



Dear Parents, Players, and Coaches

Welcome to the AYSO Spring Tournament Season. Tournament Season starts in November with some teams beginning their practice in late October through July, 2008. Divisions U-10 through U-19 are eligible to participate (U-16 through U-19 will not be able to participate in any tournaments until High School soccer season is over).

Tournament season helps to increase the player's soccer skills by playing in a near year round environment and a great opportunity to interact with other AYSO regions and players. Lancaster teams, when possible, will travel to at least one tournament a month together. This is not mandatory but displays region support in numbers. There may be some travel involved, including overnight stays which are at the player's expense.

Tournament per player cost varies, but on average ranges from \$30 to \$50 per player per tournament. If the team has a qualified referee team that participates, there may be some reduction in the overall per player cost. All tournament players are eligible to purchase at their own expense, a Lancaster Region 91 tournament jacket and bag. Orders and payment will be taken by the coach and submitted to Region 91. If you are a returning tournament player, take your jacket directly to Embroidery World for all updates to your existing tournament items. Embroidery World is located at 42207 6<sup>th</sup> Street West, Suite 103, Lancaster (661) 723-2048. Tell them you were referred from Lancaster AYSO.

Tournament player selection is made by the tournament coach based on the player skill level, desire to play, availability, and other factors decided upon by each individual coach. One very important selection criteria might be the tournament player's parent(s) willingness to referee for the tournament team. Referees must have at a minimum at least one season of experience to be accepted by the Referee Administration for tournament level play. Tournament season is competitive but the players are encouraged to have fun.

If your child is interested in participating in the tournament season, please go to our web page and complete a player intent form and bring it to the tournament tryout dates shown on the Lancaster AYSO website [lancasterayso.clubspaces.com](http://lancasterayso.clubspaces.com). Parents must remain at the site with their children as exact time of tryouts may vary.

Please e-mail the Tournament Team Coordinator listed on the Board Member page of the website with any questions you might still have. Region 91 looks forward to a successful tournament season. Always remember: When you participate on a tournament team, you represent Lancaster AYSO. Good sportsmanship and fun should always guide you.

Sincerely,

Region 91 Tournament Team Coordinator