



TOURNAMENT

(U-13 to U-18)

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

AWARDS for U-13 to U-18 Players and Teams

Championship Trophy for each player on the Championship Team

Finalist Trophy for each player on the Finalist Team

MVP gift for the MVP player on the Championship and the Finalist Team

Team Trophy/Cup for the Championship Team

At the conclusion of the Championship Game, both teams are asked to come to the Sunday Tournament Headquarters at the St. Robert's High School for the presentation of trophies.

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 Thunder Challenge Cup

TOURNAMENT RULES (U13 to U-18)

The objective of the tournament 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 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 19th, 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 20th, 2016 except in special circumstances.

Once a team is registered and the Team Roster is filled out and approved by the Tournament 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 Tournament Host. This proof of permission to travel must accompany the application form for the application to be considered.

A team in the U-13 and up groups may register up to 18 players who may all dress for any game. All players must have a valid player's registration book or approved ID card. All except GUEST PLAYERS (see below) must be registered with the team they are playing for in the tournament. Players are not allowed to register with more than one team or to switch from one team to another during this tournament.

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

3. GUEST PLAYERS – Eligibility

For all age groups:

A maximum of 3 guest players are allowed. These guest players must be registered with the relevant Provincial association. These guest players may be from the same club or from another club with a valid Temporary Eligibility permit. These guest players may be of the same age group or a younger age group (competitive or recreational). All players must have a valid player's book or approved ID card.

4. AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUP	MUST BE BORN DURING OR AFTER THE FOLLOWING YEARS
Under – 13	2003
Under – 14	2002
Under – 15	2001
Under – 16	2000
Under – 17	1999
Under – 18	1998

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions are allowed at the following times and upon approval of the referee.

- a) After a goal is scored by either team
- b) At a goal kick by either team
- c) At the beginning of any half
- d) At the referee's discretion for injury
- e) Prior to a team's own throw-in

No substitutions will be allowed for players ejected from the game by the referee.

8. REFEREE'S REPORT and GAME SHEETS

The referee will complete the game sheet and any discipline reports and submits these to the Tournament 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 tournament 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 Tournament 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 Tournament or Tournament play. The committee will advise the time and location of any discipline hearings.

Note: All red card offenses and the results of the Tournament 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 Tournament Committee, be disqualified for the rest of the tournament.

Game forfeits will result in a 3-0 win for the non-defaulting team. Game forfeits will also result in 2 point deducted from the defaulting team's overall standing. Forfeit of the game by both teams will result in a loss for both teams and a deduction of 2 points from each team's overall standing. If it is necessary to request police assistance, the Thornhill Soccer Club reserves the right to pass on any fees or cost incurred to the team/teams responsible or their club(s).

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. GAME DURATIONS, EXTRA TIME RULES and BALL SIZES

- a) Length of all games will be as indicated on each schedule.
- b) Time limits follow the OSA/CSA guidelines for each age group (U13 and U-14 are limited to 150 minutes each day; and U-15 to U-18 are limited to 180 minutes per day); there will be a minimum of 1 hour between each game by any team.
- c) Ball sizes are in accordance with OSA/CSA rules
- d) No overtime will be played for preliminary games
- e) Half time periods will be 5 minutes
- f) If a Quarterfinal, Semi final or Final game is tied after regulation time game will be decided by penalty kicks as follows::
- g) best of five penalty kicks by five players of each team.
-If still tied, alternating penalty kicks by the balance of the team until an outcome is decided.
-NOTE: Only players on the field of play at the end of the game can participate

12. GROUP WINNERS, TIE-BREAKERS, WILD CARDS, FORFEIT RULINGS

Each team shall be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and no (0) points for a loss. Any forfeited game shall be scored as a 3-0 win for the non-defaulting team and will result in a 2-point loss (from the overall standings) for the defaulting team.

