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# 21<sup>th</sup> Annual AYSO Pony Express Tournament Team Application Form



## Application Instructions

Applications are now being accepted for entrance into the AYSO Pony Express Tournament on January 14-16, 2012.

The deadline to enter the tournament is **December 30, 2011**. Applications accepted by that date will be given priority for acceptance into the tournament; all others will be accepted based on any available openings.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis, based on a completed application. To be considered complete, your application must include all of the following:

1. Team Application Form, signed by the Head Coach and the Regional Commissioner.
2. Team Roster Form signed by your Regional Commissioner.

### Roster Notes:

- **Only an eAYSO Roster form will be accepted**, it must include the names of the Head Coach and Assistant Coach and be signed by your Regional Commissioner.
- Roster changes will be allowed up until Team Check-in; after that, no roster changes. All roster changes must be approved by your Regional Commissioner.
- Rosters must be comprised solely of players who were registered and played in the AYSO 2011 primary program.
- Up to 3 guest players may be added to your roster from a neighboring AYSO Region. In this case, the guest player's Regional Commissioner must sign the roster.
- Player roster limits are as follows:
 

U-13/U-14	15 players max	11-v-11 play
U-11/U-12	12 players max	9-v-9 play
U-9/U-10	10 players max	7-v-7 play

3. The completed Referee Form signed by your Regional Referee Administrator (if you're not planning to bring referees, just check the box on the Referee Form and return it without the RRA signature).
4. A single region check for the total amount of the Team Entry Fee and the Referee Commitment Fee.

Team fees are:	Age Division	Team Entry Fee	Referee Fee	Total Fee
	U-13/U-14	\$500	\$200	\$700
	U-11/U-12	\$475	\$200	\$675
	U-9/U-10	\$450	\$200	\$650

Send your completed application and regional check to:

Tournament Registrar  
 AYSO Pony Express Tournament  
 330 S. Maple Street Ste A  
 Corona, California, 92880

If accepted, it will be assumed that you intend for your team to play the entire tournament, and to return if necessary on the rainout alternative dates (in the event that becomes necessary).

If your application is not accepted, you will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list, or if you prefer we will return your application to you within 48 hours of your decision.

**Refund:** if you withdraw your application 30 or more days from the start of the tournament, a full refund will be issued. If you withdraw after that time, we will only issue a refund if a replacement team can be found, less any cost to register that replacement team.

All information about the tournament can be obtained by visiting our website at [www.ayso37.org](http://www.ayso37.org).

Please note that e-mail and the internet will be the primary means of communication for this tournament.

We will be sending out information via email newsletter once your application is received. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, you may contact us as follows:

Elsa Ellingson 951-549-9549  
 E-mail: [tournaments@ayso37.org](mailto:tournaments@ayso37.org)  
 Web site: [www.ponyexpress37.com](http://www.ponyexpress37.com)



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## Team Application Form



Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Region #: \_\_\_\_\_ Region Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Division: \_\_\_\_\_ U-9 \_\_\_\_\_ U-10 \_\_\_\_\_ U-11 \_\_\_\_\_ U-12 \_\_\_\_\_ U-13 \_\_\_\_\_ U-14      Boys/Girls      Circle One

### Contact Information

Coach Name: _____	Asst. Coach Name: _____
E-mail: _____	E-mail: _____
Mailing Address: _____	Mailing Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Evening Phone Number: _____	Evening Phone Number: _____
Emergency Phone Number: _____	Emergency Phone Number: _____
AYSO ID#: _____	AYSO ID# _____
Training Level : _____	Training Level : _____
Safe Haven Date: _____	Safe Haven Date: _____
Shirt Size: _____ AS AM AL AXL AXXL	Shirt Size: _____ AS AM AL AXL AXXL

#### Team Rating Criteria:

- 1) We are an EXTRA/Flex Team, one of \_\_\_\_\_ teams from our Region. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 2) We are an Allstar/Select Team, one of \_\_\_\_\_ teams in this age division from our Region. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 3) We are a Fall primary program team, and did not participate in the EXTRA/Flex Program. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 4) My team competitive rating between 1 (low) and 7 (high) is \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) The average age of our players as of January 1, 2012 is \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Team Head Coach Approval:

