

## 2009 SHOWCASE RULES-Boys and Girls

### GENERAL

All Tournament matches will be played in accordance with "The Laws of the Game" as issued by FIFA/USYSA except as modified in these "Tournament Rules."

### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

This is a USYSA/VYSA sanctioned tournament for club and tournament (maximum 5 USYSA carded guest players) teams. Each team shall be allowed a maximum of 22 players. Teams must be USYSA, USSF, FIFA affiliated, in good standing with their state association, and players possess 2009-2010 player passes. Teams affiliated with AYSO, SAY, US Club Soccer or Super Y League are also welcome. Teams will be evaluated on their individual team records. National, state or league select teams are not eligible. Out of state teams must provide permission to travel forms approved by their state associations. *Teams affiliated with AYSO, SAY, US Club Soccer or Super Y League DO NOT have to have a Permission To Travel Form. However, VYSA Sanctioned tournaments request a letter from the teams "other" affiliated member that the team and its players and team officials are in good standing.*

### Region 1 Policy Regarding Application To Host A Tournament

1. Region I has established the following policy concerning permission to travel when attending USYSA sanctioned tournaments in Region I. The purpose of this policy is to make it as simple as possible for the US Youth Soccer Region I teams to travel to tournaments within Region I.
2. The new policy states that any USYS State Association teams within Region I that is accepted into a tournament in Region I do not need permission to travel papers. Permission to Travel is not required in friendly games within Region 1. Note is to be taken on the two (2) states that have an exception to this policy (Connecticut & New Jersey).
3. National State Associations in Region I:
  - a. \*Connecticut Jr Soccer Assn - Must provide Permission to Travel
  - b. Delaware Youth Soccer Assn
  - c. Eastern New York Youth Soccer Assn
  - d. Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Assn
  - e. Soccer Maine
  - f. Maryland Youth Soccer Assn
  - g. Massachusetts Youth Soccer Assn
  - h. New Hampshire Soccer Assn
  - i. \*New Jersey Youth Soccer Assn – Must provide Permission to Travel
  - j. New York State West Youth Soccer Assn
  - k. Pennsylvania West State Soccer Assn
  - l. Soccer Rhode Island
  - m. Vermont Soccer Assn

- n. Virginia Youth Soccer Assn
- o. West Virginia Soccer Assn

## **REGISTRATION**

Mandatory team registration will take place at the registration tent at the field complex (one) hour before your first game.

Teams must present valid USYSA Player Passes, Certified State Rosters, Medical Release Forms and Permission to Travel Forms (if required per above). Teams may not play without having registered under penalty of forfeiture of games.

## **REFEREES**

A three-person referee system will be employed at all times. Officials will be USSF certified and in good standing. If there is only one referee present for a preliminary match at the scheduled start time, the referee present shall commence the match using volunteer linesmen. Should the missing referee(s) arrive at the field, he/she shall enter the match at an appropriate time and the volunteers shall be relieved of their duties.

## **PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

Shoes must meet FIFA specifications and shin guards must be worn during play. In the event of a uniform color conflict, the home team shall change. For the purposes of this showcase the VCCL member teams shall be considered the home team. No jewelry may be worn by any player during a match (earrings, watches, necklaces)

## **DURATION OF MATCHES**

The duration of halves is 45 minutes. The interval between halves shall be five (5) minutes. The referee is the official timekeeper of the match. No overtime for matches ending in ties. The ties will stand.

## **BALL SIZE**

Size 5

## **TEAM/SPECTATOR FIELD POSITIONS**

Coaches and players shall stand on opposite sides of the field from parents and spectators. No coaching shall be permitted within 18 yards of the goal line, from behind the goal line or from the parent/spectator sideline.

Parents and spectators from both teams shall stand on the same side of the field. The behavior of the parents and fans remains the responsibility of the coach. The referee and the Field Marshall are authorized to remove any spectator whose behavior, in their opinion, interferes with the play of the game. All spectators will remain behind spectator lines, as designated.

## **WARNINGS & EJECTIONS**

If a player is ejected from a match (red card by the referee) that player must sit out the remainder of that match plus his/her team's next tournament match. This being a college showcase event, players ejected can be substituted, thus allowing teams to

play at full strength. Two yellow cards constitute a red card and ejection, however offending player can be substituted also.

