



**TITLE:** Tournament Participation

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**POLICY #**

**REFERENCES:**

**Issued by:**

**Admin Approval:**

**Purpose:**

DYS strongly encourages its coaches and teams to participate in organized soccer tournaments and promotes a spirit of competitiveness, team spirit and learning in a friendly controlled environment. This policy will outline the process for participation in tournaments.

**Procedure:**

**I. Regular season tournaments:**

a. DYS will pay tournament registration fees up to \$500 per team to help cover the cost of tournaments during the regular season. This fee is non-transferrable

c. If tournament costs exceed the \$500 allowance, the coach and/or team are responsible for the balance due.

d. Any coach or team that chooses not to participate in a tournament during the regular season cannot elect to receive the \$500 tournament allowance as a bonus or to pay for other team expenses. This tournament allowance can only be paid as a registration fee for participation in an officially recognized tournament.

e. Any coach who wishes to participate in a regular season tournament is responsible for gathering all the details related to the tournament such as registration due dates, fees, eligibility and rules and regulations etc.

f. Any coach who wishes to participate in a regular season tournament is responsible for notifying their league coordinator and for gaining approval from the President and the Director of Coaching. Permission to participate must be granted from both the President and the Director of Coaching. The President or Director of Coaching must notify the coach within a reasonable time frame if tournament approval has been granted or denied. Approval for tournament participation does not dictate approval of tournament fees above the \$500 limit.

g. Once tournament participation permission is granted, the treasurer will be contacted by the President or Director of Coaching to release funds, if applicable. Once the treasurer has been contacted, it will be their responsibility to contact the coach within a reasonable time frame to determine if tournament funds are available and how to best distribute the funds.

## **II. Post/Pre season tournaments:**

- a. DYS defines the post/pre season as the period of time between the last regular season event and the beginning of the next scheduled season. This includes winter and summer.
- b. DYS will pay tournament registration fees up to \$100 per calendar year to help cover the cost of tournaments. This fee is non-transferrable.
- c. If tournament costs exceed the \$100 allowance per post/pre season, the coach and/or team are responsible for the balance due.
- d. Any coach or team that chooses not to participate in a tournament during the post/pre season cannot elect to receive the \$100 tournament allowance as a bonus or to pay for other team expenses. This tournament allowance can only be paid as a registration fee for participation in an officially recognized tournament.
- e. Any coach who wishes to participate in a post/pre season tournament is responsible for gathering all the details related to the tournament such as registration due dates, fees, eligibility and rules and regulations etc.
- f. Any coach who wishes to participate in a post/pre season tournament is responsible for gaining approval from the President and the Director of Coaching. Permission to participate **MUST** be granted from both the President and the Director of Coaching. The President or Director of Coaching must notify the coach within a reasonable time frame if tournament approval has been granted or denied. Approval for tournament participation does not dictate approval of tournament fees above the \$100 limit per post/pre season.
- g. Once tournament participation permission is granted, the treasurer will be contacted by the President or Director of Coaching to release funds, if applicable. Once the treasurer has been contacted, it will be their responsibility to contact the coach within a reasonable time frame to determine if tournament funds are available and how to best distribute the funds.
- h. Teams must be comprised of the following numbers of their rostered players to be granted pre/post season tournament approval-
  - 11 player max-8
  - 12 player max-9
  - 14 player max-10
  - 18 player max-13
- i. If a team cannot field their full roster, the coach may seek eligible players from other coaches in the club to take their roster to maximum size. If no players are available in the club, the coach may look outside the club to fill their roster.
- j. As stated above, where approval by the President and Director of Coaching is required, one may approve for both if the ability to provide approval in a timely manner is not able to be accomplished.

### **III. Tournament Equipment and Uniforms:**

- a. If an approved tournament team requires equipment or uniforms they can be provided by the club without incurring any additional cost to the club. All equipment and uniforms must be returned to the club immediately after the tournament. The coach will be responsible to pay for any missing or damaged equipment.

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