TC-140 Form Instructions – Tournament Rules

Purpose:

A solid set of written rules is necessary for every competition, to make sure the competition is fair for all participants. Therefore every tournament needs to have a set of rules that is not only comprehensive but is also well-organized, making them easy to read and to reference.

Many tournaments have unique rules that they follow – some intended to make their tournament different than other competitions. However, there are many rules that are common to tournaments, and some that are mandatory for all AYSO tournaments:

AYSO National Policy Statement 2.8 Tournaments

(a) All tournaments sponsored by an AYSO program or with which the AYSO name is associated must comply with the letter and spirit of the AYSO Tournament Handbook.

The must-do's for rules are included in the AYSO Tournament Handbook, which is available as a download on the AYSO national Web site or through the NSTC Programs Department.

A sample set of rules is provided on Form TC-140. While this set does not try to be all-inclusive for all of the rules for all tournaments in AYSO, it includes many of the basic guidelines. Tournaments are encouraged to use this document as their "starter" set of rules; to be added to or subtracted from as necessary. The sample Tournament Rules document is in two sections; initially, a standard set of AYSO Tournament rules are listed. In the second part of the document, there is recommended wording for tournaments who want to include rules that may more closely correspond to the format of their competition.

Use:

Edit the sample set of tournament rules, without changing the must-do's, to meet the requirements of your tournament. However, when modifying this set of rules for use in your own tournament it is strongly encouraged that you to retain the format and categories in the order shown. This will have the following benefits –

∗ The Tournament Authorization process will be expedited since the familiar format will help the approvers more quickly review your application package.

∗ With well-organized set of rules there will be clearer understanding and less confusion for the tournament participants.

∗ Tournament participants who go from tournament to tournament who use the standard format will quickly see how your tournament rules compare to other tournaments.

When completed, this document should be included with the Tournament Authorization Form as part of the Tournament Application Package.