

Sponsored by AYSO Region 285 Mira Mesa, California

2014 Top Gun Soccer Tournament AYSO Invitational Tournament Rules



CATEGORY	RULE
1) JURISDICTION	A. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 11 and FIFA Laws of the game will be used for this tournament. The following rules are intended specifically for this tournament ONLY!
	B. The Tournament Committee (incl. Tournament Director, Assistant Director, Coach Administrator, Referee Administrator and other designated staff) will have jurisdiction over all games played. Disputes will be resolved by the end of the soccer day. Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest!
2) FEES	A. Entire fee and referee fee must accompany tournament application and will be returned if the team is not admitted as explained in paragraphs 3) – 5) below. Fees must be sent in a single check issued from the respective Region's account (no personal checks or money orders).
	B. Fees for U10 are \$775 (entry fee \$410 plus referee deposit \$365), and for U12 - U19 are \$850 (\$485 plus \$365).
3) APPLICATION	A. Teams are requested to provide an indication of their competitive strength and designate a team of three experienced referees on their tournament application forms. Referees should be comfortable working at least at the age level of the team they are representing.
	B. The deadline to apply to the tournament is March 14 th , 2014. Applications received by that date will be given priority for acceptance into the tournament; all others will be accepted based on any available openings.
	C. All teams will be notified their application has been received within 48 hours of the receipt of their application.
	D. The primary form of communication between the Tournament and applying teams will be email and the Tournament website. Teams must designate a Team Contact on their application who has email and Internet access.
4) ACCEPTANCE	A. Starting March 15 th , applications will be evaluated for team's competitive strength, referee team experience, and date the application forms and fees were received. Teams applying without a referee team will be placed on a waiting list.
	B. Acceptance of teams will be decided and teams will be notified by email by March 17 th as to their acceptance status. Teams that are not accepted will be given the option of returning their application & fees or to be placed on the waiting list.
	C. The notification email will also request the teams to confirm the team's commitment to attend Top Gun 2014. Teams failing to confirm they will attend may be replaced by one of the Alternate teams.
5) REFUNDS	A. Teams withdrawing 30 days or more before the tournament will be issued a full refund.
	B. Teams withdrawing less than 30 days before the start of the tournament will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found.
	C. If the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued.
	D. For teams that are eligible, referee deposit refunds will be mailed no later than 14 days after the end of the tournament. Referee deposit refunds will not be on a prorated basis, each team must complete all assignments to receive a refund. No team will receive more than 9 assignments.
6) RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION	A. Should the tournament be rained out on the original date, it will not be rescheduled. A full refund will be sent to all teams.
7) PLAYERS/TEAMS	A. Players on participating teams must be registered to play in AYSO, and have played in the Fall 2013 season. Coaches are responsible to ensure all players meet eligibility requirements (table below). See exceptions in paragraphs B, C & D below.
	B. In Divisions U19 & U16 only, Guest players are allowed (3 maximum per team). Divisions U14, U12 & U10 may not use Guest players.
	C. Guest Players (players from an AYSO region different from the applying team's region) will be allowed for U19 and U16 teams. However, the Guest Players are required to have the approval of the Guest Player's Regional Commissioner and the Host Team Regional Commissioner. Approval will be recorded by submitting the Guest Player Form (available on the Tournament web site) along with the Team Roster Form
	 Teams will be disqualified from the tournament for exceeding three Guest Players or using non-approved Guest Players. Team fees and expenses will not be reimbursed if a team is disqualified.
	E. Only the team roster form provided from our tournament web site or an eAYSO roster will be accepted. They must be approved and signed by the team's Regional Commissioner. A preliminary roster submitted with your application is required for your application to be processed. You are not required to submit a final roster until you are notified of your team's acceptance into the tournament as a Primary participant.
	F. Roster changes may be submitted (with the approval of the Regional Commissioner); however, these changes must 02/07/2014

		be received tournament		trar prior to the tourr	nament. There will	be no roster changes allowed on first
	G.	Each player and coach must have a laminated identification card with name, picture, AYSO ID# and the signature of their Regional Commissioner. These ID cards must be presented for inspection at team registration time or upon request by any tournament official or match referee.				
