



Mira Mesa Soccer - AYSO Region 285 Proudly Announces the

29h Annual Top Gun Memorial Weekend Soccer Tournament

This Memorial Day Weekend, (May 25, 26, and 27) Mira Mesa will host the 29th Annual Top Gun Soccer Tournament. 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 100 soccer teams representing AYSO regions from all over Southern California, Arizona and beyond. This will result in approximately 8,000 visitors comprised of players from ages 8-19, parents, coaches, referees and siblings attending the tournament and our community.

We are happy to report 13 Mira Mesa Soccer teams are participating in the tournament this year including teams comprised of girls or boys U10, U12, U14, U16, and U19 age divisions. Additionally, teams representing our AYSO Area R from Kearny Mesa, North Park, and San Marcos will be participating. The $\sim\!300$ 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 our league registration fees reasonable and afford us the opportunity to provide scholarships for children of active duty military, financially disadvantaged families, and those with special needs. Also, the funds allow us to purchase new equipment and support field maintenance.

Importantly, Mira Mesa AYSO, through financial and equipment donations, contribute to our local public elementary, middle, and high schools. We provides assistance to the local community college, community centers as well as our neighboring AYSO soccer regions to develop their respective programs.

Unlike other competitive soccer tournaments, the Top Gun Tournament is completely operated by a wonderful group of volunteers. These volunteers are dedicated to making the sport of soccer a safe, fun and competitive environment for the kids. In all, there will be ~ 100 Mira Mesa volunteers over the 3-day weekend providing their services as field coordinators, team check-in assistants, referees, coaches, etc. and an additional 300 volunteer referees and coaches from the participating teams.

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, scott@miramesaayso.org