



# San Bruno AYSO 32nd Annual Turkey Tournament

- 1. RULES:** Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations and FIFA Laws of the game will be used for this tournament. The following rules are intended specifically for this tournament.
- 2. JURISDICTION:** The Tournament Committee (incl. Tournament Director(s), Assistant Director(s), Field Director, Referee Director and other designated staff) will have jurisdiction over all games played. Disputes will be resolved quickly or at the latest by the end of the soccer day.  
  
Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest  
(Whenever the term "Tournament Director(s)" is used, it shall also be interpreted to mean "or in his/her absence, a designated representative")
- 3. FEES:** Entry fee must accompany tournament application and will be returned if application is not accepted. Checks must be issued from the respective Region's account (no personal checks).
- 4. ACCEPTANCE:** Teams withdrawing by 30 days prior to start will be issued a full refund; after that, teams withdrawing will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found. Should the tournament be canceled and cannot be rescheduled, refunds will be issued according to the Tournament Refund and Cancellation Policy.

## 5. PLAYER/TEAMS

- A minimum of seven (7) Players constitute a team for 14U (play 11 v 11). A minimum of six (6) players constitutes a team for 12U (play 9 v 9). A minimum of five (5) players constitutes a team for 10U (play 7-v-7).
- The Maximum number of players on a team shall be as follows: sixteen (16) players for 14U, thirteen (13) players for 12U, eleven (11) players for 10U teams.
- Home team shall change jerseys or wear pinnies (of different color) when a color conflict arises. The first team listed on the schedule will be designated as the home team. The Tournament will provide pinnies.
- Teams and coaches must be on the opposite side of the field from the spectators.
- Only players and coaches are allowed on the field. All others shall remain at least six (6) feet away from the touchlines and away from the area behind the goal lines.
- Properly completed line-up cards, which will be supplied by the tournament, shall be presented to the field marshal prior to the start of each game and shall include the names of all players, present or not, and an explanation for those players who are not in attendance at the game.
- All players must play at least half of each game, however, teams are encouraged to play all players 3 quarters before anyone plays 4.
- Teams must check in via a scheduled Zoom meeting at least one week prior to the tournament start date. Dates and times to be determined. Players on participating teams must be registered to play and must have played in the AYSO 2023 Fall season. Roster must be verified and approved by each player's Regional Commissioner along with the accompanying AYSO player and coach passes, which must be provided to the tournament registrar during check-in. Each coach or team representative must provide the AYSO Player Registration forms with original ink signatures or e-signature for verification by tournament officials. At game time, each coach must have these Player Registration forms ready for presentation to Tournament Officials or their players will not play. Final team Roster is due by November 17th.

- i. Each Player on the team shall wear a shirt with a different number and may not exchange it with another player for the duration of the tournament games. Shirt must have AYSO logo only and shorts must be team issued.
- j. Teams, players, coaches and supporters will be expected to display outstanding sportsmanship at all times. Violation of these player rules exposes a team to protest and renders them subject to forfeiture of game and possible disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director(s).

## 6. COACHES

- a. Coaches (**maximum of 2**) must be currently registered as a 2023 volunteer and provide their AYSO Coach Pass with identification number. Coaches must have the **appropriate coach certification for the age division they will be bringing to the tournament**. Coaches need to be Safe Haven, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Concussion Awareness, Safesport, and Livescan certified per AYSO Guidelines.
- b. They shall remain on their own side of the field and are restricted to the area ten (10) yards from either side of the halfway line. Coaches and substitute players shall allow enough room for the Assistant Referees to carry out their designated duties.
- c. Shall conduct themselves in a manner becoming of members of AYSO.
- d. Shall encourage clean competition and good sportsmanship.
- e. Shall enforce the Rules & Regulations of the Tournament.
- f. Shall participate in positive coaching that instructs and encourages players during games. **Negative comments and complaints about either the players or referees will not be permitted and may result in coach ejection from the game.**
- g. Coaches are responsible for their parents' and fans' conduct.

