



2026 Tournament Rules

I. TOURNAMENT NAME: Ohio Elite College & Junior Showcase Tournament

II. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS:

Ohio Elite Soccer Academy
256 East Sharon Road
Cincinnati, OH 45246

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

Tim Lesiak
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III. TEAM REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Failure to register your team could result in removal from the tournament and forfeit of your application fee.
Team Registration Questions, Tim Lesiak, tlesiak@ohioelite.com.

A. Online on your GotSport Account

Girls Team Registration Deadline: February 13, 2026

Boys Team Registration Deadline: February 20, 2026

We will NOT accept forms via Email, Fax or Regular Mail.

B. US YOUTH SOCCER TEAMS Registration Requirements

1. Certified/Validated Original 2025-26 USYS Team Roster
2. Copy (front & back) of the validated USYS Player Pass for each player (including guest players)
3. Permission to Travel (teams that reside outside of Ohio only)
4. Copy of Guest Player Roster approved/validated by the State Association where player is registered
5. Rosters are FROZEN as of the date they are received prior to tournament

C. US CLUB SOCCER TEAMS Registration Requirements

1. Certified/Validated Original 2025-26 US Club Team Roster
2. Copy (front only) of the validated US Club Player Pass for each player (including guest players)
3. Certified/Validated US Club Soccer loan/guest player forms. All loan/guest players must have a validated/laminated 2025-26 US Club Soccer player pass
4. Rosters are FROZEN as of the date they are received prior to tournament



D. CANADIAN TEAMS (If we Accept Per Year) Registration Requirements

1. Certified/Validated Original 2025-26 Team Roster
2. Copy (front & back) of the validated Player Picture Identification Card for each player (including guest players)
3. Permission to Travel from Provincial or National Association
4. Certified/Validated US Club Soccer loan/guest player forms. All loan/guest players must have a validated/laminated 2025-26 US Club Soccer player pass
5. Rosters are FROZEN as of the date they are received prior to tournament

IV. **PLAYER AGE AND ELIGIBILITY**

A. Eligible Age Groups

1. Under-11 (2015) – 9v9
2. Under-12 (2014) – 9v9 or 11v11
3. Under-13 (2013) – 11v11
4. Under-14 (2012) – 11v11
5. Under-15 (2011) – 11v11
6. Under-16 (2010) – 11v11
7. Under-17 (2009) – 11v11
8. Under-18/19 (2008-2007) – 11v11

B. Players must be of the same gender of the participating team

C. A player may only participate on one team.

D. US YOUTH SOCCER Team Roster: No more than 22 players, including up to 8 guest players. Teams must identify an 18-player roster prior to each game.

E. US CLUB SOCCER Team Roster: No more than 30 players for all age groups. Teams must identify an 18-player roster prior to each game.

F. CANADIAN Teams (If Accepted): Local roster rules apply. Teams must identify an 18-player roster prior to each game.

V. **TEAMS**

A. **Home team:** Identified in schedules as first team listed

B. **Uniforms:** In the case of conflicting jersey colors, home team will be required to change to their alternate jersey.

VI. **PLAYER CREDENTIALS AND UNIFORMS**

A. Player Passes/Picture Identification Cards are to be present and available at all matches

B. Identification cards are required to be checked by the field marshal prior to each match

C. The shirt number of each player must be the same as the player's shirt number on the game roster



VII. LAWS OF THE GAME

- A. All matches must be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, except as specifically modified as follows in the tournament rules:
- B. Modifications to Laws of the Game
 - 1. **MATCH LENGTH**
 - a. U11-U12 (9v9) | 30 minute halves
 - b. U12-U14 (11v11) | 35 minute halves
 - c. U15-U19 (11v11) – 40 minute halves
 - d. There is no overtime or kicks from the mark in the case of a tie
 - 2. **SUBSTITUTION TIMES**
 - a. At the discretion of the referee, players will be permitted to substitute on any stoppage of play
 - b. A player who is bleeding or has blood on his/her uniform shall be removed from the field and cannot return until the bleeding is stopped and the uniform is clean or changed.
 - 3. **SUBSTITUTION LIMITS**
 - a. Unlimited for all age groups
 - b. The referee has the discretion not to permit any substitution deemed in his or her opinion as time wasting
- C. **PLAYER EQUIPMENT**
 - 1. Shin guards – Required for all players (no exceptions)
 - 2. Hard and soft casts are permitted at the permission of the referee
 - 3. Metal cleats are not permitted

VIII. TOURNAMENT AND MATCH SCHEDULES

- A. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT** - There are no finals in this event. Teams will not advance
- B. **MATCH SCHEDULES**
 - 1. All teams are guaranteed three matches to be played within the bracket
 - 2. Teams will play three matches in three days with a maximum of two games per day.
- C. **PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING A WINNER** – Matches do not require a winner
- D. **REFEREES** – All matches must use referees certified by the Federation
- E. **MATCH DELAYS, SUSPENSIONS, CANCELLATIONS**
 - 1. Prior to the start of a match, all delays, suspensions or cancellations are the responsibility of the Tournament Director
 - 2. The referee may suspend a match at his/her discretion if the safety of the athletes is compromised



