

2011 Pumpkin Classic

Tournament Rules

Scoring System – the following scoring system will be used to determine the winner of each pool:

Teams will earn 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. If, at the end of pool play, there is a tie in determining team placement, the following steps will be taken to break the tie:

- a) Head to head competition
- b) Most wins
- c) Goal differential
- d) Goals for
- e) Goals against
- f) Coin toss

Rules – Federation will be used.

Team Rosters – All teams must submit a team roster. The players on that roster may play only for that team. All teams must also play in the pool to which they have been assigned.

Game Times & Master Horn – All games will start and stop on a master horn for all fields. We will stay exactly on the schedule and run the clock by cell phone satellite time! When the starting horn blows, the clock will start regardless of the teams starting play. To give all teams the maximum amount of playing time, each game is 23 minutes in length and there is only one minute between games. All teams should be ready to take the field and prepare to begin play immediately when the horn blows for the end of the proceeding game. This will be tight, but if everyone is ready to play in their time slots, staying on schedule should be no problem.

Tournament Finish Times – Teams that have to travel 4-6 hours have been given the earliest finish possible. You may leave the tournament after your last game even though tournament play will continue. If you win the pool and are not there to get your awards, Windy City will contact you and send you your trophy and medals.

Uniforms – All teams must have home and away jerseys. Numbers on the jerseys are optional. If you only have one colored shirt then your team should bring pinnies to wear. Both teams must contrast light and dark. Every player should also bring light and dark socks for contrast on the field. As standard procedure – the team listed on the schedule first is home, team listed second is away.

Goalkeepers – each team must have a suited up goalkeeper for each game.

Awards – Medals and trophies will be awarded for the 1st place team in each pool. There will be three pool winners.

Warm-up Space – Warm-up space for teams will be on the track area around the fields to the north and south ends of the facilities. This area is also shared with spectators.

Coaches – Very Important!!!

Make sure that your players are familiar with the following rules and procedures for the tournament:

1. How to take set up offensively and defensively for penalty corners
2. How and where to take long hits
3. How and where to take 16 yard hits
4. How to take a penalty stroke (just in case!!)

Corners - Corners will be taken on all fields with the regulation amount of players on defense.

ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Water & Ice

Ice will be available on the fields for injuries. Please bring your large water bottles full when you arrive to the fields and enough additional water for the day. We will have limited water to sell for 25 cents a bottle.

Playing Surface

Oak Park has two Astro-Play surfaces side-by-side. These are artificial turfs filled with small rubber pellets. Players can wear cleats or cross-trainers. Players should bring both to see what they prefer.

T-shirts will be available for purchase at the tournament. They will be \$20.00. I will send you the design when I get it so your kids can plan ahead. Shirts will have the name of each school on the back and a tournament logo on the front. Tell your kids ahead of time so they can bring their money!!

Vendor North Shore Soccer and More, a store which carries field hockey gear will be at the tournament with a display of sticks, shoes and other field hockey gear.

Food – Snacks, Gatorade and bottled water will be available at the tournament for purchase. There are many places to eat in Oak Park within a 2-3 block walk west of the fields. Starbucks is just down the street, as is Jimmy John's and a local hot dog stand. There are also nicer restaurants within those blocks. This is a very nice area to walk to.

Parking – Across the street from the fields there is a parking garage for the school. Parking will be free on Sunday and parents may also park on the street. Everyone is encouraged to read parking regulation signs to avoid tickets.

Field Address – The address of the fields are:

Oak Park & River Forest High School
201 N. Scoville
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Google the school for directions. The fields are at the south end of the school. They are located on Lake Street. The school is at the corner of Lake and Scoville.

Spectators – There is no charge for spectators. Spectators may sit in the small stands or on the track around the fields. Spectators and teams will not be allowed behind any goals or stand between the fields.

Trainer - There will be a trainer available on site. If you have a previous injury and need to be taped, please bring your own tape supplies.