North Oakville Invitational Boys and Girls Soccer Tournament 2017
Dear Coaches,

Congratulations! Your team is registered for the 1st annual North Oakville Soccer Tournament. The tournament will take place at Shell Park in Oakville. All teams will play 4 games in a round robin format, with the top 2 teams advancing to the Championship Match.

***Boys and Girls Tournament – Friday June 16, 2017 @ Shell Park, Oakville***

All coaches are reminded that this tournament will take place on outdoor grass fields (shin pads are required and only non-metal cleats are permitted). **ATTENTION: Cancellation of this tournament is only in case of poor weather or thunderstorms.** The Town can cancel the tournament if the fields are at risk of flooding. Please note that we will play in light rain. An email will be sent out by 6:00am on the tournament date if a decision is necessary to cancel.

**Rules:**All regular FIFA rules apply. Unlimited substitutions are permitted. Teams can substitute at and may piggyback during the other team’s throw-in. Students with casts may not play in accordance with board policies. If coaches come on the field for an injury, we suggest the student come off the field for coaches to monitor the situation before the player re-enters with permission of the referee.

**Important Information for Coaches:**

1. All teams playing at 8:20am should arrive by 8:00 am or earlier.

2. It is recommended that one of your team’s coaches/volunteers is First Aid certified. Teams are expected to bring their own First Aid Kit including ice.

3. In an effort to avoid extremely high scores, no team will be allowed to carry more than a +5 record forward per game in the group stage. Example: If Team A scores 6 against Team B’s 0, a +5 will be awarded to Team A.

4. Each team is encouraged to only bring 15-18 players, as only 18 medals will be distributed.

5. Food and drinks will NOT be sold at the field, so encourage your players to bring a few snacks and water. Also your team MUST clean up your bench after each game. Coaches please feel free to respectfully remind the previous team before taking the bench. Parents will be asked to watch from the benches on the opposite side of the field from the team benches.

6. Most importantly, this tournament is meant to highlight the talents, gifts, team work and sportsmanship of the student athletes. Coaches are reminded that we are expected to be role models for our students. Please refrain from arguing any questionable calls. Address the convenor if if there are any problems.

7. This year, the entire tournament will have carded referees who work regularly with the OSA (Ontario Soccer Association). We are confident that this will provide more consistency.

**Other Reminders for Coaches:**

* Respect for teammates, officials, and opposing players is expected by all. No inappropriate behaviour or poor sportsmanship will be tolerated.
* Please note that FIFA has made changes to the 2017 Laws of the Game. The new rules booklet can be found at: http://static3eb8.kxcdn.com/documents/ 60/Laws%20of%20the%20Game\_16-17\_Digital\_Eng.pdf. The new changes are highlighted in pages 111 to 114. The emphasis pertains to fouls and misconduct, offside, and when the ball is considered to be in active play.
* Discipline: If a player receives 2 yellow cards during the tournament, they will miss the following match. Red cards result in immediate dismissal and a one game suspension. In the event that the red card is issued due to violent conduct or dissent, the suspension may be increased to 3 games.
* Please remind parents about proper etiquette and respect for referees.

*Looking forward to a great tournament!*

*Tony Ceelen, Matthew Aslett, and Domenic Pacitto (Tournament Coordinators 2017)*

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| **Boys Teams:** | **Girls Teams:** |
| B1 = St. John Paul II | G1 = St. John Paul II |
| B2 = St. Anne | G2 = St. Anne |
| B3 = St. John | G3 = St. John/Michael |
| B4 = St. Michael | G4 = Our Lady of Peace |
| B5 = St. Catherine | G5 = St. Catherine |

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|  | Field 1 | Field 2 | Field 3 | Field 4 |
| 8:20AM | B1 v B2 | B3 v B4 | G1 v G2 | G3 v G4 |
| 9:20AM | B1 v B3 | B2 v B5 | G1 v G3 | G2 v G5 |
| 10:20AM | B2 v B4 | B1 v B5 | G2 v G4 | G1 v G5 |
| 11:20AM | Rest Period For All Schools |
| 11:50AM | B3 v B5 | B1 v B4 | G3 v G5 | G1 v G4 |
| 12:50PM | B4 v B5 | B2 v B3 | G4 v G5 | G2 v G3 |
| 1:50PM | BOYS Finals |  | GIRLS Finals |  |

Game Format:

* Group Stage: 2 x 20 minute halves
* Finals: 2 x 25 minute halves, followed by kicks from the penalty mark if tied (5 per team)

Tiebreakers:

1. Head to head record
2. Better goal differential overall (+5 maximum per game)
3. Least amount of goals scored against
4. Most shutouts
5. Kicks from the penalty mark