

## **VDA COLLEGE SHOWCASE**

### **AGE AND ELIGIBILITY**

A. Showcase - 13U-19U teams will play, Boys & Girls

Participation in the VDA College Showcase is open to accepted teams composed of a maximum of twenty-two for USYS or twenty-six for US Club Soccer. Players must have been born during, or subsequent to, the divisional year, as defined by US Soccer Guidelines; Player registration cards duly authorized by State/Provincial or National Association will be required as proof of age. ECNL/GAL/MLSNext players deemed Bio-Banded are able to play in the age group they are rostered.

\*Age groups:

- 2015-2014 (U9-U10)
- 2013-2012 (U11 - U12)
- 2011-2005/06 (U13 - U18/U19)

\*Combining of age groups will be done at the Tournament Committee's discretion, if needed.

C. No "house" all-star, recreational, or ODP teams will be permitted to play. Each team accepted must be registered with a National State Association affiliated with the USYS/USSF or national equivalent and must present a valid (2023-2024) State or Provincial roster. 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 have to have a US Youth Soccer Application To Travel form (although that team's organization may require that the team have permission). At the tournament registration, all teams must present valid (2023-2024) player cards, the approved official (2023-2024) roster (with copy), medical releases (all players) and permission to travel as required. All player passes must match the affiliation of the roster. For example, If the team roster is USYSA, then all players on that team must have USYSA passes. A player may not guest play on a USYSA roster with a US Club player pass, and vice versa. All VYSA clubs have USYSA passes (travel and rec). All player passes MUST be signed by the registrar (for travel passes) or club designee (for rec passes). Guest players must be current USYS/USSF or national equivalent players and can play for only 1 team in the Tournament. Guest players may be recreational players provided they have an authorized(2023-2024)player registration card. (maximum of 6 guest players per team)

D. Out of state teams must have a Permission to Travel Form signed by their association. All out of area teams are required to reserve their housing through Halpern Travel [www.halperntravel.com](http://www.halperntravel.com) 888-640-6400 our tournament-housing agency. Teams that secure lodging outside of Halpern Travel may not be accepted to the tournament. All players/teams must have valid Player Registration Cards, Team Rosters, Medical Release Forms, and Permission to Travel Forms.

F. Foreign teams must provide the following at registration:

Passports for each player, or if from a nation that the United States does not require a passport, proof of entry into the United States that is required by the United States, Player picture identification cards, Completed form from its Provincial or national association approving the team's participation in the tournament.

## **LAWS OF THE GAME**

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

## **DIVISIONS, SUB-DIVISIONS and FLIGHTS Divisions:**

Teams will be broken into Division, Sub-divisions, and flights depending on the number of teams that compete at each age group. All teams will receive 2 games.

## **DURATION**

The duration of tournament games shall be in accordance with the following for Non-DA matches:

13U through 14U -- two 35 minute halves

15U through 19U -- two 40 minute halves

Each game will have a 10 minute halftime unless otherwise agreed upon by both coaches and referees. All teams will be scheduled to play a minimum of 2 games (this may be altered due to weather or other unexpected issues). Each team will play one game on Saturday & Sunday. All games will be played with a running clock. The referee may stop the clock for serious injuries or other incidents. The referee is the official timekeeper and therefore all decisions regarding game duration are solely at the referee's discretion and shall not be protested. All 11v11 games will have 3 certified referees.

## **FIELD CHECK-IN TIME AND FIELD AND GAME EQUIPMENT**

Player registration cards and the official team roster, approved by the tournament director prior to the event (online), must be available at the field prior to your games and for the duration of the game. The Referee will not check rosters prior to games unless prompted by the tournament staff or requested by teams. Each team must present an Official Game Roster prior to each match denoting the maximum 20 players that will be participating in that game. The remaining players (listed on the Official State Roster but not listed on the Official Game Roster) may sit on the team bench side HOWEVER they may NOT be in uniform.

- Players must wear numbers visible on the back of their uniforms.
- Players shall wear shin guards in accordance with FIFA laws.

- No metal cleats will be allowed, and no jewelry will be allowed.
- Casts are permitted with the permission of the referee.
- Where the opposing team's uniform colors are similar, the designated home team will change colors. The designated home team is listed first on the schedule.
- When requested by the referee, each team must provide a referee assistant.
- A #5 balls will be used. The tournament will provide game balls at the field. Players and coaches of both teams will take the same side of the field. All other supporters will take the opposite side. Only three team officials are permitted on the sidelines with their players.

## **FORMS, DOCUMENTATION and TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS**

All players must have current Medical Release forms, Player Registration Cards, Team Rosters, and Permission to Travel Forms, if applicable.

### **REGION 1 TRAVEL**

Region I has established the following policy concerning permission to travel when attending US Youth Soccer 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.

The new policy states that any US Youth Soccer State Association **teams** within Region I that are 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.

