



TULARE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

TYSL Recreation Soccer



Tulare Force FC



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WELCOME TO TULARE YOUTH SOCCER



Welcome to Tulare Youth Soccer! Tulare Youth Soccer League (TYSL) consists over 1,300 players. The recreation teams compete at Palo Verde School. TYSL teams play only other TYSL teams as part of the Cal North Recreation League



TYSL also offers competitive teams under Tulare Force FC. Tulare Force teams compete against teams in our county as well as teams in Kings and Fresno counties. Tulare Force teams play games as part of the NorCal Premier League as well as various tournaments about the state.

The purpose of the handbook is to communicate TYSL's guidelines and policies to the parents and players. You will be expected to uphold these guidelines and standards of excellence, respect, commitment, and sportsmanship. We hope you will find the information helpful.

A Vision for Tulare Youth Soccer League (TYSL)

Our vision is to positively impact our youth, promoting an active healthy lifestyle, the game of soccer, and to become the leading recreational and competitive soccer programs in the city of Tulare.

The Mission for Tulare Youth Soccer League (TYSL)

Our mission is to offer a developmental program to each child at every age and level, which emphasizes sportsmanship, fair play, and fun. We focus on creating a fun and positive experience, which creates a love for the game. Our recreation program strives to offer a foundation for players who want to achieve a higher level of skills, playing ability, and athleticism. Our competitive programs strives to offer a platform for players to further develop high level soccer skills, playing abilities, and constructive competitiveness.

Our Core Values

Tulare Youth Soccer League board members have been providing a quality soccer experiences for youth ranging from 4 to 18 years of age for over 20 years. Our program introduces soccer to the newest recreational players; enhances experience to the returning players, and for the more competitive minded players we offer Tulare Force FC for the advancement of player skills and refining of team concepts.

To be successful TYSL believes that we must all work together using open lines of communication. Our volunteer coaches, families, parents, and players should support and add value while becoming a positive influence on our league and an integral part of Tulare Youth Soccer League and the community.

TULARE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE IS A NON-PROFIT VOLUNTEER BASED ORGANIZATION; TO BE SUCCESSFUL WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING SO ALL THE CHILDREN CAN HAVE A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE.

Player Safety

- **Ethical Responsibility**: it is our ethical responsibility to provide a safe environment for our players, coaches, and even parents when engaged on the soccer field for a game, or practice session—SAFETY is our number one priority.
- **Safety is a Culture**: the combined commitment and participation of our entire organization is necessary to create and maintain an effective safety culture. Every person involved with TYSL is accountable for safety.
- **A Condition to Coach**: the coach is the leader and responsible for the safety of all players, coaches, spectators and parents.
- **Be Proactive**: there is often a chain of events that can lead to an injury on the soccer field. Players who are not physically fit, fields that have hidden dangers, players playing outside of the rules, players who are fatigued, etc. Many things lead up to accidents and injuries that if prevented will break the chain which can lead to an injury.
- **Knowledge**: Many safety behaviors are common sense. You should know the safety rules of the fields and the rules of soccer to have a safe game or practice. For example, there shall not be practice or a game in any thunder or lightning.

All injuries must be reported ASAP. These include injuries at practices and games. We must always follow up immediately with all injuries no matter how slight it may be.

Expectations

The TYSL Registrar will form all teams and assign coaches. Teams will be formed to create relative parity and to promote a level playing field and fair teams.

- TYSL Recreational teams are structured for each player to have a minimum playing time.
- Players will be placed in the position deemed best by the coach, and they may or may not be in the starting line-up. All players are encouraged to play and learn all positions throughout the season, including training and game situations as appropriate.
- If you know your child is going to miss training or a game please let the coach know as far in advance as practical.
- All players are expected to show up at the time requested by the coach for each game and practice.
- Players are expected to attend all practice sessions and games. Absences should be discussed prior to the absence with the coach.
- Notify the coach or Team Parent if you will be late or unable to attend a training session or game.
- Players are expected to come with proper game uniform.
- Shin guards are to be worn at all times. No shin guards, no practice.
- Tulare Youth Soccer League expects its players to be students of soccer as well as students in the classroom. We will honor parents that pull players from soccer due to grades.
- Respect yourself, respect your teammates, and respect the game.
- Win without boasting. Be generous when you win, graceful when you lose. SPORTSMANSHIP!