F. **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** The tournament committee shall have the authority to make the following changes if deemed necessary:

1. Shorten the duration of the games
2. Suspend temporarily or permanently any game in progress
3. Cancel any or all games if necessary. OSYSA, the tournament committee, the Ohio Elite Soccer Academy, any of our sponsors, advertisers, supporters, and provider of soccer facilities are not responsible for any expense incurred by cancellations of scheduled games

In the case of inclement weather, please check the Ohio Elite Tournaments twitter: @OESATournaments, and www.ohioelite.com. Head Coaches and Team Administrators will receive direct communications via GotSport. It is important that the team information on the team's application is accurate and up to date.

G. **REFUNDS**

1. No refunds will be given to teams that drop after a team is accepted and posted
2. If the event is canceled because of bad weather and teams do not play a game, Ohio Elite Swill refund all but \$150.00 of the Application Fee per team.
3. If teams only play one (1) game, Ohio Elite SA will refund 50% of the Application Fee per team.
4. **VERY IMPORTANT!!!** – If a team leaves the event or does not show for a match prior to the event being canceled, that team will forfeit any refund due to cancellation.

IX. **FORFEITS/FAILURE TO SHOW FOR A MATCH**

- A. Failure to have the team available twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of a match is considered failure to show
- B. A minimum of 6 players constitutes a team at 9v9. A minimum of 7 players constitutes a team at 11v11. A five-minute grace period will be extended beyond the kick-off time before a forfeit is granted
- C. No team that has forfeited a match will be declared a group winner
- D. Forfeited matches are recorded as a 4-0 win. If a match is declared a forfeit after the start of a match and the non-forfeiting team has greater than a 4-0 win at the time of the forfeit, then the match score will stand
- E. Decisions concerning forfeits will be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director. All rulings are final.
- F. **VERY IMPORTANT!!!** – If a team leaves the event or does not show for a match prior to the event being canceled, that team will forfeit any refund due to cancellation.



X. STANDINGS AND TIE-BREAKERS

A. POINT SYSTEM

1. 3 Points for a Win
2. 1 Point for a Draw/Tie
3. 0 Points for a Loss

B. TIE BREAKERS

1. At the completion of the College & Junior Showcase, one winner per age group will be named in each gender based on the results of group games. However, we encourage all teams to participate in the spirit of "showcasing" all players on all teams.
2. The following procedure will be used to determine group winners:
 - a. Head to Head (2 teams only)
 - b. Goal differential (no maximum)
 - c. Most Goals scored (no maximum)
 - d. Fewest Total Goals allowed
 - e. Coin flip

XI. MATCH AND SCORE REPORTING

- A. At the finish of each match, both coaches will be required to verify and sign the official score card in the presence of the center match official
- B. Scorecards will then be given to the Field Marshall who will be responsible for reporting scores to the tournament headquarter and via phone-in calling instructions.

XII. PROTESTS & DISPUTES – NO protests will be heard.

XIII. CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

- A. Team and Spectator Conduct is the responsibility of the team coach/representative. There is no tolerance for spectator misbehavior including foul language and any communications that negatively affect the match. Any spectator removed from the field shall be reported to the Tournament Director who has the sole discretion to suspend the individual from all the teams remaining matches. Failure to comply may result the team forfeiting all remaining matches.
- B. Dissent by the players or coaches will not be tolerated. Players and coaches may be removed from matches at the discretion of the referee. The referee does not need to formally caution or eject a player or coach to remove him/her
- C. The following are not permitted within the boundaries of any field property
 1. Alcohol
 2. Tobacco products and e-cigarettes
 3. Metal cleats
 4. Animals (except working service animals)



D. Ejections

1. Any player or coach sent off during the match is not permitted to participate in the team's next match
2. The tournament committee may take additional disciplinary action against a team or individual for serious offenses, including suspension from the remainder of the tournament and non-eligibility for future tournaments of that tournament committee
3. The player pass will be returned to the team following the match in which a player is ejected (the player or coach may not participate in the next match), except for an ejection resulting from a fight in which case the player card will be held by tournament headquarters pending further review

E. Accumulation of Yellow Cards – There is no disciplinary procedures for accumulated yellow cards received in different matches.

F. Report of Disciplinary Action

1. UNITED STATES TEAMS – all disciplinary action will be reported to the Ohio Youth Soccer Association, US Club Soccer and the US Soccer Federation
2. CANADIAN TEAMS – all disciplinary action will be report to the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association and US Soccer Federation. The Federation will transmit the disciplinary action taken or required to that team's provincial or national association.

XIV. GAME BALLS – Each team is required to supply a suitable match ball to be inspected and approved by the referee for play