Yes, I have read the tournament rules and I promise to abide by them. I also am committed to returning on the alternative dates should the tournament be rescheduled due to inclement weather, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I understand that this is a 3-day tournament and that the medal round games are on the third day. I hereby notify you that I will NOT be able to complete the tournament for the following reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach Signature

**Regional Commissioner Approval:** Yes, the above team has my permission to attend the Pony Express Tournament. Please report any behavior problems to me immediately. I understand that players from outside my Region (Guest Players) will need approval as well from the Guest Player Regional Commissioner. I hereby approve the addition of \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Players for this team.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (in red or blue ink only, please)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### The Referee Refund Check will be mailed to the RC or Treasurer:

AYSO Region # \_\_\_\_\_

Send Check to Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_



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## 21<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AYSO PONY EXPRESS TOURNAMENT



### Team Invitation

Hello Coaches, AYSO Region 37 is proud to invite your team to the 21<sup>th</sup> Annual AYSO Pony Express Tournament!

- Scope:** AYSO Invitational – Open to AYSO teams only from all Sections.
- When:** Saturday, Sunday & Monday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> through Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Rain Dates Feb 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- Where:** The tournament will be held at Santana Park, Eagle Glen Park, & Shearer Park in Corona, California. There is no charge for parking. **No pets are allowed at fields.**
- Who:** AYSO boys and girls teams in age divisions: U-13/U-14 (11v11) 15 players max. U-11/U-12 (9v9) 12 players max and U-9/U-10 (7v7) 10 players max. All players must be registered and have played in the AYSO 2011 primary season. Competitive division includes EXTRA/Flex teams. Guest players will be allowed (3 maximum per team).
- What:** Pool play tournament. Each team will be guaranteed 3 games in pool play. The top teams will advance to the medal round. All pool play games will be as follows: (50 min. for U-13/U-14, 50 min for U-11/U-12, and 44 min for U-9/U-10).
- Why:** The Pony Express Tournament is being conducted as a fundraiser by Region 37 to raise funds for our Competitive Teams Program, Field Development, Equipment, & Maintenance, and to provide Scholarship funds for youths in Region 37.
- Awards:** All players and 2 coaches per team will receive a tournament t-shirt and pin. All players on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> place teams will receive a trophy or medal.
- Entry Fee, Refunds:** \$500 for U-13/U-14, \$475 for U-11/U-12, and \$450 for U-9/U-10. A full refund will be issued within 48 hours if tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled. If a team withdraws 30 or more days before the tournament, a full refund will be given within 48 hours of request. Within 30 days of the tournament, no refund is provided unless a replacement team is found, less any cost to register that team.
- Referee Fee, Refunds:** \$200, refundable within 14 days of the tournament, if referee assignments have been completed. Each team is asked to provide a qualified 3-person referee team to cover 3 games during the tournament. Partial refunds will be given based upon the number of game slots completed.
- Rules:** A full set of tournament rules are posted on the tournament website.
- Acceptance:** The application deadline is Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 2011. All teams will be notified within 48 hrs of the application deadline or receipt of application (whichever is latest) as to their status. Teams that are not accepted will be given the option to have their complete application returned within 48 hours or to be placed on the waiting list.
- How:** Team entry applications and all necessary forms are available on the tournament website. Please send the following (4) items: one Region check that covers both the Entry and Referee fees, along with the tournament application, referee information form, and an **eAYSO roster only** to the Tournament Registrar address below. Regional commissioner must sign application and team roster. Appropriate referee administrator must sign referee information form. See referee form for details. Make region check payable to: AYSO Region 37 Pony Express Tournament.
- Address:** Tournament Registrar  
Pony Express Tournament  
330 S. Maple St. Ste. A  
Corona, California, 92880
- Information:** Elsa Ellingson 951-549-9549  
E-mail [tournaments@ayso37.org](mailto:tournaments@ayso37.org)  
Web site [www.ponyexpress37.com](http://www.ponyexpress37.com)



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## Guest Player Form



Borrowing Team Information:

Roster Date:

Region: _____	Team Name: _____
Coach Name: _____	
Age Division:	<input type="checkbox"/> U-10 <input type="checkbox"/> U-12 <input type="checkbox"/> U-14 <input type="checkbox"/> Boys <input type="checkbox"/> Girls

Pony Express Tournament rules allow teams to bring up to 3 "Guest Players" when they are unable to recruit sufficient players from their own region. These Guest Players must be properly registered AYSO players who were registered and have played in their home region for the 2010 primary season.