- Immediately report any injury to the coach.
- Respect all officials

Guidelines and Policies

- Never engage in dissent toward an official or coach nor use profane or vulgar language. Learn and obey the rules.
- During games and practice sessions, parents and spectators need to contribute POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND COMMENTS ONLY.
- Tulare Youth Soccer League shall maintain the right to preserve the preferred playing environment.
- We expect sidelines to show good sportsmanship and refrain from negative unbecoming behavior.
- Parents and spectators shall refrain, to the strongest degree, from dissenting, in word or action, with game and enforcement decisions of referees or officials. Spectators must understand that there is no basis for disputing a judgment call of an official.
- The protocol for resolving problems or discussing player issues should follow the proper channels of communication in the following order:
 1. Discuss any question or concern with the head coach
 2. Discuss the question or concern with a board member
 3. Discuss the question or concern with the board President
 4. Discuss the question or concern with TYSL board at a board meeting

~~TYSL All Stars~~

~~Following the conclusion, TYSL will offer players who are interested in continuing to play soccer the chance to try-out and participate in TYSL All Stars. The TYSL All Star process can be found on page 6.~~

Tulare Force FC

Players who are interested in playing competitive soccer once the recreation season ends, but before the spring competitive try-outs, can participate in an “open house” night. During this time, players will be given the opportunity to train at a higher level to gain more technical and tactical understanding as well as gain knowledge and information about Tulare Force FC teams.

- Interested players will invited to the corresponding age Tulare Force FC team practice to compare your player’s abilities against complete-level players
- “Open House” is only for players not currently affiliated with other NorCal teams/clubs.
- Tulare Force FC coaches may invite the player back for additional training days/weeks

TYSL ALL STARS



Selection of All Star Coaches

- Coaches will be voted and selected by their peers, the coach with the most votes will be appointed as the All Star coach with approval from the TYSL Board.
- Tulare Force FC Coaches will assume the role of the coach “trainer” working to support the TYSL All Star coach, as needed.
- ALL coaches are expected to work together for the best interests of the team and players.
- TYSL and Tulare Force coaches must understand and agree to the above process before accepting their respective roles.
- All Star teams, coaches, and players are reviewed, accepted, and directed at the discretion of the TYSL Board, who will have the final responsibility for the teams, coaches, and program.

All Star expenses for All Star tournaments and associated costs incurred while participating on the TYSL All Star teams are the responsibility of the respective teams, coaches, parents, and players.

All Star Tryouts

Each TYSL player who is interested in playing All Stars will be evaluated by the All Star coach during the All Star tryouts. Tulare Force coaches may also attend these evaluations

Cost

Pricing considerations are as follows,

- Uniforms (about \$135 for 2 uniform set, 1 season use cycle)
 - Additional team gear (backpacks, practice shirts, warm-ups)
- Tournaments a team is likely to attend

Practice Location & Frequency

Teams practice at a variety of fields from season to season. Teams may frequently practice at the same location over a period of time, this is never guaranteed. Clarify with your coach how often the team will practice.

TULARE FORCE FC



One recurring question from parents is “...when is the right time to consider a move to competitive soccer?” Moving to a competitive soccer team is a per-player consideration and can happen at many different ages. For some, the desire to focus on soccer, to build on individual skills and advance to the next level, to play longer each year and to attend tournaments, may feel like the logical next step in their development. Many families find that the rec level offers a broad spectrum of competition and years of development opportunities for their child. But for those ready or considering a move to (or within) the competitive system, we provide detailed information regarding the annual soccer tryout window which will occur each spring.



Consider the following

Before committing your player to the rigors of competitive soccer:

- **Developmental Readiness** - Technically and Mentally. Do not overlook the mental aspect of moving to Competitive. Many players may be technically sound but are not engaged in the game enough to compete consistently at an advanced level.
- **Commitment:** Competitive teams require more time. Most teams have multiple practices and attend tournaments. Tournaments may include travel cost and entry fees. Competitive teams may play locally (Fresno, Clovis, Hanford, Visalia, etc.) for league games.
- **Playing Time:** As a parent you need to be realistic to where your child fits. If the environment is too intense, where he or she can't develop because every other player is too far ahead, then it won't be enjoyable for the player and will likely lead to burnout. There is no 'minimum' amount of playing time as there is in rec soccer. Playing time is the decision of the coach and is normally based on ability and work ethic during games and at practice.
- **Social Aspects:** The reason your child is playing soccer, or any sport, is for the enjoyment of the game. If you child is having fun in the environment they are in (coaches, friends and development) they are most likely in the right spot. The players that start to show a competitive edge by maybe getting frustrated by players around them, from lack of skill level or focus, are the players that could potentially have more fun in stronger competition.
- **Expenses:** Competitive programs are more expensive than recreational. Expenses, beyond registration, vary by team and tournament commitments.



