



VYS Policy on Trophies for House Teams

The VYS Board of Directors approved the following policy on 12 April 2004.

VYS provides trophies or funds toward the purchase of trophies at the U-11 age group and above to recognize the top finishers in league play and/or end of season in-house tournament competition. As a general guideline, VYS will provide the following:

- For SFL and High School League play, VYS contributes money toward trophies as part of the registration fee it pays for each VYS team. The SFL and High School League are responsible for the purchase and guidelines determining who receives trophies and/or medals.
- For the U-14 boys and U-14 girls House Soccer Leagues, VYS agrees to pay to the league a fair share of money toward the purchase of trophies. The league is responsible for the purchase of trophies and guidelines for determining who receives trophies and/or medals. If a VYS team is unlikely to receive a trophy or medal from the league, a commissioner may make a special request to the VP of House requesting the purchase of medals to recognize the top finishing VYS team.
- For U-11 and U-12 teams, VYS may purchase two sets of trophies for the top two finishers in league play. A commissioner may also choose to use one set of trophies to recognize the top finisher in league play and the other set to recognize the top finisher in an end of season tournament (if one is held). A commissioner may also make a special request to the VP of House for a third set of trophies, if this is needed to ensure equity.

By the mid-point of the season, commissioners—if they decide to use trophies--need to send their specific requests for any VYS-purchased trophies to the VYS Administrator. The request needs to include number of trophies needed per set and the desired inscription. Any special requests to the VP of House need to have been approved prior to placing your order with the Administrator.

At the U-5 to U-10 level, VYS encourages commissioners, coaches, and parents to work together to have parents fund trophy purchases for all the kids in a division that recognizes their participation and effort. At this age level, standings for league play are not kept and VYS discourages awarding trophies to individual teams even for end-of-season in-house tournaments.