



Texas Premier Soccer Showcase

Tournament Rules and Regulations

Put on by Zen Sports Group®, LLC.

2011 Rules for the duration of the Tournament
Games November 19-20, 2011

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Get your Application in by October 22, 2011 to secure your acceptance in the tournament. By submitting the application, team representatives acknowledge that they have read and understand the tournament rules. It is mandatory to use our hotels, please see end of rules for information.

Registration and Team Eligibility

1. Check-in will be at the fields Saturday morning no later than 10:00 a.m..
 - a. Early check in is available at the host hotel, Holiday Inn, between 6-7pm Friday, prior to the Coaching Q&A Panel for Players and Families
2. At Check-in provide:
For Youth Teams from U.S.
 - At registration, please provide 3 copies of the Official roster signed by your Association registrar **and** by the coach.
 - Show Medical releases for each rostered player and guest player, if applicable.
 - Provide a Guest Player Release, if applicable.
 - Have a copy available for the center referee for every game playing.
 - Provide travel forms, if applicable.

For a Foreign team coming from a CONCACAF or foreign nation, please also:

- ▶ Show player travel picture identification cards.
- ▶ Show approval to play in the tournament from the Provincial or National Association.

Teams

1. The first team listed is considered the home team.
2. Both teams must bring two sets of uniforms to each game but color conflicts will be resolved by the home team required to change jerseys.
3. Teams will sit in their designated area. Spectators can sit anywhere designated for spectators. Only press and cleared photographers are permitted behind the goals.

Player Credentials and Uniforms

1. Player picture identification cards or rosters are to be present and available at all matches, if necessary.
2. Identification cards or rosters are required to be checked by the referee prior to each match, if necessary.
3. The shirt number of each player must be the same as the player's shirt number on the roster. If the numbers are not the same, the referee is not to allow the player to take part in the match until the numbers are the same.
4. Numbers must be permanently fixed to the player's shirt. No permanent markers are to be used to apply the number to the shirt.

Laws of the Game

All matches must be played in accordance with FIFA Laws for the Game, except as specifically modified as follows in the tournament rules:

1. Match length is maximum 40 minute halves no minimum predetermined before game.
2. Substitution Rules:
 - a. A player may be substituted on at a stoppage of play with the permission of the referee.
 - b. Free substitution - no reentry when specified by tournament director prior to game.
3. Player Equipment:
 - a. Shin guards - Required for all players (no exceptions).
 - b. Casts - No hard casts are permitted. Soft casts are permitted (with referee permission).

Tournament and Match Schedules

1. Tournament Format is OPEN.
2. Match schedules are predetermined.
3. All matches use referees certified by the U.S. Soccer Federation.
4. Match Delays, Suspensions, Cancellations - Tournament Director has final authority but will consult with local venues.
5. No refunds will be issued once the tournament fee is paid.

Forfeits

1. Teams not arriving within 10 minutes of scheduled match or having less than 7 players constitutes a forfeiture.
2. The minimum number of players required to start play is 7.

Match and Score Reporting

Referees are responsible for reporting the match results, cautions, and ejection to the tournament headquarters.

Ties

For all U15 - U19 Showcase matches, ties will stand at the end of regular play.

Determination of Age Group Winners

We will have Championship Finals for the top two teams in each age division.

Three points will be earned for a win, one point for a tie and no points are earned for a loss. Any forfeiture will be scored as a 2-0 win with three points awarded to the winner. Where it is required to break a tie for standings within a division or for purposes of determining placement, the following order will be used to determine the winner:

1. Head-to-head competition: except where three teams are tied, in which case head-to-head competition will not be used. If standings or placement must continue past 1st place team, then the determination of placement reverts back to head-to-head as first tie-breaker.

2. Goal differential (maximum of 3 goals per game).
3. Most goals scored. (Maximum of 3 goals per game).
4. Least number of goals allowed.
5. FIFA penalty kicks. If necessary, these penalty kicks will take place immediately prior to the semi-final or championship match.
6. In the event of a forfeit, tie breaking rules will only be applied if actually played.

Protests & Disputes

No protests are permitted.

Conduct and Discipline

1. Team and Spectator - any action deemed misconduct from referees, field marshals, tournament director, public safety officers or venue personnel can result in expulsion from field or stadium.
2. It is a general rule that animals, alcoholic beverages, smoking, verbal abuse of anyone is NOT permitted at the field or stadium.
3. A player or coach ejected during a match is not allowed to play or coach in the next match.
4. The Tournament Director may take additional disciplinary action against a team or individual for serious offenses, including suspension from the remainder of the Tournament.
5. The passes for the player or coach will be held by the Tournament Director until the game is over.
6. Ejection can result in expulsion from field or stadium.
7. Three (3) Yellow Cards accumulated during the Tournament results in suspension for one match.
8. Report of Disciplinary Action:
 - a. For the United States teams - player or coaching card will be held, a disciplinary report will be written and sent to the sanctioning organization or federation.
 - b. For CONCACAF teams - Tournament Director will notify the US Soccer Federation of disciplinary action taken, and the Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to that team's provincial or national association.

Game Balls

Must be supplied by each team.

Age and Eligibility

U15 will have 40 minute halves, ball size of 5 and the playing format will be 11 v 11.

U16 - U17 will have 40 minute halves, ball size of 5 and the playing format will be 11 v 11.

U18 - U19 will have 40 minute halves, ball size of 5 and the playing format will be 11 v 11.

A maximum of five(5) loan players may be used in the showcase roster. However, a team using loan players must have no more than a total of 22 for U/19-U/17 and 18 for U/16 - U/15 age groups on said roster. Loan players must be current USYSA/USSF or national equivalent players. If any player from your original roster is attending an ODP event, you can replace him/her and it will not count towards the maximum number.

Roster Size

- U-15 = 18
- U-16 = 22
- U-17 = 22
- U-18 = 22
- U-19 = 22

Duration of Games

All games will be 80 minutes in duration.

All games will be played with a running time piece. The referee may stop the clock for serious injuries. The Tournament Director reserves the right to reduce game time for any reason.

LODGING INFORMATION:

All teams MUST use one of our approved hotels during the tournament.

These hotels are located a short distance from the fields and boast numerous amenities to guarantee your comfortable stay. Zen Sports Group, LLC has arranged all rates for the hotels. For reservations please go to our website www.zensportsgroup.com.