



## Showcase Rules:



**PA Classics Winter College Showcase – Boys Weekend: December 7-8, 2024**  
**PA Classics Winter College Showcase – Girls Weekend: December 14-15, 2024**

### **CREDENTIALS**

For mandatory registration, done on-line via the team GotSPORT account, teams must provide the following required credentials:

#### **US Club Teams:**

1. US Club Roster.
2. Valid US Club Players Passes.
3. Valid player passes and loan papers for guest players.

#### **US Youth Soccer Teams:**

1. Original State Approved Roster.
2. Validated US Youth Soccer Player Passes.
3. Permission to Travel - Region 1 teams, with the exception of Connecticut and New Jersey, do not require Permission to Travel. Connecticut and New Jersey teams must provide a Permission to Travel. All non-Region 1 teams must provide a Permission to Travel.
4. Valid player passes for guest players.

#### **Foreign Teams:**

1. Provincially approved player picture identification cards.
2. Teams must have a completed form from it Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament.

#### **E-Waivers:**

1. Every attending player, coach, and team manager must complete the online Showcase E-Waiver to participate in the event. The waiver is available on the Showcase website, right side menu bar, under the "Online Team Check-In & Waivers" tab.
2. Players found to be participating in the event without a completed waiver risk expulsion from the event and having their team games forfeited.
3. Spectators do NOT have to complete an E-Waiver, only participants.

## PLAYER AGE & ELIGIBILITY

### Boys & Girls:

- U-20 = born on January 1, 2005 and after. \*\*Flight, if it exists, will be with U19 \*\*
- U-19 = born on January 1, 2006 and after.
- U-18 = born on January 1, 2007 and after.
- U-17 = born on January 1, 2008 and after.
- U-16 = born on January 1, 2009 and after.
- U-15 = born on January 1, 2010 and after.
- U-14 = born on January 1, 2011 and after. \*\* U14's will play in a U15 Flight \*\*

## ROSTERS & GUEST PLAYERS

- May register a maximum of 22 players for the event. A team may use up to 5 guest players but any team utilizing guest players is still limited to a total of 22 players.
- Teams may only dress 18 players for any one (1) particular game. No more than 18 players may participate in any one match. A team using more than 18 individual players in a match will forfeit that match by the score of 2-0. A team registering 19 to 22 players for the Showcase are advised not to have more than 18 participating players in the "technical area" (bench) during the game. Players 19-20-21-22, if they are in the technical area, should not be in uniform and should be clearly unavailable for use in the match.
- US Club Soccer teams may only take guest players registered under US Club Soccer, and USYSA teams may only take guest players registered with properly stamped USYSA player pass cards. No roster may be comprised of players with different passes from different organizations, or no "mixed rosters".
- **No player may play for more than one team in the tournament for the duration of the event. This is an EPYSA mandated rule as a condition of tournament sanctioning.**
- **A player who plays for a team that he/she is not registered with for the event will cause the team that he/she is not registered with to forfeit any match in which he/she participates in. Players are only eligible to participate with one (1) team.**

## TEAMS

- The home team is determined by the tournament scheduler. The first team listed in the tournament program (and website) is the home team.
- The home team will be responsible for using an alternate color uniform if necessary and shall supply a suitable game ball if the tournament does not provide one. (as determined by the Referee).
- If the home team cannot supply an alternate jersey, then the visiting team will.

## SPECTATORS

- Spectators are not permitted behind goals and must stay on the opposite side of the field from the team benches or in any other specifically specified area. Do not follow your player / participant from end to end of the field. Sit in one place and remain there for the duration of the match.
- All spectators shall use appropriate behavior and language and are subject to ejection from the premises for verbal abuse subject to the discretion of the match referee, the tournament referee assignor, or the tournament director(s).
- Head coaches are responsible for the behavior of the teams' parents and spectators. Head coaches and teams risk sanctions, up to and including forfeiture of a match or expulsion from the event if team spectators are out of control and deemed by any tournament official or director to be a threat to the continuance of the event. Any spectator who is told to leave a match by an official must do so without delay or the event director(s) reserve the right to forfeit the game to the detriment of the offending team.

