



**2019 CONFERENCES BOYS WINTER SHOWCASE**  
**December 28-30, 2019 at the Tournament Sportsplex of Tampa Bay**  
**COMPETITION RULES**  
as of September 23, 2019

**Applicable Rules and Laws of the Game**

Matches will be played under the applicable rules of US Youth Soccer. Teams are responsible for obtaining and being familiar with the U.S. Soccer Official Administrative Handbook and the IFAB Laws of the Game as they govern play subject to the modifications noted in these rules.

**Substitutions**

Unlimited Substitutions. Substitutions may be made at any stoppage of play with the approval of the referee. Entry or reentry shall be at a normal substitution point (with approval of the referee) or at any point during the match if the referee signals for the player's reentry.

**Match Length**

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Length of Half</u>
17U and 19U	45 minutes (on Monday each half will be 30 minutes)
15U and 16U	40 minutes (on Monday each half will be 30 minutes)

**Coaching from Sidelines**

Limited coaching is permitted only from one touch line from the team's respective technical area (if marked) or from the center-line to 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.

**Official Match**

If less than one half is completed and the match is terminated because of weather or other unplayable conditions, the entire match must be replayed, subject to review by the NL Commissioner. If the first full half of a match is played, and the second half of the match is not played because of weather or unplayable field conditions, the match is official and the final score will be the score at the time the match is terminated. If a match is terminated during the second half of play due to inclement weather or unplayable field conditions as determined by the referee in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, the final score will be the score at the time the match is terminated.

**Team Bench Area**

No more than 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. Also, those 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. The team bench area must at all times be supervised by a team bench person or a non-team individual designated by the NL Commissioner. If a team does not have a team coach, team administrator, team medical staff or individual designated by the NL Commissioner to supervise the team during a game, then the game shall be forfeited.

**Member Passes Presented to Referee**

Valid US Youth Soccer member passes for the current seasonal year shall be presented to the referee prior to the match. All passes (except for send offs, players in concussion protocol or dismissals) will be returned to the team at the end of the match.

### **Protocol for Send Offs and Dismissals**

Any player sent off from a match must leave the field area and retreat to the parking area of the complex or an area designated by the NL Commissioner. Any team bench person dismissed from participating in a match must leave the field area and retreat to the parking area of the complex or an area designated by the NL Commissioner. Any player sent off or dismissed team bench person is prohibited from communicating with his/her team while the team is at the field for its match, including 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 and/or NL supervisors on site are authorized to prohibit the use of any communication devices at the team bench areas.

*(Note: the designated area for player send offs is the team bench area)*

### **Match Management Procedures**

- 1-Teams should expect the referees to check player passes and collect the Match Line Up Card or Team Roster from the team around 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time.
- 2-Each team to provide a match ball to the referee
- 3-The videotaping of matches by team representatives and non-official US Youth Soccer representatives from the team bench side is prohibited unless written permission is granted in writing from the NL Commissioner.
- 4-The NL Commissioner may implement additional Match Management Procedures.

### **Team Uniform Policy**

- 1-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 must wear a number different from the number of every other player on the team. Numbered jerseys on goalkeepers are optional.
- 2-All teams are required to attend each match with 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.
- 3- It is expected that 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 NL schedule must change its jerseys and socks, except in situations where the team listed first is wearing dark colored jerseys and/or socks, then the team listed first must change to light/white color jerseys and socks. The Referee shall define what constitutes light and dark color jerseys and socks.
- 4-In the event of color conflict with referees, the referees shall change jersey colors.