

## **REGION 795 TURKEY TOURNAMENT POLICY**

The Turkey Tournament (TT) is a two day soccer tournament hosted by Region 33 (Balboa/Encino) that takes place on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving Day. There are no regular league games that Saturday because of the Thanksgiving holiday. TT is only available in the competitive divisions of U10 through U16.

Participation in the TT is by invitation only as it is our goal to reward volunteers who have demonstrated their commitment to Region 795. There is a team fee for the tournament which the region will pay for as a thank you to the volunteers. There may be a charge for shorts and/or socks for each player in order to play in the tournament, however players will be issued region jerseys, which shall be returned after the tournament.

In order to better accomplish our goal, Region 795 has instituted the following Turkey Tournament Policy:

1. The following designated categories of volunteers shall have their registered children in competitive divisions eligible to be selected to play on TT teams (“Eligible Players”):
  - a. Board Members (all children);
  - b. Certified Head & Assistant Coaches in competitive divisions (all children)
  - c. Certified Head & Assistant Coaches in non-competitive divisions (siblings in competitive divisions);
  - d. Certified Referees who have refereed at least 7 games by the end of games played on the Saturday that is at least 20 days prior to the first day of the TT (all children), and Certified Youth Referees who have done the same (and their siblings);
  - e. Team Managers (formerly team parents) in competitive divisions (children from that team);
  - f. Other team volunteers children who have significantly helped the team or region
  - g. To the extent the number of Region 795 teams that can participate in the TT is limited by the host region or for any other reason, then Eligible Players shall be selected to play on TT teams according to the priority order set forth in paragraphs a-f above at the discretion of the RC, RCA and RRA or their designee(s).
  - h. To the extent that additional players are needed to fill out TT teams that do not have enough Eligible Players, the additional players shall be selected by the RC, RCA and RRA or their designee(s).
2. TT teams within the same division (i.e. all GU10 teams) shall be formed and approved by the RC, RCA and RRA or their designee(s), and shall be balanced to the best extent practicable given the players available, and the general desire to keep players from the same league team together on the same TT team.
3. All TT teams shall be subject to the Section 10 Three Quarter Rule as set forth in the separate “Three Quarter Rule Policy” statement.
4. Any ambiguity or omission in this Policy shall be resolved by the Region 795 Commissioner or his designee.