



RULES and REGULATIONS

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SANCTION AND AFFILIATION

The Northern Ohio Tournament is sanctioned by US Club Soccer, an affiliate member of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). US Club Soccer does not require travel permits but all non-US Club Soccer teams must satisfy their own state travel obligations.

TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

US, Canadian and International Competitive Club teams, State/Provincial Select Teams, Tournament Select Teams and ODP Teams who are registered and in good standing with their official governing body (USSF or CSA affiliates) will be considered for application to all of our events.

U15 THRU U19 COMPETITION

Open to all USSF, CSA and International affiliated teams. Sanctioning granted by US Club Soccer which allows competitive competition for all age groups.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

U15 and up - 11v11 (10+keeper) Teams may carry a roster of no more than 22 players. All players on a team must have a valid USSF player card (US Youth Soccer or US Club Soccer). There will be no exceptions. All players on a team must have the same USSF player card- teams cannot mix and match cards.

MATCH LENGTH

Unless shortened due to inclement weather, all U15 - U19 Showcase matches will be 80 minutes in duration, divided into two 40-minute halves.

TEAM CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION

Each team is required to submit one copy of an official approved roster. Validated team player passes are required for each player and coach. Canadian and International teams will be required to provide the equivalent. A medical liability/waiver form for each player and guest player that is on the official tournament roster must be provided. If your governing organization requires guest player/loan forms or permission to travel/permission to participate, these forms must be presented as well.

In compliance with Ohio HB 143 of the 129th General Assembly:

All teams are required to submit a copy of certificate of completion of online concussion course for ALL adults (coach, manager, team parent(s) who will be present on players sideline during all tournament matches.

Three online training courses have been approved by the Ohio Department of Health:

National Federation of High School Association (NFHS) Concussion In Sports

<http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000>

National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) Concussion Training

<http://www.nays.org/additional-training/preview/concussion-training.cfm>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports Training

http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html

These are the ONLY concussion training courses that are accepted by ODH and CASA Tournaments. Certificate of completion must be issued by NFHS, NAYS or CDC. Copies of certificate are to be submitted to tournament officials at team registration/check in.

International teams need not present proof of entry or passports.

All game times are subject to change, at the discretion of the tournament committee.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONS IN EACH GROUP

All team standings shall be determined by using the following criteria, in order of importance.

- 1) Total number of points- each team receives 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.
- 2) Record head to head (If 3 or more teams are tied, head to head will not be used.)
- 3) Goal difference- Subtract total goals allowed from total goals scored. Please note: The maximum recorded goal difference in any one game shall be four (4)
- 4) Most goals scored (up to 4 per game)
- 5) Least goals allowed
- 6) FIFA penalty kicks

In event of forfeit, rules 3 and 4 will be placed in a "per game average"

FIFA RULES APPLY TO ALL AGES AND FORMATS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

Substitutions

- 1) Substitutes are to enter the game at the centerline on the bench side of the field.
- 2) Teams in all age groups are allowed unlimited substitutions.
- 3) Substitutions may take place for both teams at the following times provided that permission is granted by the referee:
 - a) on a goal kick
 - b) after a goal is scored
 - c) on an injury, when the referee has stopped play
 - d) at half time and the start of any overtime period (in the playoffs)
 - e) after a caution is issued
 - f) on a throw in – If the team in possession of the ball is permitted to substitute, the other team is allowed to also substitute provided the player was already at the center line ready to enter the field

WEATHER PROVISIONS

Games called off in the first half, by the referee or Tournament Director, because of weather conditions, will be decided as follows:

- a) The team up by two goals or more shall be awarded a win.
- b) Score difference of one goal or less will be recorded as a tie.

Games called off during the second half are confirmed complete and will be scored according to the score at the time the game is called off.

Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Tournament Committee, or hosting organization, be responsible to any expenses (including the tournament entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes a situation where tournament or any game(s) is (are) cancelled in whole or in part.

FIFA rules will apply to all games, conditions, and situations unless otherwise specified within these tournament rules.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

- 1) Any player or spectator found using any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on premises will be expelled from the tournament.
- 2) Any player who destroys or steals property will be expelled from the tournament.
- 3) No firearms on premises

REFUND POLICY

Once accepted into the tournament, no refunds will be granted. If weather conditions or the state of the fields make it impossible to carry out the tournament to its full extent, it is up to the organizers to make the necessary decisions concerning the arrangement or cancellation of games for any reason. Fees are non-refundable if games or the tournament are cancelled for any reason.

REFEREES

This tournament will use certified officials for all matches (USSF Rule 3040). The Tournament Committee and Referee assignor will make every effort to use a two or three-man system of officiating at all games.

BLOOD RULE

Any player who is bleeding and/or has blood on any part of the uniform will be sent off the field by the referee. A substitution can be made. The player sent off may return once the bleeding is stopped and/or bandaged. The affected uniform must be cleaned before the player may re-enter the game.

SPECTATORS

Coaches and players will be required to stand on the same side of the field during competition – limited to three coaches/managers per team. Spectators will be required to remain on the opposite side of the field.

NO PETS ARE ALLOWED.