament rules or by FIFA, USYSA, or STYSA rules shall be determined by the tournament Director, whose decision shall be final.

Alcohol and tobacco: In adherence to South Texas Youth Soccer Association policy, no alcohol may be brought to the tournament field sites. Unless designated, the park is non-smoking, smoking is permitted only in the parking lot area.

Dogs: Other than "seeing eye", no dogs will be allowed at the tournament field sites.