Tulare Force Try-Outs

Tulare Force FC follows the same tryout window as all NorCal clubs, but note that many of the clubs could host tryouts on the same days, so it's recommended that families schedule to attend at least 1 of the tryout days to be considered. The more a coach sees your child play, the more they can evaluate.

The governing bodies of US youth soccer state that players are free to move, without restriction, from year to year. Additionally, local associations like US Club & NorCal prohibit tryouts prior to the end of the year.

Making a decision to play competitively and participate in the tryout process can be both exciting and stressful. While advanced players may garner immediate offers, it may take time for others to receive them as clubs and teams sort out their rosters. Don't be discouraged if the offers don't materialize either right away.

If you have any questions about the process or encounter situations at the tryout, please feel free to contact us at tulareforce@gmail.com

Procedure of the Tryout Window

- Existing players are required to attend tryouts to remain with their team. Existing players are not guaranteed a spot on a team from year to year.
- Teams are gender, birth-year specific (i.e., girls born in 2002 tryout for the girls 2002 team)
- New players must attend at least one tryout and may be asked to attend more by coaches
- Existing teams have decision rights to all new players (see New Team vs. Existing Team below)
- Players who have previously joined an "out of age" team due to no team being available upon their initial try-outs are grandfathered into the "out of age" team, unless they are cut by the coach (like any player, year-to-year) and then can try out for the appropriately-aged. A parent whose player has been grandfathered into an "out of age" team can request a release and try-out to the appropriate age team, but is not guaranteed automatic placement.

Playing Up Policy

As an organization, TYSL's primary approach to creating competitive teams will place players of like age within the same age level in accordance with US Club Soccer and NorCal Soccer guidelines. We do recognize that there are times when, as an exception, it may be appropriate younger players to "play up" with a team at a higher age level. To "play up", the following criteria must be met:

- Team Need
 - Insufficient players are available at the registered team's age level to field the required players and appropriate substitutes
 - In the case of "team need", a TYSL board member will identify a player to play up

with the following criteria:

- Moving a player up will not create a situation that requires a second player to play up at the lower team's age level
- The highest ranked lower age level player will be requested first
 - Written parent approval is required before a player can be placed on a higher age level team
 - If the highest ranked player's parents decline, the next highest ranked player will be engaged and so on.
- Exceptional Player Ability
 - o Parent/guardian of the exceptional player must contact the TYSL board/DOC at tulareforce@gmail.com and formally request the player be evaluated for a possible move up a single age level for the next playing season.
 - o Prior to an approval to play up, the player will be required to participate in an objective player evaluation. The player evaluation will occur as follows:
 - Player participates in the Spring try-outs/assessments, but is assessed with the age level requested for the Fall season –OR–
 - The player will be invited to attend the practice of a team at the age level the player is requesting to play in. A board member will coordinate the evaluation and will be attended by one or more board members
 - o The move of the player must be deemed, by the TYSL board, to be in the best interest of the player, the team and TYSL

New team vs Existing teams

Within the Tulare Force FC club, there may be multiple teams in an age division. These teams are categorized and ranked based off their seniority and year-to-year performance.

- 1 team in age division: Tulare Force FC
- 2 teams in age division: Tulare Force FC Blue > Tulare Force FC White
- 3 teams in age division: Tulare Force FC Blue > Tulare Force FC White > etc.

These ranking establish the order in which players can be selected at try-outs. New teams are placed at the bottom of these rankings.

New teams only have rights to a player if they are the head coach's own child and one assistant coach's child. All other players are selected, or not selected, in order of the age division placements (i.e., Tulare Force FC Blue picks all their players, THEN Tulare Force FC White picks all their players, etc.)

Following the completion of each competitive year (June to July), the rankings of existing team (blue vs. white) will be the decision of the TYSL board, with input from the Director of Coaching. These rankings will be based off of the play/placement of existing teams and continuing coach education.

Players within the same age group (i.e., Tulare Force FC Blue & Tulare Force FC White, both 2007 boys) are NOT allowed to have the same jersey number and must select a unique jersey number

when jerseys are ordered. Tulare Force FC Blue picks first, then continues until all players have picked through the team leveling system.

Unique age-group teams may be added (with the approval of the board) during the winter try-out window. A unique age-group is one that joins Tulare Force in an age and gender where no team currently exists. Teams wishing to add where a Tulare Force team already exist must wait until the spring try-outs.

