

Loudoun Soccer College Showcase
March 1-3, 2024
Rules of Competition

1. Tournament Fees

15U, 16U, 17U and 19U boys and girls teams
\$ 1175 per team for applications received by December 18
\$ 1250 per team for applications received December 19 to February 5
\$800 per team in top brackets of U16-U19 age groups (2 games)

- 19U (2005/2006 birth year)
- 17U (2007 birth year)
- 16U (2008 birth year)
- 15U (2009 birth year)

Teams that withdraw from the tournament will not be refunded their application fee. Refunds will only be provided for teams not accepted for tournament play. Three games for each team accepted over three days (U16, U17, U19 teams in top brackets will play 2 games over 3 days).

2. Age and Eligibility

A. Participation in the Loudoun Soccer College Showcase is open to accept boys and girls teams composed of:

Max 28 rostered players: 15U – 19U

Each team must meet the age limit of the specified division (see below for loan player requirements). Players must have been born during, or subsequent to, the divisional year. Each team accepted must be registered with a National State Association affiliated with the USYS/USSF or national equivalent and must present a valid State or Provincial roster. The only acceptable proof of age will be a valid US Soccer State registration card and a photograph of the player.

CURRENT, DULY AUTHORIZED MEMBER PASSES, MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS AND OFFICIAL STATE APPROVED ROSTERS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE FIELD FOR THE DURATION OF THE GAME. *For each game, teams with 28 approved players on their roster, must turn in a Loudoun Soccer College Showcase “GAME” Roster denoting the maximum 20 players that will be participating in that game to the field Marshall and the Referee. For teams with 20 or fewer on the roster team credentials will not be checked on the field but must be available upon request.*

B. Loan/Guest Players A maximum of seven (7) loan/guest players may be used on a Tournament Roster. However, a team using loan/guest players must have no more than a total of 28 players on said roster for U-15 to U-19 teams. Loan/guest players must be current US Soccer players. In addition, **if required**, teams must provide duly authorized National State Association documentation (from both state associations) denoting the use of loan player(s) and permission to travel. Teams failing to abide by this rule will not be permitted to play in the tournament. US Club Soccer teams may only bring guest players registered through US Club Soccer. USYS teams may only bring guest players registered through USYS. No roster may be a combination of players registered by different organizations (No “mixed” or double rostered players in the tournament).

C. US Youth Soccer Permission to Travel – Region I Teams: Region 1 has established the following policy concerning permission to travel when attending US Youth Soccer sanctioned

tournaments in Region 1. The purpose of this policy is to make it as simple as possible for the US Youth Soccer Region 1 teams to travel to tournaments within Region 1. The new policy states that any US Youth Soccer State Association **teams** within Region 1 that is accepted into a tournament in Region 1 do not need permission to travel papers. Permission to Travel is not required in friendly games within Region 1.

National State Associations in Region 1:

- Connecticut Jr. Soccer Assn
- Delaware Youth Soccer Assn
- Eastern New York Youth Soccer Assn
- Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Assn
- Soccer Maine
- Maryland Youth Soccer Assn
- New Hampshire Youth Soccer Assn
- New Jersey Youth Soccer Assn
- New York State West Youth Soccer Assn
- Pennsylvania West State Soccer Assn
- Soccer Rhode Island
- Vermont Soccer Assn
- Virginia Youth Soccer Assn
- West Virginia Soccer Assn

D. US Youth Soccer Permission to Travel – Non Region I Teams: All non-US Youth Soccer Region I Teams must obtain and approved US Youth Soccer Permission to Travel Form, approved and signed (if required) by a duly authorized State or National Association representative, to attend the Loudoun College Showcase Tournament.

E. Teams that are members of organizations of the United States Soccer Federation but not members of US Youth Soccer (such as AYSO, SAY, US Club Soccer or Super Y Leagues) DO NOT require a US Youth Soccer Application to Travel form (although that team’s organization may require the team to obtain permission). An approved team roster does need to be provided to tournament officials, along w/ current player passes from its organization.

