



## 2012 adidas Blue Chip Showcase Tournament Rules

1. **RULES OF PLAY:** Rules of play shall be per FIFA "Laws of the Game" except as modified by US Soccer, US Youth Soccer, Ohio South Youth Soccer Association and the adidas Blue Chip Showcase Tournament.

All decisions concerning rules and regulations, including the interpretation thereof, bracketing of teams, match schedules, etc. are the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee.

***The playing rules for Midwest Regional League games will supersede all rules and regulations for the adidas Blue Chip Showcase Tournament games for ALL games identified as MRL.***

2. **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** The adidas Blue Chip Showcase Tournament Committee reserves the right to shorten match times, and/or move to an alternate site and/or cancel any match altogether without refund of the entry fee. The weather hotline is (513) 981-0913.
3. **TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION:** Unless other arrangements have been made with the Tournament Director, each team must check-in at the welcome center at the fields at least 60 minutes prior to their first match. (Teams do not need to check-in thereafter.) Each player must be registered with an association recognized by US Soccer, and must be on a state/league-approved roster. Up to four duly registered and rostered guest players per team are permitted.

As part of the registration process, each team must provide an approved roster, travel permit, medical authorization for each player and liability indemnities signed by each player's parent. Guest players must be included on an approved tournament guest player roster form. Each team must provide player passes to registration and to each game.

Each team may roster up to 18 players for U15 and 22 players for U16 and U17 per the US Youth Soccer rules and regulations; however, no more than 18 players may participate in each match. Teams may select a different 18 players for each match from the 22-player roster.

4. **MATCH LENGTH:** Unless shortened due to inclement weather, all Showcase matches will be 80 minutes in duration, divided into two 40 minute halves. There is no overtime.
5. **PLAYER SUBSTITUTION:** A player may be substituted after a goal has been scored, on either team's goal kick, on either team's throw-in, on either team's corner kick, or, upon any other stoppage in play, at the referee's discretion. Each substitution must be with the approval of the referee. For age groups U15 and older, free substitution is allowed.
6. **RED AND YELLOW CARDS/SEND-OFFS:** A player receiving a red card during a match will not be permitted to play in his/her team's next match. If the severity of the red card offense so justifies, a player may be suspended from playing in the next two matches. The decision to impose a two match suspension shall be made by the Tournament Director and the Referee Coordinator.

A player sent-off for receiving two yellow cards is eligible to play the next match. A team will be allowed to replace a player sent-off for receiving a red card or two yellow cards; it will not have to play short.

If a player receives a red card in the team's final match, it will be returned to his/her team and a report sent to Ohio South Youth Soccer to be forwarded to the respective association.



Per regulations by the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, all yellow and red cards as well as any matter involving misconduct by a team or coach will be recorded and submitted to Ohio South in the post-tournament report.

Rules regarding player or coach discipline are limited to the adidas Blue Chip Showcase Tournament matches. Any further suspension is solely at the discretion of the team's host organization(s).

7. **DISTRIBUTION OF PLAYER PROFILES:** Team profiles are to be distributed by the adidas Blue Chip Showcase Tournament Committee only. No person associated with any team may approach college coaches with the purpose of distributing team or personal player profiles. A team's failure to comply will jeopardize its continuation as a participant, and the participation of other teams from its club and state in the future.
8. **TOURNAMENT CHAMPION:** Teams will be placed in an age group bracket. A champion will be named in each bracket based upon the point system below.  
For each match, a team will be awarded points, as follows:
  1. Six (6) points for a win
  2. Three (3) points for a tie
  3. Zero (0) points for a loss
  4. One (1) point for each goal scored, regardless of whether the team wins or loses up to a maximum of four (4) goals
  5. One (1) point for a shutout

If a team receives a forfeit for any reason, they are declared a winner with a 2-0 score.

In case of a tie, the following tie-breaker will be used to determine the champion:

1. Winner of head-to-head competition
  2. Teams with most wins
  3. Goal differential (total goals scored minus total goals allowed)
  4. Fewest goals allowed
  5. If teams remain tied, they will be declared co-champions
9. **PROTESTS/APPEALS:** All decisions of the referee are final and will only be reviewed by the Tournament Director for the misapplication of a Law. All decisions of the Tournament Director are final. Protests/appeals from individuals or teams will not be heard.
  10. **EXCEPTIONS:** The Tournament Director reserves the right to modify any rules/regulations at any time with or without notice.