*(List In Order By Uniform Shirt No.)*

Shirt #	Region #	Player ID #	Player's Name <small>Last, First (please print)</small>	Age	Date of Birth	Telephone <small>Including Area Code</small>

***By my signature below, I certify that all players on this roster are valid registered players in my region and are approved to join the above team and participate in this tournament:***

Guest Player(s) Regional  
Commissioner:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Print Name*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Signature (Blue or Red Ink)*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***By my signature below, I approve that these \_\_\_\_\_ (number of players) guest players are approved to join the above team and participate in this tournament:***

Host Team Regional  
Commissioner:

\_\_\_\_\_



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## Referee Information Form



I plan to bring a referee team to the tournament Y/N: \_\_\_\_\_

Referee Information Form Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Division:      U-10      U-12      U-14      Boys      Girls

### Referee Team Contact Person

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the following information for each referee.

- For "Badge Level", insert R = Regional, I = Intermediate, A = Advanced, N = National. Also the date they were certified at that level.
- In each box under "Center/Assistant/Boys/Girls", provide the highest level they are competent to referee (e.g. BU-10, GU-12, etc.)
- In "Player on Team", indicate if the referee has a child who is playing in the tournament on this team.

	Referee Name	Badge Level	Certification Date	Center		Assistant		Player on Team (Y/N)	Home Phone/ Email
				Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls		
1									
2									
3									
4									

Each referee will receive a tournament T-Shirt. Please indicate sizes needed. All sizes are Adult.

	XXL	XL	L	M	S
Number of Shirts Needed					

Regional Referee Administrator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**By my signature below, I certify that all referees listed are certified AYSO referees and qualified for officiating U-10 through U-14 games.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
RRA Signature and date (Blue ink please)



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## 21<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AYSO PONY EXPRESS TOURNAMENT REFEREE PLAN



The following are guidelines that the AYSO Pony Express Tournament will apply for referees in our 2012 tournament:

Commitment Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Each team participating in the 2012 AYSO Pony Express Tournament must provide at least 1 crew consisting of 3 qualified referees.</li> <li>B. Each referee team will be asked to officiate a minimum of 3 matches during the tournament. These may be game assignments or standby assignments, which will be consider equal in terms of earning the referee deposit refund.</li> <li>C. If all assignments are completed, the entire referee deposit of \$200 will be refunded within 14 days of the completion of the tournament. If only partial assignments are completed, then a partial refund will be provided equal to the proportion of assignments completed.</li> <li>D. The deposit refund check will be returned to the Treasurer or RC as shown on the Team Application form.</li> <li>E. Remember: the quality of officiating is largely dependent upon the experience and abilities of the referees you provide.</li> </ul>
Qualification Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Each referee must be an AYSO registered and trained volunteer and be Safe Haven certified.</li> <li>B. Each referee must be versed in the Laws of the Game, including current law changes and capable of applying the laws according to the spirit of the game.</li> <li>C. Each referee may only represent one team in the tournament.</li> <li>D. Players in the tournament will not be allowed to officiate.</li> <li>E. Coaches in this tournament are strongly discouraged from officiating so that scheduling of referees with the best experience and without conflicts can be accomplished. If an exception is warranted due to lack of other referee volunteers, this must be approved in advance by the Pony Express Tournament Referee Administrator.</li> <li>F. Youth referees will only be allowed if they are not a player in the tournament. Care must be taken when considering whether to allow a youth referee to officiate in the heated environment of a competitive tournament. These referees must have their Youth Volunteer Application form with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request.</li> </ul>
Uniform Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the AYSO Badge.</li> <li>B. The Gold uniform will be considered the primary color of referee uniform for this tournament. The referee crew will be expected to change to an alternate color in case of conflict with either of the teams' uniforms.</li> <li>C. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.</li> </ul>
Competency Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Referees will be assigned to games as follows:  U-10:           Regional Badge or higher  U-12:           Intermediate Badge or higher  U-14:           Advanced Badge or higher  Any exceptions must have the prior written approval of the Pony Express Tournament Referee Administrator.</li> <li>B. Every effort will be made to assign referees to neutral games at their level of competency or below. In rare cases, referee crews may be asked to split up in order to meet these goals.</li> </ul>
Tournament Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Referees will be expected to familiarize themselves with and uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament, and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy.</li> <li>B. Only the diagonal system of control will be used.</li> <li>C. Referees will be expected to fill out the game cards and to keep track of substitutions.</li> <li>D. Referees will be expected to note on the back of the game cards and to fill out misconduct reports immediately after the game in which a misconduct (caution and/or send-off) was issued to a player or coach, or if there were spectator interference problems, or any other action that merits a report.</li> <li>E. Referees will be expected to turn in all completed game cards and misconduct reports to the Field Monitor immediately after each game.</li> </ul>

