

CDL SHOWCASE 2018
Feb. 16-18th, 2018
TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules of the tournament shall be in accordance with FIFA, FYSA, US Youth Soccer and USSF except as modified and approved herein.

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS-

Tournament headquarters will be located **at Ed Radice Park**, 14805 Ed Radice Dr. Tampa,FL. 33626.

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TEAM ELIGIBILITY-

This Tournament shall be open to all teams comprised of properly registered youth players (as determined by the rules of US Youth Soccer and USSF) in all age groups indicated on tournament approval form, provided such team is in good standing with their association.

It shall be the responsibility of each Association to certify the eligibility of its competing teams and to provide such teams with a certified copy of roster, permission to travel and proof of insurance.

International Teams may apply and enter the tournament.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- The players and bench personnel must present picture identification cards issued by the team's Federation Organization member(USYS, US Club, AYSO, USSF, other)
- Identification cards must be verified, photo attached, and laminated
- Teams from a US Youth Soccer National State Association outside of Florida must provide proof of permission to travel.
- Teams must provide a certified/approved tournament roster from the team's Federation Organization.

Age Division	Birth Year	Max Roster	Guest Player Limit
Under 19	1/1/98 & 1/1/99 YRS	22	5
Under 17	1/1/00 TO 12/31/00	22	5
Under 16	1/1/01 TO 12/31/01	22	5
Under 15	8/1/00 TO 12/31/00	22	5
Under 14	8/1/01 TO 12/31/01	22	5
Under 13	8/1/02 TO 12/31/02	22	5

PRE-GAME PROCEDURE

- Tournament Officials shall conduct all credential checks at initial registration check-in.
- Teams are required to have and present player and bench personnel picture identification cards if requested.
- Identification Cards will be checked against tournament generated game reports.
- Teams must have on hand a certified/approved tournament roster from the team's Federation Organization in case of any discrepancies with the tournament generated game reports.

- Each team is limited to three(3) coaches on the bench, all of which must be listed on the team roster. In no case will a team be allowed to participate without a properly registered coach or assistant.
- The shirt number of each player must be the same as the player's shirt number on the tournament roster. If not the referee is not to allow the player to take part in the match until the numbers are the same(shirt or roster changed).

Players not certified by the Tournament credentials committee will not be allowed to participate in any tournament event. A player who arrives late at the playing field after the pre-game procedure may enter the game once the game official(s) verify the player is eligible and with the permission of the center referee.

Only at the pre-game procedure may a player be challenged by an opposing manager/coach. Challenged player(s) will be noted by the referee on the game report and will be allowed to participate in the game (if said player has been verified). A challenged player does not constitute a game protest, but may serve as the basis for protest should one be submitted. A late arriving player may be challenged at the time he/she is allowed to participate by the referee.

The referee or assistant will check player equipment in accordance with tournament rules and US Youth Soccer/FYSA rules concerning player equipment.

IN NO EVENT WILL A REFEREE ALLOW A PLAYER TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT A VALID, VERIFIED PLAYER PASS OR WITHOUT REQUIRED PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

Team Rosters for College Coaches: Rosters for College Coaches are taken from the Got Soccer System and will be compiled in a book for each college coach who attends the event. This projection of the tournament is to promote each player to the college coaches is part of the commitment the tournament has a Showcase event. Any player choosing not to be published must notify the tournament to remove their name.

LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be in accordance with the FIFA "Laws of the Game", except as modified below. Competition sanctioned by this association shall abide by the "Laws of the Game."

LAW 1: Field of Play

Per FIFA rules

LAW 2: The Ball

Size #5 (27-28 in., 14-16 oz.)

LAW 3: Number of Players

U13-U19- Maximum Eleven per side per FIFA, 22 players at game time for the game roster

** 5 Guest Players will be permitted per team.

Substitutions shall be unlimited, unless otherwise specified by tournament administrators. Substitutions may be made only from the center line and upon proper notification of the referee through the assistant referee, and with the referee's permission, at the following times:

Any stoppage of play on the field with referee discretion.

LAW 4: Player Equipment

Player equipment must conform to FIFA rules. Shin guards must be worn under socks by all the players, be approved material and offer a reasonable degree of protection.

Orthopedic casts are not permitted; however, soft braces can be worn with **written** approval from a doctor, and judgment as to safety is at the discretion of the referee.

Jewelry Rule: It is the policy of FYSA and this Tournament that no player be allowed to wear ANY jewelry while participating in any FYSA sanctioned match. The only exception that may be allowed is a medical alert bracelet or necklace when taped to the body. The referee shall make the decision as to the safety of the player and the referee's decision is final.

A player may be removed from the game at any time if the referee determines that the player is using or is attempting to use a brace to injure other players.

