



US YOUTH SOCCER NATIONAL LEAGUE REGIONAL SHOWCASE OPERATING PROCEDURES as of September 12, 2023

SECTION 1. REGIONAL SHOWCASES – TEAM SELECTION

1.01 Team Eligibility

Any team selected for entry into the National League Regional Showcases must meet the eligibility requirements in accordance with the National League Rules.

1.02 Registration System / Application Process

GotSport shall be the official team registration system of the Regional Showcases. Any eligible team must register the team into the Regional Showcases using GotSport. No registration will be received or accepted in any other system.

Eligible teams must have a GotSport account to register into the Regional Showcases. Team accounts must have accurate information regarding the coach and manager at the time of submission. In completing any registration into the Regional Showcases, teams are required to submit accurate information on team accomplishments. Misrepresentation of team accomplishments may result in the team being disqualified from Regional Showcases participation.

1.03 Registration Deadlines

Deadlines will be published on the Regional Showcases homepage on the US Youth Soccer website, found here: <https://www.usysnationalleague.com/regional-showcases-2023-24/>

1.04 Registration Agreement

Any team registering to play in the Regional Showcases agrees to accept, abide by, and comply with all policies, rules, and decisions of the National League and further agrees to pay all fees that are due to the National League for participation in the Regional Showcases by the registration deadlines.

1.05 State Association Registration

To be eligible for participation in the Regional Showcases, a team must be properly registered with their respective member State Association prior to acceptance into the Regional Showcases.

1.06 Fees and Other Expenses

For the Team Entry Fee for specific Regional Showcases, please see:

<https://www.usysnationalleague.com/regional-showcases-2023-24/>

Upon a team's acceptance to participate in the Regional Showcases, all fees are non-refundable.

1.07 Communication

E-mail will be the primary means of communication within the Showcase Series. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that accurate contact information is on file.

SECTION 2. REGIONAL SHOWCASES – STRUCTURE AND QUALIFICATION

2.01 Structure

The 2023-24 Regional Showcases will include the following Boys and Girls age groups:

- 15 and Under (15U) – for players born on January 1, 2009 or later
- 16 and Under (16U) – for players born on January 1, 2008 or later
- 17 and Under (17U) – for players born on January 1, 2007 or later
- 19 and Under (19U) – for players born on January 1, 2005 or later

SECTION 3. REGIONAL SHOWCASES – TEAM ROSTERS

3.01 Team and Player Eligibility

Any team properly registered for the current seasonal soccer year with a USYS State Association may apply for entry to a Showcase. All players on a team must be properly registered with a member State Association.

3.02 Maximum Roster Size and Pool of Players

The maximum number of players on a Team Roster shall be 22 although the pool of players eligible to participate for an individual team is 30. Only 18 may dress and play in the match.

3.03 Player Limitations

A player may play for multiple teams (club pass or guest player) during a Showcase; however, a player may play for only one Showcase team during any single day.

SECTION 4. REGIONAL SHOWCASES – SCHEDULING & MATCH MANAGEMENT

4.01 Number of Games

At a single showcase, each team will be scheduled to play a minimum of three (3) games.

4.02 Hosting/Travel Experience

For the purpose of Showcase competition, Permission to Host/Travel Forms are not required.

To ensure the quality of service provided at Showcase events, housing companies have been appointed for the Regional Showcases. For more information, visit: <https://www.usysnationalleague.com/regional-showcases-2023-24/>

4.03 Responsibility of Teams

The officials of a team at a match are responsible for the behavior, conduct and control of team players, support staff, supporters including but not limited to family and friends, and team management staff. Failure to abide by this rule may result in Disciplinary Action as determined by the NL Commissioner/Event Manager.

4.04 Substitutions

Substitutions are unlimited for Showcase matches and may be made at any stoppage of play with the approval of the referee.

During a match that is part of a Showcase event using neutral Health Care Professionals (HCP) or neutral Athletic Trainer Certified (ATC) to monitor the fields, if a player is suspected of suffering a head injury, such player must be substituted for evaluation. The substitution for the evaluation of a concussion/ head

injury will not count towards the team's total allowed substitutions in a half. However, the team must have at least one substitution available to implement this temporary substitution.

1) If the player is deemed by the neutral HCP or neutral ATC to not have been diagnosed as having a possible concussion, the player may re-enter the game at any stoppage of play and must replace the original substitute. This head injury evaluation substitution will not count as a used substitution in the half. Furthermore, the temporary substitute will be able to re-enter the game in that half at a later time.

2) If the player is not cleared to return to play by the HCP or ATC, the replacement player will no longer be considered a temporary substitute and the team will be charged a substitution. 3) Any discipline issued to the temporary substitute will count for the remainder of the game.

4.05 Match Length

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Length of Each Half*</u>
15U-16U	40 minutes
17U-19U	45 minutes

*Please see individual showcase for any amendments to the half lengths.

4.06 Team Uniforms

Each player (except a goalkeeper) shall have a number on the player's jersey. The number shall be affixed to the back of the jersey and be clearly visible. Each player on a team should wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team. Numbered jerseys on goalkeepers are optional.

All teams are required to attend each match with two (2) sets of jerseys and socks for all of its players; one set of light-colored jerseys and socks, and a second set of dark colored jerseys and socks. It is expected that the first team listed on the match schedule is to wear light/white color jerseys and socks. When there is a conflict in uniform color, the team listed second on the Showcase schedule should change its jerseys and socks. The Referee shall define what constitutes light and dark color jerseys and socks. The NL Commissioner/Event Manager shall have the option to assign jersey colors to teams for matches, should such procedure be deemed appropriate.

4.07 Uniform Logos and Patches

US Youth Soccer, National League, or other US Youth Soccer related logos/patches are allowed on uniforms, in addition to the team name, team sponsor, or shirt manufacturer.

Teams playing in USYS Regional Showcases are permitted to have the following limited items on their game uniforms:

- a) USYS logo or directly related USYS logoed patches
- b) Their individual club and/or team logo and team sponsor logo
- c) USYS partner logos
- d) Manufacturer of uniform logo
- e) Name and number of player

No other patches or logos are permitted unless written permission is granted by USYS. All patches or logos not permitted must either be covered up or removed.

4.08 Coaching from Sidelines

Limited coaching is permitted only from one touch line from the team's respective technical area (if marked) or from the centerline to no more than 5 yards from the end of the team bench closest to the goal line (if no technical area is marked). Team bench persons may not enter the field without permission from

the referee. Only one coach per team may stand and give instruction at a time.

4.09 Team Bench Area and Supervision

No more than four (4) team bench persons (being only team coaches, team administrators, and team medical staff) shall be permitted at the team bench area during a match. Any team video personnel on the team sideline must have proper credentials issued by their State Association. Players listed on the match lineup card are permitted at the team bench area during a match. A suspended team bench person is not permitted at the team bench area. A coach, manager or team official must always supervise a USYS National League Showcase team at the team bench area. Coaches, managers, and team officials are required to provide the referee with a pass, as provided by their host State Association, certifying that the coach, manager or team official is currently rostered with the team/club.

4.10 Protocol for Send Offs and Dismissals

Any player or team bench personnel dismissed from participating in a Regional Showcases match must leave the field area and retreat to an area designated by the NL Commissioner/Event Manager. All personnel dismissed by the match official is prohibited from communicating with the team for the duration of the game, communication may include but not limited to cell phone use, texting, tweeting, or other means of communication. Violation of this rule may result in further disciplinary action against the individual and/or team. The match officials on site are authorized to prohibit the use of any communication devices at the team bench areas.