



## 33rd Annual Showcase Rules - 2023

This tournament is for Competitive Boys and Girls Teams Ages 15U through 19U

### I. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

The Tournament Headquarters: 400 West Virginia Street – Suite 200 – McKinney, Texas 75069

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### II. REGISTRATION AND TEAM ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION IS FOUND ON THE WEBSITE: [SHOWCASE.THESPORTSOURCE.COM](http://SHOWCASE.THESPORTSOURCE.COM)

WE DO NOT CHARGE FOR ONLINE CHECK IN – IMPORTANT: ALL TEAMS MUST CHECK IN ONLINE AND UPLOAD ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS BY 11/28/2023

#### EVENT LOCATIONS: MONEYGRAM SOCCER PARK & THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS DALLAS

**INFORMATION** – TEAMS WHO CHOOSE TO “NO-SHOW” FOR A GAME WILL FORFEIT ALL GAME FEES AND SCHEDULED GAMES. THE SHOWCASE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF LOST GAMES FEES IF ANY DUE TO FORFEITS BY THE OPPONENT.

**THIS IS A “STAY TO PLAY EVENT”** Teams traveling 60 miles or more are required to utilize approved hotels. All players MUST be registered with their local state association and provide the team manager a signed official Medical Release/Hold Harmless provided by the showcase.

**CHECK IN REQUIREMENTS** a.] Players (including guest players) must have a photo identification card issued by the team’s Federation National Organization Member (USYSA, US Club Soccer etc.) b.] All Players must have a Medical Release/Hold Harmless Form and be available for inspection at all times. c.] All Teams must provide a roster approved by their Federation National Organization Member. The roster must include the jersey numbers of all players participating in the event. d.] Travel permission – consult with your local association regarding rules and processing procedures. USYSA -REGISTERED teams from outside the North Texas Soccer must provide proof of permission to travel. US Club Soccer - REGISTERED teams are not required to obtain permission to travel. It is the responsibility of the team manager to have all player participation documents in their possession at the fields throughout the event.

### III. PLAYER AGE AND ELIGIBILITY

**A. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY** - All players must be registered with their respective national association. Current player cards are required for team check-in online - **No Card-No Play-No Exception**. 15U-19U teams are allowed a maximum of twenty two (22) players on a roster (including guest players). A player may play for only one team.

**B. THE AGE BRACKETS** -The birth date of the oldest player on the team determines the age bracket of that team. An ineligible player will be suspended from further participation in the tournament. A team playing an ineligible player may continue to play. The team WILL be reported to the Host State Association and the Team’s National/State Association.

### IV. TEAMS

**A. HOME TEAM** The first team listed on the schedule is considered the Home Team. The home team will supply 3 game balls. The game ball will be subject to referee approval. **B. UNIFORMS** All players must wear numbered jerseys. Jerseys: The Home Team will wear white or light colored jerseys. Each team must have an alternate color jersey for each player in case of color conflict. The Visitor Team, if deemed necessary by the Referee, will be required to change jerseys. **C. TEAM AND PARENT**

**LOCATION:** Players and Coaches from both teams will occupy the same side of the field. Parents must sit on the side opposite the players and coaches spaced 6’ apart. No one is permitted to sit or stand behind the goals. **D. INSPECTION:** Teams must be at the field 15 minutes prior to match time ready for play. Should the referee request a copy of the team roster or ID cards, they must be made available.

### V. PLAYER CREDENTIALS AND UNIFORMS

**A. PLAYER CARDS:** Player photo identification cards, the approved roster, and approved medical release/hold harmless forms must be present and available at all matches.

**B. UNIFORMS:** The jersey number of each player must be the same as the player’s jersey number on the roster. If the numbers are not the same, the referee will not allow the player to participate in the match until the numbers are the same.

### VI. LAWS OF THE GAME

A. All matches will be played in accordance with *IFAB Laws of the Game*, except as specifically modified as follows in the tournament rules:

**MATCH LENGTH:** All games will be played with 40 minute halves. The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust game length and schedules due to weather or field conditions. Ties will stand in all games.