Referee Schedules	A. Referee schedules will be mailed out to each team and also made available on the tournament website within 1 week of the tournament. Each team will be expected to ensure that the referee schedule and check-in instructions have been provided to their referee crew.
Use of Local Referees	A. Additional referees will be provided by the host region, including from the surrounding regions and Areas to ensure all games are covered by qualified referees. These referees will be provided assignments on a stand-by or fill-in basis. Priority will be given to referee crews to ensure an opportunity to earn their deposit refund.
Referee Check-In	<p>A. All referees will be expected to check in at the Referee Station upon their arrival at the tournament, to register and to collect their Referee Voucher.</p> <p>B. At check-in, each referee team will be provided with a summarized set of tournament rules that they will be expected to administer.</p> <p>C. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment.</p>
Referee Mementos	<p>A. Referees will be provided with a meal ticket for food and drink at the concession stand for each day that they officiate. Chilled water and snacks will also be available at the Referee Station.</p> <p>B. Participating referees will receive a tournament t-shirt, flipping coin and pin as mementos to thank them for their contribution.</p>
Address:	<p>Referee forms must be mailed with the Team Application to:</p> <p>Tournament Registrar  Pony Express Tournament  330 S. Maple Street Ste A  Corona, California, 92880</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Questions regarding referee requirements should be directed to:</p> <p>E-mail <a href="mailto:referees@ayso37.org">referees@ayso37.org</a>  Web site <a href="http://www.ponyexpress37.org">www.ponyexpress37.org</a></p>



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**Youth Referee Letter**



**Youth Referee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AYSO Badge Level:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Certification Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representing Tournament Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Region:</b> _____	<b>Team Name:</b> _____							
<b>Coach Name:</b> _____								
<b>Age Division:</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U14</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>

Youth referees must carry a copy of this letter with them at all times and present it to any Tournament Officials upon request. Youth referees also must either have a parent/guardian present at all times, or must have a copy of their Youth Volunteer Registration Form attached to this Letter.

- Pony Express Tournament requires that Youth Referees have this letter of authorization from their respective Regional Referee Administrator, certifying that they are skilled and experienced to handle the rigors of a competitive tournament game.
- Pony Express Tournament further requires that the Youth Referee be at least 2 years older than the age group for which they are officiating and further that they are not a player on a team that is currently entered in the All American Tournament.

**Regional Referee Administrator Information:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Regional Referee Administrator's Name
Phone Number
Email

**I understand that a highly competitive tournament like the Pony Express Tournament generates a great deal of excitement and rigorous play that present a unique challenge to any referee. As a youth referee, there is an increased level of challenge due to the scrutiny that a youth referee is subjected to. Nevertheless, I certify that this Youth Referee is a member in good standing from my Region, that she/he is skilled and experienced to referee games up to the level indicated below, and that she/he is at least 2 years older than the age group indicated:**

	G-U9/10	B-U9/10	G-U11/12	B-U11/12	G-U13/14	B-U13/14
Skill level as a Center Referee (check all that apply)						
Skill level as an Assistant Referee (check all that apply)						

\_\_\_\_\_  
 RRA Signature and date (Blue ink please)