F. Age groups for teams are as follows:

- 19U (2005/2006 Birth year)
- 17U (2007 birth year)
- 16U (2008 birth year)
- 15U (2009 birth year)

3. Laws of the Game

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

4. Duration of Games

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

Age Group	Game Length	Ball
09 (U15) – 06/05 (U19)	70 minutes	5

(5 minute half time)

All games will be played with a running clock. The referee may add time for serious injuries or other incidents, including, but not limited to, deliberate time-wasting. The referee is the official

timekeeper and therefore all decisions regarding game duration are solely at the referee's discretion. Each team will play a total of three games.

In the event of inclement weather Loudoun Soccer reserves the right to shorten game time to accommodate an alternative schedule.

5. Field, Game Management & Player Equipment

A. 09 (U15) – 05/06 (U19) teams: *For each game, teams with 28 players on the approved roster, must turn in a Loudoun Soccer College Showcase "GAME" Roster denoting the maximum 20 players participating in that game to the field Marshall and the Referee.* Players can only be rostered on one team for the entire Showcase, exceptions must be approved in advance by the Tournament Director. The remaining players listed on the Loudoun Soccer College Showcase Tournament Official Roster may sit on the team bench, but cannot be in uniform.

If (at any time) a team is asked to produce either their duly authorized member passes and/or Loudoun Soccer College Showcase Tournament verified Roster and they fail to do so, their game MAY result in a forfeit.

DULY AUTHORIZED MEMBER PASSES AND LOUDOUN SOCCER COLLEGE SHOWCASE ROSTERS MUST BE AVAILABLE AT THE FIELD 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE GAME AND FOR THE DURATION OF THE GAME

B. 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 Roster.

C. PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR SHIN GUARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME.

D. Where uniform colors are similar, the designated **home team** will change colors. Home team is listed first on the schedule and should wear white or light colors. Away team should wear dark colors.

E. For all age groups, players and coaches will take one side of the pitch, and supporters will take the other side of the pitch. No one will be allowed behind either end line.

F. Referees will be allowed to wear headsets during games to assist with the officiating of matches.

G. Loudoun Soccer will provide tournament game balls for each game.

6. Protests

THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTS.

7. 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
3. At a goal kick by either team
4. At a corner kick for either team
5. Prior to a throw-in for either team
6. On all free kicks for either team *(Change from last year)
7. Limited substitutions may be made, with the referee's permission, in case of stoppage of play for an injury (one-for-one basis for the injured player(s))

8. Game and Score Reporting

A. The Field Marshal will ensure that the game report forms are properly completed, signatures obtained; each team's head coach or designee as well as the referee will sign game report and scores recorded at the end of each game. Loudoun Soccer will provide a designated Field Marshal for their respective game.

B. The Loudoun Soccer Site Coordinator will ensure that the scores of each game are reported to the Tournament HQ in a timely manner. Scores will be uploaded to the tournament website.

9. 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 facility.

B. Players, coaches, and team officials ejected from a game by the referee shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game. Also, Tournament management will report yellow and/or red cards issued to players from other State Associations to those players' home State Associations. Repeated violations may result in the suspension of the team from the tournament as decided by the Tournament Committee. The local authorities will be called if necessary.

C. In the event of an assault or abuse of a game official, a judiciary hearing shall immediately be convened at a Tournament site to be designated by the Tournament Director or Club Technical Director. All terms described in the USSF Official Administrative Rule Book – *Misconduct toward Game Official* – shall apply. In any event, a player or coach or other team official who is charged with an assault on or abuse of a game official is suspended from further participation in the Loudoun Soccer College Showcase Tournament and will be reported to the VYSA State Office for further action.

D. Loudoun County Parks and Recreation, Fairfax County, Prince William County and Word of Grace Athletic Fields prohibit the use of alcoholic beverages at all park and school facilities. Pets are not permitted at any Loudoun Soccer College Showcase sites.