**SUBSTITUTION TIMES:** A player may be substituted with the permission of the referee at the following times: a.] Prior to a throw-in in your favor. b.] Prior to a goal kick by either team. c.] After a goal by either team. d.] When the referee approves an injury substitution by one team, the other team may substitute an equal number of players. e.] At half time f.] When the referee stops to caution a player, only that player may be substituted prior to the restart of the game. g.] No player shall leave the field of play without the consent of the referee. h.] Players shall enter and leave the field at mid-field.

**SUBSTITUTION AGE LIMITS:** For age groups 15 years and older, free substitution is allowed.

**PLAYER EQUIPMENT:** a. Per IFAB Laws of the Game, the wearing of shin guards is mandatory. No player will be allowed to play without shin guards. b. All other equipment related issues will be left to the discretion of the referee.

## VII. SHOWCASE/TOURNAMENT AND MATCH SCHEDULES

**SHOWCASE FORMAT:** Each team is assigned three [3] matches unless otherwise noted/requested. Games are considered exhibition games and score cards are not required. **REFEREES:** We agree that we shall, in accordance with US Soccer Bylaw 532, use for all games only US Soccer registered referees who are in good standing (unless US Soccer has granted a waiver to allow the use of authorized referees from another country), and shall use a three referee system.

**E. MATCH DELAYS-SUSPENSIONS-CANCELLATIONS:** In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Directors and Lake Highlands Soccer Association/MoneyGram Park /University of Texas Dallas Site Supervisors will determine if games are to be played. If any games are canceled, games shall be considered complete if one half of the game has elapsed. If one half has not elapsed and the game is stopped, the game must be rescheduled during the event weekend if weather permits.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN:** In the event of inclement weather the following contingency plan will be implemented.

**Plan A.** All games will be played as scheduled

**Plan B.** Shorten all first games to 2 X 20

**Plan C:** Plan B plus shorten all second round games

**Plan D:** Plan C plus shorten all third round games

**Plan E:** In the event the grass fields become totally unplayable due to inclement weather, teams who have not played will receive a 50% refund as described under REFUND POLICY.

The Showcase Host Partners & Committee will do whatever is necessary to play all games. However the safety of players is paramount along with damage to the fields will be considered in making the decision to cancel any games. There will be no refunds for cancelled or shortened games except as noted in Plan E.

The ultimate authority in determining whether or not the fields are playable will be determined by Lake Highlands Soccer Association/MoneyGram Park/The University of Texas Dallas Site Supervisors and the Showcase Director. Any decision will be accepted posted on the Showcase home page.

**F. REFUND POLICY:** A team withdrawing from the tournament after being accepted will forfeit the entry fee. In the event of inclement weather, Lake Highlands Soccer Association/MoneyGram Park/The University of Texas Dallas Site Supervisors and Tournament Committee has the authority to restructure or cancel the tournament. It will not be rescheduled for another date. If inclement weather cancels the tournament prior to the completion of a team's first scheduled game of the tournament, a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the team's entry fee may be retained by the tournament to cover start-up cost of the tournament.

## VIII. FORFEITS

**A. FORFEITURE:** Each team must be ready to play at the scheduled time or immediately after the conclusion of the previous game as determined by the referee, and with the minimum number of players, or the team is subject to forfeiting the match.

**B. MINIMUM NUMBERS:** The minimum number of players required to start play is seven (7).

**C. PERMISSION TO CONTINUE PLAY:** Following the forfeiture of a game, a team will be allowed to play the balance of the 3 allotted games.

**D. POINTS:** If you choose to keep scores: Win = 3 points – Tie = 1 point – Loss/Forfeit = 0

*This is a showcase and we do not require scores to be kept or turned in – No Awards Are Given*

**IX. MATCH AND SCORE REPORTING:** Scores Are Not Kept

**X. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:** There will be no protests. Issues can be raised to the Tournament Director, but all referee decisions are final.

