



Dear Coach,

Below is information pertinent to your participation in the "Keeper's Cup" Memorial Soccer Tournament on March 11 – 14, 2024. We hope this provides answers to all your questions, but if any others surface, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail for answers. Our goal is to make your tournament experience a very professional and enjoyable one.

**Tournament Rules.** The tournament will be played in accordance with the rules of the Virginia High School League. Home team is first team listed in each bracket pairing. Please bring both jerseys to the games in case of problems. Winner is determined by total points. Win: 3 points. Tie: 1 point. If necessary, overall winner will be determined by goal differential. **You can call the tournament director, David Messick, at (757) 725-1767 with any questions.**

**Trainers / Equipment.** Please bring four game balls and water coolers for your team. There are no trainers at the facility. The first team listed each game is officially the home team for that game and is officially responsible for providing a trainer for the game. We will work to have EMT's on site for **emergencies**. If you need emergency help, notify the Field Marshall assigned to your field. Ice is available in the concession stands.

**Facilities.** There will be locker room facilities at the Warhill facility. Two concession stands will be open throughout the tournament, one in the stadium and one on the fields.

**Rosters.** Please e-mail team rosters (attached to this letter) to David Messick, Tournament Director. Include the coach's name and a phone number where we can reach you during the tournament. Email the roster to [keeperscuptournament@gmail.com](mailto:keeperscuptournament@gmail.com) no later than Friday, March 8, 2024.

**Awards.** Team trophies will be presented to the first and second place teams at the conclusion of the final game. In addition to team trophies, we will present two individual awards in each division: (1) Most Valuable Player and (2) The Keeper's Cup Spirit Trophy. We will ask the coaches in the division final to determine the winner of the individual player awards. Please meet as a group and decide how you will determine a winner. Provide the winner's name to the field marshal at the conclusion of the final game on Thursday. Criteria for the awards are as follows:

**MVP:** The player in the division who contributed the most to the performance of his/her team during tournament play.

**Keeper's Cup Spirit Trophy:** Conner and Luke displayed energy and charisma both on and off of the field. This award recognizes the one player in the division who displayed the most energy, charisma, and strength during the tournament.

**Weather.** We will make every effort to play every scheduled game and plan to cancel only in the interests of player and spectator safety.

1. RAINOUT OF ALL GAMES on DAY 1, Monday, March 11, 2024. These games will be rescheduled to Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Games from DAY 2 will play on Tuesday as scheduled. Times and game play may be adjusted due to field availability.
2. RAINOUT OF ALL GAMES on DAY 2 ONLY, Tuesday, March 12, 2024. These games will be rescheduled to Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Times and game play may be adjusted due to field availability.
3. RAINOUT OF ALL GAMES on DAY 1 and DAY 2. Day 1 will play on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Day 2 will play on Friday, March 15, 2024. Times and game play may be adjusted due to field availability.
4. RAINOUT OF Day 3 will play on Friday, March 15, 2024 unless that date is already filled. In such case, Day 3 will be forfeited.
5. Cancellation of partial days or weather problems with individual games will be dealt with as it happens. We will contact the coach through his contact telephone number as well as post the updates on the tournament website ([www.lukemessickfc.com](http://www.lukemessickfc.com)) as quickly as possible. Call tournament headquarters (757) 725-1767 with any questions. The referee in conjunction with the field marshal and tournament director will make the weather call.

**Information for Parents and Spectators:** We ask that you please let your players' parents and potential spectators know, this tournament benefits two non-profit organizations, Conner Gweedo Memorial Foundation and Luke Messick Futbol Charities. Conner and Luke were local goalies who lost their lives due to unsafe drivers. Funds collected will educate upcoming teen drivers and their families about safe driving practices, provide local college scholarships, and support youth soccer opportunities in Ghana and here in Hampton Roads.

Your support helps to cover the cost for fields, referees, and trophies. There is no charge to the schools to participate in this tournament. We do ask for a \$10 per day donation to watch the games that day. The \$10 donation allows attendance at all games on any venue each day. A tournament pass (gets you into all games for all three days) costs \$20 online at [www.lukemessickfc.com](http://www.lukemessickfc.com) or \$25 on site and covers all three days. So, ordering online is the best rate. Your support for this cause is greatly appreciated. As other fields are in use, parking for the tournament is only at the stadium side of the complex, 4900 Stadium Road, Williamsburg.

Sincerely,  
The families of Conner Guido and Luke Messick