E. No mechanical noisemakers are permitted.

F. SMOKING IS PROHIBITED AT ALL LOUDOUN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FIELDS as well as on the LOUDOUN SPORTS PARK COMPLEX.

10. Group Winners

A) Teams in the top brackets of the U16, U17, and U19 age groups will play 2 games only.

B) All other teams playing 3 games will be awarded three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and no (0) points for a loss.

C) The group winner shall be the team with the most (win/tie) points in their group. In the event of a tie within a group, the following criteria shall be used to determine the winner:

- a. Head to head competition. (In the event of a tie between more than two (2) teams, this criterion will not be considered)
- b. Most wins
- c. Most bonus points (The winning team will be awarded bonus points for goal differential up to a maximum of 3 points. Thus a team winning 3-0 or 7-3 would receive the maximum of three (3) bonus points.)
- d. Least goals allowed
- e. Most goals scored
- f. Team with fewest conduct violations (Yellow/Red)

- g. Coin toss with representatives of each team and the Tournament Director present

11. Pre-Tournament Check-in Rules

On-Line Check-In will be mandatory for this event. All requirements are listed on our Loudoun Soccer tournament website: www.loudounsoccer.com. Go to the Loudoun Soccer College Showcase link for details on how to check-in your team.

12. Failure to Show and Forfeits

A. A team shall be allowed a FIVE (5) minute grace period after the scheduled kick-off time before the match is awarded to their opponent. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team and if seven (7) players are present, the game will not be delayed. If a team notifies the Tournament Director they are forfeiting a match, that game is immediately scored as a 3-0 loss for the team that forfeits.

B. In no case shall a team, which forfeits a game, be declared a group winner. If an apparent group winner forfeits a game, the group team with the next best record shall be named the group winner.

C. If a team is the cause for termination of a game, that team will be considered to have forfeited that game.

D. A forfeit shall be awarded as three (3) points for the win. The score shall be recorded as 3-0.

E. If (at any time) a team is asked to produce either their duly authorized member passes and/or Loudoun Soccer College Showcase Tournament Roster and they fail to do so, their game MAY result in a forfeit.

13. Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee will have the authority to change games as follows:

1. Relocate or reschedule any game(s)
2. Change the duration of any game(s)
3. Cancel the tournament in whole or part
4. Games terminated by Game or Tournament officials after one half of play shall be considered official as of the time of termination

14. General

A. Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Tournament Committee, Loudoun Soccer or VYSA be responsible for any expenses (including the Tournament entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes a situation where the Tournament or any game(s) is canceled or terminated in whole or part.

B. The Tournament Committee's interpretation of the rules shall be final.

C. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to this Tournament.

D. This is a STAY TO PLAY tournament. All commuting teams participating in the tournament **MUST** (as a condition of acceptance) make all hotel accommodations using our tournament housing services. Teams not using our tournament housing service will be disqualified.

15. Cancellation and Withdrawal Policy

If the tournament or any game(s) are canceled or terminated in whole or in part due to weather conditions, the Tournament committee, Loudoun Soccer or VYSA will NOT be responsible for any expenses incurred by any team. If weather conditions force the Loudoun Tournament officials to cancel the event prior to the start date of the tournament a partial refund of the application fee (\$200) may be returned to the accepted teams after tournament expenses are received and recorded.

Teams that withdraw from the tournament will not be refunded their application fee. Refunds will only be provided for teams not accepted for tournament play.

16. Tournament Housing Service

Teams participating in the Loudoun Soccer College Showcase MUST (as a condition of acceptance) make all hotel accommodations using our tournament housing service HBC Event Services, a travel/booking agency with a nationwide reputation for excellence in managing travel for sports events. To reserve hotel rooms please use [the tournament reservation page](#), or call HBC Event Services at [\(505\) 346-0522](tel:5053460522) and/or support@hbceventservices.com if you have any questions and/or have any special hotel requests.

17. Hospital Information

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