



# **FESTIVAL**

**(U-09 to U-12)**

**AUG 20-21, 2016**

**Official Program**

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## **Welcome message from the President and Tournament Director**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to extend a Thornhill welcome to all the teams entered in this year's tournament.

After a 2 year hiatus, we are once again hosting this tournament; as some of you may know, we hosted this tournament well over 25 years before deciding to assess the impact of LTPD on a tournament format, specifically the U-09 to U-12 divisions (which, in most tournaments are usually over 60%+ of registered teams).

Our tournament is somewhat unique in that we hold age groups open until the very last minute to accommodate teams who may have had their age group cancelled in other tournaments. Our prime objective is to ensure everyone has a fantastic tournament experience and encourage other teams in their club to join next year.

We want to thank all the volunteers who take a weekend out of their busy schedule and help us out by convening, keeping scores, handing out trophies and awards, registering teams, putting up and taking down nets, vetting schedules and helping to photocopy information sheets and preparing the packages for the teams.

We also want to acknowledge our referees, many of who come back year after year to officiate in this tournament. We believe we now have the best referees possible to officiate at these games. We have received many compliments in the past extolling the quality of the referees. This has not come by accident but by constantly evaluating their performance during the tournament and helping them to improve their skills.

Please familiarize yourself with the Tournament Rules and/or Festival Rules, specifically on how these apply to the U-09 to U-12 age groups.

Have fun and exhibit sportsmanship at all times.

Yours in soccer,

Clary Laftsidis, President

Steve Kokkoros, Tournament Director

## **MEMENTOS for U-09 to U-13 Players**

**Each player will receive a memento for participating in this Festival.**

**Mementos will be provided to the coach/manager of the team prior to the start of the event for distribution to each player at the completion of the event.**

## **Thornhill Soccer Club Zero Tolerance Policy**

The Thornhill Soccer Club is a strong supporter of a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy in sports.

We, the Thornhill Soccer Club (TSC), do not condone any abusive and/or violent action by Players, Parents, Legal Guardians, Coaches, Spectators, Volunteers, Sponsors and Officials during any event sponsored by or organized by the TSC or attended by TSC members.

Non-compliance with this policy may result, at the discretion of the Board of Directors or 'Event' Committee, in the ejection of the offending individual and/or team from further participation in the event.

**Please ensure all individuals participating in or attending an event sponsored by or organized by the Thornhill Soccer Club are aware of and understand this ZERO TOLERANCE policy.**

Policy approved by the Board of Directors, Thornhill Soccer Club (May 4, 2000).

# 2016 Thornhill CC Festival

## **FESTIVAL RULES (09 to U-12)**

The objective of the festival is to promote the game of soccer through sportsmanship, fair play and quality competition. The rules are intended to support the objective; however, all rules have their limitations, and every participant, whether player or official is expected to act in a manner that brings credit to the game. Doing so will add to the enjoyment by everyone.

### **1. LAWS OF THE GAME**

All games shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game and Recreational Matrix observed by the Ontario Soccer Association and the Canadian Soccer Association, except: "under the referee's jurisdiction caution and ejections shall be extended to cover all team officials and spectators".

### **2. TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

Registrations will be held at the Thornhill Soccer Club on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 between 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM. All teams are expected to register their teams during this time. Registrations will not be accepted the next day August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 except in special circumstances.

Once a team is registered and the Team Roster is filled out and approved by the Festival Committee, no additions will be allowed to the Team Roster.

All participating teams must currently be registered with their Provincial association. All teams outside of the jurisdiction of the York Region Soccer Association must provide proof of permission to travel duly authorized by their respective governing association and must supply proof of accident/injury/illness medical insurance to the Festival Host. This proof of permission to travel must accompany the application form for the application to be considered.

See Recreational Matrix below in regards to team size, format, time limits, etc.

All players must have a valid player's registration book or approved ID card. Players are not allowed to register with more than one team or to switch from one team to another during this festival.

All teams must be covered by medical insurance and liability insurance.

### **3. AGE GROUPS**

AGE GROUP	MUST BE BORN DURING OR AFTER THE FOLLOWING YEARS
Under -- 09	2007
Under - 10	2006
Under - 11	2005
Under - 12	2004

### **4. PROOF OF AGE**

Canada: Player's registration cards or approved ID card duly authorized by the District Registrar shall be required as proof of age and eligibility.

