



OYA soccer teaches sportsmanship



The Hillcrest team received the Sportsmanship award.

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MacLaren, North Coast, Eastern, Rogue Valley and Hillcrest participated in OYA's inaugural facilities soccer tournament August 15-16. The matches, held at Hillcrest, were played at a very high level and the youth once again – as they did in earlier basketball tournaments – displayed great attitudes and sportsmanship throughout the day. The youth really appreciated the opportunity to compete against one another.

As a coaching group we decided to focus on the sportsmanship aspect of the tournament, as we did during the basketball tournaments. Therefore, we awarded a trophy for this category, and four individual awards as well. The MacLaren team went undefeated during the tournament.

The coaches for each team are to be commended for their hard work and cooperation. The tournament was a success largely due to their efforts:

Coaching staff (alphabetically by last name):

Eastern Oregon: Abe Choate, Joe Ferguson, David Garcia
Hillcrest: Sawyer Meek, Chaan Saechao, Dale Seley
MacLaren: John Malone, Juan Mayoral, Joe Oliva
North Coast: Josh Long, Gus Velazquez
Rogue Valley: Greg Geith, Broch Inghram, Paul Williams

Awards

Sportsmanship: Hillcrest team
Offensive Player of the Tournament: Rafael A., MacLaren
Defensive Player of the Tournament: Anthony F., North Coast
Goalie of the Tournament: Trei H., Rogue Valley
Most Valuable Player: Eric S., Rogue Valley



The Rogue Valley team included Eric S. as Most Valuable Player (kneeling at left wearing #2 jersey) and Trei H., Goalie of the Tournament (in green jersey).



Players compete in the first annual facilities soccer tournament.



The North Coast goalkeeper stops a point from being scored.