## 21<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PONY EXPRESS TOURNAMENT AYSO Invitational Tournament Rules

CATEGORY	RULE
<b>1) JURISDICTION</b>	<p>A. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 1 and FIFA Laws of the game will be used for this tournament. The following rules are intended specifically for this tournament ONLY!</p> <p>B. The Tournament Committee (incl. Tournament Director, Assistant Director(s), Field Director, Referee Director 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!</p>
<b>2) FEES</b>	<p>A. Entire fee and referee deposit must accompany tournament application and will be returned if application is not accepted. Fee must be a single check issued from the respective Region's account (no personal checks).</p> <p>B. Fees are: U9/10 \$650 (entry fee \$450 plus referee deposit \$200), U11/12 \$675 (entry fee \$475 plus referee deposit \$200), U13/14 \$700(entry fee \$500 plus referee deposit \$200).</p>
<b>3) ACCEPTANCE</b>	<p>A. Applications are due on December 30th, 2011</p> <p>B. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis, based on completed application (see Team Application Form for criteria). Teams will be notified by email within 48 hours of the application deadline or receipt of application (whichever is latest) as to their status.</p> <p>C. Teams not accepted into the tournament will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list or have their application and fees returned within 48 hours of notification.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>4) REFUNDS</b>	<p>A. Teams withdrawing 30 days or more before the tournament will be issued a full refund within 48 hours of request.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>C. If the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued within 48 hours.</p> <p>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 be on a prorated basis, comparing the number of assignments actually completed versus the number that were assigned.</p>
<b>5) RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION</b>	<p>A. Should the tournament be rained out on the original date, it will be rescheduled to the weekend of February 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. All teams will be expected to return on that date to resume the tournament. Any team not able to return will only receive a refund if a replacement team can be found, less any cost to register the team.</p> <p>B. If the tournament is cancelled due to weather after partially completing and it cannot be rescheduled to be completed, refunds will be made to teams on a prorated basis, based on the number of actual games played.</p> <p>C. If the tournament cannot be held due to weather or other conditions beyond the control of the tournament hosts, then a full refund will be sent to all teams within 48 hours.</p>
<b>6) PLAYERS/TEAMS</b>	<p>A. Players on participating teams must be properly registered to play in AYSO, and have played in the Fall 2011 season. Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players meet eligibility requirements.</p> <p>B. The team roster must be verified and approved by each player's Regional Commissioner. Roster changes may be submitted (with the written approval of the Regional Commissioner); however, these changes must be received by the Tournament Registrar prior to check-in. There will be no roster changes allowed after check-in.</p> <p>C. 3 Guest Players (players from a different region from the applying team's region) will be allowed for each team. However, the Guest Player will be required to have the approval of both the Guest Player's regional commissioner and the Host Team regional commissioner (see Guest Player Form).</p> <p>D. Coed teams will be accepted; however they must play in the boy's divisions only.</p> <p>E. Division U13/14 will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 15 players per team. Division U11/12 will play 9-v-9, and there will be a roster limit of 12 players per team. Division U9/10 will play 7-v-7, and there will be a roster limit of 10 players per team.</p> <p>F. All players must play at least half of each game. 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.</p>
<b>7) COACHES</b>	<p>A. Each team is limited to one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach only (must have one of each). These coaches must be the ones listed on the Official Team Roster.</p> <p>B. Each Coach must provide their AYSO Identification number, be a currently registered volunteer, Safe-Haven certified and AYSO trained at the age-appropriate level that they are coaching in this tournament. The coach and assistant coach must attach proof of their coach certification training record from eAYSO to the roster. Please go to <a href="http://www.eayso.org">www.eayso.org</a> to download a copy of your coach certification. Instructions are included in this packet.</p> <p>C. Coaches are expected to set the example for their team in exhibiting proper AYSO behavior and Kid Zone behavior.</p>

