

TOURNAMENT TEAM PLAYERS AND PARENTS COMMITMENT LETTER

November 2013

Dear Parents:

We are pleased to invite your child to play on one of their division's tournament teams for the 2013-2014 tournament season. As you may already know, participation in a tournament team is an honor and a privilege, not an entitlement. Along with the honor and privilege of tournament team selection come responsibilities and commitments. To help you 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 Post Season players and their parents. Please provide us with your affirmative response by returning a fully signed copy of this letter to the tournament coach within 24 hours of receipt.

Tournament Overview

The tournament season commences in late November 2013 with a Thanksgiving weekend tournament and continues through the summer of 2014. 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 5-15 tournaments. Each tournament (other than the actual All Star tournament), requires advance payment by the parents 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 2013 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 stages. 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.

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 afterschool/ weekend activities from the beginning of the tournament season through the end of the tournament season;
2. To timely attend the team practices (typically one-two practices per week depending on coach/player availability, and the team's tournament schedule), and tournaments. 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. We may select more players for a team than the maximum number allowed on a tournament's roster. The reason is to allow for emergencies and still have a full roster of players at the tournament. If there are no emergencies, then players will take turns sitting out a tournament;
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 tournament team players, coach, and Region 76;
6. To volunteer as Field Directors, Field Monitors or in any other fashion as requested by the Tournament Directors through your coach at our own Beverly Hills Sportsmanship Cup in December;
7. To conduct yourselves appropriately at all times while at tournaments, with the knowledge that you are representing Region 76 at all 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;
8. 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
9. To comply with all rulings and other decisions made by the Regional 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 consistent with National and Tournament rules; (b) being left off the roster for tournament games; (c) suspension from the team; (d) loss of eligibility for future tournament teams; (e) disallowing a problem parent from attending games; (f) parents may also be sanctioned directly by restricting attendance at games or tournaments; and (g) such other appropriate consequences as may be approved by the Commissioner.

Our full rules and guidelines for selecting tournament team coaches and players and for the conduct of such teams are set out on our website (<http://www.ayso76.org/PostSeason/postseason.cfm>). The tournament team program is subject to oversight by the Region.

On behalf of Region 76, we thank you for participating and volunteering and we look forward to your child's participation and a great tournament season.

Sincerely,

Michael Karon
Region 76 Commissioner

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED

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Player	Date

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Parent	Date

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Parent	Date