	H.	Coed teams will be accepted; however they must play in the boy's divisions only. A player may only play on one team.				
	I.	All players must play at least half of each game. Violation of this rule exposes a team to protest and subject to forfeiture of game and possible disqualification at the discretion of the Tournament Director.				
		Division	Age Bracket	Maximum Roster	Field Players	Maximum Number of Teams
		U19	1 Aug 94 – 31 Jul 97	18	11 v 11	10 Boys teams & 10 Girls teams
		U16	1 Aug 97 – 31 Jul 99	18	11 v 11	10 Boys teams & 10 Girls Teams
		U14	1 Aug 99 – 31 Jul 01	15	11 v 11	10 Boys teams & 10 Girls Teams
		U12 U10	1 Aug 01 – 31 Jul 03 1 Aug 03 – 31 Jul 05	12 10	9 v 9 7 v 7	20 Boys teams & 20 Girls Teams 20 Boys teams & 20 Girls Teams
8) COACHES	^					•
8) COACHES	Α.	Each team is limited to one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach (must have one of each). These coaches must be listed on the Official Team Roster.				·
	B.		es must wear their laminat eir team, and be able to p			he tournament at all times when they are nament or match official.
	C.	Each Coach	n must be Safe-Haven cer	tified and must provi	de their AYSO Ide	entification Number.
	D.					r AYSO and Kid Zone behavior. Coaches play as requested by the Referee.
9) REFEREES	A.		n the tournament will prov lifications and indicated co		ees. These refere	ees will be assigned up to 4 games, based
	В.		nes, players in the tournar be on the referee crew.	nent, and youth refer	rees are not allow	ed on the referee crew. The Assistant
	C.	All referees	must be an AYSO-registe	ered volunteer and be	Safe Haven Cer	tified.
	D.	Only the dia	gonal system of control w	ill be used to referee	the games.	
	E.	All referees	must be in a complete Un	iform as defined by	AYSO and USSF,	except the Referee Badge will be
			the tournament. Referees be subject to forfeiture.	s not in uniform will n	ot be permitted to	referee games, and their team's referee
	F.	If all assignr details).	ments are successfully co	mpleted, the Referee	Deposit will be re	efunded (see REFEREE PLAN for more
	G.	appear on ti		ement referee crew b	eing assigned to	s prior to their assigned game. Failure to the game. Once a replacement crew has alternative assignment.
	Н.					and FIFA laws. Any failure of the Referee will place a team's referee deposit in
10) FIELDS	Α.	All fields wil	l be set up and taken dow	n by the tournament	staff.	
	B.	After each g	game, please pick up the t	rash on your sideline	and place it in or	ne of the provided receptacles.
	C.	responsible	for providing three (3) gar	me balls. The home t	eam will occupy t	dule or playoff bracket and will be he North or East side of the field, and the the side of the field designated for their
	D.		s there to be any alcoholic oke-free environment; no			ets are not allowed on any of the fields.
	E.		us keep the games on tin will allow the next team to			gs and clearing your sideline after your e start of their game.
11) FORMAT	Α.		ol-play tournament. Each multiple flights as dictated			ir respective flights. Divisions will be
	В.		advance from pool play ba mined by the number of p		gs within their flig	ht. Number of teams advancing per pool

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12) MANDATORY TEAM REGISTRATION NIGHT	A. Teams are required to complete their team/player registration on Friday night at the Tournament Hotel to facilitate the start of play on Saturday morning. Players need not be present and the process can be completed by one coach or designated team representative. Teams will receive their T-shirts, pins, program books, referee gifts and other tournament materials during this meeting.
6:30 – 9:30 PM at Country Inn & Suites	B. Those teams not present on Friday night must make prior arrangements with the Tournament Director or the may forfeit the first game on Saturday.
by Carlson – San Diego North	C. Laminated Player/Coach <u>ID Cards are required</u> for this tournament. The team representative will present Laminated Player ID Cards for each player and each Coach listed on the approved roster, which will include the player/coach's name, AYSO ID# and a photograph. The ID Cards must be signed by the Regional Commissioner.
	D. The Tournament will print six game cards for each team using the roster supplied online. The players listed on the roster submitted online must match the approved roster submitted with the team's application or a revised roster approved by the team's Regional Commissioner.
