



**2021**

**T H A N K S G I V I N G   S H O W C A S E**

**H O S T E D   B Y   D K S C**

**1. RULES OF PLAY:**

- A. Rules of play shall be per the International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game except as modified by US Youth Soccer, North Texas State Soccer Association, and the Thanksgiving Showcase.
- B. All decisions concerning rules and regulations, including the interpretation thereof, bracketing of teams, match schedules, etc., are made at the sole discretion of the Thanksgiving Showcase.

**2. AGE AND ELIGIBILITY:**

- A. Participation in the Thanksgiving Showcase is open to accepted teams composed of 22 players for 13U-19U age groups.
- B. 14U teams may apply to play in the 15U age group. Selection committee will review applications and accept a limited amount of 14U teams.
- C. Each team must be registered with an affiliate member of USSF and must present a current official roster. Player registration cards duly authorized by National Association will be required as proof of age.
- D. Unlimited guest players may be used in the SHOWCASE ROSTER. However, a team using guest players must have no more than a total of 22 for 13U-19U age groups on said roster. Guest players release forms will be checked at check-in.
- E. Age groups are determined by year of birth of oldest athlete on a team's roster:
  - 18U/19U – 2003/04 Birth Year
  - 17U – 2005 Birth Year
  - 16U – 2006 Birth Year
  - 15U – 2007 Birth Year
  - 14U – 2008 Birth Year
  - 13U – 2009 Birth Year

**3. TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION:**

- A. All teams are required to check-in ONLINE prior to their first game.
- B. All teams must present a copy of team roster, guest player releases, valid medical releases for all players (including guest players), and player ID cards/passes issued by team's National Association.
- C. Teams that are not registered with North Texas State Soccer Association must provide approved permission to travel documentation, when required by team's State or National Association.

#### **4. DURATION OF GAMES:**

The duration of tournament games shall be in accordance with the following:

- A. All 13U/14U games will be 70 minutes in duration. All other games will be 80 minutes in duration.
- B. All games will be played with a running clock. The referee may stop the clock for serious injuries.
- C. All decisions regarding duration of games are made by the referee on the field and are final.
- D. The Showcase reserves the right to adjust game length and schedules due to weather or field conditions.

#### **5. FIELD AND GAME EQUIPMENT:**

- A. Players (excluding the goalkeeper) must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms and these numbers shall coincide with those listed on the team's official roster. The Thanksgiving Showcase requires jersey numbers for all players on the official roster.
- B. PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR SHIN GUARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH IFAB LAWS OF THE GAME.
- C. Home team will wear "WHITE" uniform color. Home team is listed first on the schedule.

#### **6. SUBSTITUTIONS:**

- A. Unlimited substitutions may be made, with the referee's permission:
  - 1. After a goal has been made.
  - 2. At the beginning of the second half of play or prior to the beginning of an overtime period.
  - 3. At a goal kick by either team.
  - 4. At a throw-in by either team.
- B. Limited substitutions may be made, with the referee's permission:
  - 1. In case of stoppage of play due to an injury. (One-for-one basis for the injured player(s)).

#### **7. 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 surrounding field area. A misconduct report will be reported to North Texas Soccer and/or the team's State Association or National Association. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team and supports both on and off the fields.
- B. Yellow Cards: A player or coach receiving two yellow cards during a match is suspended from that match and shall be ineligible for the next scheduled match.
- C. Red Cards: Players, coaches, and team officials ejected from a game by the referee is suspended from the match and shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game.
- D. Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted at game sites.

## **8. INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

In case of inclement weather, the Thanksgiving Showcase Committee reserves the right to change games as follows:

1. Change field location and/or game time(s).
2. Change the duration of any game(s).
3. Cancellation of any game(s).

## **9. PLAYER PROFILES:**

A. The Showcase encourages all teams/players to distribute their team/player profiles to the attending college coaches.

## **10. PARKING:**

See maps for detailed parking lot locations for each complex. Do not park on "No Parking Zones" or on "Fire Lanes". Please follow all traffic signs.

## **11. REFUND POLICY:**

A. If inclement weather cancels the tournament prior to the completion of a team's first scheduled game of the tournament, a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the team's entry fee may be retained by the tournament to cover start-up cost of the showcase

## **12. TEAM WITHDRAWAL:**

A. Teams withdrawing once accepted will forfeit their entry fee to the showcase. B. Any team that withdraws from the Thanksgiving Showcase less than two weeks from the start of the tournament or does not complete all scheduled games may not be allowed to enter any tournaments sanctioned by North Texas Soccer until said team appears before the North Texas Soccer Cup & Games Committee. The committee may issue sanctions to include suspension from tournament play.

## **13. GENERAL:**

A. Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Thanksgiving Showcase Committee be responsible for any expenses (including the showcase entry fee; other than detailed in section 11A above) incurred by any team. This includes a situation where the showcase or any game(s) is canceled/terminated in whole or part.

B. The Thanksgiving Showcase Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to this showcase./

C. Remember that this is a showcase, there will be NO protest.