## LAWS OF THE GAME

All matches must be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, except as specifically modified as follows in the tournament rules:

- Substitutions: At any moment of the match official's discretion. Officials are encouraged to allow for the game to flow and are not required to stop play for a substitute.
- Games will consist of two halves of equal length. The Directors reserve the right to adjust game length for conditions beyond their control.
- All games will consist of two equal halves of 35 minutes. As the event schedule is being constructed, should there be enough field space and time available to lengthen games, then the U17 to U20 age groups might be stretched to two equal halves of 40 minutes. Unless otherwise notified prior to the event by the Tournament Director, games will be 70 minutes long, with two equal halves of 35 minutes. Teams are guaranteed 3 games of two equal 35-minute halves.
- The game clock will not be stopped because of injury to any player, except if deemed necessary by the referee or Tournament Director(s). Due to the time allowed for the completion of all games, the clock should run continuously. Tournament directors have the right to over-ride this rule and add time should they deem it necessary based on real-time information and situation. There is no obligation for the clock to be stopped and all decisions made by the Tournament Directors are final, without protest or dispute allowed.

## REFEREES

- Referees will be USSF certified. All games will have 3 match officials.

## PLAYER EQUIPMENT

- It will be the referees' discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment.
- All players are required to wear shin guards.

## FORFEITS

- The score of a forfeited game shall be recorded as 2-0 in favor of the team not forfeiting, if; 1) the game has not commenced, or 2) the game has commenced, and the non-forfeiting team has less than a 2-goal lead at the time of cessation.
- If the non-forfeiting team has a 2 goal, or more than a 2-goal lead, at the time of cessation the score shall stand as it is. Forfeiture will be declared for the following reasons, with the Tournament Directors reserving the right to declare additional reasons for forfeiture beyond the causes listed her, which are:
  - A failure to begin play within fifteen (15) minutes of game time.
  - Failure to complete a match where a team leaves the field during play prior to the match official terminating the game.
  - Abandonment of the match by the official for action by one, or both, teams. The match officials will determine which team is culpable for the abandonment. The responsible team will forfeit the match. Should the match official determine that both teams are culpable for the abandonment then the score shall be recorded as 0-0.
  - A team utilizing more than the allowable number of players in a match.
  - A team utilizing non-rostered players, or those unverified through the online check-in process, during a match.
    - Players are not permitted to play for more than one team in the event. Not even if in different age groups.
    - A player who is rostered with "Team A" for the event and then goes and plays with "Team B" for the event (even if "Team B" is from the same club as "Team A") will cause "Team B", the one he/she is not officially rostered with, to forfeit the match.
  - A team utilizing any players(s), or coaches, that were red carded in their immediately previous event Winter College Showcase match and therefore should be serving the requisite 1-match suspension.

## **DETERMINING WINNERS:**

- Showcase Format - Play 3 games and done.
- No advancements. No awards/medals.

Teams will be awarded points on the following basis:

- Three (3) points for each Win
- One (1) point for each Tie
- Zero (0) points for each Loss

In the event of a tie in points at the end of group play, the winner of a bracket and/or flight will be determined as follows:

- The winner in head-to-head competition. In the event of a 3-way tie, even after the elimination of 1 team through tie-breakers "B", "C", "D", and "E", the head-to-head tie breaker is NOT used. There is no reverting back to tiebreaker "A" in a 3-way tie.
- Goal differential, maximum of 3 per game (Team wins 5-0, scored as +3)
- Fewest goals against.
- Most total wins.
- Most shut outs.

## **MATCH & SCORE REPORTING**

Match scores will be recorded by the match official following the game. A tournament representative or field marshall will collect the score from the match official, and have both coaches sign the score sheet. The score will then be radioed in to the tournament HQ for posting. It is the responsibility of the head coaches of each team in a match to sign the scorecard directly following the game to verify the proper result.

The comprehensive list of score updates for all ages, flights, and brackets, for the entire tournament will be posted on-line via the tournament home page, [www.paclassics.org](http://www.paclassics.org).