**XI. CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE: A. TEAM COACH/TEAM AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT:** Misconduct by a team, players, coaches, parents, spectators, supporters or officials will not be tolerated on or off the field. A team, player, coach, parent, spectator, supporter or official may be withdrawn from the competition at the discretion of the Tournament Director. In the event that this occurs, a misconduct report will be made to the team's State or National association. **Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team and supporters on and off the fields.**

**B.GENERAL RULES:** Verbal abuse or harassment of anyone will not be tolerated. Alcohol, firearms, fireworks and glass containers are not allowed at the park. Artificial noisemaking devices are prohibited. Smoking is only allowed in designated areas only. **C.EJECTIONS:** Any player or coach who received a red card/ejection during a match is not allowed to play or coach in the next match. **1.** Players and/or coaches receiving an ejection must leave the match immediately and report to the Tournament Director at the Tournament Headquarter tent. Upon completion of the match the player and/or coach ejected must report to the Tournament Headquarter tent and surrender his Player Card. **2.** Players may sit on the bench during their suspension. However, they shall not be in uniform. Coaches shall not return to the tournament site during the match for which they are serving the one game suspension. **3.** After serving the one match suspension the coach may pick up the Card from the Tournament Headquarter tent. **4.** Any player or coach who receives a second red card/ejection is suspended from that match **AND** from further tournament participation. **5. ANY PLAYER, COACH OR SPECTATOR GUILTY OF REFEREE ASSAULT WILL BE SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY FROM THAT MATCH AND SUSPENDED FROM FURTHER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION. A REPORT WILL BE MADE TO THE HOST STATE ASSOCIATION AND THE TEAM'S STATE OR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.**

**YELLOW CARDS:** A player or coach receiving two yellow cards during a match is suspended from that match and suspended from the next match (one match suspension). Two yellow cards in the same match is a red card and are counted as a red card. A player or coach accumulating three (3) yellow cards, which did not culminate in a red card, is suspended from the next match (one match suspension). A player or coach receiving two red cards/ejections will be suspended from further tournament participation.

**D. REPORT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION: 1.** Disciplinary actions taken during a match will be marked on the roster with the name and jersey number of the player or the Coach's name. Serious misconduct will also be reported by the Referee on a Misconduct Report form. All rosters and Misconduct Reports will be turned into the Tournament Director immediately following the match. **2.** For United States teams, any incidents of ejections in a final game, any incidents of referee abuse or referee assault or any other

incidents of a serious nature will be reported to the National/State Association. and the team's State Association. 3. For Foreign teams, the Tournament Committee will report any incidents of ejections in a final game, any incidents of referee abuse or referee assault or any other incidents of a serious nature, along with the disciplinary action taken or required to the US Soccer Federation. The Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to that team's Provincial or National Association.

**XII. GAME BALLS: A. RESPONSIBLE TEAMS:** Each team will need to provide 3 FIFA approved balls to be used as match ball – Host organization/referee will provide emergency game ball if original is lost or irretrievable.

**XIII. AWARDS:** No trophies will be awarded.

#### **REMINDERS**

- ONCE THE SCHEDULE IS CREATED AND PROVIDED NO CHANGES OR ALTERNATIONS WILL BE MADE
- WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO AVOID CONFLICTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
- GAMES, LOCATIONS, TIMES SHOULD BE VERIFIED ONLINE - COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR COACH OR MANAGER
- THIS EVENT IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH TEAM SNAP ACCOUNT AND WE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR ACCOUNT
- NO PETS ARE ALLOWED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS DALLAS OR MONEYGRAM SOCCER FIELDS
- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR SMOKING IS ALLOWED ON GAME FIELDS
- ARRIVE 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED GAME TO KEEP THE PARKING LOT CLEAR
- ALWAYS LOCK YOUR CAR AND DON'T LEAVE PERSONAL ITEMS IN VIEW
- KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE AT ALL TIMES! DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN UN-ATTENDED
- PLEASE PICK UP TRASH AT THE END OF YOUR GAMES – AND KEEP THE AREA CLEAR OF DEBRIS
- LOST & FOUND IS LOCATED AT THE MAIN TENT AT MONEYGRAM & NEAR THE CONCESSION STAND AT UTD
- ITEMS NOT PICKED UP ARE DONATED TO SALVATION ARMY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT.

GOOD LUCK! HAVE FUN! THANK YOU!