### **5. PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

Player equipment shall be required as per F.I.F.A. Rules.

In the event of similar or identical jerseys (player's shirts), the home team will be required to change colors.

## 6. RECREATIONAL MATRIX

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>Under-09 and Under-10</b>	<b>Under-11 and Under-12</b>
<b>Playing Format</b>	7 v 7 (including GK)	9 v 9 (including GK)
<b>Game day roster size</b>	Max 12	Max 16
<b>Substitutions</b>	Unlimited (any stoppage)	Unlimited (any stoppage)
<b>Maximum Playing time per player/team</b>	80 minutes (2 x 40 minutes per game in one day)	80 minutes (2 x 40 minute games in one day)
<b>Minimum rest time between game times</b>	60 minutes	60 minutes
<b>Throw ins or Pass ins</b>	Pass ins	Throw ins
<b>Offside</b>	No	Yes
<b>Ball size</b>	4 or 5 light	4 or 5 light
<b>Retreat Line</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Referee</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Assistant Referee</b>	No	No
<b>Score keeping or standings</b>	None	None
<b>Guaranteed games</b>	2 (One day event)	2 (One day event)
<b>Participation mementos</b>	Yes (Not trophies)	Yes (Not trophies)

## 8. REFEREE'S REPORT and GAME SHEETS

The referee will complete the game sheet and any discipline reports and submits these to the Festival conveners immediately following the completion of the game.

The game sheet must be completed and signed by one team official from each team and presented to the Field convener with a copy of the official roster no later than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time along with the players' cards.

## 9. DISCIPLINE and ABANDONED GAMES

Any player or team official who is ejected from a game in the festival will be automatically suspended for the following one (1) game. Players may neither dress nor sit at the bench nor play in the affected game. Team officials may not be in the vicinity of the player benches

The Festival Committee reserves the right to hold discipline hearings for players and game officials who have committed serious offences the result of which may be further suspension or disqualification from the Festival or Festival play. The committee will advise the time and location of any discipline hearings.

Note: All red card offenses and the results of the Festival Discipline meetings will be reported to the team's home district associations.

In the event of misbehavior by either team or spectators (except for referee assaults) the game may be suspended for up to 15 minutes by the referee before he/she abandons the game. The referee must immediately inform the field Convener of the suspension of play and the game may be restarted at any time within the 15-minute suspension. In the event the game is abandoned, the team that is responsible for the misbehavior will forfeit the game and may, at the discretion of the Festival Committee, be disqualified for the rest of the festival.

## 10. FAILURE TO SHOW

A team shall be allowed a 15 minutes grace period from the scheduled kick-off time for late arrival before awarding the game to their opponents. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team.

## 11. INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather (i.e., continual rain, poor field conditions, lightning storms etc.), the Festival Committee will have the authority to change games such as:

- a) Relocate/reschedule games
- b) Change the duration of games
- c) Games terminated after the completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> half shall be considered official in the qualifying rounds and the scores will stand. All quarters, semi and final games must be completed.

If a game is stopped because of inclement weather and is not restarted within half an hour, a team representative (as indicated on the festival entry form) must report to the soccer club office (where the registration took place on Friday night) for further instructions. If a team does not report within two hours of the time the game was halted, then they will be deemed to have forfeited the game.

#### **15. GENERAL**

The Festival Committee and/or the Thornhill Soccer Club will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the festival is cancelled in whole or in part.

The Festival Committee and/or the Thornhill Soccer Club will not be liable for any injuries sustained by any participant or spectator in the festival, on or off the fields.

The Festival Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the festival and its interpretation of the rules and all other festival documentation is final.

#### **16. FIELDS CONVENORS AND FOOTNOTE**

Field conveners are appointed by the Festival Committee and are on duty at each game location. They are responsible for checking players' cards and team rosters prior to each game. Teams must check in with the convener at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each game.