## 7. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

- a. Each team in the tournament will be expected to cover a minimum of 9 referee slots throughout the tournament. Referees SHALL NOT referee a game if their child/relative/regional team is playing on one of the participating teams. Referees are allowed to referee games in their own division, but preferably should referee other divisions if possible.
- b. Referees and Assistant Referees shall self-assign on the referee scheduling site subject to by the Referee Administrator.
- c. All games shall be officiated by a diagonal system of control (one referee and two assistant referees). If three referees are not available for the games, then club linesperson(s) will be used.
- d. All referees should be of the highest caliber possible and each referee must be AYSO trained and certified with current season volunteer form on file.
- e. Referees shall, at all times, impose the Rules & Regulations of competition as defined by AYSO, the FIFA Laws of the Game and the Turkey Tournament Rules.
- f. Field Marshals will verify AYSO player I.D. cards for the first games each day, referees will verify for subsequent games for all eligible players and coaches prior to the start of each game.
- g. Properly completed game cards must be returned to the Field Marshals immediately after each game.
- h. Referees must file a formal written report for abusive language used by coaches, players or spectators toward them, and any behavior which interfered with the conduct of the game or resulted in a Red Card.
- i. Referees are expected to check in and record the team they are representing for referee deposit credit at the Field Marshal Tent at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment. Missing a pre-assigned game will jeopardize the team's referee deposit.

## 8. GAMES

- a. All games will be played on fields and times designated by the Tournament Director(s).
- b. Tournament will provide three game balls in age appropriate sizes: 14U – Size 5; 12U – Size 4; 10U – Size 4

c. The referee’s acceptance of the game ball is final and may not be questioned.

d. Duration of Games:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Pool Play &amp; Playoff</u>	<u>Championship Games</u>
10U:	20 minute half	20 minute half
12U	20 minute half	25 minute half
14U:	20 minute half	25 minute half

All divisions will have a running clock (no stoppage for substitutions).

- e. **SUSPENDED GAMES:** The Tournament Director(s) may determine to end matches early if field schedule is behind due to game delays, interference, or if weather conditions provide unsafe conditions; and may distribute awards according to games played and points. The Tournament will determine the outcome of any single game which is terminated prematurely (due to inclement weather, participant injury, or interference by outside party, etc.). Rainouts will not be made up. If preliminary play is suspended for any reason, the Tournament Director(s) will decide advancement to championship play.
- f. Failure of a team to be ready at kick-off time shall constitute a forfeiture after a 10 minute discretion period is given by the Field Marshal and that team shall lose by a score of 1 – 0. The winning team will be credited with seven (7) points. Shutout points are not awarded as it is not an “earned” shutout.
- g. Teams must be given a rest period of at least one hour between games. The rest period will commence when a team’s match ends and when the team’s subsequent match begins.
- h. No slide tackles in 10U’s. No headers in 10U or 12U. If play is stopped by the referee for a warning on either of these infractions, restart will be an indirect free kick, if inside penalty area kick will be taken from the penalty area line.
- i. No goalkeeper punts at 10U.

## 9. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- a. Every team will be scheduled to play a minimum of three (3) games. A minimum of two (2) on Saturday. On occasion a Wildcard elimination Game could be played on Saturday evening for the bottom two teams in the division. After play is completed on Saturday, points will be figured and games for Sunday will be posted by 8PM Saturday night for coaches, players and parents on the San Bruno Turkey Tournament web page: [sanbrunoayso.org/turkey](http://sanbrunoayso.org/turkey)
- b. Sunday play will mostly consist of single elimination; the team with the highest possible point total on Saturday will be seeded number one and they may have a bye in the first round. The championship and consolation games on Sunday will consist of two (2) twenty-five minute halves (10U is 20 minutes). The team with the highest point total from Saturday’s play will be the home team in the elimination rounds.
- c. After play on Saturday teams will be seeded for play on Sunday. Saturday play is for seeding only and points are not carried forward.
- d. After play on Sunday morning, the four teams with the most points from Sunday morning play will advance to the semifinals unless schedule indicates differently. See tournaments rules for ties.
- e. Points: Standings for pool play games will be determined on the “ten-point system” as follows:
  - WIN = 6 points
  - TIE = 3 points
  - LOSS = 0 points
  - GOAL = 1 point per goal differential up to a maximum of 3 per game
  - SHUTOUT = 1 point for a shutout, including a 0-0 tie
  - FORFEIT = 7 points (scored as a 1-0 win, no shutout points as it is not an “earned” shutout)
  - > 5 goal differential = 1 point deduction for each goal over 5 goal differential
  - RED CARD/ = 1 point deduction for team (includes 1 point for each player or coach)
  - EJECTION

*Maximum of ten (10) points per game*

- f. If a tie (in points) exists after regulation play Saturday, the following “tie-breakers” will be used to set seeding for Sunday morning games:
- Head to head competition;
  - Least number of goals allowed in tournament play; excluding goals over the 5 goal differential
  - Most goals scored in tournament play, excluding goals over the 5 goal differential
  - Sportsmanship - Least number of yellow cards and/or sportsmanship determined by referee for coaches or spectators
  - Registration - teams completing the tournament registration process the earliest as determined by the Tournament Director(s) or representative.
- g. At the end of regulation play, all previous points are canceled.
- h. Sunday morning elimination games: All games ending in a tie will go directly to KFM (Kicks from the Mark) as per FIFA.