Coaches that receive a red card or two yellow cards in the same match are subject to the same penalties outlined above for players. Any coach ejected from a match will not be allowed in the general vicinity of the field (as defined by the referee) for the remainder of that match and the team's next match.

No team or club official may enter the field of play, regardless of the circumstances, unless that person has been given permission by the referee.

Red cards issued after the end of regulation play or as a result of physical assault are subject to review by the Tournament Rules Committee and a more strenuous penalty, that is not subject to appeal, may be issued. Should the infraction be sufficiently serious law enforcement authorities may be summoned. All infractions shall be reported to the host association (VYSA) for relay to the team's state association following the tournament. In accordance with USSF Policy 531-9, red cards for assault, abuse, or like offenses shall be reported immediately.

### **PROTESTS**

No protests shall be allowed.

### **FORFEITS**

Teams may not play any games without having registered first or the game will be forfeited.

A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present and prepared to play within five (5) minutes of the scheduled commencement time. A ten (10) minute allowance shall be made for Semi-final and Final matches. A team that cannot field seven (7) players at the scheduled commencement time shall forfeit the match.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Either team shall have unlimited substitutions subject to the following conditions and upon approval of the referee:

Prior to throw-in by the team in possession.

Prior to a goal kick by either team.

After a goal.

Throw-in by the team in possession.

Halftime or the beginning of an overtime period.

After a yellow card for the carded player.

Any time approval is granted by the referee (as in the case of injury for the injured player only). Note: When this occurs, the opponent may substitute a like number.

For a player that has been cautioned. Note: The opponent may substitute a like number.

### **TOURNAMENT STANDINGS/TIE BREAKERS**

No Tournament Standings are recorded. Results will be posted on the website upon

completion of the Showcase

### **TOURNAMENT OVERTIME**

All preliminary matches tied will remain a tie.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear at their respective field site, prepared to play as scheduled. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match. Only the referee or Tournament Director may cancel or postpone a match.

In the case of severe weather, in their discretion, the referees or Tournament Director may either cancel or discontinue a match, relocate and/or reschedule a match or reduce the scheduled duration of a match by 50%.

### **DISCLAIMER**

Neither the Tournament Director, the Williamsburg Soccer Club, Tournament Sponsors or coaches of host teams are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team if the tournament is canceled in whole or in part due to inclement weather, adverse field conditions or circumstances beyond the Tournament's control, nor will any refunds be made.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to decide all matters relative to the Tournament and his decisions are final. All decisions of the referee are final and binding.

### **TEAM CONTACTS**

Each team, upon arrival in Williamsburg, shall provide the name of the hotel/motel, room and telephone number of the coach, assistant coach or team representative at Tournament Registration so contact may be made by Tournament Officials in the event conditions require it. Teams shall ensure that the point-of-contact information provided is for a team official that is reasonably accessible during non-game hours.

### **INTERNATIONAL TEAMS**

FIFA Limited Substitution  
(This is teams from Canada or Mexico)

If they come from a CONCACAF nation we are allowed to play with "unlimited substitution" that you quoted as the second set of rules.

If a National Team (16 years and older) is participating in an age division, a limit of only six substitutions is permitted. In all other age divisions and when no National Teams are participating, "Unlimited Substitutions" may be used for all games.

Unlimited substitutions will be made with the referee's permission:

After a goal has been made;

At the beginning of the second half of play or prior to the beginning of an overtime period;

At a goal kick by either team; or

At a throw-in by the team in possession.

Limited substitutions may be made, with the referee's permission:

In case of stoppage of play for an injury; or

Under no circumstances may substitutions be made (1) on corner kicks or (2) after the game has ended in a tie and FIFA penalty kicks will be required to determine a winner.

### **PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS**

In the event of a problem, or if a team has a question about the tournament, they should first check with the Field Marshall at the field headquarters at the respective field. The Field Marshall will check periodically with Tournament Headquarters and can resolve most problems. The Tournament Director will ultimately decide all issues not resolved at the field location. Decisions of the Tournament Director are final.