#### **17. PLAYER IDENTIFICATION BRACELETS**

On Registration night (August 19, 2016) each team will be provided with a Player Identification Bracelet for each player on the official Team Roster. The coach will print on this Player Identification Bracelet the following information:

- Player's full name
- Player's Shirt Number

Prior to the first game on Saturday, August 20, 2016, the coach will present to the field convener:

- Each Player
- The Team Roster
- The Player Identification Bracelet for each player
- The Player's 'book' or approved player ID card

The convener, having checked the above information, will either place the bracelet on the player's wrist or ask the coach to place the bracelet on the player's wrist (and trim off any excess). The bracelet is to remain on the player's wrist for each game in the festival.

Any extra bracelets for players not at the first game but listed on the Roster, are to be retained by the Convener. If a Roster player, who was not at the first game to receive the bracelet, arrives for a subsequent game then he/she must go to the convener of the first game to receive his/her bracelet.

Only players with Player Identification bracelets are allowed to play in the age group and with the team they are registered.

The field convener removes the Player Identification bracelet when the player is ejected from a game (red card or two cautions) or accumulates 2 yellow (cautions) cards in the festival. The bracelet will be replaced after the appropriate suspension has been served.

#### **18. Refund Policy**

Where an age group is cancelled, a full refund will be given to each team that has entered the festival and for which we have received payment.

Where an age group has not been cancelled, a refund may be given to the team based on the following conditions:

- If the age group has been placed in jeopardy (not enough teams for the age group) then there is no refund for the team that has placed the age group in jeopardy;

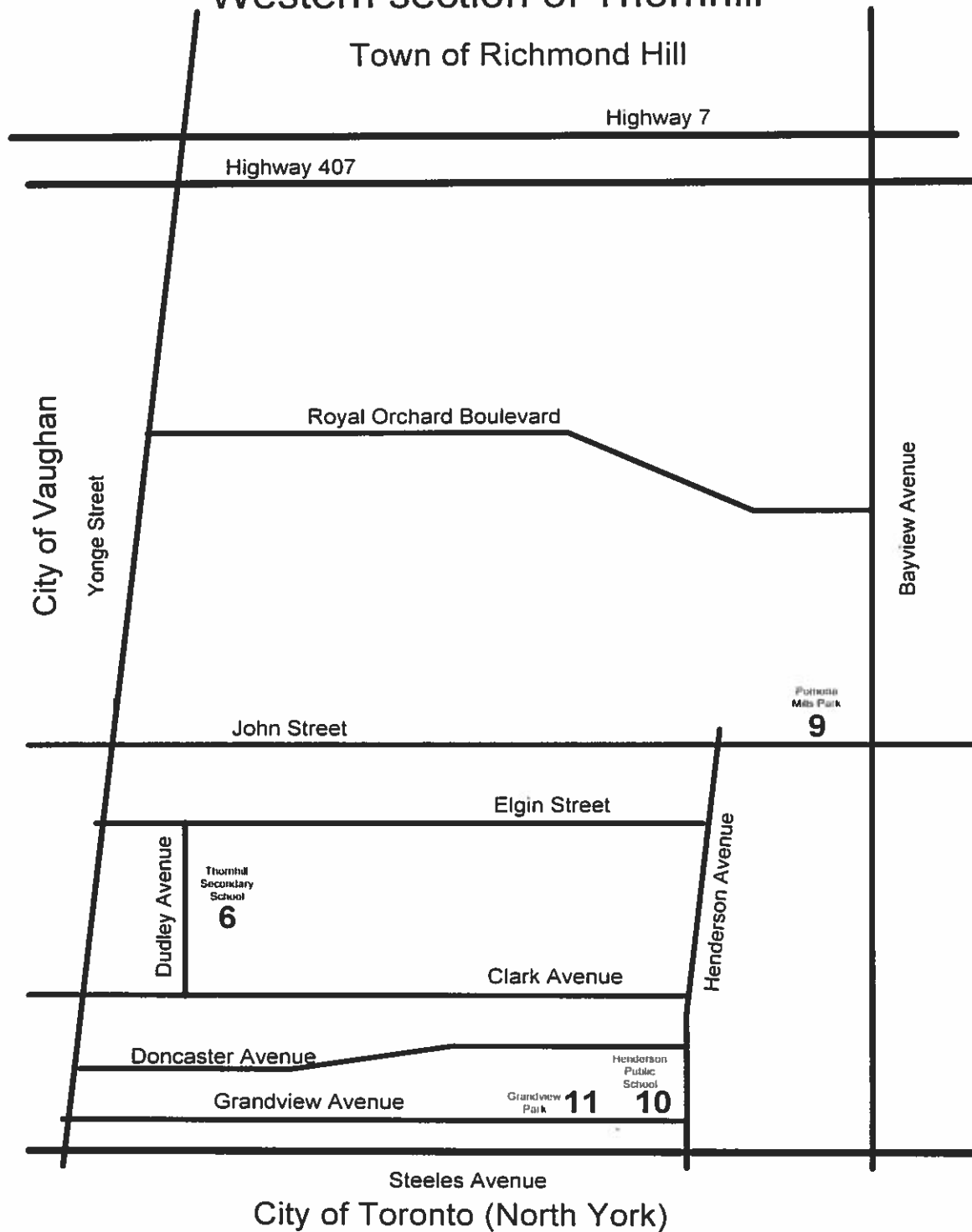
- **If the request was made prior to 14 days before the festival, then there will be a pro-rated refund given; festival committee will decide on the amount;**
- **If the request was made prior to 21 days before the festival, then there will be a full refund given;**
- **If a team does not show for the festival, no refund will be given;**
- **If a team in an age group does not show for the festival and the remaining teams do not play the guaranteed 1 games in the festival, then a pro-rated refund will be given to the remaining teams; the festival committee will decide on the amount;**
- **In each case, each team requesting or qualifying for a refund will be reviewed by the festival committee who will decide on the amount of the refund.**



