

Twin City College Showcase Tournament Rules

1. GENERAL RULES

A. NO protests.

i. All decisions made by the referee are final.

B. Under no circumstances will the Tournament Committee, Twin City Youth Soccer Association, or the North Carolina Youth Soccer Association be responsible for any expenses (including tournament entry fee) incurred by any team; including situations in which the tournament or any game(s) is canceled in whole or part.

C. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournaments and all interpretations of the rules are final. If a team disregards any decision by the tournament committee (including the inclement weather policy), all remaining games will be forfeited and therefore disqualified from the tournament.

D. Non-local teams are required to use the tournament's hotel booking service. Any team who does not use this system will be subjected to a fine of \$500 or refusal of entrance to the tournament.

E. The Boys Showcase is a showcase for the players, where each team will choose to play 2- 3 matches. Match results will be recorded, points will be given (Win = 3, Tie = 1) and no champion will be declared in each group.

F. All groups are created based on information provided on the application, and with the tournament committee's knowledge of teams in order to provide balanced competition for all participants.

G. The tournament committee reserves the right to combine age groups and/or levels of play where appropriate. In the event that groups are combined all impacted teams will be notified and given the opportunity to withdraw from the tournament and receive a full refund.

H. Tournament entry fees are not refundable once a team has been notified of its acceptance into the tournament

2. LAWS OF THE GAME

A. All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA Laws, except as specifically modified by these rules.

3. AGE AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Participation is open to accepted teams meeting the roster limit and player age limit as defined by US Soccer Guidelines and the tournaments' permission to host.

i. U15 through U19 will play full-sided (11 v 11) with a maximum roster of eighteen (18) players dressed for any one game.

ii. Rosters for the U16 – U19 age groups can have up to 22 on the roster as deemed by the US Youth Soccer and US Club Soccer bylaws.

B. Each team must be registered with a National Soccer Association affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation and possess and present a valid state roster.

i. Player registration cards authorized by the state will be required as proof of age. Players who do not present a valid player pass will not play. *All player passes must be present at the field for the duration of the game.*

ii. Rosters submitted at tournament registration shall govern. *Each team shall have a match roster properly stamped by its state association present at every game.* Rosters may be inspected by the field marshal at the request of either coach or on the decision of the referee.

C. **USYSA/ State Association Teams** - Teams and players must be registered with their respective state association. Official USYSA Match rosters, laminated player passes and medical releases forms for the 2011-2012 season must be presented at registration (all players including guest players must have laminated player passes and medical release forms in order to participate in the tournament). Match Rosters must be original or state approved copies with the original official stamp on the roster. Out-of-state teams must provide their Notification to Travel form approved by their state association.

D. **US Club Soccer teams** - Teams and players must be registered with US Club Soccer. Official US Club Soccer Match rosters, laminated player passes for the 2011-12 season must be presented at registration (all players including guest players must have laminated player passes medical release forms in order to participate in the tournament). Out of state teams must present the appropriate notification to travel documentation from US Club Soccer.

E. All players on a team must play with the same type passes. There is no combining of US Club and USYSA passes allowed, including guest players.

F. No player shall play for more than one team during the tournament.

G. A maximum of four (4) guest players will be allowed during the tournament.

H. Players must be born on or after the date indicated by the age group in which they are to compete (see table below).

Age Group	Max Roster Size	Max # of Guest Players
U15 (8-1-96)	18	4
U16 (8-1-95)	22	4
U17 (8-1-94)	22	4
U18/U19 (8-1-93/92)	22	4

4. UNIFORM, EQUIPMENT, AND FIELDS

- A. In general, Law IV of FIFA Law applies. The referee shall be the final authority.
- B. Players must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms and these numbers shall coincide with the numbers listed on the team's official state / provincial roster.
- C. Players are **required** to wear shin guards in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.
- D. When the uniform colors are similar, the designated home team will change colors. The home team is listed first on the schedule.
- E. When requested by the referee, each team must provide a linesperson.
- F. Teams must be at the fields 20 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off.
- G. Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and teams must appear on the field ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the game, as only the referees and / or tournament committee can postpone or cancel a match.

5. SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Substitutions without limit maybe made during any stoppage of play at the referee's permission and discretion.
- B. All substitutes must enter the playing field from the halfway line with permission from the referee and should not enter the playing field until the player they are replacing has reached the touchline.

6. DURATION OF GAMES

A. The following table shows the length of game halves for the tournament's matches. There is no overtime or kicks from the spot for any match. Matches tied at the end of regulation will remain a draw.

Age Group		Preliminary	Ball Size
U15 thru U19	11 v 11	35 minutes	5

B. In the event of inclement weather forces a cancellation of a game after at least 20 minutes have been played, the game shall be considered official; the score at the point of cancellation will stand as the final score. If the game is halted before 20 minutes has passed, the match will be rescheduled for complete replay, or recommenced at the discretion of the tournament director.

7. FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITS

- A. A game may not start with fewer than seven (7) properly uniformed players on each team for any full-sided match. Once a game has started, it may not continue with fewer then league minimum. If a match cannot start or continue because of a team having fewer than the minimum, that team shall forfeit the game.
- B. A team shall have a five (5) minute grace period from the scheduled kick off before the match is awarded to their opponent as a 3-0 forfeited win.

- C. If a team is the cause for a termination of a game, the match will be awarded to their opponents as a 3-0 forfeit win.
- D. Teams that have forfeited will lose their team's performance bond.

8. GAME AND SCORE REPORTING

- A. The field marshal will ensure that the game report forms are properly completed, signatures obtained and scores recorded at the end of each game.
- B. A team official from each team must sign the game report at the conclusion of each game after the referees have completed the report to verify that the information is correct
- C. The field marshal will ensure that the scores of each game and subsequent cards are reported to the site and tournament headquarters in a timely manner each day.

9. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- A. In the event of inclement weather, the tournament committee will have the authority to change game as follows:
 - i. Relocate or reschedule any game(s);
 - ii. Change the duration of any game(s);
 - iii. Discontinue the Tournament
 - iv. At the discretion of the match referee, discontinue any match in progress. If ½ the match has been played the result at discontinuation will stand. If less than ½ the match has been completed, the match will be rescheduled if possible; however, if time or weather conditions do not permit the match will be considered incomplete and no result will be recorded.
- B. Every attempt will be made to have all matches played. However, the safety of players, referees, coaches and spectators is the tournament's primary concern followed by fairness to the affected teams and the completion of the tournament. Therefore, the tournament director's decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

10. CONDUCT

- A. Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted at game sites.**
- B. Smoking is NOT permitted at game sites.**
- C. Pets are NOT permitted at any game sites.**
- D. Players, coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the Law, as well as the letter of the Law. Displays of temper and/or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of spectators with their team Repeated violations may result in the suspension of the team or person from the tournament and/or future tournaments as decided by the tournament committee.
- E. Both teams (players and coaches) will be on the same sideline.
 - i. The home team (listed first) has the choice of which half of the field to occupy. All players and coaches must remain near the intersection of the touchline and the halfway line on their side of the field.
- F. Spectators of both teams will take the opposite side of the pitch. No one will be allowed behind either end line.
- G. A player or coach receiving a red card will not able to participate in the tournament game following the game the card is issued. The tournament committee reserves the right to suspend any player, coach, or team from the tournament for unruly conduct.
 - i. Any coach who is involved with multiple teams and who is ejected from a game must leave the complex until the game involving the ejection is completed. They are not allowed at that team's next game, but may return to the complex during the suspension time and attend the games of the other teams to which they are rostered or carded.
- H. Per FIFA, cards can only be shown to players. Spectators sent off from a match site are banned from all tournament play venues for the remainder of the tournament, unless readmitted by the Tournament Director.
- I. In the event of assault / abuse on a game official, that person will be removed from the facility immediately. In any event a player, coach, or other team official who is charged with assault on a game official is suspended from further participation in the tournament.
- J. Any teams disregarding a decision by the referees and / or the tournament committee to either suspend or cancel tournament play, can be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament. A written complaint will be filed both with the North Carolina Youth Soccer Association and the team's state association (if applicable).
- K. Coaches, players, and spectators are responsible for cleaning their bench area at the conclusion of their match. Failure to clean their bench area may result in the loss of their performance bond.