	Coaches are expected to remain in the technical area during games and only enter the field of play as requested by the referee.
<b>8) REFEREES</b>	<p>A. Each team in the tournament will provide a crew of 3 referees. These referees will be assigned up to 3 games, based on their qualifications.</p> <p>B. All referees must be an AYSO registered and trained volunteer and be Safe-Haven Certified.</p> <p>C. Only the diagonal system of control will be used to referee the games.</p> <p>D. Referees for U13/U14 games must be Advanced level or above. Referees for U11/U12 games must be Intermediate level or above. Referees for U9/U10 games must be Regional or above.</p> <p>E. Youth referees must have their Youth Volunteer Application form with them at all times and present it to any Tournament official upon request. Youth referees will only be allowed if they are not a player in the tournament. Care must be taken when considering whether to allow a youth referee to officiate in the heated environment of a competitive tournament.</p> <p>F. All referees must be in full Uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the Referee Badge. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.</p> <p>G. If all assignments are successfully completed, the Referee Deposit will be refunded within 14 days (see REFEREE PLAN for more details).</p> <p>H. Referees are expected to check in at the Referee Station at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to appear on time may result in a replacement referee crew being assigned to the field. Once a replacement crew has been assigned, they will have priority and the original crew must report to the Referee station for alternative assignment.</p> <p>I. Coaches in this tournament are strongly discouraged from officiating so that scheduling of referees with the best experience and without conflicts can be accomplished. If an exception is warranted due to lack of other referee volunteers, this must be approved in advance by the Pony Express Referee Administrator.</p> <p>J. Referees will be expected to uphold the tournament rules, AYSO guidelines and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the tournament, and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy.</p>
<b>9) FIELDS</b>	<p>A. All fields will be set up and taken down by the tournament staff.</p> <p>B. Trash cans will be provided at each field. Teams will be expected to clean up all trash in their area before leaving.</p> <p>C. Please observe the following Facility Use Rules while attending the tournament</p> <p>D. No pets will be allowed at any time.</p>
<b>10) FORMAT</b>	<p>A. This is a pool-play tournament.</p> <p>B. Each age division will be bracketed into playing pools. Each team will play a minimum of 3 preliminary play games within their respective pools. Where there are sufficient teams, divisions will also be separated into multiple competition flights.</p> <p>C. Teams will advance from qualifying pools based on pool play standings points. Number of teams advancing per pool will be determined by the number of pools in the division.</p>
<b>11) CHECK-IN</b>	<p>A. Teams must check in 60 minutes prior to their first game, and must present Game Cards for as many games as the team will play in the tournament (including medal-round games). The Game Cards must be properly completed with the players listed first name-last name in uniform order. The players listed on the game cards must match the approved roster submitted with the team's application.</p> <p>B. Each coach or team representative must provide AYSO Player Registration forms with original ink signatures for verification by tournament officials.</p> <p>C. The Coach must have these Player Registration forms with them at all times and ready for presentation to Tournament Officials.</p> <p>D. Late arriving players must be escorted to the check-in station by a team official along with their Player Registration Form and be cleared by the Tournament Staff before participating in any games.</p>
<b>12) FIELD MONITORS</b>	<p>A. There will be a tournament Field Monitor assigned to each field, and will report to the Tournament Field Director. Field Monitors will check in teams prior to each game, and present the verified game cards to the match referees.</p> <p>B. At the conclusion of the game, the match referees must return the completed game cards to the Field Monitor.</p> <p>C. Field Monitors will be the first to respond to any incidents or injuries, and will be in contact with the rest of the tournament staff by radio. Tournament participants are encouraged to report any concerns immediately to the Field Monitor, and also to respectfully follow any instructions given by the Field Monitor.</p>
<b>13) GAMES</b>	<p>A. Pool play games will consist of 20 to 30 minute 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 qualifying rounds. Games will expect to end on time, and may be shortened if they started late. Pool play games may end in a tie.</p> <p>B. Championship 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).</p>

