



TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR GUIDELINES

These tournament guidelines can also be found on the FCA website, www.fcalliance.com

Tournament Selection Guidelines:

Tournaments should be selected based upon the criteria of whether the particular tournament is suitable to the level of play of the particular team, and whether it fosters a legitimate purpose. Certain Club-wide guidelines apply to the Tournament selection process:

1. Tournaments should be selected that foster the goals of Team and player development, Team bonding, and developing the whole person (the players), etc. The cost of tournaments and travel should always be considered in selecting tournaments.
2. In general, all in-state tournaments will be approved.
3. Teams playing at the U-13 age and younger should not travel extended distances to tournaments. There are numerous tournaments in the State of Washington that are suitable for this age group. Therefore, absent exigent circumstances, teams at U-13 and younger shall not travel out-of-state. This shall not prohibit teams from traveling to Regional championships. Nor shall teams be prohibited from travel to Portland, Oregon and its immediate environs, or Vancouver or Victoria, British Columbia, or their environs.
4. Teams playing at U-14 and above are of an age where travel out-of-state may be appropriate depending upon their level of play. Rarely will out-of-state travel be appropriate for District teams, for example. Tournaments at these age groups are of merit in beginning the process of exposure of players to college coaches. In the early years (U-14 and U-15), they are of merit in acclimating players to the rigors of such tournaments, even though they will receive little attention from college coaches at such age.
5. Teams playing at U-14, and at an appropriate competition level, will generally be permitted to travel to one (1) out-of-state tournament a year (not including Regional or National Cup play).
6. Teams playing at U-15, and at an appropriate competition level, will generally be permitted to travel to two (2) out-of-state tournaments a year.
7. Teams playing at U-16 and above, and at an appropriate competition level, will generally be permitted to travel to three (3) out-of-state tournaments a year.

WSYSA sanctioned tournaments can be found here:

<http://www.wsysa.com/Programs/Competitive/Tournament/LocalTournaments/tabid/143/Default.aspx>

Tournament Application Guidelines:

Team Tournament Requests

Send your team tournament list to FC Alliance Administrator, Kim Mastan, at kmastan@fcalliance.net

Please include the following for all tournaments on your list:

1. **Tournament Name**
2. **City**
3. **Dates**
4. **Cost**
5. **Application Deadline**

Tournaments will be reviewed by the FC Alliance Coaching Directors. The Coaching Directors will review the tournament selections for level of play, travel, # of tournaments, out-of-state travel, etc. If you are asking for an exception to the tournament guidelines (stated above), the matter will need the approval of the Executive Committee, which will delay the approval process.

Tournament Applications

Once your tournaments are approved you may request a tournament roster for your application. If you need a signed roster with your tournament application let Kim know if it needs to be signed by the club registrar or association registrar. If a signature is not required and you have no guest players your team manager can provide a roster from the Bonzi team site.

Final Tournament Rosters

Your final roster to be turned in the day of the tournament will most likely need to be signed by the association registrar. The week of the tournament email Kim kmastan@fcalliance.net your final tournament roster form no later than Monday. *The tournament roster form can be found on the FCA website under Tournaments and Trophies.*

Indicate any guest players on the roster and provide Kim with the guest player's(s') current team(s).

Please list players alphabetically by last name.

FCA will review your roster and submit to NYSA for the association registrar's signature. You will receive a signed pdf tournament roster via email no later than Thursday prior to the tournament. (**Do not** request a tournament roster via www.northshoresoccer.org)

Guest Players

If a guest player did not play in WSYSA in the prior season, they will need to be added to WSYSA and pay the insurance fee to take part in any tournament. This can take several days so plan accordingly. Contact Kim for more information.

Summer tournaments are during the open season and guest players can be used. It is highly recommended that if a guest player is rostered to another team that you have coach approval.

If you participate in a tournament during your league season a guest player will have to have a guest player form signed by both team coaches. Contact Kim for more information.

Out-Of-State Tournaments

Contact Kim regarding any necessary out-of-state travel documents.

Please plan ahead and allow plenty of time for all tournament rosters to go through the approval process. They must be submitted no later than Monday the week of the tournament. Signed rosters will be sent via e-mail no later than Thursday the week of the tournament.