Tournament Directors reserve the right to edit final scores where the goal differential is over 5 goals. (Example: A 9-1 victory may be scored as 6-1, or a 7-0 victory may be scored at 5-0). There is a max goal differential of +3 in any game, so scoring more goals once you've kept a gap of 3 goals to your opponent is meaningless for tie-breaker rules.

## **EJECTIONS, CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE**

Any player or coach who is ejected from a game must serve a mandatory 1 game suspension for the next game that the team plays. Any player or coach who is found to participate in the next game when they should be serving a suspension will cause that game to be forfeited. Players can be ejected for accumulation of 2 yellow cards in the same match, or a straight red card. Coaches do not need to be shown a red card to be ejected. If an official tells a coach to leave the field, that is an ejection and will constitute a 1 game suspension for the coach. There will be no appeals of ejections/red cards unless a team feels there has been a case of mistaken identity for the player or coach ejected. In that situation a registered team representative needs to bring their concerns to the Tournament Director at the Showcase HQ for review.

A player, coach, team official, or spectator who is ejected for violent conduct, serious foul play, or racist remarks/actions may be subject to further sanctioning beyond a 1 game suspension. Any player, coach, team official, or spectator who assaults a referee will be expelled from the Tournament with further disciplinary action possible, up to and including contacting local authorities.

Tournament Directors reserve the right to levy additional discipline, up to and including expulsion of the entire team from the Tournament, at their discretion, should a situation warrant.

**Pets, alcoholic beverages, aerial drones, firearms, and verbal or racial abuse are not permitted at any tournament venue. This applies to all participants and spectators. Failure to adhere to these rules can result in forfeiture of games or ejection from the premises.**

## **PROTESTS & VIDEO FOOTAGE SUBMISSION**

- Protests are not allowed, and none will be permitted.
- Video footage submitted to the tournament for the purpose of overturning results or re-officiating live game action will not be permitted.
- The Tournament Directors / Committee reserve the right to utilize video footage to determine disciplinary measure against players, coaches, or teams in the event of violent conduct/actions perpetrated by players, coaches, or spectators.

## **FINAL RULINGS**

The final interpreter of the foregoing rules and regulations, and any matters not provided for in these rules, will be the Tournament Directors, whose decisions shall be final.

## **WEATHER**

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

- Relocate or reschedule any game(s)
- Change the duration of the game(s)
- Cancel any game(s), which have no bearing on the selection of the division winners.

## **HOTEL POLICY**

Teams are required, as a condition of acceptance to the Winter College Showcase, to book all housing needs through Halpern Travel, the official travel service of the Winter College Showcase. Teams who do not utilize Halpern Travel to arrange accommodations are subject to penalty, up to and including, the revocation of acceptance to the Winter College Showcase without return of entry fees. Teams who are based 90 or more miles from Classics Soccer Park must use the hotel service. Teams who are based less than 90 miles away may commute to the event daily.

## **REFUND POLICY**

Please see the refund policy on the right side menu bar of the Winter College Showcase website.

## **LIABILITY**

Pennsylvania Classics AC, and each of its affiliates, subsidiaries, and parent entities, along with all owners of any facilities that host the Winter College Showcase, and all present and past officers, directors, investors, managers, employees, coaches, administrators, executives and representatives of such groups, are not responsible for injury, loss of property, or damage to any person(s) or personal property that occurs during the Winter College Showcase. This includes, but is not limited to, all; participants, spectators, relatives of participants, coaches, officials, or anyone associated in any way with the Winter College Showcase.

Additionally, anyone entering a parking facility with a vehicle at any tournament field venue understands that there is an inherent risk associated with parking their vehicle near a sporting event, and that Pennsylvania Classics AC, Sideline Soccer Solutions, facility owners or operators, or anyone associated with the organization, is not liable for damages that the vehicle may sustain.

As a condition of team acceptance to, and for individual participation in, the Winter College Showcase, all players, coaches, and team officials must complete and E-sign the official online E-Waiver Form. This document is available on the tournament website home page via the "Online Team Check-In & Waivers" tab on the right side menu bar.