	E. The team representative will present AYSO Player Registration/ Emergency Medical Release forms with original ink signatures for verification by tournament officials.
	F. Team rosters may not be revised once Team Registration has been completed.
13) FIRST GAME CHECKIN	A. Teams will check in approximately 60 minutes prior to their first game, and will give their Player ID Cards to the Field Coordinator. The players listed on the game cards must match the approved roster.
	B. Late arriving players must be escorted to the Field Coordinator Station by a team representative along with their Player Registration/ Emergency Medical Release Form and be cleared by the Tournament Staff before participating in any games.
14) CHECKIN PRIOR TO SUBSEQUENT GAMES	A. The Field Coordinator will conduct an equipment & player safety check of each team approximately 30 minutes prior to each match.
GAMES	B. Coach will have the Player Registration/ Emergency Medical Release forms with them at all times and be able to present them to Tournament Officials, if requested.
15) FIELD COORDINATORS AND REFEREE	A. There will be a tournament Field Coordinator and a Referee Coordinator assigned to each field location. Field Coordinators will check in teams prior to their first game, conduct a player/equipment safety check prior to each game and present the verified game lineup cards to the referee coordinator who in turn will give them to the match referees
COORDINATORS	B. At the conclusion of each game, the match referees will return the completed game cards to the Referee Coordinator who will check the cards for completeness and collect misconduct reports. The Referee Coordinator will pass the completed game cards to the Field Coordinator for posting of scores.
	C. The field assignment sheets will be used to record assignments completed by <u>each</u> Referee crew member.
	D. The field assignment sheets will be the basis for having the referee deposit refunded to the tournament team.
	E. The Field Coordinator will be the first to respond to any incidents or injuries, and will be in contract with the rest of the tournament staff by phone. Tournament participants are encouraged to report any concerns immediately to the Field Coordinator, and also to respectfully follow any instructions given by the Field Coordinator.
16) GAME DURATION	A. Pool play games will consist of 2 equal length halves depending on the age division (see chart below) with a five minute half time. There will be a running clock during the match including substitutions. There will be no time added on for injuries or time wasted in pool play games. Games are expected to end on time and no later than 5-minutes before the next scheduled game. Games may be shortened if they started late. Pool play games may end in a tie.
	B. Medal Round games will be full length for that division (see chart below). Championship games will be played until there is a winner (see Medal Round rules below).
	C. Game duration shall be as follows: Division Pool Play Finals OT Period U10 20 minute half 25 minute half 5 minutes U12 25 minute half 30 minute half 5 minutes U14 25 minute half 35 minute half 7 minutes U16 30 minute half 40 minute half 7 minutes U19 30 minute half 45 minute half 7 minutes
	D. In divisions U10 through U14, a horn will sound to signal to the referee that the game time has expired. The referee will be expected to end the game within the next 2-5 seconds. Divisions U16 and U19 will not use the air horn.
	E. The home team will change jerseys or wear scrimmage vests in the event of a color conflict. If any questions, the match referee will determine whether this is necessary. The tournament Field Coordinator will have scrimmage vests available at each field location.
	F. There will be no warming up on the field. Teams must warm up prior to taking the field. As soon as the game has ended, spectators and players must clear the field/sidelines for the teams in the next game.
	G. For pool play games, there will be no coin toss - the home team will select the goal they will attack and the visiting Page 3 02/07/2014

	toom will kick off. The home toom will provide the three (2) game halls
	team will kick off. The home team will provide the three (3) game balls.
	H. FORFEITS: Teams must check in at the designated Field Coordinator Station 20 minutes prior to the start of the game. There will be a five-minute grace period at the start of the game for a team to take the field before a forfeit is declared. The score for a forfeit match will be 1-0 (7 points) for the remaining team (Also see Rule 26: FORFEITS). For U10, there is a minimum of 5 players on the field to continue a game (6 for U12 division) (7 for U14-U19 divisions).
	I. SUSPENDED GAMES: The Tournament Committee 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 Committee will determine the outcome of any single game which is terminated prematurely: due to inclement weather, participant injury, or interference by outside party, etc.
