

## TOURNAMENT

### PLAYER AND PARENT COMMITMENT LETTER

Dear Players and Parents:

We are pleased to invite your child to play on their division Tournament Team for the 2022-23 tournament season. As you may already know, Tournament Team selection is an honor and a privilege, not an entitlement. Along with the honor and privilege of Tournament selection come responsibilities and commitments. In order to enable you to make a fully informed decision whether to accept our invitation, this letter sets forth some basic information about the tournament season, and describes the nature of the commitments that are expected from Tournament players and their parents. Please provide us with your affirmative response by returning a fully signed copy of this letter to the Tournament Team coach within 24 hours of receipt.

#### Tournament Overview

The tournament season commences in mid-December 2022 and continues through June 2023. These tournaments are put on by AYSO regions throughout southern California, some local and a few in which overnight stays are optional. The tournaments are played on Saturday's and Sunday's (although there is one tournament played over three days on President's day weekend).

It is up to the coach and the parents to decide how many tournaments to enter. In any given tournament season, a Tournament team can play in 5-10 tournaments. Each tournament requires advance payment by the parents of a registration fee and a referee deposit. These costs roughly average between \$50-\$60 per player/per tournament. The referee deposit is returned to Region 58 in the event all of your team's referee assignments are covered. However the accounting and refund of the tournament referee fees from Region 58 to you will often not occur until the end of the 2023 calendar year. Uniform purchase in the \$40-\$50 range is another typical Tournament team expense, along with the optional purchase of backpacks, sweatshirts and/or other similar items.

## Player and Parent Commitments

In exchange for the honor and privilege of playing on the Tournament Team, each player and their parents are expected to make the following commitments:

1. To make AYSO soccer your first priority over different sports or other after- school/weekend activities from the beginning of the tournament season through the end of the State Championship tournament (late March/early April). As set forth above, the Tournament Team will often continue to play in tournaments through June;
2. To timely attend at least 75% of all team practices (typically one to two practices per week depending on coach/player availability, and the team's tournament schedule), and 90% of all tournament games. In the event of injury, illness, emergency, or any other reason, you must inform the coach sufficiently in advance of any practices or games that you cannot attend;
3. To timely make all advance payments necessary for the tournaments that your team has decided to enter;
4. To volunteer to referee in tournaments in the event that you (parents) are certified referees;
5. To otherwise volunteer as needed by the coach if you (parents) are not certified referees, and to be generally supportive of the Team players, coaches, and Region 58;
6. To demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times while at tournaments, with the knowledge that you are representing Region 58 at tournaments at which you appear. This includes, but is not limited to, being courteous to the referees at all times regardless of whether you agree with their calls; being courteous to the opposing team's players and coaches at all times regardless if they are courteous to you; and complying with all tournament rules;
7. To comply with all game related requests of your team's coach including, but not limited to, what position(s) to play; what quarters to play; and what strategies and tactics to use; and
8. To comply with all rulings and other decisions made by the Commissioner.

Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure to honor any of these commitments may, after consultation with the team coach and approval of the Commissioner, result in any or all of the following consequences:

- (a) reduction of playing time in tournament games;
- (b) being left off the roster for tournament games;
- (c) suspension from the team;
- (d) loss of eligibility for future All Star or tournament teams;
- (e) such other appropriate consequences as may be approved by the Commissioner.

On behalf of Region 58, we look forward to your child's participation and a great tournament season.

Sincerely,

Sara Zaldivar  
Region 58 Commissioner

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Player

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Parent

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