In any given game the maximum goal differential used in calculating the standings shall be 5 goals

At the end of the preliminary rounds the group winner shall be the team with the most points. If teams are tied on points, the following criteria shall determine the winner or other eligibility.

- a) Winner of game between the two teams (if more than 2 teams are tied, this criteria is not used)
- b) Team having the most wins
- c) Goal difference (goals scored minus goals allowed)
- d) Most goals scored
- e) Least goals allowed
- f) Penalty kicks as defined in section 11g) above.

Note: for the divisions with an odd number of teams, only the last 3 (three) games played by the eligible teams will be used to determine the wild card.

Should it be necessary to provide additional teams for quarterfinal or semi final games, a wild card team may be selected. Such team(s) shall be those with the best non-qualifying record in the age division as determined by the number of points accumulated. In the event of a tie, criteria 11-a to 11-g shall apply; if still tied, a coin shall be tossed to determine the wild card team.

Normally, the wild card team cannot play against a team in the playoff round that they have already played in the preliminary round. However, this does not apply if the Tournament Committee needs to select the wild card team by a random draw.

13. PROTESTS

Protests must be made in writing by the team coach or team manager and must be accompanied by a fee of \$150 cash within 1 hour of the conclusion of the game being protested; the protest document must be hand delivered to a Tournament Committee official. In the event that the protest is upheld, the fee shall be returned.

No protest of a referee's decision will be entertained.

14. INCLEMENT WEATHER

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

- a) Cancel any game in the qualifying rounds which have no bearing in deciding a division winner
- b) Relocate/reschedule games
- c) Change the duration of games
- d) Games terminated after the completion of the 1st 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 tournament 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 as per rule 12.

15. GENERAL

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

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

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

16. FIELDS CONVENORS AND FOOTNOTE

Field conveners are appointed by the Tournament 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 tournament.

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 tournament. 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 tournament and for which we have received payment.

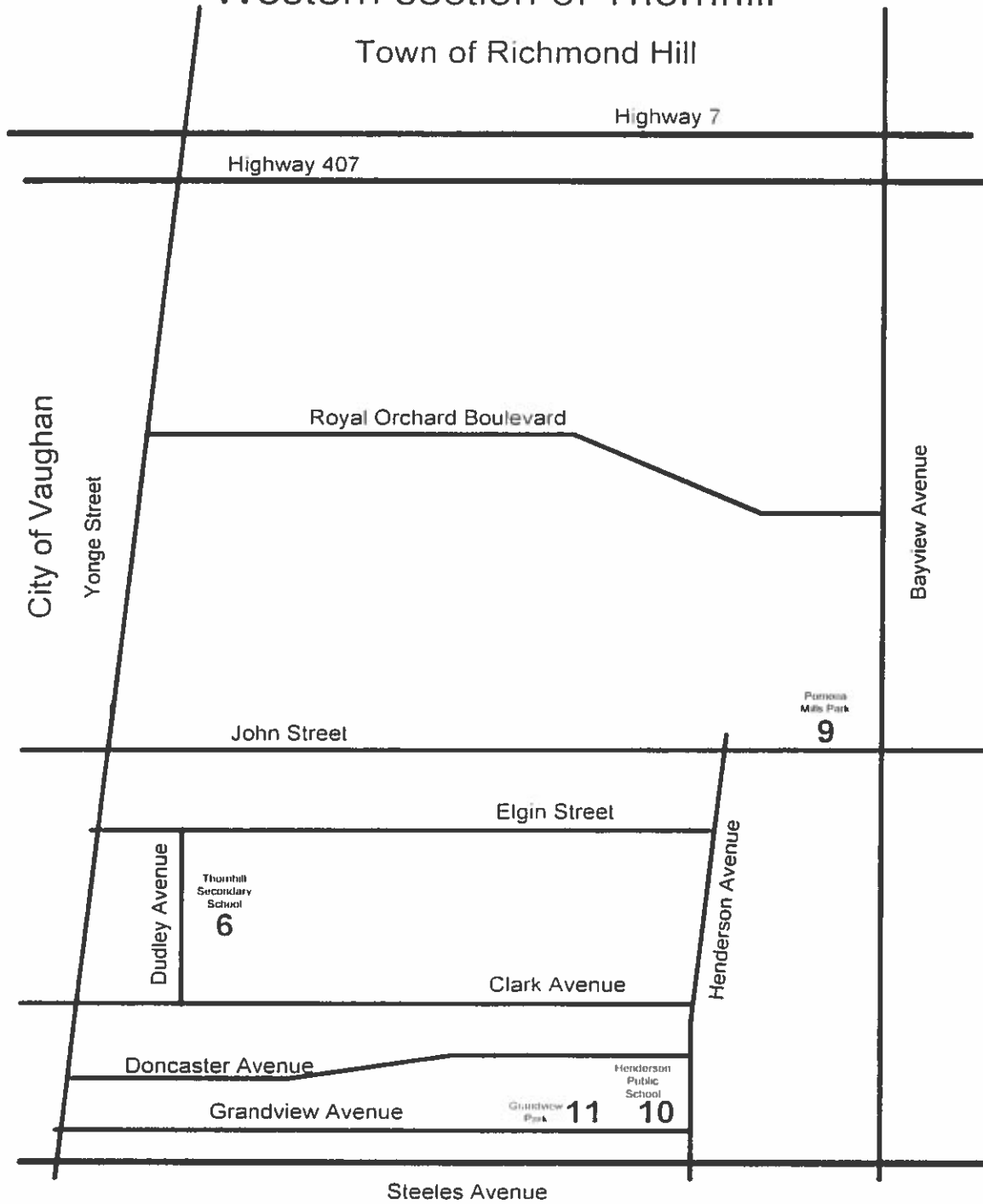
Where an age group has not been cancelled, a refund may be given to the team based on the following conditions:

- 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 tournament, then there will be a pro-rated refund given; the tournament committee will decide on the amount;
- If the request was made prior to 21 days before the tournament, then there will be a full refund given;
- If a team does not show for the tournament, no refund will be given;
- If a team in an age group does not show for the tournament and the remaining teams do not play the guaranteed 3 games in the tournament, then a pro-rated refund will be given to the remaining teams; the tournament committee will decide on the amount;
- In each case, each team requesting or qualifying for a refund will be reviewed by the tournament committee who will decide on the amount of the refund.

MAP 1

Western section of Thornhill

Town of Richmond Hill



City of Toronto (North York)

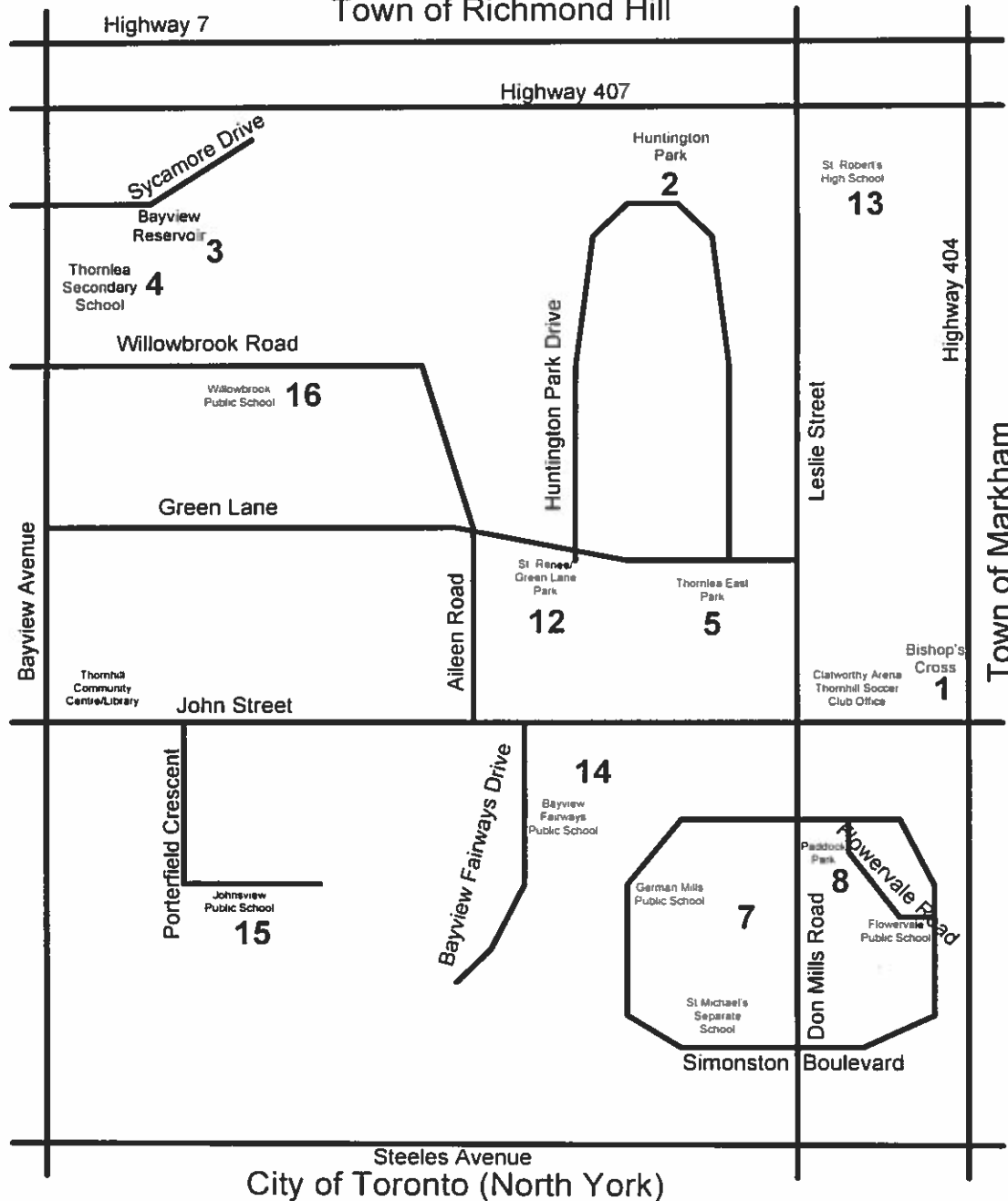
Fields used for this tournament

- (6) Thornhill High School (3 fields)

MAP 2

Eastern section of Thornhill

Town of Richmond Hill



Fields used for this tournament

- (3) Bayview Reservoir and (4) Thornlea Secondary School
- (2) Huntington Park
- (1) Bishop's Cross
- (12) St. Renee's 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**

BAYVIEW RES MINI CENTER	15 Sycamore Dr. Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #3	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.
BAYVIEW RES MINI NORTH	15 Sycamore Dr. Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #3	
BAYVIEW RESERVOIR NORTH	15 Sycamore Dr. Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #3	Parking is available off of Sycamore Drive and also at the Thornlea Secondary School where there is a lower and upper parking lot.
BAYVIEW RESERVOIR SOUTH	15 Sycamore Dr. Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #3	
BILL CROTHERS GRASS MINI 1	44 Main St., Unionville	UMSC Map #36	Major intersection is on the west side of Main Street Unionville south of Highway #7
BILL CROTHERS GRASS MINI 2	44 Main St., Unionville	UMSC Map #36	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.
BILL CROTHERS TURF 1	44 Main St., Unionville	UMSC Map #36	On the UMSC Map, this location is marked as Tournament Headquarters; this does not apply to the Thornhill Challenge Cup.
BILL CROTHERS TURF 2	44 Main St., Unionville	UMSC Map #36	
BISHOP'S CROSS	2400 John St. Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #1	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.
GREEN LANE PARK	135 Green Lane Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #12	Nearest intersection is Green Lane and Willowbrook Rd/Aileen Rd