## **10. SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS**

- a. Substitution of players will be allowed approximately midway through each half for all divisions. Each player must participate (play) a minimum of two (2) quarters, or one-half, of each game.
- b. If a team fails to play a player for at least one half of the game, a forfeit will be declared and the team shall lose by a score of one (1) to zero (0), or the existing game score whichever one is the greatest. The only exception to this rule will be for an injured player who has been properly reported to the Center Referee and/or Field Marshal before the start of play, or a player who has been injured during the course of the current game.
- c. There are NO substitution restrictions with respect to player positions, including goalkeeper.
- d. All substitutions must be approved and recognized by the referee. Substitutions may be made for injured players; however, they may not return until the beginning of the next quarter and will be considered as having played the current quarter (exception: an injured player not replaced may return to play at any time with the referee’s permission). Substitutions in all overtime periods of medal round matches will take place at the beginning of the period only.

## **11. CHAMPIONSHIP & CONSOLATION GAMES ENDING IN A TIE**

Championship and consolation games that are tied at the end of regulation- KFM will be used, as per FIFA Laws of the Game. Each team will take five penalty kicks at the same goal alternately with each taken by a different player. If the teams are still tied at the end of the first series of five penalty kicks, additional penalty kicks will be taken by alternate pairs of team players until one team has scored more goals than the other (sudden death) at which time the team with the greater number of goals will be declared the winner.

## **12. PARTICIPANTS SENT FROM THE FIELD**

- a. All players (red carded) and coach ejections must be reported to the Tournament Director(s) by the game referee immediately after the game.
- b. The penalty for a red carded player shall be a minimum one (1) game suspension (the following played game), unless otherwise specified by the Tournament Committee. A coach sent from the field may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament, pending Tournament Director review.
- c. Stronger penalties may be imposed depending on the circumstances
- d. Penalties may not be appealed.

## **13. PROTESTS**

All protests must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director(s) within 1/2 hour of the completion of the game. The Tournament Director(s) shall make the final decision as to disposition of the protest regarding:

- a. Protests regarding the eligibility of a player
- b. One or more registered player(s), present and in uniform, has not played the required one half of the game (except for illness or injury as recorded by the game referee).

c. NO OTHER PROTESTS ARE ALLOWED.

If the protest is affirmed, the loss will be recorded as a score of one (1) to zero (0) or the existing game score, whichever one is the greatest.

**14. CONDUCT**

- a. Coaches will be expected to set a positive example for the team, and will be held responsible for the actions of their team including spectators. All spectators must remain behind the control line and outside the penalty area lines.
- b. At the conclusion of each match, the referees will indicate on the reverse of the game cards any incidents of poor sportsmanship.
- c. Any coach or spectator ejected must immediately leave the field and will be prohibited from attending the next scheduled game. Any player sent off (red carded) must immediately retire to the team area (under the supervision of a safe haven certified adult) and may not play in the next game. Any violent conduct, red card or ejection may result in the player/coach/spectator being expelled from the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Director(s). All conduct problems will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner. All Serious Incidents will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner as well as Area, Section and AYSO National Office parties.
- d. SMOKING AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES.
- e. In the event of rain, it will be the responsibility of the coach to check the tournament web page ([sanbrunoayso.org/turkey](http://sanbrunoayso.org/turkey)) on field closures.
- f. Dogs and other pets are NOT permitted on or around the field of play.

**15. DISQUALIFICATIONS**

The Tournament Director shall disqualify any team, at any point in the Tournament, if that team refuses to abide by the Rules & Regulations of the Tournament.

**16. INJURIES & DAMAGES**

Any injury to a participant, or damage caused by a participant, must be reported to the Field Marshall so that an accident report form can be completed and reported to the Tournament Director or Safety Director.

**17. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY**

- a. In the event the tournament is canceled, due to unforeseen circumstances, teams will be refunded their fee.
- b. Any team requesting a refund prior to 30 days before the tournament will receive a full refund. If team withdraws less than 30 days before the tournament, a refund will be given if the team is replaced.