

Loudoun/NVA College Showcase
March 5-7, 2027
Rules of Competition

1. Tournament Fees

15U, 16 U, 17 U, and 19U boys and girls teams

\$1300 per teams for applications received by December 22

\$1375 per team for applications received December 23-February 2

\$800 per team in top brackets of U16-U19 age groups (2 games)

- 19 U (2008/2009 birth year)
- 17 U (2010 birth year)
- 16 U (2011 birth year)
- 15 U (2012 birth year)

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

To ensure schedule integrity and ensure all teams fulfill their commitment to participate in all games, teams are required to pay a separate performance bond check of \$350. The performance bond will only be cashed if your team withdraws after being accepted, or forfeits a game during the Showcase. The performance bond is intended to reinforce each team's responsibility to scheduled games and to help offset the administrative, facility, staffing, referee, and opponent-related impacts that may result when a team has to forfeit a match. Please contact the Tournament Director with any questions.

2. Age and Eligibility

- A.** Participation in the Loudoun Soccer College Showcase is open to accepting boys and girls teams composed of **a maximum of 28 rostered players.**

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 playing in that game to the Field Marshall and the Referee. For teams with 20 or fewer players 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 7 loan/guest players may be used on the Tournament roster.** However, a team using loan/guest players must have a total of no more than 28 players on said roster for 15U-19U 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 for 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.**
- C. US Youth Soccer Permission to Travel-Region 1 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 in Region 1. The new policy states that any US Youth Soccer State Association teams within Region 1 that are 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 1 Teams:** All non-US Youth Soccer Region 1 Teams must obtain an 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 Soccer College Showcase.
- 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 League) 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 with current player passes from its organization.
- F.** Age groups for teams are as follows:
 19 U (2008/2009 Birth year)
 17U (2010 Birth year)
 16 U (2011 Birth year)
 15 U (2012 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
U15	70 minutes	5
U16	70 minutes	5
U17	70 minutes	5
U19	70 minutes	5

*Halftime will be 5 minutes long.

All games will be played with a running clock. No added time or stoppage time will be given with the exception of a serious injury at the discretion of the referee. The referee is the official timekeeper and therefore all decisions regarding game duration are solely at the referee's discretion.

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

5. Field, Game Management, and Player Equipment

- A.** 2012 (15 U)-2008/2009 (U19) teams: For each game, teams with 28 players on the approved roster, must turn in a Loudoun/NVA College Showcase "Game"

roster denoting the maximum 20 players participating in that game to the Field Marshall and referee. **Players can only be rostered on one club for the entire Showcase. However, players can be double rostered for one club only on a maximum of 2 teams at the discretion of the Showcase Director. In this situation, players can only play up in age for a 2nd team and must notify the Showcase Director before the start of the Showcase.** Exceptions must be approved by the Tournament Director in advance of the Tournament. The remaining players listed on the Showcase Official roster but not the game 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 Showcase verified roster and they fail to do so, their game may result in a forfeit.

Duly authorized member passes and 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 teams' 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 field, and supporters will take the other side of the field. No one will be allowed behind either end line.
- F.** Loudoun Soccer will provide game balls for each game.
- G.** Referee's will be allowed to wear headsets during games to assist with the officiating of matches.

6. Protests

THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTS

7. Substitutions

- A.** Unlimited substitutions may be made with the referee's permission after every stoppage of play including after a goal, at the beginning of the 2nd half of play, goal kicks and corner kicks for either team, Throw-ins for either Team, Free kicks for either team, injuries for either team.

8. Game and Score Reporting

The Field Marshall will ensure that the game report forms are properly completed, signatures obtained, each teams' Head Coach or designee as well as the referee will sign game report and scores recorded at the end of each game.

- A. Field Marshalls 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 as soon as possible.

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 the game by a referee shall be ineligible for the next scheduled Tournament game.** Tournament Officials will also 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 a team from the Tournament as decided by the Tournament Committee. 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 an event a player, coach, or team official is charged with an assault or abuse of game official, that person will be suspended from further participation in the Loudoun Soccer College Showcase and will be reported to the VYSA State Office for further action.
- D. Loudoun County Parks and Recreation, Fairfax County, and Prince William County prohibit the use of alcoholic beverages at all park and school facilities. Pets are not permitted at any Loudoun Soccer College Showcase site.
- E. No mechanical noisemakers are permitted.
- F. Smoking is prohibited at all Loudoun County Parks and Recreation Fields as well as the Loudoun Soccer Sports Park.

10. Group Winners

- A. Teams in the top brackets of the U16, U17, U19 age groups will play 2 games only.
- B. All other teams playing 3 games will be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.
- C. The group winner shall be the team with the most points in their group. In the event of a tie within a group, the following criteria shall be used to determine the winner:
 - Head to Head competition (In the event of a tie between more than 2 teams, this criteria will not be considered)
 - Most wins

- Most bonus points (Winning team 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 max of 3 bonus points)
- Least goals allowed
- Most goals scored
- Team with fewest conduct violations (Yellow/Red cards)
- Coin toss with representatives of each team present along with Tournament Director.

11. Failure to Show/Forfeits

- A.** A team shall be allowed a 5 minute grace period after the schedule kick-off time before the match is awarded a win for the opponent. A minimum of 7 players constitutes a team and if 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 forfeited.**
- 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.** **If at any time a team is asked to produce either their duly authorized member passes and/or Showcase Roster and they fail to do so, their game may result in a forfeit.**

12. Pre-Tournament Check-in Rules

On-line Check-in will be mandatory for this event. All requirements are listed on the Loudoun/NVA Showcase website: www.loudounsoccer.com Go to the Loudoun/NVA College Showcase tab for details on how to check-in your team.

13. Inclement weather

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

- Relocate or reschedule any games
- Change the duration of any game(s)
- Cancel the tournament on whole or part
- Games terminated by Game or Tournament Officials after 1 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 cancelled 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 (HBC Event Services). Teams not using our tournament housing service will be disqualified.

15. Cancellation and Withdrawal Policy

If the tournament or any game(s) are cancelled 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 Showcase Committee to cancel the event prior to the start date of the Showcase, 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 to teams not accepted into the Showcase.**

16. Tournament Housing Service

Teams participating in the Loudoun/NVA 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 or have any questions, please call HBC Event Services at 505-346-0522 or contact Maria Maczuga at mariam@hbceventservices.com

17. Hospital Information

**Inova Loudoun Hospital: 44045 Riverside Parkway, Leesburg, VA 20176
703-444-6060 or 703-858-6000**