MAP 1

Western section of Thornhill

Town of Richmond Hill

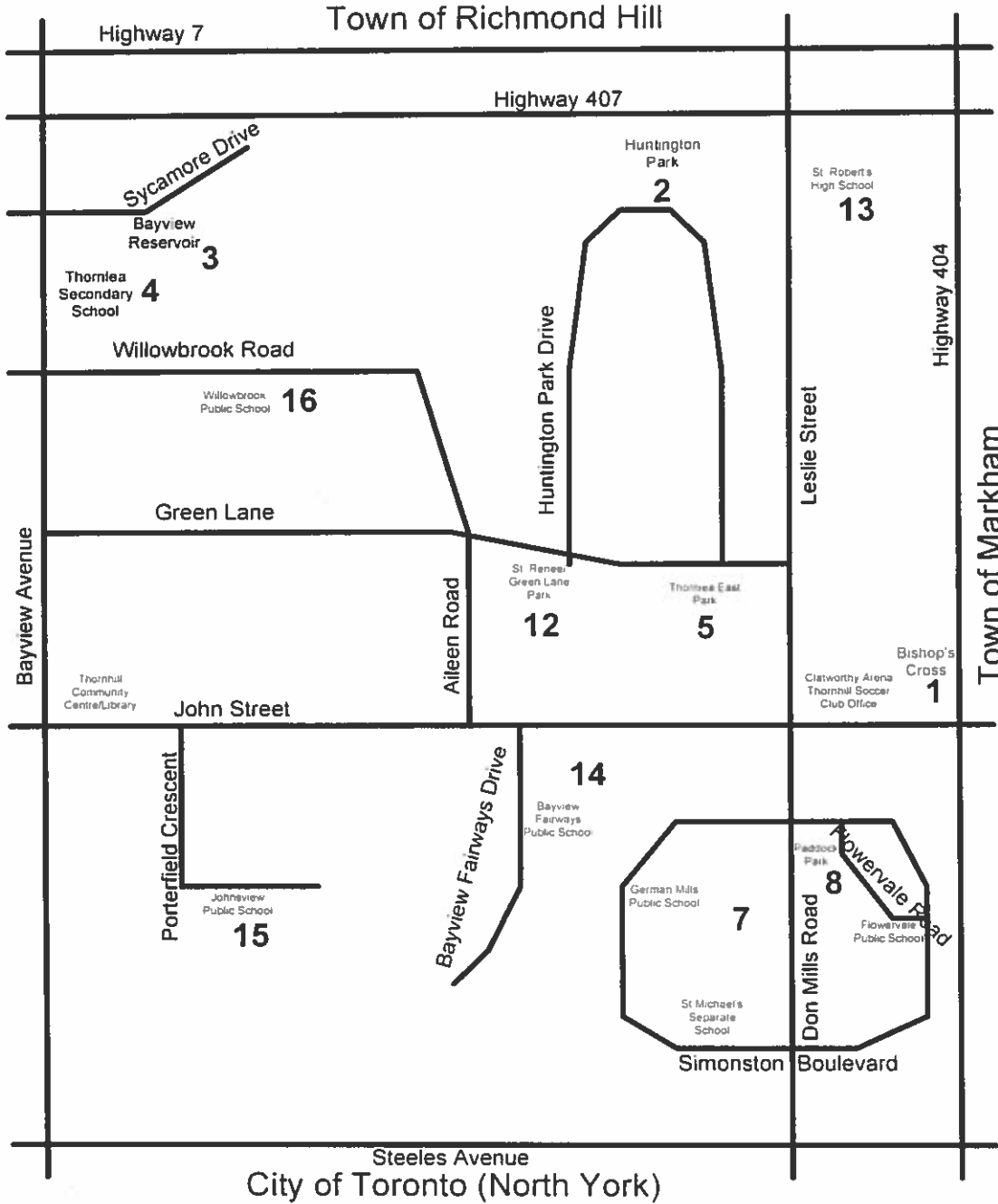


Fields used for this tournament

- (6) Thornhill High School (3 fields)

# MAP 2

## Eastern section of Thornhill



### Fields used for this tournament

- (3) Bayview Reservoir and (4) Thornlea Secondary School
- (2) Huntington Park
- (1) Bishop's Cross
- (12) St. Renee/Green Lane Park,
- (5) Thornlea East Park
- (7) Simonston Park
- (13) St. Robert's HS (Turf field and Grass Field)

**NAME OF FIELD****Address (if available)****Map Reference****Additional Information**

<b>BAYVIEW RES MINI CENTER</b>	15 Sycamore Dr. Thornhill	<b>TSC Map 2 #3</b>	Major Intersection is Bayview Avenue and Highway #7 or #407  There are 2 large fields and 3 Mini fields at this location. There are also 2 more fields located directly south of the complex at the Thornlea Secondary School.
<b>BAYVIEW RES MINI NORTH</b>	15 Sycamore Dr. Thornhill	<b>TSC Map 2 #3</b>	
<b>BAYVIEW RESERVOIR NORTH</b>	15 Sycamore Dr. Thornhill	<b>TSC Map 2 #3</b>	Parking is available off of Sycamore Drive and also at the Thornlea Secondary School where there is a lower and upper parking lot.