#### **National State Associations in Region I:**

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

Massachusetts Youth Soccer Assn

New Hampshire 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

## **PROTESTS**

There will be **no protests**. All officiating decisions are final.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Unlimited substitutions may be made on any stoppage with the referee's permission except:

- Corner kicks
- Penalty kicks (unless an injury has occurred)

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

In case of stoppage of play for an injury; or

To replace a cautioned player.

## **GAME AND SCORE REPORTING**

Tournament staff will collect and provide game cards for all matches from referees.

## **CONDUCT**

Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the LAW as well as the letter of the LAW. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and the surrounding field area. Repeated violations may result in the suspension of the team from the tournament as decided by the Tournament Director.

Players, coaches and team officials ejected from a game by the referee shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game (red card or 2 yellow cards). Ineligible coaches are not permitted at the field; ineligible players may sit on the bench (but not in uniform).

It is the responsibility of the team's coach or the person acting in the coach's behalf to control the conduct of its parents and other spectators. Failure to do so may result in a warning to the coach or the person acting in the coach's behalf by the referee. If unacceptable conduct continues, the referee may eject the team's coach, or the person acting in the coach's behalf, from the game.

In accordance with the USYSA Tournament Hosting Agreement, all red and yellow cards and other matters involving team conduct will be reported to the home club and State/Provincial Association of the team involved as well as the US Youth Soccer National Office and the US Soccer Federation (foreign teams). There will be no disciplinary action for yellow cards accumulated in different matches during the tournament.

- Both teams will sit on the same side of the field. Only coaches and trainers may stay on the player's sideline.
- Spectators are only allowed on the opposite side of the field from the coaches and players and are limited to being in the designated area from penalty box to penalty box.
- **No spectators are allowed behind the goal areas.**
- Harassment of the officials from coaches, spectators or players **will not be tolerated**.
- **Artificial noisemaker devices are prohibited.**
- **Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any of the field sites.**

## SHOWCASE FORMAT

Scores will be counted and recorded but will not go towards a tournament winner. This format is designed to have a competitive environment where all rostered players are able to showcase talents in front of college coaches and scouts.

### Send-offs

2011- 2009 (U13-U15):

- If a player receives a red card or two yellow cards during a match, that player will sit out the rest of that match and also their next match.
- Players serving Red card suspensions are allowed to sit on the bench during their team's next game **but are not allowed** to be in uniform.

2005/06-2008 (U19-U16):

- If a player is ejected from a match (red card by the referee) that player must sit out the remainder of that match.
- In addition, the player must sit-out his/her team's next tournament match.
  - However, as this is a showcase event, appeals for sitting out the next match are allowed at the discretion of the Tournament Director in coordination with the tournament's Referee Coordinator.
    - Ejections for violent behavior, fighting, referee abuse are in **no way appealable**. Only the Tournament Director can make these decisions
  - As 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 also be substituted.

## **FAILURE TO SHOW AND FORFEITS**

Forfeits for this event will result in forfeit of all reported matches.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather or for any other reason, the Tournament Director or official representative(s) will have the authority to:

- Relocate or reschedule any game(s);
- Change the duration of any game(s);
- Cancel any game(s);
- Consider any game terminated by game or Tournament Officials after one half of play as official as of the time of termination; and
- Determine the format for advancement.

## **TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION**

Refund Policy: In the event of inclement weather or other conditions (including local, state, or federal guidelines due to COVID-19), within 14 days of the tournament, that is outside of the Tournaments control leading to a Full Event Cancellation, VDA/PWSI Tournament Series may refund or credit a maximum of 75% of the Tournament's Registration Fees.

## **TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY**

Teams that drop in writing prior to the event registration deadline will be given refunds minus a \$75.00 administration fee. No refunds will be guaranteed for teams dropping after the event registration deadline. If a team withdraws after schedules are released (2-4 weeks prior to the event) no refund is given.

## **COVID-19 POLICY & PROTOCOLS**

The VDA showcase will follow guidelines laid out by local, state, and federal officials. For up to date policies as they continue to evolve please visit [vdasoccer.org](https://www.vdasoccer.org). Game day information can be found by going to <https://www.vdasoccer.org/facilities>. We will send fill details for entry and exit points, protocols, and policies the week of the event as they are constantly changing based on information from health authorities.

## **GENERAL**

Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Virginia Youth Soccer Association, Inc., the Prince William Soccer Inc Corporation, the PWSI Tournament Committee, or any of their official representatives be responsible for any expenses (including the Tournament entry fee) incurred

by any team. This includes a situation whereby the Tournament or any game(s) is canceled in whole or part.

The Tournament Committee's or their official representative's interpretation of the rules shall be final pertaining to this Tournament.

#### TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS

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\*The tournament committee reserves the right to make any rule and all changes to policy at any point during the tournament.