



Austin College Showcase Tournament and Showcase Rules

AUSTIN COLLEGE SHOWCASE IS A STAY-TO-PLAY tournament and showcase. You MUST stay at the hotel to play.

i. Laws of the Game

All games shall be played in accordance with IFAB and US Club Soccer Laws, except as specifically modified by these rules.

ii. Team Rosters and Guest Players

- a. Teams must be registered through a governing body, such as US Club Soccer, USYS or USSSA and all team paperwork must be from the same organization. The official team roster that a team submits as part of online or in-person check-in MUST be certified through one of these organizations.
- b. All players, including guest players, must be listed on the team's tournament event roster prior to check-in.
- c. A player may not play on two different teams in the same tournament
- d. Austin College Showcase is open to accepted teams composed of 22 or fewer players (including up to 5 guest players) for ages 15U through 19U showcase.
- e. Austin College Showcase is sanctioned as an unrestricted tournament through US Club Soccer. We accept official team rosters from US Club Soccer, and USYSA State Associations (NTSSA, STYSA, OSA, etc.).

Austin College Showcase will follow the Calendar Year format as outlined below by USSF and NTX Soccer:

Season	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Birth Year									
2020									
2019									U6
2018								U6	U7
2017							U6	U7	U8
2016						U6	U7	U8	U9
2015					U6	U7	U8	U9	U10
2014				U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11
2013			U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
2012		U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13
2011	U5	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14
2010	U/	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15
2009	U5	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
2008	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17
2007	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
2006	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19
2005	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	
2004	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19		
2003	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19			
2002	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19				
2001	U16	U17	U18	U19					
2000	U17	U18	U19						
1999	U18	U19							

iii. Game Procedures and Conduct

- The players, coaches, team managers, and team medical personnel (if any) on each team will occupy designated areas of the field. All parents and spectators will occupy the opposite side of the field. Only rostered adults may occupy the players area with no more than three (3) allowed at any time. All others must remain on the opposite side of the field.
- Both teams are required to verify the score posted to the website. If there are corrections, they should be reported to the complex director, where the game was played, for correction. Both teams will turn in game/misconduct reports.
- Players are required to wear shin guards in accordance with IFAB Laws of the Game.
- Home team is the team listed first on the schedule.
- Home team will wear white or light-colored jerseys. Visitor team will wear dark colored jerseys. If there is a conflict, the Home team will change. Referees will change in case of team color conflict.

- The games will begin at the scheduled time or immediately following the prior game, whichever is later. Referees will begin the game clock at the published game time regardless of the team being ready to play for Showcase games. A forfeit will be declared if a team is not ready to play at the published time for Competitive/Academy games.
- During bracket play, no overtime will be played. Games may end in a tie for bracket play.
- Players, coaches and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit of the Law as well as the letter of the Law. Failure to comply may be cause for removal from the soccer complex or facility including removal of your team from the tournament.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at the game sites or in the parking lots. Teams caught with alcohol will be dismissed from the tournament.

iv. Length of Games

- Game lengths are determined by the tournament director. All showcase games will be 40 min length halves for the 15U through 19U age groups with no finals/advancement.

v. Minimum Number of Games

- For the 15U through the 19U Showcase age groups, two (2) games will be provided.
- One showcase game will be played each day.
- Each game will be the same length as designated on the Application to Host
- Teams should be prepared to play at 8:00am Saturday through Sunday at 6:00pm.
- Schedules will not be adjusted for teams traveling outside of the South Texas area.

vi. Groupings

- Teams will be divided into groups based on the number of teams in the age division. Some groups in some age divisions will play cross-over games within the age division.

ix. Substitutions

A. Unlimited substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at the following times:

1. Prior to a throw in, by the team with possession of the ball.
2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
3. After a goal, by either team.
4. At half time and prior to the beginning of an overtime period.
5. Anytime at the discretion of the referee.

B. Limited substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, on a one-for-one basis for an injured player.

x. Red Cards and Send Offs

1. Any player, coach or team official receiving a RED CARD/SEND OFF will be ejected from the game and suspended from playing/coaching in the following game.
2. Two (2) yellow cards in one game is equivalent to a RED CARD AND WILL SIT OUT THEIR NEXT GAME.

xiv. Protests

All referee decisions are final. No protests are allowed, except for the use of an ineligible player. The Tournament Committee is empowered to make all decisions regarding competition during the tournament. All decisions are final. No appeals will be allowed.

xv. Forfeits and Team Withdrawal

1. A forfeit in group competition will be awarded as 10 points for the win to all teams in that bracket. The score will be recorded as 3 - 0.
2. Any team that forfeits a game will be removed from the competition.
3. Forfeits in playoff rounds will be recorded as 3 - 0 games.
4. Teams withdrawing once accepted and scheduled will not be invited to the Austin College Showcase for the next year and will forfeit their entry fee to the tournament. Teams will also be reported to their home association for disciplinary action.

xvi. Weather Provisions

1. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee will have the authority to relocate, reschedule, and/or change the duration and/or format of any game(s), or cancel any games that have no bearing on group rankings.
2. Preliminary games terminated after one completed half of play, because of weather, will be considered official as of the time of termination (second half does not need to begin).
3. In case of inclement weather, please check the website and all social media for updated field conditions. It is each team's responsibility to check the website for schedule/field changes.
4. A lightning strike in a 6-mile radius of the playing field will result in all ongoing games to cease play for at least 30 minutes since the most recent lightning strike.

xvii. General

1. Under no circumstances whatsoever, will the Austin College Showcase Tournament Committee, Sting Soccer Group, or Sting Soccer Club be responsible for any expenses (including the tournament entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes any situation where the Tournament or any game(s) are canceled in whole or part.
2. The Tournament Committee's interpretation of these rules is final.
3. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to this tournament.
4. All rules not provided for here will refer to the NTSSA, USYS and FIFA rules for application.

xviii. Refund Policy

If inclement weather cancels the tournament prior to the start of the first scheduled game, a maximum of 50% of the entry fee will be retained by the tournament to cover the start-up cost of the tournament.