



TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

To Principals:

We understand that recent changes to Tournament of Champions fees have raised questions and concerns, and we want to take a moment to share the reasons behind these updates.

Over the years, the costs of running tournaments have risen. What used to be free or low-cost — fields, referees, scorekeepers, uniforms — now requires significant investment. To make sure every child has the positive experience they deserve, we are updating fees so we can provide support and resources to every participant.

This year, we are adding more professional referees and scorekeepers to address ongoing concerns about fairness and consistency. All players will also receive a reversible jersey for Tournament of Champions (performance dry-fit shirt for Volley Fest). This change was made in direct response to coach feedback and will create a more uniform and fair experience for everyone and are a valuable improvement for the players.

While no one likes to see fees increase, these changes are necessary to cover the true cost of running a high-quality event. Rather than making smaller annual adjustments, we chose to implement a single increase this year to help keep fees stable in the future. We recognize that higher fees can be a sacrifice, and we do not take that lightly. To ensure every student has the opportunity to participate, scholarships are available for families facing financial hardship. For scholarship inquiries, please contact **info@ocyouthsports.org**.

As part of our commitment to giving back to our community and supporting local schools, **\$10 from every player registration continues to be donated to either Irvine Public Schools Foundation or Tustin Public Schools Foundation**, depending on the student's school district. This contribution has not changed under the new pricing structure.

A summary of the tournament updates are below and can also be accessed at ocyouthsports.org/tournament.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support communicating this information to your families that participate in the Tournament of Champions events. We welcome your feedback and look forward to working together to provide the best possible experience for all students and families.