Offers

Teams may make offers to players starting on the first day of the tryout window. Once an offer is made it cannot be rescinded until the end of the tryout window. Often, players may be invited back after tryouts for additional evaluation. Sometime offers may not come for a few weeks as teams sort out their rosters.

Please be respectful of the process by communicating honestly with teams and not offering false hope. This can lead a coach to believe they have enough players to form a team, only to fall short and have to inform other families that a team is no longer viable.

Cost

Pricing considerations are as follows,

- 2019 Tulare Force Program Fees
 - \$195 Tulare Force Annual Registration Fee
 - NorCal Fall League Registration and Referee Fees
 - US Club Soccer Player Registration & Card
 - Fields and Equipment
- 2018-2019 Uniforms Fees
 - \$145 for 2 uniform set, 2 year use cycle
 - Additional team gear may be required by individual coaches
- Team expenses such as spring league fees, spring league referees, NorCal Play Dates fees, state cup fees, state cup referees, and tournaments are not covered by the club registration costs.

Practice Location & Frequency

Teams practice at a variety of fields from season to season. Teams may frequently practice at the same location over a period of time, this is never guaranteed. Clarify with your coach how often the team will practice. For the fall season, TYSL will reserve practice fields on Tuesday and Thursdays at Elk Bayou from 6:00 to 8:00. This will be included in team costs regardless of a Tulare Force team utilizes the practice facilities or not.

Playing League

Competitive players are part of the NorCal Premier League. The league is split boys and girls, then by the year the oldest player on the team was born, regions (Tulare Force is region 7), and

then competitive level (Bronze, Silver, Gold, State/Premier, NPL). The NorCal Premier League handbook can be found online.

Coach Selection/Continuation

Competitive coaches must be approved by the TYSL board. Once selected, coaches are reviewed annually by the board prior to Spring try-outs. The TYSL holds the right to temporarily suspend or dismiss any coach at any time whose actions are deemed to be in conflict to the TYSL mission, vision, or core values. TYSL is loyal to the safety and growth of the players above all else.

TULARE FORCE COACHES HANDBOOK



Thank you for volunteering to serve coach for your team. We have put together this guide to acquaint and assist you with the responsibilities of your position. Most parents are very cooperative in assisting with these jobs, so do not be afraid to enlist help.

Whether you have many years of experience with competitive soccer, or whether you are brand new to the league, we want to provide as much information as possible to assist you. Good communication with your parents is essential to help things run smoothly.

In the younger divisions, many of the parents will be new to competitive soccer. There are many questions regarding the cost of participation, the time commitment involved, as well as how the individual teams operate. With good organization and support from the league, you will be able to provide information, and obtain additional assistance as situations arise.

There are many administrative functions that need to be timely performed, and by working with the coach and parents it can be done smoothly. This handbook should provide you with a general understanding of what administrative tasks need to be accomplished, and what the deadlines are.

There is a dedicated board of hard working volunteers trying to make Tulare Force FC a positive experience for all involved. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Summary of Responsibilities

The coach, parents, players and the Club. The coach will perform the following duties:

- Answer questions concerning player selection, player positions and playing time.
- Communicate parent concerns and questions to the Director of Coach and/or Board.
- Keep the team organized and running smoothly by communicating practice information and game schedules.
- Keep the “pulse” on the team and parents by listening and passing concerns on to the Director of Coaching and/or Board.
- Maintain all records and information relevant to game play (e.g. player cards laminated, recording game scores, etc.)
- Work with Club Registrar to register players
- Handle all aspects of regular season games and playoffs
- Attend coaches meetings and trainings
- Tournament Registration –tournaments plus set up travel accommodations
- Handle financial duties for the team; collecting money from families to cover team expenses (e.g. tournament registration fees, equipment costs, coach per diem, etc.)

It's recommended these responsibilities can be delegated to parents or a GM on the team.

Registration

After tryouts are held and a team is selected, the first step is to ensure that your team gets properly registered. The registrar for the club, and can assist you with any questions that arise during the registration process. There are essentially three steps to the registration process.