<b>BAYVIEW RESERVOIR SOUTH</b>	15 Sycamore Dr. Thornhill	<b>TSC Map 2 #3</b>	
<b>BILL CROTHERS GRASS MINI 1</b>	44 Main St., Unionville	<b>UMSC Map #36</b>	Major intersection is on the west side of Main Street Unionville south of Highway #7
<b>BILL CROTHERS GRASS MINI 2</b>	44 Main St., Unionville	<b>UMSC Map #36</b>	There are 3 fields at this location. 2 turf fields and a natural grass field. The natural grass field is normally divided into 2 mini fields.
<b>BILL CROTHERS TURF 1</b>	44 Main St., Unionville	<b>UMSC Map #36</b>	On the UMSC Map, this location is marked as Tournament Headquarters; this does not apply to the Thornhill Challenge Cup.
<b>BILL CROTHERS TURF 2</b>	44 Main St., Unionville	<b>UMSC Map #36</b>	
<b>BISHOP'S CROSS</b>	2400 John St. Thornhill	<b>TSC Map 2 #1</b>	Major Intersection is John St and Highway #404 or Leslie St/Don Mills Rd There is no exit off of Highway #404 onto John Street; nearest exit is Steeles Ave.
<b>GREEN LANE PARK</b>	135 Green Lane Thornhill	<b>TSC Map 2 #12</b>	Nearest intersection is Green Lane and Willowbrook Rd/Aileen Rd

