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MEMORANDUM

To: Coaches in TOC-Eligible Divisions

From: Dale Story
Executive Director

Subject: **Tournament of Champions**

Each December, North Texas State Soccer Association (NTSSA) sponsors the “Tournament of Champions.” Each member association of NTSSA (ranging from Midland to Longview) may send one representative team in each of the following divisions: U10 Boys and Girls, U12 Boys and Girls, U14 Boys and Girls, U16 Boys and Girls, and U19 Boys and Girls (all recreational).

Included here is Section XVII,A from the Ft. Worth Youth Soccer Rules regarding the TOC:

Tournament of Champions

At the end of the Fall Season, North Texas State Soccer sponsors the “Tournament of Champions” in which all associations registered in North Texas send one team in each age and gender division from U10 on up (U10, U12, U14, U16, and U19--boys and girls). FWYSA will send the first-place team in Division I of each of these age and gender divisions. If a FWYSA team is not playing in the FWYSA League, that team may petition the Playing Committee for a Challenge Match(es) against the first-place team. The challenging team will have to pay all referee and field expenses of the match(es). The Playing Committee has complete authority to either accept or deny the petition and, and if accepting the petition, to determine the place and time of the challenge match. Rosters for TOC teams are closed typically as of October 1, and no guest players are allowed.

FWYSA will pay initially the entry fees and performance bonds for all divisions with FWYSA teams. However, the FWYSA representative team will have to reimburse FWYSA for the entry fee. The FWYSA representative team will also have to reimburse FWYSA for the performance bond if that team fails to show for the Tournament. The Tournament of Champions is scheduled at fields across the greater Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

We must know by **October 1** whether or not your team would want to represent FWYSA in the TOC. Even if you do not expect to be the 1st place team but would like to represent FWYSA in the TOC, you should submit this form in case the 1st place team does not desire to compete. We will send the top-ranked team that wants to go. **Please submit the Commitment to Play form stating your commitment to represent FWYSA in the TOC, if you qualify. You must also submit a check to FWYSA for the \$250 entry (if NTSSA increases the fee, we will need to collect this increase from the teams that compete). This form and check must be in our office by October 1.** If your team does not represent FWYSA in the TOC, we will simply void and shred your check. In some of the older divisions (U16 and U19), we have some teams playing in different leagues (open vs. rec, etc.). In some of these cases, the Playing Committee may need to schedule a play-off game to determine our representative.

You will not receive any other reminders of this deadline. Do not forget it.