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

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	
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	DO NOT PARK in the Church Parking Lot
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	On the east side of Leslie St. just south of Hwy #407; no exit off of Hwy #407 when coming from the east
THORNLEA EAST PARK		TSC Map 2 #5	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 S.S.-TENNIS	8075 Bayview Ave. Thornhill	TSC Map 2 #4	Nearest intersection is Bayview Avenue and Highway #7 or #407 These fields are on the east side of the school directly behind the swimming pool and south of th Bayview Reservoir complex..

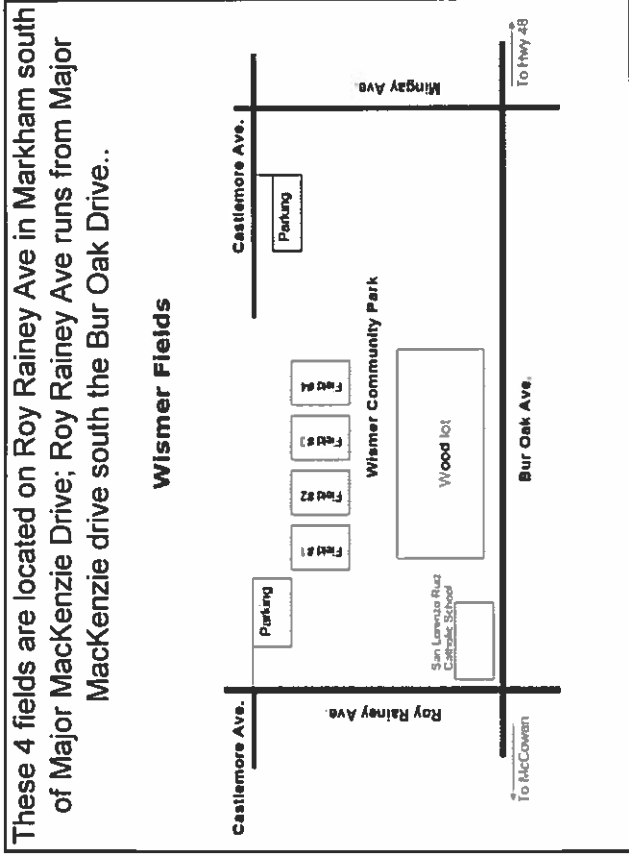
NAME OF FIELD

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	



Tournament Information (U-13 to U-18)

Groupings and Cup Games

4 Teams in an age division

- Each team plays 3 qualifying games on Saturday
- The 1st and 2nd Place team then plays the FINAL cup game on Sunday

5 Teams in an age division

- Each team plays 4 qualifying games on Saturday
- The 1st and 2nd Place team then plays the FINAL cup game on Sunday

6 Teams in an age division

- 3 teams are placed into 2 divisions
- Each team plays 3 qualifying games on Saturday
 - 2 games against teams in the same division and 1 game against a team in the other division
- The 1st and 2nd Place team in each division play a semi-final game on Sunday
- The winners of the semi-final games play the FINAL cup game on Sunday

7 Teams in an age division

- We will avoid a 7 team age division
- Teams are placed in 2 divisions
 - 1 division of 4 teams
 - 1 division of 3 teams
- Each team in the division with 4 teams play each other (3 games)
- Each team in the division with 3 teams play each other (2 games)
- The 1st and 2nd place team in the division with 4 teams play in a semi-final game on Sunday
- The 3rd and 4th place team in the division with 4 teams play for a 'Wild Card' qualifying game on Sunday
- The 1st place team in the division with 3 teams plays in a semi-final game on Sunday
- The 2nd and 3rd place team in the division with 3 teams play a 'Wild Card' qualifying game on Sunday against the 3rd and 4th place team in the division with 4 teams
 - The 3rd place team (4 team division) plays against the 2nd place team (3 team division)
 - The 4th place team (4 team division) plays against the 3rd place team (3 team division)
 - The winners of these 2 games play each other for the Wild Card team spot