	J. ABANDONED GAMES: if any pool play games cannot be played due to circumstances beyond the control of the tournament, the final standings of the pool will be determined by applying the Winning Percentage formula (Total Points Earned in all games played divided by total points possible for the number of games played) to each team in the pool. Note: This does not apply to games which were shortened due to a late start. Only the Tournament Director or designee can declare a game to be abandoned or not played.
17) SUBSTITUTIONS	A. For divisions U10 through U14, substitutions shall be allowed approximately midway through each half and at halftime. Substitutions will be recorded on the game lineup cards by the Assistant Referees.
	B. Substitutions in U16 & U19 will be monitored substitution according to the AYSO Special Program for U16/U19 Play. Substitutions will be allowed at any stoppage of play with permission of the referee. Non-playing time for each player will be recorded on a Substitution Time Monitoring form. Teams will prepare the monitoring forms and present to the Field Coordinator at check-in before their first game. Time Monitors will be independent (neutral) from either team and will be arranged by the Tournament Field Coordinators at each playing location. During the game, the helpful Time Monitor will apprise the Coach of any players who are in jeopardy of not playing 50% of the game. Completed forms will be retained by the Field Coordinators. Form will be available on the tournament website, at Team Registration Night, and at the Field Coordinator's tent.
	C. 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).
	D. During overtime periods of medal round matches for U16 and U19 divisions, substitutions will be allowed at any stoppage of play with permission of the referee. All other divisions may only substitute at the beginning of each overtime period.
	E. All players must play at least half of each game duration, not including overtime. Violation of this rule exposes a team to protest and subject to forfeiture of game and possible disqualification, as decided by the Tournament Director.
18) STANDINGS	A. 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 (one point per goal scored up to a maximum of 3 per game, win or lose) SHUTOUT = 1 point (for an earned 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) RED CARD = 2 point deduction for team (for each red card including coach expulsions) No points shall be deducted for a parent or spectator who is asked to leave the field. B. Wildcard teams will be the team(s) with the highest standings points from all teams in the bracket who are not automatically advancing. C. The official standings will be updated on the Tournament Scoreboards at the Field Coordinator Station. The deadline to challenge the posted results will be by the conclusion of Pool Play.
19) TIE BREAKER PROCEDURE	A. In case of a tie in pool points, the following team statistics will be used to break the tie: 1) Head to head competition, 2) Least goals against, 3) Most shutouts, 4) Fewest yellow cards, and finally 5) Coin flip.
20) ADVANCEMENTS	A. Teams advancing to the medal round will play semi-final and/or championship final matches, depending on the number of teams in each pool and the format of play for that flight.
	B. All players & coaches of teams in the medal round will receive medals.
21) MEDAL-ROUNDS	A. All Championship (FINAL) matches ending in a tie will have two overtime periods (non-sudden death) of equal length with teams changing field direction after the first OT period.
	B. If tied after regulation play for the semi-finals or after the OT period for the Finals, the game shall be decided by FIFA kicks from the penalty mark. See Rule 16: GAME DURATION for the length of OT periods.
22) AWARDS	A. Souvenir t-shirts, tournament lapel pins, and program booklets will be presented to each player and coach registered in the tournament.
	B. Medals will be presented to coaches and players of teams advancing into the medal round.
	C. A Team Trophy will be awarded to the coach of the winning team in each age division & competitive bracket.
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23) 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 between the 18-yard lines. Teams may have a maximum of 2 coaches, and they must remain in the marked coaching area (within ten yards either way from midfield).
	В.	Referees are required to complete a game misconduct report for <u>all send off</u> misconducts during the game, as well as any incidents of interference by spectators.
	C.	Any ejected coach or spectator must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing field (out of sight and sound) and will be prohibited from attending the next scheduled game. Any player sent off (red carded) must immediately leave the vicinity of the game (under supervision of their parent or Safe Haven-certified adult), and may not return to the field of play during the current game, including for the post-game handshake, and may not be substituted for, and is suspended from participation in the next game. There will be penalty point deductions for all send-offs (see Rule 18: Standings).
	D.	Any send off for violent conduct red card or ejection will result in that player/coach/spectator being barred from the remainder of the tournament, and will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.
	E.	If it is determined that an ineligible player has participated in a game, the team will forfeit all games in which that player participated illegally. Furthermore, if it is determined that the coach knowingly played a player illegally, that coach will be barred from further participation in the tournament.