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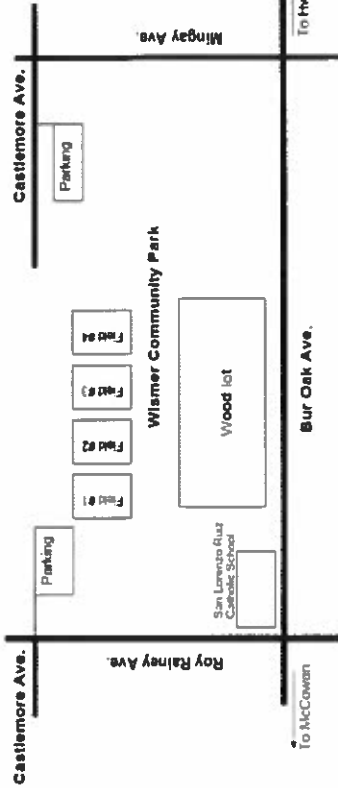
HUNTINGTON PARK	116 Huntington Park Dr., Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #2	Nearest intersection is Huntington Park Drive and Green Lane Huntington Park Drive has two intersection on Green Lane; either one will take you to the park which is located at the very north end of the street.
HUNTINGTON PARK MINI East	116 Huntington Park Dr., Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #2	There are 2 mini fields and 1 full size field at this location.
HUNTINGTON PARK MINI West	116 Huntington Park Dr., Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #2	DO NOT PARK in the Church Parking Lot
SIMONSTON PARK FULL	21 Simonston Blvd Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #7	DO NOT PARK in the Church Parking Lot
SIMONSTON PARK - MINI	21 Simonston Blvd Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #7	On the east side of Leslie St. just south of Hwy #407; no exit off of Hwy #407 when coming from the east
ST. ROBERTS CHS GRASS	8101 Leslie St. Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #13	On the east side of Leslie St. just south of Hwy #407; no exit off of Hwy #407 when coming from the east
ST. ROBERTS CHS TURF	8101 Leslie St. Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #13	Located on the east side of Green Lane, east of Leslie Street. This park is located by Little German Mills Creek, and has a playground and one soccer field
THORNLEA EAST PARK	8075 Bayview Ave. Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #5	Nearest intersection is Bayview Avenue and Highway #7 or #407
THORNLEA S.S.-TENNIS	8075 Bayview Ave. Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #4	These fields are on the east side of the school directly behind the swimming pool and south of th Bayview Reservoir complex..

**NAME OF FIELD**

**Address (if available)**

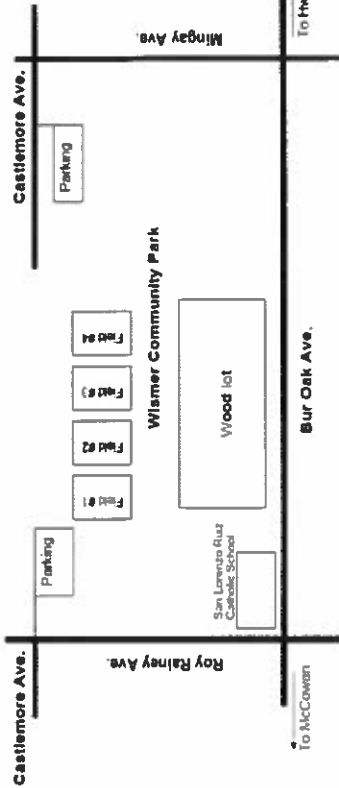
**Map Reference**

**Additional Information**

WISMER PARK MINI 1	980 Bur Oak Ave Markham	Google Map	<p>These 4 fields are located on Roy Rainey Ave in Markham south of Major Mackenzie Drive; Roy Rainey Ave runs from Major MacKenzie drive south the Bur Oak Drive..</p> 
WISMER PARK MINI 2	980 Bur Oak Ave Markham	Google Map	
WISMER PARK MINI 3	980 Bur Oak Ave Markham	Google Map	
WISMER PARK MINI 4	980 Bur Oak Ave Markham	Google Map	
THORNHILL S.S. - SOCCER	167 Dudley Ave. Thornhill	TSC Map 1 #6	<p>Major intersection is Yonge St, and Clarke Ave. Park in school parking lot. There are 3 fields at this location; 1st field is a Rugby field, middle field is a soccer field, and at the east side is a Field Hockey field.</p>

980 Bur Oak Ave Markham	Google Map
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167 Dudley Ave. Thornhill	TSC Map 1 #6

These 4 fields are located on Roy Rainey Ave in Markham south of Major Mackenzie Drive; Roy Rainey Ave runs from Major MacKenzie drive south the Bur Oak Drive..



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