



TOURNAMENT SEASON SUMMARY 2015-2016

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Dear Parents:

Below please find a summary of the Tournament Season to help you understand our Post Season program. For more details, please see "AYSO REGION 76 POST-SEASON PLAY GUIDELINES AND RULES".

Tournament Overview

The tournament season commences in late November 2015 with a possible Thanksgiving weekend tournament and continues through the summer of 2016. These tournaments are put on by AYSO regions and areas that are primarily located in southern California, including our own Beverly Hills Sportsmanship Cup in December. There are also a few tournaments in which overnight stays are optional and sometimes necessary. All of the tournaments are played on Saturdays and Sundays (although there are a handful of tournaments that are played on a Monday (President's Day or Memorial Day)).

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 (other than the actual All Star tournament), requires advance payment by the team of a registration fee and a referee deposit. These costs are about \$60-\$90 per player per tournament. The referee deposit is returned to Region 76, if all of your team's referee assignments are covered and credited to your team's account. There is a one-time uniform fee for each tournament team player, which is around \$125.00, and a one-time regional registration fee set each year by the Regional Commissioner which in 2015 is \$150.00 per player. The payment of these fees will be done online using our secure payment system. In addition, any travel and food expenses are paid by the participating players. Other typical tournament team expenses include backpacks/sports bags, sweatshirts and other team items. These shall include our Region 76 logo. Region 76 attempts to provide scholarships for deserving families with demonstrated financial need.



The actual tournament season consists of two separate components. One of our tournament teams in each of the boys and girls divisions U10-U14 goes to the Area 1-P All Star Playoffs in January. If this team advances out of Area Playoffs it goes to Section 1 All Star Playoffs in March. If the team advances out of Sectional Playoffs, it goes to Tri- Sectional Playoffs in late March/early April. It is highly unusual for our teams to make it that far into All Star Playoffs. As mentioned before, the second and much longer tournament season starts late November and can go to August, covering as many as 15 tournaments, although, as indicated above, the normal range is 5 to 10 tournaments. As set forth below, all players are expected to make AYSO their first priority from the beginning of the tournament season until the conclusion of the tournament season. Therefore, a tournament team is not a suitable activity for a player who expects to give priority to other extra-curricular activities.

Sincerely,

Alexander Grossman
Region 76 Post Season Director