

# 2018 Penn Legacy College Showcase Rules

## 1. Schedule Changes:

No requests for schedule changes will be honored once the preliminary tournament schedule is posted. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make schedule changes to accommodate field conditions or no shows. Please review the final schedule on the day before your first scheduled game at: [www.pennlegacy.org](http://www.pennlegacy.org)

## 2. Eligibility:

The Legacy College Showcase hosted by Penn Legacy/Hempfield Soccer Club is an EPYSA and USYSA approved/sanctioned tournament. USYSA member teams from Region 1, except CT and NJ, DO NOT need to provide permission to travel. Teams from CT, NJ and USYSA Region 2 must provide their state association's properly executed "Permission to Travel Form." No such permission is required of US Club Soccer member teams.

Participation in the tournament is open to accepted teams consisting of 18 or fewer players meeting the age limit of the specified division. Accepted teams may submit 22 player rosters but may only dress 18 players for each game and a game lineup sheet listing 18 players for all U15-U19 age teams must be submitted to the referee prior to the start of each game. Failure to submit the game lineup sheet may result in disqualification. Player's age groups are shown below:

<b>U15 - 2003</b> Birthdates or Younger	<b>U16 - 2002</b> Birthdates or Younger	<b>U17 - 2001</b> Birthdates or Younger	<b>U18 - 2000</b> Birthdates or Younger	<b>U19 - 1999</b> Birthdates or Younger
--	--	--	--	--

Each team must be registered with a national soccer association affiliated with the USSF, either USYSA or US Club Soccer, and must possess a state-approved roster, or US Club Soccer roster. Each player and coach must present a valid USSF, State, or National registration card that includes a photograph of the player or coach. Players who do not present valid passes will not play. Any team fielding an ineligible player will be disqualified and its tournament fee forfeited. **A player may compete for only one team in the tournament.**

All teams are responsible for their own insurance. In case of accident or injury while traveling to or from and during the tournament, the Hempfield Soccer Club and its Executive Board, or any teams participating in the tournament, will not be held liable.

## 3. Roster Sizes, Guest Players and Secondary Players:

- Team rosters are limited to a total of 22 players including secondary and guest players. Seven guest players are allowed at all age groups.
- Players with US Club Soccer player cards may not guest for a USYSA team, and players with USYSA player cards may not guest for a US Club Soccer team. Organizations may not be mixed within the roster.
- Secondary players must appear on your official roster and can play for only one team in event. All players and guest players must present their primary pass at registration. Please check with your club registrar, USYSA state association, US Club Soccer, or SAY Soccer, etc. to determine if a form or notification is necessary to bring guest players.
- **All players may compete for only one team in the tournament.** If a player appears on another team's official roster, player must be crossed off of the **copy** of the team roster submitted for registration if they are not playing for that team in the event.
- All players and coaches must be carded and associated with the USYSA and the appropriate state association, or US Club Soccer or SAY Soccer, etc. and present coach's cards with photo on it.
- Teams may elect to check-in/register in-person in the morning, at least 30 minutes before the first scheduled game, or via Electronic check-in. E-check-in required documents must be submitted for approval by Feb 18. Electronic submissions will be reviewed and teams will be notified if their submissions were approved or not approved by Feb 28. Unapproved teams then must attend In-person Check-in/Registration.

## 4. Laws of the Game:

All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA Laws, except as modified by these rules.

## 5. Substitutions:

FIFA Laws of the game concerning substitutions will be followed with the referee's permission:

- On any stoppage with referee permission.

Limited substitutions may be made with the referee's permission:

- To replace a cautioned player. Players receiving a red card may not be substituted for.
- In case of a stoppage of play for an injury on a one-for-one basis for the injured player(s). The opposing team may substitute one player for each substituted injured player.
- All substitutions must enter from mid-field with the permission of the referee. **The referee may disallow substitutions if that request is judged to delay the game.**

## 6. Field and Game Equipment:

- No metal cleats will be worn; No jewelry will be allowed.
- Players are required to wear shin guards in accordance with FIFA Laws of the game.
- Players must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms and these numbers shall coincide with those listed on the team's official roster.
- Where uniform colors are similar, the designated home team will change colors. Home team is listed first on the schedule.
- Players are not allowed to wear hard casts, unless prepared in a way to prevent injury to all players, subject to the referee's discretion.