1. **TYSL Registration** - All players must register & pay the respective fee(s)
 - a. This is the same online registration service that is used for the recreational league. After the competitive teams are selected, the club will provide a unique registration link for each team. It will be provided to the coach for distribution to players.
 - b. Players must register using the link for their team and must use the name on their birth certificate to register, no nicknames. The fee for each upcoming year will be provided prior to each season.
2. **Coach Registration** - You are also required to register
 - a. You will need to register online with US Club soccer
 - b. This is a three step process that requires you to upload completed course documents.
 - c. Join the GroupMe app
3. **NorCal Premier Registration** - Once the registration with TYSL is complete, there are additional items to collect from each player. You need the following items:
 - a. A completed US Club Soccer Youth Player Registration Form
 - b. A copy of each player's Birth Certificate, or Passport
 - c. A photograph of each player (jpeg format)

Out of a courtesy to registrar, these items should be collected from the entire team and submitted at one time. The deadline for completing registration will be the end of July and reminders sent to team officials. There are many volunteers who facilitate the registration process, we are striving as a club to make sure all our teams comply with the deadlines.

Player Additions/Releases

Occasionally players are added to teams during or after a season starts.

- New Players
 - Any player added must submit all 3 items listed under Registration section of this handbook.
 - Players added between game 1 and game 4 (of an 8 game season) will pay full price.
 - Players added between games 4 and 8 (of an 8 game season) will pay half normal price.
- Guest Players
 - Per NorCal Rules, guest players cannot be added for league play

The parent(s)/guardian(s) of a player may request a release from the club/team at any time throughout the year without recourse. If a player's account (fees) are up-to-date, the club may not hold a player 'hostage'. Club fees are not refundable.

Player Documents

The completed registration items must be submitted to the appropriate league registrar.

- **Player Cards**
 - Each player will be assigned an identification number once registered. The coach will also be issued player cards for each player. The player cards have the player identification number and the photograph of each player. Player Cards need to be present at each game and are required when checking teams in during tournaments.
- **Release Forms**
 - Coaches need to maintain a copy of the US Club Soccer Player Registration Form at all times.
- **Official Rosters**
 - Printed on golden rods, when registration is complete, your official roster will be printed on a gold piece of paper. Players need to be on the official roster before they can play. It should be kept by the coach with the Player Cards.

GotSoccer.com

The administration for all NorCal events take place in GotSoccer.com. Once you have completed the registration process for your players, you will be provided log-in information for a GotSoccer.com account for your team. Team accounts are accessed here to manage rosters, schedules, and communicate with other teams in your league.

- **Roster Entry**
 - When you are provided your log-in information by the registrar, you are responsible for inputting contact information for your team's coaches and managers, as well as entering the roster information and i.d. numbers for your players. This should be done as soon as possible.
- **Communicate with Opponents**
 - You will need to communicate with opponents throughout the year. GotSoccer.com provides you with the avenue to do that. Common communications include confirming games, communicating about field closures due to weather, rescheduling games if necessary, and communicating any specific instructions as to parking, field policies, etc. Please keep all communications professional as these communications can be viewed by district officials. Communication with an opponent is the responsibility of the coach.
 - Follow these steps to communicate with opponents in GotSoccer (Chat):
 - Step 1: Log into your team page and you will see a list of events for which you are registered.
 - Step 2: In the 'Schedule' column, click on 'View.'
 - Step 3: Click on the blue 'Chat' button on the far right of the screen.
 - Step 4: Type your message into the dialog box (e.g. We have a conflict on 4/17 in the morning. Please schedule a kick-off after 1pm).

- Game Cards
 - When your games are scheduled, Game Cards will be available from the “Schedule” page on GotSoccer.com.
 - For all home games, you will need to bring a copy of the Game Card for that event. The referee uses this to keep the official score, report any misconduct, and they contain the official notes for the game.
 - After the game, the cards are signed by a team representative from each team and the referee. You must provide Game Cards for each Home Game, or you will not be allowed to play. There are no exceptions to this requirement.
 - It is only a requirement for the HOME team to print and bring the game card.
 - Game cards are used to enter game scores
 - Follow these steps to download and print a game card in GotSoccer:
 - Step 1: Log into your team page and you will see a list of events for which you are registered.
 - Step 2: In the ‘Schedule’ column for the event, click on ‘View’ and you will see upcoming games listed.
 - Step 3: In the gray box on the left side of the screen, click on the underlined game number, and the game card PDF will download to your computer.
 - Step 4: Print the card* and take it with you to your game.
 - Step 5: Click the blue ‘Send Message’ button AND the red ‘Notify Team’ button (it will appear after you click ‘Send Message’). The ‘Notify Team’ button sends the message, via email, to the opponent.
- Report Game Scores
 - You are responsible for reporting the scores of your home games. You have 24 hours to post the score of the game after it concludes. This is again accomplished through GotSoccer.com.
 - The GotSoccer mobile app is especially helpful. Only use the score written on the game card and signed off on by the referee and coaches. It is essential that accurate scores are entered.
 - Report game scores in GotSoccer (all require that you have the game card handy):
 - Method 1: Phone the score in using the game card. The card provides a phone number to call and prompts you for each step.
 - Method 2: Visit this link <https://www.gotsport.com/events/scoring/Default.aspx> and log in with the Event ID# and Event PIN# from the game card.
 - Method 3: Each game card has a QR Code at the top - use a smartphone app to read the code and enter the score.