Teams will wear uniforms of matching design and color with a minimum of six-inch numbers affixed to the back of the uniform shirt. No two players may have identical uniform numbers while participating in any match.

A. In the event of similar team colors, the designated **home team** will be required to change to a color accepted by the referee.

B. The uniform of the goalkeeper must be distinctly different in color from the basic colors of both competing teams and the referee.

LAW 5: The Referee

The referees are required to submit a completed, official game report to the site director containing information relating to any game incidents involving players, coaches, spectators, misconduct and injuries.

Referees will not be paid before any required post-game reports have been submitted.

In the event the assigned referees fail to appear and the assignor and/or site director fails to provide a replacement, the senior assigned referee shall assume the duties and shall find an alternate assistant referee. The duties of the assistant referee shall be limited. The game will be played as scheduled and will be deemed official.

LAW 6: The Assistant Referee

Two assistant referees will be used. In the event the assigned assistant referee fails to appear, the referee must find a suitable assistant. The game will be played as scheduled and be deemed official.

LAW 7: Duration of the Match

AGE GROUP	Qualifying Games (min)	Semis & Finals(Min)	Semi's/Finals Overtime(Mins)
*U19	2 X 40 = 80	None	None
*U17	2 X 40 = 80	None	None
*U16	2 X 35 = 70	None	None
*U15	2 X 35 = 70	None	None
U14	2 X 35 = 70	2 x 35 = 70	No Overtime-Kicks from Penalty Mark
U13	2 X 35 = 70	2 x 35 = 70	No Overtime-Kicks from Penalty Mark

*Plays Showcase Format with guarantee of 3 games only, no awards & no championship game.

The Tournament Committee may reduce duration of match time due to weather conditions, safety of players or schedule constraints.

All quarter-final, semi-final and championship rounds will go straight to penalty kicks if tied at the end of regulation.

Player suspected Concussions or known signs of Concussions:

All games shall be conducted with the new FYSA and Fla. State Concussion Rules to be obeyed. Any player who shows signs of a concussion must be removed from the game and if determined he has signs of a concussion cannot return to the game or any subsequent games in the tournament until given permission following the following guidelines:

Before the player may return to practice or competition a written medical clearance to return stating that the youth athlete no longer exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or other head injury must be received from an appropriate health care professional trained in the diagnosis, evaluation, and management of concussions. In Florida, an appropriate health-care professional (AHCP) is defined as either a licensed physician (MD, as per Chapter 458, Florida Statutes), a licensed osteopathic physician (DO, as per Chapter 459, Florida Statutes), a licensed physicians assistant under the supervision of a MD/DO (as per Chapters 458.347 and 459.022, Florida Statutes) or health care professional trained in the management on concussions.

To help recognize a concussion, you should watch for the following things among your athletes:

- 1. A forceful blow to the head or body that results in rapid movement or the head*
- 2. Any change in the athlete's behavior, thinking, or physical functioning*
- 3. Signs or symptoms of concussion that may be reported by a coach or other observer:*
 - a. Appears dazed or stunned*
 - b. Is confused about assignment or position*
 - c. Forgets sports plays*
 - d. Is unsure of game, score or opponent*
 - e. Moves clumsily*
 - f. Answers questions slowly*
 - g. Loses consciousness (even briefly)*
 - h. Can't recall events prior to hit or fall*
- 4. Signs and symptoms that may be reported by the player:*
 - a. Headache or pressure in the head*
 - b. Nausea or vomiting*
 - c. Balance problems or dizziness*
 - d. Double or blurry vision*
 - e. Sensitivity to light*
 - f. Sensitivity to noise*

- g. Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy*
- h. Concentration or memory problems*
- i. Confusion*
- j. Does not feel right*

CONTROL OF SIDELINE CONDUCT

Players, reserve players, managers, coaches, and fans are expected to conduct themselves within the letter and spirit of “the laws of the game” and comply with FYSA’S Code of Ethics. The site director has the authority and the responsibility to remove any person from the tournament for abuses of conduct, in addition to any specific disciplinary action brought about by any other authority. In addition to good manners, the following rules will apply to this tournament.

The site director will designate one sideline to be the sole use of the players listed on the game roster and three managers/coaches from each teams. While the game is in progress, the manager/coach and the reserve players must remain on their respective benches and may not roam the sidelines.

The site director will designate the opposite sideline for the spectators.

Managers/Coaches will be responsible for the behavior of their fans and the referee will have the authority to warn and ultimately send off any coach whose fans behave in an abusive or disruptive manner.

POST-GAME PROCEDURES

As mutual courtesy, both teams will meet at the center circle and congratulate each other for a game well played.

Referees will return player passes to the Site Director along with a completed game report.

