

Dear Panther Soccer Club Families,

We are less than 10 days away from the Oswego Soccer Classic and need your help to make this year's 6th annual event our most successful ever! With 159 teams registered for this year's tournament, this will be our biggest tournament to date and we need the help of every family in the Panther Soccer Club to make the weekend go smoothly and ensure that everyone has a great time! Each family is expected to help in some way during the course of the tournament whether you contribute two hours or twenty! In addition, this is a great way for you to earn credit towards next year's 2008-2009 fees. Please read through the following information and contact me via e-mail should you have any questions.

Volunteer Registration

Volunteer registration will be held on Sunday, May 18th at the Church of the Good Shepherd located at #5 West Washington Street in downtown Oswego from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. You can stop in anytime during these hours, view the schedule for your child's/children's games and sign up for the shifts and work areas you prefer. Opportunities to earn hours are available by working in parking, field maintenance, registration, field marshaling and award and trophy presentation among others. With the large number of teams in this year's tournament, parking and field marshals will be our top priority and will need the largest number of volunteers. Hours vary depending on the type of work and there is some work that can be done prior to the beginning of the tournament.

Please be aware that due to weather conditions and other situations that are beyond our control sometimes things can and do change very quickly. We ask your help and cooperation if you are asked to work in an area other than the one you were assigned. Also, in the event of lightning or inclement weather you can help by clearing the fields immediately and help by instructing others to go to their vehicles. Please report to the Registration Tent for specific instructions if this occurs as additional volunteers may be needed.

Tournament personnel will be available to answer specific questions regarding each work area. Also, entry fee passes will be available at that time at the special price of 2 for \$5.00. This "buy one, get one free" offer applies only to PSC families and is available on Sunday evening. Entry fee passes are \$5.00 at the entrances during the tournament but are good for the entire weekend.

Volunteer Credit

Credit for volunteers will be earned at the rate of \$10.00 per hour with a cap of 12 hours per player. This means a maximum credit of \$120.00 per player. (i.e. A family with three players in the club can contribute a maximum of 36 hours to the tournament and earn \$360.00 off of their total fees for next year.)

Volunteer Guidelines

***All volunteers are required to sign in and out at the Registration Tent.**

***All volunteers should wear a name tag, safety vest and a smile at all times!**

Remember, we are the hosts and each person at the tournament is our guest! Let them know we're glad they're here!

***Please go out of your way to assist anyone who needs assistance or special accommodations. (i.e. handicapped parking, small children, etc.)**

***This is a family event and our own kids all love being part of the tournament experience however we ask that you do not bring young children with you while working at the tournament. We cannot be responsible for your children and they will not be allowed at the Registration or Referee Tents, Scoring Trailer, or at Field Marshal tents.**

***Absolutely no one under the age of 18 is allowed to assist with parking per IYSA regulations!**

***Gators are assigned to tournament personnel in specific areas and must be available to them at all times. No one under the age of 18 can operate a gator on the grounds and please, no kids on gators!**

*** Remember, no pets are allowed so please leave Fido at home!**

***If you don't know, please ask!**

Many of the teams participating this year are young teams who will be attending their first-ever tournament and they are very excited! Our event has earned an excellent reputation over the years in the soccer community for being well-organized and for having an excellent "staff" that is friendly, knowledgeable and goes out of their way to provide all of our guests with a positive tournament experience. It is because of you and your efforts that so many teams and clubs return year after year to play in our tournament! On behalf of Tournament Director David Strange, PSC President Ron Colaizzi and our entire tournament planning team, I thank you in advance for your help in making sure that they leave with that feeling again this year! After all, we want to see them back again next year and the year after that and the. . .!

I'll look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

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