8 Teams in an age division

- The teams are placed into 2 divisions of 4 teams
- Each team plays 3 qualifying games against the 3 teams in their division on Saturday
- The 1st and 2nd Place team in each division play a semi-final game on Sunday
- The winners of the semi-final games play the FINAL cup game on Sunday

9 Teams in an age division

- The teams are placed into 2 divisions of 4 teams in 1 division and 5 in the other division
- The division with the 4 teams play each other on Saturday (3 games)
- The division with the 5 teams play each other on Saturday (4 games)
- The 1st and 2nd Place team in each division play a semi-final game on Sunday
- The winners of the semi-final games play the FINAL cup game on Sunday

10 Teams in an age division

- The teams are placed into 2 divisions
 - 2 divisions of 5 teams
- The 2 divisions of 5 teams play 4 games on Saturday with game duration to comply with maximum allowable playing time
- The 1st and 2nd place team in each division play in the semi-final game on Sunday
- The winners of the semi-final games play the FINAL game on Sunday

11 Teams in an age division

- The teams are placed into 3 divisions
 - 2 divisions of 3 teams
 - 1 division of 5 teams
- The 2 divisions of 3 teams play 3 games; 2 games against teams in their division and 1 game against a team in the other division on Saturday
- The division with 5 teams play each other on Saturday (4 games)
- In the 2 divisions with 3 teams, the 1st place team in each division plays in the semi-final game on Sunday
- In the division with 5 teams, the 1st and 2nd place team play in the semi-final game on Sunday
- The winners of the semi-final games play the FINAL game on Sunday

12 Teams in an age division

- The teams are placed into 4 divisions of 3 teams; the 1st and 2nd division are considered a group and the 3rd and 4th division are considered a group
- The 2 divisions in each of the 2 group play 2 games against the teams in their division and one game against a team in the other division on Saturday
- The 1st place team in each division plays in the semi-final games on Sunday
- The winners of the semi-final games play the FINAL game on Sunday

13 Teams in an age division

- The teams are placed into 3 divisions
 - 2 divisions of 4 teams
 - 1 division of 5 teams
- The 2 division with 4 teams play each other on Saturday (3 games within their division)
- The division with 5 teams play each other on Saturday (4 games)
- The 1st and 2nd place team in each division, along with 2 Wild Card teams from any division play a quarter-final game on Sunday
- The winners of the quarter-final game play the semi-final games on Sunday
- The winners of the semi-final games play the FINAL cup game on Sunday

14 Teams in an age division

- The teams are placed into 4 divisions
 - 2 divisions of 4 teams
 - 2 divisions of 3 teams
- The 2 divisions of 3 teams play 3 games; 2 games against teams in their division and 1 game against a team in the other division on Saturday
- The 2 division with 4 teams play each other on Saturday (3 games within their division)
- The 1st and 2nd place team in each division play a quarter-final game on Sunday
- The winners of the quarter-final game play the semi-final games on Sunday
- The winners of the semi-final games play the FINAL cup game on Sunday

15 Teams in an age division

- Teams are placed into 3 divisions of 5 teams
- The 5 teams in each division play 4 games against the teams in their division on Saturday
- The 1st and 2nd place team in each division, along with 2 Wild Card teams from any of the divisions play a quarter-final game on Sunday
- The winners of the quarter-final game play the semi-final games on Sunday
- The winners of the semi-final games play the FINAL cup game on Sunday

16 Teams in an age division

- Teams are placed into 4 divisions of 4 teams
- The 4 teams in each division play 3 games against the teams in their division on Saturday
- The 1st and 2nd place team in each division play a quarter-final game on Sunday
- The winners of the quarter-final game play the semi-final games on Sunday
- The winners of the semi-final games play the FINAL cup game on Sunday