	F.	It is mandatory to play a scheduled game. If it is determined that a coach willfully fails to have his team participate in a scheduled game, the coach will be dismissed from the tournament and the incident will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.
	G.	All conduct problems will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner. All Red Card suspensions not served at the tournament will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.
	H.	All Serious Incidents will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner as well as Area, Section and AYSO National Office.
24) MEDICAL & FIRST AID	A.	There will be First Aid supplies at the Field Coordinator Station where participants may receive ice and basic first aid supplies, including band aids for minor injuries.
	В.	There will be roving EMT-qualified Responders to attend to serious injuries on the field. Field Coordinators will communicate via radio to call the responder to the field where first aid is requested by the parents/coaches.
	C.	If requested by a parent or coach, the Field Coordinator will have a mobile phone to call 911 and coordinate the arrival of emergency medical transportation.
	D.	Directions to the nearest hospitals and urgent care facility will also be available at the Field Coordinator Station.
25) UNIFORMS & SAFETY INSPECTION	Α.	All players must wear the approved AYSO uniform only, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniforms, with the exception of the goalkeeper jersey.
	B.	Each player's uniform must be marked with a permanently-affixed unique number that matches the uniform number on the Game Card, and may not exchange numbered jerseys with any other player during the game including the goalkeeper.
	C.	Garments may be worn under the uniform (i.e. long sleeves, etc.) during inclement weather, however, the match referee will be the judge of what should be allowed or not.
	D.	Jewelry, hard casts, or hard metal or plastic clips on clothing or hair will not be allowed.
	E.	AYSO will not prohibit the use of knee braces by players in AYSO events and programs; providing that the brace is adequately covered and padded in the judgment of the referee, so as to eliminate the possibility of its causing injury to the other players on the field.
26) FORFEITS	A.	Teams forfeiting their first game will be assumed to forfeit all of their games unless they contact the Tournament Director at least 3 hours prior to their subsequent games. There will be no refunds to teams who forfeit their games.
	B.	All teams who forfeit will have the game(s) scored as a 0-1 loss. The winner will be awarded seven (7) points (6 for the win and 1 for a goal). If, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, a forfeit provides an unfair advantage, the Tournament Director may make an adjustment in the bracket.
	C.	Teams will forfeit for any of the following reasons:
		Team fails to check in at the required location, ready to play within five minutes of the scheduled kick off time.
		Team fails to produce laminated player and/or coach's ID Cards.
		 Team fails to report to the field with the minimum number of players required (5 for U10; 6 for U12; 7 for U14- U19)
		Coach is ejected and fails to leave the field when directed to do so.
		Coach is ejected and there is no other coach available or Safe Haven certified registered volunteer to take over the team.
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	Game is suspended due to the misconduct of players, coaches, administrators, parents or spectators.
	In the judgment of the Tournament Director, the team has violated the spirit and philosophies of AYSO.
27) RULES INTERPRETATION	A. The Tournament Director retains the right to interpret and apply the tournament rules to the optimum benefit of all tournament participants.
28) PROTESTS	A. Protests will be considered only for the following reasons:
	An ineligible player has played.
	 One or more registered player(s), present and in uniform, has not played the required one half of the game duration (except for illness or injury as recorded by the game referee).
	B. All protests must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director within 1/2 hour of the completion of the game.
	C. All protests will be heard by a Protest Committee of at least three persons selected by the Tournament Director. In all cases, the members of the Protest Committee will be unrelated to either team involved in the protest. ALL PROTEST DECISIONS ARE FINAL!
	D. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are not grounds for protest or dispute!
29) IMPORTANT DATES	A. March 14, 2014 - End of tournament application period.
DATES	B. March 17, 2014 - Notify teams of acceptance or wait list status.
	C. April 4, 2014 - Teams confirm their acceptance and commit to attend Top Gun Tournament.
	D. April 25, 2014 - Last day a team may withdraw from tournament for their full refund to be returned.
	E. May 23, 2014 - Mandatory Team Registration Night, 6:30 – 9:30 PM at Country Inn & Suites by Carlson – San Diego North (5975 Lusk Boulevard, San Diego, 92121). Only one team representative need be present. See Rule 12 above.
	F. May 24, 2014 - Tournament begins.

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