The Manager/Coach of each team will confirm score with the Site Director by signing the game report and collect passes after each game, except those participants sent off (if any).

The Manager/Coach of both teams will ensure their respective sidelines areas are clean and that all trash is in containers.

ARTIFICIAL NOISE-MAKING DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

It shall be solely the team’s responsibility to determine the status of its players. Any suspension from a tournament, local league, etc. is the responsibility of the team to notify the Tournament Director of this suspension at the time of the player’s check-in.

Per Florida Youth Soccer Association Rule 504.1- Red Card suspension or send off suspensions can only be served with the team with which the suspension was earned in games played by their team. Players may not serve suspensions as “guest players.”

The Tournament Committee shall have a Disciplinary Committee of no less than three (3) members. The Disciplinary Committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by Managers/Coaches, players, referees, spectators, etc. using the FYSA standards as set by Rules Section 502.

All players and Managers/Coaches shall be subject to FYSA Section 502 – Discipline and Sanctions.

A player or Manager/Coach ejected will have a minimum of one (1) game suspension regardless of the ejection.

Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Disciplinary Committee may recommend the suspension of up to the duration of the tournament with further disciplinary action by the appropriate state or national association. The Disciplinary Committee recommendations must be available to the affected parties prior to the start of the next scheduled game.

At the conclusion of the tournament, passes will be returned to the coach (even if suspension has not been completed). A complete report will be sent to the appropriate State Association within 72 hours of the conclusion of the tournament for possible further discipline.

DETERMINATION OF GROUP WINNERS

***IF A WILDCARD TEAM IS SCHEDULED TO PLAY A TEAM FROM ITS ORIGINAL GROUP THEN THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL RE-SHUFFLE THE SEMI-FINALS SO THAT TEAMS ARE NOT PLAYING TEAMS THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY PLAYED IN THIS TOURNAMENT.*

In group play, there will be no overtime games. Standings in a group will be determined by:

1. GAME POINTS:
 - 3 points for a Win
 - 1 points for a Tie
 - 0 points for a Loss
2. TIE BREAKERS:
 - A. Head to Head Competition. If no clear winner;
 - B. Net Goal Differential with a Maximum of Three(3) goal differential per game. If no clear winner;
 - C. Extra Point for every shutout in group play(not counting forfeits).
 - D. Least Amount of Goals Allowed (total for all games). If no clear winner;
 - E. Most Goals Scored with a Maximum of Three(3) goals per game. If no clear winner;
 - F. Penalty Kicks in Accordance with FIFA "Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark".

Determination of Quarterfinal, Semi-final, if any, and Final Game Winners:

In head to head competition, if the game is not decided after regulation, overtime will not be played. Penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with FIFA "Taking of Kicks From the Penalty Mark".

Note: Teams may be asked to move to a designated Penalty Kick area to permit the next scheduled game to proceed.

FORFEITS

A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team . Games should start at given starting times. In case the team does not have the minimum number of players present, it should be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes grace period, before awarding the game to the opponent. A forfeit will be scored 3-0. An abandoned game is recorded as a forfeit and will be scored 3-0.

PROTESTS

No protests will be accepted. All disputes will be resolved by the Tournament Director.

EXTERNAL CONDITIONS, WEATHER, etc.

In the event unusual conditions necessitate the rescheduling, curtailment or cancellation of games, the Tournament Committee shall have absolute authority to make the changes in order to best serve the interests by a certain time period.

Refund Policy- Tournament entry fee returns/refunds as follows:

Within five (5) days after notification that the team is not accepted by their application.

Within five (5) days after cancellation of the tournament.

Within ten (10) days of withdrawal request of the application by a team prior to acceptance of that application by the tournament.

In any FYSA sanctioned match a break will be given at the midpoint of each half of regulation time and at the end of each overtime period (if played) for player hydration. This break will be given at a normal stoppage of play and it is mandatory for any FYSA sanctioned match during which the air temperature is or is expected to reach eighty-five (85) degrees.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL CEREMONY

Following the completion of each championship game, the two competing teams will present themselves to the Game Site Coordinator for awards.

GENERAL

The Tournament Committee, FYSA and/or host affiliate will not be responsible for any expense incurred by any team due to cancellation in part or whole of this tournament.

The Tournament Committee's interpretation on the foregoing rules and regulations shall be final.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide all tournament matters.

If not enough teams are realized within a single age bracket, the Tournament Director shall notify the participants as soon as possible and those participants will be given the option to play up or to receive a full refund.

The Tournament Committee has the responsibility to uphold any previous suspension imposed by FYSA/US Youth Soccer.

The Tournament Committee agrees to have a copy of the Tournament Rules at all game sites.

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- No refund will be granted to a team if they withdraw from the tournament after the deadline to apply to the tournament.

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