



2011 WESTLAKE INVITATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

INSTRUCTIONS-"PLAYER OF THE MATCH AWARD"

May 2011

Coaches and Team Administrators,

The Westlake Invitational Soccer Tournament (WIST), 2011 Tournament Committee will provide each team with two wristbands per scheduled game during the registration evenings. These wristbands are to be used as "Player of the Match" awards for each pool game. We will have additional wristbands for each championship game during the award ceremony.

Following each pool match and championship game, coaches shall:

- ❑ Select two **opposing** players to receive the "Player of the Match" wristband.
- ❑ Immediately following each match, award to the players who exhibit outstanding effort, skill, desire or attitude.
- ❑ Appropriate to quickly congratulate the player following the team handshake, award the wristband, and provide a brief congratulatory comment to the player.
- ❑ Championship matches "Player of the Match" presentations should be presented during the award ceremony.

Important Note:

The criteria you use to select the opposing player is an individual decision. It's certainly appropriate to award the wristband to the pure athlete or big goal scorer, but we strongly encourage you to look beyond the obvious and think about how all players impacted the outcome of the match. Defending goalkeeping, and sporting behavior all should be considered.

The WIST certainly is a competitive event, but the Tournament Committee feels this weekend is all about the youth players that participate. We hope the "Player of the Match" award is just another small way all participating coaches recognize the value of great effort and great soccer, no matter what uniform the child is wearing. It's meant to be a fun moment that enhances everyone's appreciation for the game.

We're looking forward to a great weekend!

Joga Bonito!-Play Beautiful

2011 WIST Tournament Committee