

Sponsored by AYSO Region 23 Hacienda Heights, California

**2026 EAGLE CLASSIC**  
**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 entry fee and referee deposit must accompany tournament application and will be returned if application is not accepted. Fee and deposit must be a single check issued from the Region's account (no personal checks, money orders, credit cards, etc.).</p> <p>Fees are as follows: U-10 \$925 (\$575 entry fee plus \$350 referee deposit), U-12 \$950 (\$600 entry fee plus \$350 referee deposit), U-14 \$975 (\$625 entry fee plus \$350 referee deposit).</p>
<b>3) ACCEPTANCE</b>	<p>A. Applications are due on April 5, 2026</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 tournament application deadline.</p> <p>C. Teams not accepted into the tournament will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. If a team chooses not to be on a waiting list, the application and entry fee will be returned within 48 hours of notification. 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.</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, less any cost to register that replacement team.</p> <p>C. If the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued.</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.</p>
<b>5) RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION</b>	<p>A. The tournament will play rain or shine. All teams will be expected to play on the tournament date. Any team not able to return will only receive a refund if a replacement team can be found, less the cost of any pre-ordered items (items for sale by the tournament which are not included with the registration fee). Any pre-ordered items will be sent to 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, less the cost of any pre-ordered items (items for sale by the tournament which are not included with the registration fee). Any pre-ordered items will be sent to the team.</p>

<b>6) PLAYERS/TEAMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Players on participating teams must be properly registered to play in AYSO, and have played in the Fall 2025 season in a minimum of one-half of the games for which they were eligible. Coaches are responsible to ensure that all players meet eligibility requirements.</li> <li>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 no later than April 19, 2026. There will be no roster changes allowed on tournament day.</li> <li>C. For identification purposes, each player 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 check-in time or upon request by any tournament official or match referee</li> <li>D. 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).</li> <li>E. Division U-14 will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 15 players per team. Division U-12 will play 9-v-9, and there will be a roster limit of 12 players per team. Division U-10 will play 7-v-7, and there will be a roster limit of 10 players per team.</li> <li>F. All players must play at least half of each game. Violation may result in a forfeiture of game and possible disqualification for the remainder of the tournament, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.</li> <li>G. Players must participate in at least 2 regular pool play games in order to play in the semi-final or final round</li> </ul>
<b>7) COACHES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Each team is limited to two coaches but must have two. – one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach.. These coaches must be the ones listed on the Official Team Roster.</li> <li>B. Each coach must provide their AYSO ID #, be a current registered volunteer, Safe Sport trained, Safe-Haven, Cardiac Arrest, Concussion Awareness certified and AYSO trained at the age-appropriate level.</li> <li>C. Coaches are expected to set the example for their team in exhibiting proper AYSO behavior and Kids Zone behavior. Coaches are expected to remain in the technical area during games and only enter the field of play as requested by the referee.</li> </ul>
<b>8) REFEREES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Please see Referee Plan for all referee requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>9) FIELDS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. All fields will be set up and taken down by the tournament staff.</li> <li>B. Trash cans will be provided at each field. Teams will be expected to clean up all trash in their area before leaving.</li> <li>C. No tobacco or alcohol products are allowed</li> <li>D. NO PETS allowed.</li> <li>E. No BBQs or gas grills will be allowed other than the ones used by the hosting tournament.</li> </ul>
<b>10) FORMAT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. This is a pool-play tournament.</li> <li>B. Each team will play a minimum of 3 preliminary play games within their respective pools unless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weather conditions prohibit play</li> <li>2. Forfeit by an opposing team.</li> <li>3. Opposing team is a "no show" Games missed because of "no shows" will not be rescheduled.</li> </ul> </li> <li>C. Each age division will be bracketed into playing pools. Where there are sufficient teams, divisions will also be separated into multiple competition flights.</li> <li>D. 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.</li> </ul>
<b>11) CHECK-IN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Teams must check in 60 minutes prior to their first game, and must present Game Cards for as many games as the team may play in the tournament (including medal-round games). The Game Cards must be properly completed with the players listed by first name-last name in jersey number order. The players listed on the game cards must match the approved roster submitted with the team's application. All players listed on the roster must appear on each game card, even if there is an expectation that one (or more) might miss a scheduled game.</li> <li>B. Each coach or team representative must provide hard copies of the AYSO Player Registration Forms with original ink signatures for verification by tournament officials.</li> <li>C. Coaches must have these Player Registration Forms with them at all times and ready for presentation to Tournament Officials.</li> <li>D. All players and coaches must have an Identification Card that include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recent photograph</li> <li>2. AYSO ID number</li> <li>3. Regional Commissioner's signature</li> <li>4. ID card must be laminated</li> </ul> </li> <li>E. 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.</li> </ul>



<b>15) STANDINGS</b>	<p>A. Standings for pool play games will be determined on the "ten-point system" as follows:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>WIN</td><td>= 6 points</td></tr> <tr> <td>TIE</td><td>= 3 points</td></tr> <tr> <td>LOSS</td><td>= 0 points</td></tr> <tr> <td>GOAL</td><td>= 1 point per goal differential up to a maximum of 3 per game</td></tr> <tr> <td>SHUTOUT</td><td>= 1 point for a shutout, including a 0-0 tie</td></tr> <tr> <td>FORFEIT</td><td>= 8 points (scored as a 1-0 win)</td></tr> <tr> <td>RED CARD/ EJECTION</td><td>= 2 point deduction for team (includes 2 points for each player, substitute, or coach)</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>B. Winners of ties in standings will be determined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head to head competition</li> <li>Least number of sportsmanship point deductions( Red card or Ejections)</li> <li>Fewest Goals allowed</li> <li>Goal differential (Goals "for" minus goals against with Max differential per game of 3(or -3))</li> <li>Coin toss at the end of pool play.</li> </ul> <p>C. Wildcard teams will be the team(s) with the highest standings points from all teams in the division who are not automatically advancing.</p> <p>D. Standings will be updated hourly at the Tournament Scoreboard. The deadline to challenge the posted results will be at the conclusion of Pool Play.</p>	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	= 8 points (scored as a 1-0 win)	RED CARD/ EJECTION	= 2 point deduction for team (includes 2 points for each player, substitute, or coach)
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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 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. Championship coaches will receive a trophy.</p> <p>B. Medals will be presented to coaches and players from the first through the fourth-place teams in each division.</p> <p>C. A tournament pin will be presented to each player and coach.</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 (penalty areas in small fields). Two coaches maximum per team, and they must remain in the marked coaching area (within ten yards either way from halfway line).</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 all 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 his/her 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. In the alternative, if parents are not in attendance, the player may stay on the sideline under the supervision of the coach. 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 staff or Safety Director will 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 according to the National Rules &amp; Regulations, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper excepted – may have a different jersey, AYSO logo is recommended but not required.)</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 are 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, have 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 1/2 hour 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. <b>ALL PROTEST DECISIONS ARE FINAL!</b></p> <p>D. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are not grounds for nor 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>