## 7. Duration of Games:

- Games will be played as 30 minute halves with a five minute break between halves. There are no overtimes.
- Games are running clock and extra time will ONLY be added in the event of significant delay of the game (by injury).
- The referee also has the ability to limit substitutions in the final 2 minutes if they believe time wasting is taking place.
- All teams will play two games on the scheduled match day, girls on one Sunday and boys on following Sunday.

# 2018 Penn Legacy College Showcase Rules

## 8. Games and Score Reporting:

- Both teams will set up on the same side of the field for the game. Parents and fans will stay on the opposite side of the field.
- No one will be allowed behind the end line.
- The Referee will indicate the official score of the game on the card and sign the card. The coach from each team may also sign the card.
- The Referee will record names of players or coaches receiving caution (yellow) or ejection (red) cards and the reason for the card on the game report card.
- Game report cards are returned to the Tournament Headquarters at the end of the day.

## 9. Failure to Show and Forfeits:

- A team is allowed a 5-minute grace period after scheduled kick-off time to field a team before the match is forfeited. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team, and if the minimum numbers of players are present, the game will not be delayed.

## 10. Protests: No protests will be entertained; referees decisions on the field are final.

## 11. Conduct:

- Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit and the laws of the game. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and surrounding field area. Repeated violations may result in a game forfeit or suspension of the team from the tournament as decided by the Tournament Committee.
- Players ejected from a game by the referee shall be ineligible for the next scheduled game. Coaches or team officials ejected from a game will NOT be eligible to coach or sit on a team's bench for the remainder of that game and the next game.
- Excessive abuse (as defined by the tournament director upon consultation with the referee) will result in expulsion from the tournament facility
- In accordance with USYSA Tournament Hosting Agreement, all red and yellow cards and other matters involving team conduct will be reported to the home club and state association of the team involved.
- Alcoholic beverages and other illegal substances are not permitted at game sites or on any parking areas.

## 12. Concussion:

A player who, as determined by a game official, coach from the player's team, or tournament certified athletic trainer, exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion or head trauma while participating in a game shall be removed from participation immediately. The player will not be permitted to participate in any further game in the tournament until the player is evaluated by a licensed medical professional and submits a signed, written release to return to play to the Tournament Headquarters. Violations of this rule will result in disqualification of the player's team with no registration refunds.

## 13. Determination of Bracket and Division Winners:

All teams will play only two games in a single play date. There are no game points awarded, and no bracket winners.

## 14. Inclement Weather or Other Emergency Situations:

The coach will receive safety information at registration. It is the coach's responsibility to read the information and implement when necessary.

In the event of inclement weather, unsafe field conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances, the Tournament Committee has the authority to change games as follows:

- a. Relocate or reschedule any game(s).
- b. Change the duration of the game.
- c. Cancel any game(s).
- d. Cancel the tournament.

Games terminated after one half of play because of the weather shall be considered final.

## 15. Team Contact Person

- ***On application and at registration, each team must inform the registration personnel of their designated contact person and must provide a cell phone number where that person can be reached at any time during the tournament.***

## 16. Refund Policy

- There will be no registration refunds for partial cancellation of the tournament for any reason. In the event of a full tournament cancellation (no games played), the tournament may consider providing partial refunds of team application fees. In such cases, however, refunds will be taken under consideration by the Committee after the event dates and after all tournament costs are covered.
- Under no circumstances, whatsoever, will the Tournament Committee or the Hempfield Soccer Club/Penn Legacy be responsible for any expenses (hotel, travel, food for example) incurred by the team.
- There will be no refunds to teams that are not able to participate once they have been accepted.

## 17. General:

- The Tournament Committee's interpretation of these rules shall be final.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.
- ***Dogs and pets are not permitted at any of the game sites.***