

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Showcase & Clinic**  
**The Sport Source Showcase December 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**FIFA RULES FOR AN UN-RESTRICTED EVENT**



The Sport Source, Plano Youth Soccer Association and Plano Parks would like to welcome you to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Showcase & Clinic.

All **Showcase Games** will be held at Russell Creek Soccer Complex unless otherwise instructed. Russell Creek Soccer Complex is located at: 3500 McDermott Rd – Plano, Texas 75025

All **Clinic Sessions** will be held at the University of Texas – Dallas Soccer Complex on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 unless otherwise instructed. University of Texas – Dallas is located at: 800 West Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75080 – **The soccer fields are located off Campbell Road.**

1. Team rosters are limited a maximum of twenty-two (22) players in the U16, U17 & U19 groups. A maximum of 5 guest players will be counted for a total of 22 players in the final team roster size/count. **All teams MUST provide medical release for each player at the time of check in for review and verification.**

NOTE ANY TEAM BRINGING A GUEST PLAYER, MUST HAVE A GUEST PLAYER RELEASE SIGNED BY THE RELEASING TEAM COACH OR MANAGER. ALL GUEST PLAYERS MUST HAVE THEIR PLAYER ID CARD AVAILABLE AT CHECK IN AND AT THE FIELDS. **ALL TEAMS BRINGING GUEST PLAYERS MUST PROVIDE 1 COPY OF THE PLAYER RELEASE TO THE SHOWCASE STAFF AT CHECK IN.**

2. Players may not play for more than one team in the tournament. Players must have jersey numbers and may not change numbers once registration is complete.
3. The first team listed is considered the home team. Any jersey color conflicts will be resolved by the home team. Both teams will be on the same side of the field, spectators will be on the opposite side.
4. All USA teams are required to present player picture identification cards that are issued by their governing body at registration and at all matches **except local North Texas Teams.** All **international teams are required to present passports or other identifying documents at registration.** Tournament player picture identification cards are required for players out-side of the USA. For international players player ID Cards must be present at all matches. Identification cards are subject to review by the referee prior to each match so please keep your player book handy.

The player's shirt number must be the same as the shirt number on the daily match report. If the numbers are not the same, the referee is instructed not to let the player take part in the match until tournament officials resolve the matter. All players must wear shin-guards during the game and appropriate attire.

5. All teams shall be allowed to have up to four (**5**) **Guest Players** with a maximum roster of twenty-two (22). USA teams are allowed to have **Replacement Players** that are lost due to any USSF/USYSA/USCS programs (National, Regional, ODP, etc.) that conflict in time with tournament dates. Written confirmation from the teams governing body of any conflict in time must be provided to The Sport Source® office.

6. All Guest Players/Replacement Players must meet the following criteria: 1) must be approved for participation by their respective governing body [USA teams] or by the provincial association of their national federation [International teams]; 2) must be a registered player with the appropriate governing body [USA teams] or provincial association of their national federation [International teams]; 3) may not be selected from any other team that is participating in the tournament.
7. If a Guest/Replacement player is selected from a team which is subsequently invited to participate in the tournament, the player must return to his original team. If a Guest/Replacement player participates in a tournament match and the player's original team is subsequently invited to participate, said player must remain with the team for which he played the tournament match.
8. All matches will consist of two 40-minute halves; unless shortened by the referee. [This includes the half-time break]
8. During the preliminary stage of the tournament, teams are bracketed in groups and matches will not have overtime periods. Matches will be counted as: Win -3 points; Tie - 1 point; Loss - 0 points.
9. Substitution will be allowed during natural stoppage of the match at the referee's discretion. The substitution is completed when the substitute enters the field of play and the player whom he is replacing ceases to be a player. The substitution is completed when the substitute enters the field of play and the player whom he is replacing ceases to be a player. Free substitution is permitted following the rules stated above are met.
10. The official match report/score card for each completed match **must** be verified (i.e., score, cautions, send offs) immediately after the game by the team coach or manager with a signature of the referee. Match reports that are not verified stand as submitted and may not be contested or appealed.
11. Players or Coaches sent off during a match are not allowed to play/coach in the next match. A player receiving two cautions during the tournament is not allowed to play in the next match. In case of continued bad conduct of players, teams, officials, or supporters, the team may be withdrawn from the competition and reported to their association. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team and supporters.

