



San Bruno AYSO 34th Annual Turkey Tournament

[Turkey Tournament 2025 Registration Link](#)

- RULES:** Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations (NRR) and IFAB Laws of the Game (LOTG) will be used for this tournament. The following rules are intended specifically for this tournament.
- 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.

(Whenever the term “Tournament Director(s)” is used, it shall also be interpreted to mean “or in his/her absence, a designated representative”)

Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest:

LOTG, Law 5: The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether a goal is scored and the result of the match is final.

- FEES:** Entry fee must accompany tournament application on AYSO Association Platform/Sports Affinity and will be refunded if application is not accepted. [Turkey Tournament 2025 Registration Link](#)
- ACCEPTANCE:** Teams withdrawing by November 16th 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.

PLAYERS/TEAMS

- A minimum of five (5) players constitute a team for 10U (play 7 v 7), (6) players for 12U (play 9 v 9), and seven (7) players for 14U (play 11 v 11).
- The maximum number of players on a team shall be as follows: eleven (11) players for 10U, thirteen (13) players for 12U, and sixteen (16) players for 14U.
- Home team shall change jerseys or wear pinnies (of a 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.
- Players and (2) coaches will occupy the technical area on a designated touchline. On the other touchline, all spectators must remain behind the spectator control line and between the penalty areas.
- Persons other than players and (2) coaches 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 will be supplied by the tournament and shall be given to the referees by the Field Marshals, prior to each game.
- All players must play at least half of each game, per NRR I.C.
- Coaches must check in via a scheduled Zoom meeting at approximately one week prior to the tournament start date. Date and time to be provided to coaches prior to tournament start date.
- Players on participating teams must be registered to play in the AYSO 2025 fall season.
- Rosters, including jersey numbers, must be uploaded to the AYSO Association Platform.
- Each team must provide either printed or digital copies of the AYSO Player Registration Forms for each player. Coaches must provide the player registration forms to tournament officials at the team field check-in prior to their first game on Saturday.
- Final team roster, including jersey numbers, is due November 20th.
- Please note that this year we are not requiring player or coach identification passes.

- n. 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. (Numbered pinnies may be worn over AYSO jerseys.)
- o. Teams, players, coaches, and supporters will be expected to always display outstanding sportsmanship. 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).
- p. Each player shall play only on one team.
- q. Each team may have up to three guest players from another region. Guest players must have played in fall 2025 AYSO. Any additional requests must be approved by the tournament director. The guest player form is no longer needed as guest players can be added to the team via the Association Platform.

6. COACHES

- a. Coaches (**maximum of 2**) must be currently registered as a 2025 volunteer. Coaches must have the **appropriate coach certification for the age division they will be bringing to the tournament**. Coaches also need to be SafeHaven, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Concussion Awareness, Safesport, and Livescan certified per AYSO Guidelines.
- b. Coaches shall remain on their own side of the field and are restricted to the technical area, 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. Coaches shall conduct themselves in a manner becoming of members of AYSO, encourage clean competition and good sportsmanship, enforce the Rules & Regulations of the Tournament, and participate in positive coaching that instructs and encourages players during games.
- d. **Negative comments and complaints about either the players or referees will not be permitted and may result in coach ejection from the game.**
- e. 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 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. Self-assignments are subject to review and change by the Tournament 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) can be used.
- d. All referees should be of the highest caliber possible, and each referee must be AYSO trained and currently registered as an AYSO volunteer.
- e. Referees shall, at all times, impose the Rules & Regulations of competition as defined by AYSO, the IFAB Laws of the Game, and the Turkey Tournament Rules.
- f. Referees will obtain game cards from the Field Marshals prior to each game. Referees will check in teams for all games.
- 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 an ejection.

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 for each field in age-appropriate sizes: 10U/12U- size 4, 14U – Size 5.
- 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 & 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

- e. All divisions will have a running clock (no stoppage for substitutions).
- f. **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. No goalkeeper punts in 10U. When the referee stops play for these infractions, the restart is an indirect free kick at the location of the infraction with the following exceptions (see NRR): (a) An indirect free kick awarded to the attacking team inside the opposing team’s goal area, must be taken on the goal area line which runs parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to location of the infraction. (b) An indirect free kick awarded to the defending team in their own goal area may be taken from anywhere in that area.

9. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- a. Every team will be scheduled to play a minimum of three (3) games with a minimum of two (2) on Saturday. On occasion a Wildcard elimination Game could be played on Saturday afternoon/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: [San Bruno Turkey Tournament](#)
- 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. 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
EJECTION (Red Card)	= 1 point deduction for team (includes 1 point for each player or coach)

Maximum of ten (10) points per game

- e. If a tie (in points) exists after regulation play Saturday, the following “tiebreakers” 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 cautions (yellow cards) and/or sportsmanship deductions determined by referee for coaches or spectators
 - Coin flip by Tournament Director or representative.
- f. Sunday morning elimination games: All games ending in a tie will go directly to Penalties (penalty shoot-out as per LOTG).

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. Except as noted in NRR I.C.3, all eligible team members in attendance at a match must play at least half of the match, excluding overtime. 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.
- e. Substitution stoppages are intended only to be a time for the quick substitution of a few players and are not intended as mini-halftime periods or opportunities for coaching or any other purpose. The only players entitled to leave the field are those being

substituted for and the only individuals entitled to enter the field are the new players. This process should be completed in less than one minute, as the game clock is running.

11. CHAMPIONSHIP & CONSOLATION GAMES ENDING IN A TIE

Championship and consolation games that are tied at the end of regulation- Penalties (penalty shoot-out) will be used, as per IFAB Laws of the Game.

12. PARTICIPANTS SENT FROM THE FIELD

- a. All players sent off ("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 sent off 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 30 minutes 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.
- 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, send off 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.

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 Marshal 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. Teams withdrawing by November 20th will be issued a full refund; after that, teams withdrawing will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found.

18. FIELDS

- a. All games will be on turf fields on Saturday, Sunday play may have a few games on grass fields.
- b. Trash cans will be provided at each field. Teams will be expected to clean up all trash in their area before leaving.
- c. NO DOGS or other animals ALLOWED on fields except for service animals.
- d. Adherence to field rules posted by the City of Foster City. Only water is allowed on the artificial turf fields. NO chairs, aside from team benches, or eating are allowed on artificial turf fields. Other items are NOT allowed:
 - Metal cleats
 - Drinks other than water
 - Chewing gum
 - Food, nuts, sunflower seeds, other seeds
 - Smoking
 - BBQ or grills
- e. In the event of inclement weather, please check the website [Turkey Tournament 2025](#) for field status.

19. TEAM CHECK IN

- a. Coaches must check in at the Field Marshal station 60 minutes prior to their first scheduled game with the player release forms. During check-in, the coach will also review the tournament provided gamecards for accuracy. (Teams need not check in with the Field Marshals- they will be checked in by the referee team prior to each game.)
- b. Coaches must always carry and be able to provide AYSO Player Registration forms.

20. FIELD MARSHALS

- a. There will be Tournament Field Marshals and Referee and Coach Administrators assigned to each field and they will be reporting to the Tournament Director. Field Marshals will present the game cards to the match Referees prior to each game.
- b. At the conclusion of each game, the match Referees must sign the game card to confirm the score and the winning team, then return the completed game cards to a Field Marshal.
- c. Field Marshals will be responsible for responding to any incidents or injuries and will be in contact with the rest of the tournament staff. Tournament participants shall report any concerns immediately to a Field Marshal or Referees and respectfully follow any instructions given by the Field Marshal or Referees.

21. MEDICAL/FIRST AID

- a. There will be a First Aid station at the main tent at each field where participants may receive band aids, ice packs, etc., for minor injuries.
- b. If an injury is serious, please call 911 for emergency response and please have someone notify the Field Marshals that emergency services have been called.
- c. Directions to the nearest hospital/urgent care center will be available at the Field Marshal tent.

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