



# THE ORIGINAL SHOWCASE EVENT

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## Headquarters/Host

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## General Rules

1. **Team Eligibility:** This event is open to United States based teams registered through AYSO, US Soccer, US Youth Soccer, USSA and US Club, as well as international teams properly registered through their National Governing Bodies and Provincial Associations.
2. **Showcase Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any team application. No team is deemed accepted until written notification / approval has been sent from the Showcase Host.**
  - a. Emails confirming an application that has been submitted is not considered team acceptance.
  - b. All teams are required to provide applicable fees for consideration. Teams submitting payment online with application submission are NOT charged unless accepted. No refunds once accepted.
3. **Teams/players 60 + miles of Dallas are required to make reservations through Events By Design. Once your team reservations are confirmed we will begin your schedule.**

**NOTE:** Teams who don't follow the guidelines will be disqualified and will not receive a refund.
4. **Rosters and Player Eligibility.** It is the club's responsibility to ensure that all teams have proper documentation for players and coaches for this event. Documentation may be inspected at any time by referees and Showcase Officials.
  - a. All players must be born in the year of their age group classification, or in a later group. Teams must be properly registered and in good standing with their state, national and regional associations.
  - b. Each team shall possess a valid player pass or proper pass from their national association [except teams from North Texas] and utilize the Showcase official medical release form.
  - c. Each team is allowed up to 5 guest players for a maximum roster of 28 players with 22 available for play.
  - d. To be eligible to participate, guest players must meet all requirements for individual team players and be registered on the team official roster.
  - e. Teams may NOT mix rosters/players. Rosters must be consistent ie. US Club/US Youth etc.
  - f. Roster Limits is 28 and Active Player for any Showcase match is 22.
  - g. Roster documentation for each team, coach and players must apply to the current seasonal year.
  - h. All rosters, player passes, coach passes, medical release forms, and guest player documentation to include passes must originate from the same sanctioning body.
  - i. Teams may not use background checks completed by one sanctioning body to satisfy the lack of a completed background check from another sanctioning body.
  - j. Failure to provide proper documentation for any individual will result in that individual being considered ineligible to participate in the event.
  - k. Teams found to have used ineligible players will not be eligible to continue participation.
5. **Brackets -** The showcase will determine the number of teams in each bracket/age group and pair accordingly.

**6. How Games Are Scored:** We do not keep or post scores. If you want to keep your team score; 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points are earned for a loss. Forfeiture is scored as a 4-0 win.

**7. Playing rules -** The Showcase will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game observed by USSF and member organization. This is a Showcase no trophies are awarded and there are no championship games or play-offs in this event.

**8. Overtime -** There will be NO overtime for any showcase matches.

**9. Age - Format – Roster information is as follows:**

- a.** The Active Roster presented at the fields should the referee or showcase official ask, will identify 22 of the 28 players that will be used to play in that match, and no changes can be made after the match has started.
- b.** Rostered Players not included as an Active Player for the match are permitted to sit in the bench area but must not be dressed in uniform to differentiate themselves from Active Players.
- c.** The referee will not add time for substitutions, injury, or other matters. The game will stop removing an injured player from the field to maintain the physical well-being of other players or other conditions so warrant in the judgment of the referee.

**10. Uniforms and Equipment -** Each team should have 3 game balls available for each match. If the game ball presented to the referee is not sufficient, the Showcase will provide a game ball for use.

- a.** Match players shall have a number on the player's jersey and must match the official game roster. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible. Duplicate numbers are not permitted. Numbers are not required for goalkeepers.
- b.** In the event of a uniform color conflict, the team designated as the home team as shown on the game schedule as "Home" will change jerseys. The designated home team should be in light colored jerseys and the designated away team should be in dark colored jerseys. Goalkeepers must wear colors that distinguish them from other players and game officials.
- c.** Players wearing casts are permitted to play with the approval of the match referee. Casts must be covered with bubble wrap or foam wrap.
- d.** The Referee is the sole judge of allowed player equipment as prescribed by FIFA Laws of the Game.

**14. Minimum Number of Players -** Teams will need at least 7 players to begin a match. If the number of players on the field drop below 7 players, the game will be called by the referee as complete if 15 minutes has elapsed and no additional rostered players have arrived. The opposing team may play at full strength.

**15. Substitutions -** There is no limit to the number of substitutions that can be made during the game. A substitution may occur at any stoppage in play. An injured player may be substituted for at the discretion of the referee. If a substitution is made for the injured player, the opposing team may also make one substitution (with the referee's acknowledgment).

**16. Technical and Spectator Areas -** Teams will occupy one side of the field with each team between the 18 yard and center lines. Referees will have the authority to determine team location during the match. All spectators will occupy the opposite side of the field, opposite their team, between the 18 yard and center lines.

**17.** Alcoholic beverages, pets, recreational vehicles, and use of tobacco products are not permitted at game sites.

**18.** Conduct - Coaches are responsible for their behavior, for the conduct of the players, team staff, and spectators of their respective team. Coaches, parents, spectators, players may be ejected for poor behavior.

**19.** Player ejections – Players who are ejected from a match will miss the remainder of that match and will not be allowed to participate in his team's immediate next match's first half.

**a.** The ejected player may be replaced with the approval of the referee.

**b.** Any player ejected from a match for Violent Conduct (VC) will not be allowed to continue participating in the showcase. Players using Abusive Language (AL) and ejected will miss the remainder of that match and will not be allowed to participate in his team's immediate next match.

**c.** Ejection for fighting by players or coaches will result in the player and/or coach not being allowed to participate in any remaining matches. Those who are ejected from the event must leave the event facility immediately. Players ejected may remain on the bench or released to a parent/guardian and must leave the playing field.

**d.** 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 are counted as red cards. 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.

**e.** 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 Showcase 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.

**20.** Weather - Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear at the respective field site, ready to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match.

**a.** Only the Showcase Director, City, Facility may cancel or postpone a match. Referees may suspend a match and in the case of severe weather, at his/her discretion, the Showcase Director, facility operators, City Officials may cancel any/all games due to weather or field conditions.

**b.** In case of severe weather after the beginning of play, the Showcase Director may reduce the length of the match and may discontinue or cancel the game. Should a match be terminated due to weather conditions after 20 minutes of play, the match will be considered official and the score at the time will stand.

**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 at all 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 restrictions from facility operators when 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 the fields are playable will be determined by Lake Highlands Soccer Association/MoneyGram Park/The University of Texas Dallas/Carrollton Parks, Site Supervisors, and the Showcase Director.*

**22.** Referees and field managers will not consider beginning or continuing matches when a lightning storm exists. No refunds will be given in the event of cancellation except as described in Plan E.

**23.** Forfeited and Terminated Matches - A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present and prepared to play within five minutes of the scheduled commencement time. Teams must be present 15 minutes in advance of the scheduled commencement of a match to aid in the timely start of play. Any game shortened due to injury or weather will be considered as final.

**24.** The Showcase Staff, Sponsors or facility operators are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team, family, or individual participating in the event in whole or part or in the event games are discontinued or canceled due to inclement weather or adverse field conditions, except as described in Plan E.

**25.** The Showcase Management Committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament. The judgment of the Committee is final and, all referee decisions are final and binding.