

REGION 58 TURKEY TOURNAMENT POLICY

The Turkey Tournament is a two day soccer tournament hosted by Region 33 (Balboa/Encino) that takes place on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving Day. There are no regular league games that Saturday because of the Thanksgiving holiday. TT is only available in the competitive divisions of U10 through U19 (U19 TT teams usually play in Pasadena as Region 33 does not have U19 play). There is a charge to play in the tournament which is approximately \$50 per player (including uniform). Participation in the TT is by invitation only as it is our goal to reward certain designated categories of volunteers who have demonstrated their commitment to Region 58.

Therefore, in order to better accomplish our goal, Region 58 has instituted the following Turkey Tournament Policy:

1. The following designated categories of volunteers, in the following order of priority, are entitled to have their registered children in competitive divisions eligible to play on TT teams (“Eligible Players”):
 - a. Board Members (all children);
 - b. Head Coaches in competitive divisions (all children), and Certified Head and Certified Assistant Youth Coaches (and their siblings);
 - c. Certified Referees who have refereed at least 7 games by the end of games played on the Saturday that is at least 20 days prior to the first day of the TT (all children), and Certified Youth Referees who have done the same (and their siblings);
 - d. Team Managers (formerly team parents) in competitive divisions (children from that team); and
 - e. Certified Assistant Coaches in competitive divisions (children from that team);
 - f. All other registered children of Team Managers and Certified Assistant Coaches, respectively;
 - g. To the extent the number of Region 58 teams that can participate in the TT is limited by the host region or for any other reason, then Eligible Players shall be selected to play on TT teams according to the priority order set forth in paragraphs a-f above at the discretion of the respective Division Manager with the approval of the Region 58 Commissioner or his designee;
 - h. To the extent that additional players are needed to fill out TT teams that do not have enough Eligible Players, the additional players shall be selected at the discretion of the respective Division Manager with the approval of the Region 58 Commissioner or his designee.
2. TT teams within the same division (i.e. all GU10 teams) shall be formed by the respective Division Manager with the approval of the Region 58 Commissioner or his designee, and shall be balanced to the best extent practicable given the players available, and the general desire to keep players from the same league team together on the same TT team.

3. All TT teams shall be subject to the Three Quarter Rule as set forth in the separate “Three Quarter Rule Policy” statement.

4. Any ambiguity or omission in this Policy shall be resolved by the Region 58 Commissioner or his designee.