

# Thanksgiving Showcase

## PLAYING RULES

### 1. RULES OF PLAY:

- A. Rules of play shall be per FIFA "Laws of the Game" except as modified by US Youth Soccer, North Texas Youth Soccer Association and the 2008 Thanksgiving Showcase.
- B. All decisions concerning rules and regulations, including the interpretation thereof, bracketing of teams, match schedules, etc. are the sole discretion of the 2008 Thanksgiving Showcase.

### 2. AGE AND ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Participation in the Thanksgiving Showcase is open to accepted teams composed of 22 players for U/19-U/17 age groups and 18 players for U/16-U/15 age groups or fewer players meeting the age limit of the specified division (See 1.B. below for loan player requirements).
- B. Players must have been born during, or subsequent to, the divisional year. Each team must be registered with a National State Association affiliated with USYS/USSF and must present a valid State roster. Player registration cards duly authorized by State/ Provincial or National Association will be required as proof of age.
- C. 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 USYS/USSF or national equivalent players. If any player from your original roster is attending an ODP event, you can replace her and it will not count towards the maximum number.
- E. Age groups for teams are as follows:
  - Under 19 (August 1, 1989 and younger)
  - Under 18 (August 1, 1990 and younger)
  - Under 17 (August 1, 1991 and younger)
  - Under 16 (August 1, 1992 and younger)
  - Under 15 (August 1, 1993 and younger)

### 3. TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION:

- A. All teams MUST check-in at COX Fields to register the team prior to their first game at the Showcase.
- B. All teams MUST have a copy of the approved Permission to Travel form, approved travel roster both signed by duly authorized State or National Association representative, a copy of each player medical release form and the player ID passes.

### 4. DURATION OF GAMES:

The duration of tournament games shall be in accordance with the following:

- A. All games will be 80 minutes in duration.
- B. All games will be played with a running clock. The referee may stop the clock for serious injuries.
- C. All decisions of this nature are made by the referee on the field and are final.

### 5. FIELD AND GAME EQUIPMENT:

- A. Players (excluding the goalkeeper) must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms and these numbers shall coincide with those listed on the team's Official State/Provincial roster. The Thanksgiving Showcase requires jersey #'s on the Official State/Provincial roster.
- B. PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR SHIN GUARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME.
- C. Home team will wear "WHITE" uniform color. Home team is listed first on the schedule.
- D. The SHOWCASE will provide game balls for all participating teams furnished by ADIDAS, to be used for all games.

## 6. SUBSTITUTIONS:

- A. Unlimited substitutions may be made, with the referee's permission:
  - 1. After a goal has been made.
  - 2. At the beginning of the second half of play or prior to the beginning of an overtime period.
  - 3. At a goal kick by either team.
  - 4. At a throw-in by the team in possession.
- B. Limited substitutions may be made, with the referee's permission:
  - 1. In case of stoppage of play due to an injury. (One-for-one basis for the injured player(s)).

## 7. CONDUCT:

- A. Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit AND the letter of the Law. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area.
- B. Players, coaches, and team officials ejected from a game by the referee shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game.
- C. Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted at game sites.

## 8. INCLEMENT WEATHER:

In case of inclement weather, the Thanksgiving Showcase Committee reserves the right to change games as follows:

- 1. Relocate or reschedule any game(s).
- 2. Change the duration of any game(s).
- 3. Cancel games without refund of entry fee.

## 9. PLAYER PROFILES:

- A. Each college coach will receive a book with all the participating teams' roster.
- B. The Showcase encourages all teams to bring and handout their team profiles to the attending college coaches.

## 10. PARKING:

See maps for detailed parking lot locations for each complex. Do not park on "No Parking Zones" and on "Fire Lanes". Please, follow all traffic signs.

## 11. GENERAL:

- A. Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Thanksgiving Showcase Committee, be responsible for any expenses (including the showcase entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes a situation where the showcase or any game(s) is canceled/terminated in whole or part.
- B. The Thanksgiving Showcase Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to this showcase.
- C. Remember that this is a Showcase, there will be NO protest.