

AYSC season wraps up with annual tournament



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The sun was shining last weekend for the Aurora Youth Soccer Club's annual Stinger Cup tournament, the house-league division championships.

Hundreds of players age 5 ? 18 took to the fields at both Magna and Sheppard's Bush in Aurora, a lively atmosphere for both kids and parents. The Aurora Lions Club and Optimist Club of Aurora were grilling hamburgers and hot dogs all weekend, while the players battled it out on the pitch for town-wide glory.

The first kick-off came Friday evening, with the festivities wrapping up at the U18 level around 5:30 Sunday evening.

?It went very well,? said Shameela Shakeel, VP of House-league at AYSC. ?Everyone was very much into it, both the kids and the parents.?

At the boys U13 level, Gold took a slight 1 ? 0 victory. In girls U13, Orange allowed only one goal all weekend to secure the championship. U15 boys had Orange defeating Green in penalty kicks after playing to a scoreless tie, while in the girls division Green took the title on penalty kicks.

Gold took a 1 ? 0 win in the final over Newmarket's Red in boys U18, and Royal was the champion over Pink in girls U18.

Overall, Shakeel called this year's house-league season a ?success', the first season she has presided over in the position.

With the trophies all handed out, the AYSC is now looking for nominations for Coach of the Year. If you or your child believes a coach showed a high level of commitment and dedication to the team this year, you can nominate them at www.aysc.ca.

The AYSC is asking for nominations for Volunteer of the Year as well, including managers, conveners, and anyone else who may have contributed to the success of the season.

?It takes the support of a lot of people to put together a successful soccer season,? said Social Media and Events Coordinator Kim Warner. ?We like to recognize those that willingly give their free time to help out both us and the kids.?