



## Mira Mesa Soccer - AYSO Region 285 Proudly Announces the

## 28h Annual Top Gun Memorial Weekend Soccer Tournament

This Memorial Day Weekend, (May 26, 27, and 28) the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Top Gun Soccer Tournament will be taking place in Mira Mesa. Each year this tournament showcases Mira Mesa as a proud and friendly community.

The Top Gun Tournament is one of the largest events of the year for the Mira Mesa Community and one of the most anticipated AYSO soccer tournaments in Southern California. There will be over 130 soccer teams representing AYSO regions from all over Southern California, Arizona and beyond. This will result in approximately 9,000 visitors comprised of players from ages 8-19, parents, coaches, referees and siblings attending the tournament and our community.

We are happy to report eleven local Mira Mesa Soccer teams are participating in the tournament this year including teams comprised of U10 Girls, U12 Boys, U14 Girls and Boys, U16 Boys and Girls, and U19 Boys. Additionally, teams representing our AYSO area from Kearny Mesa, North Park, and San Marcos will be participating. The ~300 games will be played on 14 soccer fields distributed across Hourglass Park, Wangenheim Middle School, Walker Elementary School, Mira Mesa Recreation Center, and Mira Mesa High School.

This event is hosted by the Mira Mesa Soccer (AYSO Region 285) with support from the Mira Mesa Recreation Council and is conducted as a fundraiser for our local soccer program. Funds raised help keep the registration fees reasonable and afford us the opportunity to provide scholarships for children of active Military, financially disadvantaged families, and those with special needs. Also, the funds allow us to purchase new equipment and support field maintenance.

In addition, through financial and equipment donations, we are able to contribute our local public elementary, middle, and high schools. We also provide assistance to the local community college and the local community centers as well as our neighboring AYSO soccer regions to develop their respective programs.

Unlike other competitive soccer tournaments, AYSO only soccer tournaments are completely operated by a wonderful group of volunteers. These volunteers are very dedicated to making the sport of soccer a safe, fun and competitive environment for the kids. In all, there will be 400+ volunteers over the 3-day weekend providing their services as field coordinators, team check-in assistants, referees, coaches, etc.

We wish success to all of our local teams in the tournament!

Come out this Memorial Day weekend and watch some great soccer!!

If you would like to assist or participate in any capacity, please contact the tournament director, Scott Potter, <a href="mailto:scott@miramesaayso.org">scott@miramesaayso.org</a>