	<p>C. Game duration shall be as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Division</td> <td>Pool Play</td> <td>Semi, Final Rounds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U9/10:</td> <td>22 minute half</td> <td>25 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U11/12</td> <td>25 minute half</td> <td>30 minute half</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U13/14:</td> <td>25 minute half</td> <td>35 minute half</td> </tr> </table> <p>D. The "home" team will be the first team or top team listed on the game schedule and will be responsible for providing the game ball. The home team will be situated on the North or West side of the field, and the visitor will be situated on the South or East side. Spectators must remain on the side of the field designated for their team. The home team will change jerseys or don pinnies in the event of a color conflict with the visitor team. If any questions, the referee will determine whether this is necessary.</p> <p>E. There will be no warming up on the field. Teams must warm up prior to taking the field. As soon as the previous game has ended, teams must clear the field and the teams for the next game must take their places.</p> <p>F. FORFEITS: Teams must check in at the designated Field Coordinator Station 30 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 for the remaining team (See STANDINGS for the points to be awarded). For U-10 division teams, there is a minimum of 5 players on the field to continue a game. For U-12 the minimum number is 6 players. For all other divisions, there must be a minimum of 7 players to continue a game. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, the game will be abandoned and a forfeit will be declared.</p> <p>G. 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.).</p> <p>H. 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 Game 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 late a late start. Only the Tournament Director or designee can declare a game to be abandoned or not played.</p>	Division	Pool Play	Semi, Final Rounds	U9/10:	22 minute half	25 minute half	U11/12	25 minute half	30 minute half	U13/14:	25 minute half	35 minute half		
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<b>14) SUBSTITUTIONS</b>	<p>A. Substitutions shall be allowed approximately mid way through each half for ALL divisions U-10 through U-14, and will be recorded on the game cards by the referee.</p> <p>B. 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).</p> <p>C. Substitutions in all overtime periods of medal round matches will be at the beginning of the periods only.</p>														
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<b>16) ADVANCEMENTS</b>	<p>A. Pool winners (and in some cases wildcard teams) will advance to medal round play.</p> <p>B. Teams 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.</p>														
<b>17) MEDAL-ROUNDS</b>	<p>A. All medal round matches ending in a tie will have two full overtime periods of five minutes in length with teams changing field direction after the first five minute period. In these matches, if still tied after overtime play, the game shall be decided by FIFA kicks from the penalty mark.</p>														
<b>18) AWARDS</b>	<p>A. All players and 2 coaches per team will receive a tournament t-shirt and pin. All players on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> place teams will receive a trophy or medal.</p>														

<b>19) CONDUCT</b>	<p>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. Two coaches maximum per team, and they must remain in the marked coaching area (within ten yards either way from midfield).</p> <p>B. At the conclusion of each match, the referees will indicate on the reverse of the game cards any point deductions for poor sportsmanship. Point deductions will be used as tie-breakers should that become necessary. Referees will be required to complete a game misconduct report for <u>all</u> misconducts during the game, as well as any incidents of interference by spectators.</p> <p>C. Any coach or spectator ejected 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 Standings rules).</p> <p>D. Any violent conduct red card or ejection will result in that player/coach/spectator being barred from the remainder of the tournament.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G. All conduct problems will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.</p> <p>H. All Serious Incidents will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner as well as Area, Section and AYSO National Office parties.</p>
<b>20) MEDICAL/FIRST AID</b>	<p>A. There will be a First Aid station at the main tent where participants may receive ice, etc. for minor injuries.</p> <p>B. There will be a roving first aid response staff member to respond to injuries on the field. Field Monitors will communicate via radio to call the first aid staffer to the field where first aid is requested.</p> <p>C. If an injury is serious, the first aid staffer or Safety Director will have a mobile phone to call 911 for emergency response.</p> <p>D. Directions to the nearest hospital/urgent care center will be available at the First Aid station.</p>
<b>21) UNIFORMS/SAFETY</b>	<p>A. All players must wear the approved AYSO uniform only, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper excepted – may have a different jersey).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>D. Not allowed: jewelry, hard metal or plastic clips on clothing or hair. No player will be allowed to participate with any type of cast or splint. Removal of any type of cast or splint at the field or surrounding area in order to participate shall disqualify that team member from participation.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>22) PROTESTS</b>	<p>A. Protests will be considered only for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An ineligible player has played.</li> <li>• 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).</li> </ul> <p>B. All protests must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director within 30 minutes of the completion of the game.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>D. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are not grounds for or subject to protest or dispute!</p>
<b>23) RULES INTERPRETATION</b>	<p>The Tournament Director retains the right to interpret and apply the tournament rules to the optimum benefit of all tournament participants.</p>