



US YOUTH SOCCER ODP Inter-Regional SHOWCASE 2017 Rules of Competition

OBJECTIVE

The ODP Inter-Regional Showcase serve ODP players in several ways. The event 1) provides players an opportunity for players to be identified as Region II or Region III Pool Players in the 2000-2004 age division; 2) serves as a potential college showcase opportunity for players; and 3) provides an opportunity to gauge where their players, staff etc. stand in respect to their own region and opposing region(s)

PROGRESSION

There is no progression for this event.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Teams eligible for participation are the 2000, 2001 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 boys and girls ODP State Teams from National State Associations within both US Youth Soccer Region II and Region III:

ROSTERS

1. All State Associations participating in the US Youth Soccer ODP Inter-Regional Showcase must adhere to the following criteria:
 - a. Rosters **MUST** be typed and submitted in the American Eagle system.
 - b. Players **MUST** be listed in alphabetical order.
 - c. Jersey numbers **MUST** be listed on the roster and denote goalkeepers.
 - d. Numbers cannot be changed after the US Youth Soccer ODP Inter-Regional Showcase begins.
 - e. No team shall be allowed more than (22) players on its roster for the 2000 to 2004 age groups
 - f. No team shall be allowed more than (16) players on its roster for the 2005 age group.
2. Before the start of the competition, the State Association designee must approve all the players listed on the team roster as submitted in the American Eagle system. Any player who fails to be named on the team roster shall not be allowed to take part in the competition.
3. Once a team has checked in and submitted its final roster, no changes or additions will be permitted without the approval of the US Youth Soccer ODP Inter-Regional Showcase Committee.
4. Rosters will be frozen when they are submitted at check-in to the US Youth Soccer ODP Inter-Regional Showcase Committee of the US Youth Soccer ODP Inter-Regional Showcase.



FORMAT OF COMPETITION

1. **Game Balls:** Games in the 2000 to 2004 age groups will be played using a size #5 ball. Games in the 2005 age group will be played using a size #4 ball. Both teams will supply one (1) ball for all games.
2. **Grace Periods:** Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of any match shall be granted 10-minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team.
3. **Home/Visiting Team:** The team listed first in each pairing is the home team.
4. **Jersey Colors:** The home team shall wear a light color jersey and socks. If in the opinion of the referee there is a conflict, the home team shall change jerseys.
5. **Team Bench/Sidelines:** Teams and team personnel will be on the sideline. A maximum of four (4) team personnel are allowed. Additionally, the respective State Association Technical Director may represent the team along with team personnel. Parents and spectators will be on the opposite sideline.
6. **Uniforms:** Each player must wear an official uniform with a number on the back of the shirt (this includes goalkeepers). Alterations to the uniform (using tape or marker for numbers) will not be permitted. Duplicate numbers are not permitted. Teams **MUST** bring an alternate jersey with a number on the back to all games.

PLAYING RULES

Except as otherwise provided herein, the rules of US Youth Soccer and the FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply.

1. **Duration of Games:** To protect the players and to provide the most reasonable competitive environment, duration of games will be modified to the following:
 - a. 2000, 2001, and 2002 matches will consist of two 40-minute halves.
 - b. 2003 and 2004 matches will consist of two 35-minute halves.
 - c. 2005 matches will consist of two 30-minute halves.
 - d. Half-time will consist of a maximum of 10 minutes
2. **Substitutions:** All games shall be played with the following substitution rules:
 - a. For player divisions 2000, 2001 and 2002, there is unlimited substitution with **NO** re-entry in the same half.
 - b. For player divisions 2003, 2004 and 2005, there will be unlimited substitutions.
 - c. Substitution may occur on any stoppage of play with the approval of the referee.
 - d. If a player is removed from the game and no substitute enters the game for the player (team plays short), the original player may re-enter the game. Substitution shall be at any stoppage of play at the discretion of the referee.
 - e. If the goalkeeper is dismissed by the referee, the referee may allow the team to replace the dismissed goalkeeper with a substitute (even if the maximum number of substitutions have been used). The team however must still play short with another player leaving the field of play.
 - f. If maximum substitutions have been made in the half, and a player sustains an injury that requires the player be removed from the field of play, an exception to the player substitution rules (a) may be allowed. However, the injured player may not be allowed to re-enter the match in the same half.



3. Coaching from the Touchline: Team officials are expected to be seated on the team bench and/or remain within their technical area. A team official may convey tactical instructions to players during the match within the defined technical area. All officials must remain in the confines of the technical area where such an area is provided and behave in a responsible manner.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The goal of US Youth Soccer ODP Inter-Regional Showcase Committee is to play every game to its full length. In the event that inclement weather affects the competition (or for any other reason), the following rules regarding play will apply:

1. In the event of stoppage, games that have completed a half, or are in the second half, will be deemed completed and the score at the time of stoppage will stand;
2. Should conditions warrant, the length of games is subject to change by the US Youth Soccer ODP Inter-Regional Showcase Committee and the Referee Administrator. In the event of unsafe conditions, a game may be terminated at any point by the Committee and/or Referee Administrator.

SCORING

Scores will not be kept as this is a friendly showcase event.

ADVANCEMENT

There will be no advancement.

DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The US Youth Soccer ODP Inter-Regional Showcase Committee reserves the right to make all decisions concerning this competition keeping in mind the best interests of US Youth Soccer, the ODP Inter-Regional Showcase event and safety and welfare of the players, coaches, administrators and spectators. The Committee will resolve any situations beyond the scope of these rules, settle disputes and reserves the right to adjust the rules as necessary in the interest of fair and balanced competition. The decisions of the Committee are final.