

March 16, 2024



Aloha Coaches,

Ready or not, here we go.... Just 6 more days until the start of the 2024 KIRK BANKS TOURNAMENT at the Waipio Soccer Park. We are so glad you will be one of 71 teams participating in this years' tournament. Keep in mind the AYSO mission:

To provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives in a safe, fair, fun, family-friendly environment. Thank you for volunteering and have a great time.

Here is a brief list of reminders AND events happening at the fields next weekend:

1. Please be sure you have read the Rules and Procedures for this tournament. Do you know how many minutes pool play quarters are? Is there a team check-in? Can your goalie play all 4 quarters in the goal? If you don't know the answer then refer to the Rules & Procedures. Check the web-site or come to the main tent operations at the stadium ticket office.
2. Familiarize yourself with where support staff are located. Where is the First Aid Tent? (near F14) Where are the Referee tents for your age group? (check the field map) Where can I go if I've lost a child? (Main tent operations or any field tent. The Tournament also has special duty HPD staff here to help with any emergency). Is there a lost and found? Or I've locked my keys in my car?
3. In AYSO Tournaments, we ask for volunteers to help keep our kids safe. We position Field Monitor tents around the fields to monitor games and keep eyes and ears open to anything out of the ordinary. These volunteers are equipped with radios and are able to call for help at anytime. All regions share in the responsibility of monitoring a tent. Your RC has received the Field Monitor Tent assignments so you should be hearing from them shortly.
4. We have 2 Food trucks and Kona Ice to cool you off and quench your hunger and thirst. They will be located on VENDOR ROW, (the Bus parking lot closest to F9). Also located there – the sales tent where you can pick up your pre-ordered tournament merchandise.
5. The Sales tent will also be serving POG floats on **Saturday only**, from 10:30 – 2:30 pm courtesy of MEADOW GOLD DAIRIES. MG continues to sponsor AYSO during special events, and we are so lucky to have them. Bring your team over for a refreshing treat after your game. POG floats are reserved for team players and coaches, but we won't turn away a sibling if they ask. WE LOVE KIDS!
6. Saturday afternoon, please come and cheer on our EPIC (formerly VIP) players on **Field 7**. We have 100 players scheduled to play games starting **at 4:30 pm**. These are our very special players with physical and mental challenges who also love the game of soccer. We encourage you to bring your team and cheer them on.
7. PRIOR to our EPIC games, we will be introducing our newest AYSO program for ADULTS called Walking Soccer. Come by **Field 7 at 3:00 pm** for a demonstration of the game

8. Finally, please remember that Sportsmanship is one of AYSO's most important philosophies. We strive to encourage our kids to play hard, play well, and be a good sport. Coaches and team supporters are also included. When everyone works together, the game becomes much more enjoyable. We award medals to teams who practice what we preach. One team from each gender and division will be awarded Sportsmanship medals for having the highest average points for games played on Friday and Saturday. The Sportsmanship criteria is included with this email.
9. Yes, medals will also be awarded for first and second place finishers in all divisions.
10. Check the web-site (<https://www.aysosection7.org/section7>) for game results. We cannot promise it will be in real time – but we will try to get them posted as soon as possible. The web-site will also be the place to check for standings in every division.
11. Come to Main Tent Operations at the stadium ticket office if you have any questions or concerns, OR need to speak to the Tournament Directors.

Mahalo for participating in the 2024 Kirk Banks Tournament!

Nella Sword – Tournament Director

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