Finances

Please keep in mind that you are a fiduciary of the team, and as such need to handle team money with the utmost care. Each team is responsible for their own finances as the league treasurer is not to be involved with fiscal operations of individual teams. Do not co-mingle the team money

with your personal accounts! Open a team account and use it exclusively for team expenses.

When handling money on behalf of the team, you should keep receipts to reflect the expenditures. It is also a good idea to scan/copy the checks you receive from the parents before you deposit them to help you keep track of who has paid.

Fundraising

Teams may hold fundraiser through the year outside of those organized by the TYSL. Individual team fundraising must be approved by the TYSL board.

Repayment

Throughout the year occasions may arise when expected/unexpected expenses require a coach/manager to provide cash or check payment from personal accounts. In order for repayment to occur, a receipt for all expenses must be provided to the TYSL treasurer.

Any deposited item returned by the bank (i.e. bounced checks, ACH debits) and/or bank expense is the responsibility of the team and will be debited from each respective team's balance/funds

Sponsorships

Sponsors will not be provided by the club, but you are certainly allowed to find them for your team. Sponsors must be approved the TYSL Board.

Uniform Orders

All Adidas uniforms and accessories (backpacks, sweatshirts etc.) are ordered online through SOCCER.COM by the families. The families order it online, pay for it online and have it shipped directly to their house. All uniform pieces and accessories (jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, backpacks) can be ordered year around.

- The required uniforms are:
 - 1 home kit (jersey, shorts, socks)
 - 1 away kit (jersey, shorts, socks)
- Additional items are coaches decisions
 - Practice shirts are available at T-Shirt Express
- To start a new team/new uniform order:
 - The new player/family will receive an email from Soccer.com with the personalized link to order the uniforms.

League Play

- Prior to the season, you will be asked which level of play you want to apply for. The levels, in order, are bronze, silver, gold, and state.
- A schedule will appear on Gotsoccer, but no locations will be listed
- The registrar will schedule all home games. Away games will be scheduled by other teams.
- If a team sends a message to a coach about a change of date or time, the coach DOES NOT schedule anything directly. The coach must communicate with the registrar to make sure

fields and refs are available.

Tournaments

- Teams should register to play in a couple of tournaments per year.
- Pay attention to the early registration dates, the tournaments are cheaper if you register early, and you assure your team a place in the tournament.
- If you delay registering your team, you run a chance that the tournament will be full and you will not be able to play.
- Once you register for the tournament, you will receive information regarding your tournament schedule and details regarding the tournament facility.
- Tournaments generally guarantee every team three games, two on Saturday and one on Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon is reserved for teams playing in the final or consolation game. Make sure everyone is aware that there can be Sunday afternoon games.
- Consider reserving hotels for the tournaments depending on distance and time you are playing. Often you can obtain discounts for group rates for reserving rooms for the teams. Obviously, the decision to stay overnight will be made by each family.
- If you are considering getting hotel rooms, reserve them early, as they can fill up. Between the different age groups and divisions, there can be hundreds of teams at a tournament.

Coaching Checklist

The following list are the events/items you'll need to take care of:

Registration

Collect from each parent & deliver this information to Club Registrar

- Signed California Youth Soccer Association Registration form
- Copy of each player's Birth Certificate, or Passport
- Photograph of each player (jpeg format)

(Note: Birth certificate may not be necessary if player was in a previous comp team)

- Email registrar with desired level of play for league play

Soccer.com

- Email player names, jersey numbers, parent email address to tulareforce@gmail.com
- Remind parents to order uniforms from Soccer.com

Gotsoccer.com

- Request gotsoccer.com account information from registrar
- Create event roster(s) on gotsoccer.com
- Fill out coach contact information
- Check chat log and communicate requests with registrar
- Register for tournaments on gotsoccer.com (if desired)

Game Preparation

- Review Laminated Player Cards and bring to every game
- Maintain copy of US Club Soccer Player Registration forms and bring to every game
- Review team's official roster and bring to every game
- Print game cards before each game