***NOTE: We believe in "conflict resolution" and ask all players, coaches and attendees to use good judgment during match play and refrain from behavior that is not becoming or disruptive to the game, event and integrity of such. Any participant, spectator or coach who violates this rule will be asked to leave the park area and not be permitted to return. Referees who ask a player, spectator or coach to leave MUST immediately leave the park area. Referees are there to ensure the respect, spirit and integrity of the game is followed.***

12. Any player or coach sent off during the tournament or any player receiving multiple cautions during the tournament may be required to attend a Disciplinary Committee hearing. Official Match Reports will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee and will determine if a hearing is necessary and the coach and player MUST attend the hearing. Any hearing could result in the player or coach being required to sit out additional matches or being withdrawn from the competition. Team officials will be notified as soon as possible if a hearing has been scheduled.

**13. Judgment calls by referees may not be appealed. Any objection to a referee decision must be made in writing and delivered to the Main Showcase Tent at the conclusion of the game by the TEAM COACH ONLY.**

**14. Disciplinary Committee decisions may not be appealed.**

15. All protests must be submitted in English to the Disciplinary Committee within three hours of the end of the match with a \$100 (US) cash non-refundable fee. Only protests that concern the Laws of the Game and ineligible players will be considered. All decisions will be in the best interest of soccer and may not be appealed. **Protest should be delivered to the Main Showcase Tent by immediately after the game by the Team Coach Only.**

16. Subject to the foregoing, FIFA laws, as modified by USSF, USYSA and NTSSA rules, apply. Please note that per FIFA Laws of the Game number 4, the wearing of shin guards by players is mandatory. No player will be allowed to play without shin guards.

17. In the event that the tournament is cancelled, a refund of the entry fee (if any) or a portion of the entry fee (if any) will be determined by the Board of Directors after all expenses have been calculated.

18. The decision of the Tournament Manager/Director, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, on any matter is final and may not be appealed.

19. All teams must check in at the Host Hotel prior to participating in any game unless otherwise agreed to by the Tournament Director or Manager.

**NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.** If your team is unable to check in at the scheduled time, 10 days advance notice is required in order to make other arrangements to accommodate your needs.

**The host hotel for team check in is: Marriott Hotel – Legacy Town Center – 7120 Dallas Parkway – Plano, Texas 75024 – Phone: 972-473-6444 – Check in time is 5:30pm CST till 10:30pm CST.**

### **Start of Game**

A maximum grace period of 5 minutes will be allowed after the scheduled kick-off time. Teams must have seven (7) players present in order to begin a game. A game forfeited will be scored 1-0 and the winning team will be awarded 3 points. It is requested that teams be present 20 minutes before the scheduled start time to aid in the timely start of play.

### **Inclement Weather/Game Delays**

Coaches and their players must appear at the field ready to play as scheduled, regardless of the weather. Failure to appear will result in a forfeit of the match. Only the Tournament Director may cancel or postpone a match. At the sight of lightning all games will cease and play shall not resume until Tournament Director determines that a minimum of 30 minutes has passed with no visible lightning.

Additionally, the Tournament Director may reduce the length of a match by as much as 50% because of weather or field conditions or to keep the integrity of the schedule. Should a game in progress be terminated due to weather or field conditions, the game will be considered official if at least the first half has been played and the score at that time shall stand. For other games, rescheduling attempts will be made as fairly as possible, considering referee and field availability and normal progress of the competition.

As a final solution, it may be necessary to employ other means to determine the outcome of the game in which case the game will be scored 1-0.

### **Player Equipment**

- a) Shin guards MUST be worn by all players, and covered by socks
- b) It is the responsibility of each team to have the game ball available at each match. The home team will provide the game ball and if not available, the opposing team will provide the game ball. Should neither team have a suitable game ball, the referee will provide a game ball provided by the Showcase Organization.
- c) With the exception of medical ID, no rings, watches, earrings or other jewelry of any kind may be worn. Medical ID medals must be taped to the chest. Medical ID bracelets must be taped to the wrist so that a finger may not become trapped under it. The referee prior to the game must approve any protective device or cast worn by a player. Casts must be padded and wrapped.
- d) When the color of the jerseys are similar or identical, the designated home team will change jerseys (The team listed first on the schedule is the home team).
- e) Goalkeepers must wear a different colored shirt, which distinguishes them from all other players and referees.
- f) Each field player must have a unique number on his/her jersey and all jerseys shall match in color. Shirts must be tucked in during entire game.
- g) No equipment changes may be made after the referee's equipment check without his/her permission. No item of clothing shall extend below the shorts, including the keepers clothing (except compression shorts if they are the same color as the outer shorts, but above the knee.)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE RULES, PLEASE CONTACT THE SHOWCASE STAFF IMMEDIATELY.

### **METHOD TO CONTACT:**

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**WITH YOUR APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHOWCASE, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE YOU HAVE READ THESE RULES AND WILL COMPLY BY THESE RULES.**