

## General Tournament Information

1. The Plano Labor Day Invitational Tournament XXXVII is sanctioned by North Texas State Soccer Association (North Texas Soccer) and United States Youth Soccer Association (US Youth Soccer). This tournament is open to boys and girls Competitive League Select 11U –19U teams and 9U –10U Soccer Academy teams who are United States Soccer Federation (USSF) Affiliates including US Youth Soccer Affiliates (state/local home associations) and US Club Soccer. (See the tournament’s approved Application to Host on the tournament homepage for further information). Last year eight hundred and fifty teams competed in the tournament. No Recreational teams are permitted.

2. The tournament will be played over Labor Day weekend, August 31 – September 3, 2018, on fields in the north Dallas geographic region. The tournament is organized by Gender and Age Groups. Within each Age Group, teams will be assigned to play their tournament games in a specific Flight based on the tournament’s assessment of the teams competitiveness. Each Flight will play to a championship with awards. Typically there are one to three Flights (Gold, Silver A, and Silver B) per Age Group depending on the number of teams accepted in each Age Group. In the application process, you will be asked to request which flight your team wishes to play in; and if reasonable and within tournament constraints, we will attempt to assign your team to your requested flight.

3. Each team will play three preliminary round games. Typically teams play two preliminary round games on Saturday and one on Sunday morning. If available, a limited number of teams may play one preliminary round game on Friday evening. Advancing teams play quarterfinal games (if required) on Sunday afternoon, semifinal games on Monday morning, and championship games on Monday afternoon. (See the Tournament Rules on the tournament homepage for further information)

4. The following chart illustrates the tournament Age Groups and team requirements. Since this tournament is played after the beginning of the new 2017-2018 soccer year, please make sure that you select the correct Age Group for your team when completing the tournament application.

AGE GROUP	MAXIMUM ROSTER SIZE (INCLUDING GUEST PLAYERS)	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GUEST PLAYERS	PLAYING FORMAT	BALL SIZE	TEAM ENTRY FEE
9U	14		9 v 9	4	\$385
10U	14		9 v 9	4	\$385
11U	16	5	9 v 9	4	\$650
12U	16	5	9 v 9	4	\$650
13U	18	5	11 v 11	5	\$650
14U	18	5	11 v 11	5	\$650
15U	22	5	11 v 11	5	\$650
16U	22	5	11 v 11	5	\$650
17U	22	5	11 v 11	5	\$650
18U/19U	22	5	11 v 11	5	\$650

5. Each team is required to check in prior to their first tournament game. Player, coach, manager, and team documentation must be presented during the tournament check-in process. Electronic check-in will be available for out-of-town teams. (See the Team/Manager Check List on the tournament homepage)

6. We try to preclude preliminary round schedule conflicts for **Head Coaches** with multiple teams in the tournament. However, practically speaking, all such conflicts cannot be avoided. We will prioritize resolution of schedule conflicts for such Head Coaches **for two designated teams** which you are asked to disclose in the team's tournament application. But please be aware that, even then, preliminary round schedule conflicts may occur; and schedule conflicts may exist in the playoff rounds. All such teams should have an alternate head coach available. Also please make sure that your **Head Coach's** name is listed identically in all team tournament applications.

7. Traveling teams participating in the tournament must stay in approved hotels. For available hotels and reservations please view the Events By Design tournament website at <http://ebdplanners.com/event/plano-youth-soccer-association-labor-day-invitational/> or contact Sheila Honore, Events By Design, (972) 965-1238, [sheila.honore@ebdplanners.com](mailto:sheila.honore@ebdplanners.com). (See Required Traveling Team Hotel Reservation Process on the Events By Design website)