



This information is for all team contacts associated with teams registered to play in the Great Lakes & Midwest Conference Showcase weekend at Grand Park, Westfield, IN May 8-10. Contacts have frequently changed so please make sure you share this with your coaches, DOC's and managers to make sure this message gets to where it needs to be as there is a lot of important information regarding the upcoming weekend.

This showcase event is a joint conference hosted event that was set up as a mandatory college showcase for all boys and girls Premier I, Premier II and Club vs Club teams, aged 15U to 19U. College coaches from across the Midwest and beyond have been invited to attend the event. We did allow some First Divisions and younger teams to attend this event to get their spring season matches in. All of these teams are still subject to the same fee's and conditions as listed below per their agreement to schedule matches at this event.

Grand Park is the location that will host the games in Westfield, IN. The address is 19000 Grand Park Blvd, Westfield, IN 46074 and the website can be found at <http://grandpark.org/>.

This is a mandatory stay to play weekend. This means we are required to use a housing company in order to use this state of the art facility. Housing information will be posted on the conference website after the scheduling meetings have been completed and is linked [here](#).

Regrettably, with this showcase being a 3 day event, our schedule may result in a limited number of days missed from school. On behalf of the US Youth Soccer Leagues Program and the Midwest & Great Lakes Conferences, we would like to request the release of all players that are members of conference teams. We realize the importance of a player's education and strive to accommodate the academic calendar that varies from state to state, as much as possible, while also being cognizant of the financial impact that participating in a high-level program has on families. A school absence letter is linked [here](#).

DIRECTIONS TO GRAND PARK

- From the north/US-31: Take 191st Street west to Grand Park. Then follow signs to your parking lot.
- From southeast/I-465 East: Take Keystone Avenue Exit 33 and head north. Merge on to US-31 and continue north to SR-32 and head west. Then turn right on either Wheeler Road or Spring Mill Road, depending on your parking lot.
- From the southwest/I-465 West: Take N. Meridian Exit 31 and head north to US-31. Continue north to SR-32 and head west. Then turn right on either Wheeler Road or Spring Mill Road, depending on your parking lot.
- From Indianapolis Airport: Take I-70 east to I-465 west. Take N. Meridian Exit 31 and head north to US-31. Continue north to SR-32 and head west. Then turn right on either Wheeler Road or Spring Mill Road, depending on your parking lot. A map of the facility is linked [here](#).

SCHEDULES

Please double check your games schedules, go to the Great Lakes Conference website at <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/great-lakes-conference/> or the Midwest Conference website at <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/midwest-conference/> click on Scores & Standings and then select your specific division. These schedule were posted online in late March.

Game times in Westfield are local time which is EASTERN time. Just a point of note for the conference schedules posted online in general. Wherever you are playing all times are ALWAYS listed as local time.

SPORTSFORMS TEAM PAPERWORK

Great Lakes Conference:

- [Great Lakes Conference Team Roster Guide](#)
- [SportsForms Team Roster Submission Overview](#)
- [Great Lakes Conference Maximum Roster Size Guide](#)

Midwest Conference:

- [Midwest Conference Team Roster Guide](#)
- [SportsForms Team Roster Submission Overview](#)
- [Midwest Conference Maximum Roster Size Guide](#)

You do not need to turn in any actual rosters to team check in, merely bring your SportForms Line Up card to each game and turn in to the referee at your game field.

We expect to play through rain, although severe weather may delay games.

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 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.

If any players on the roster are club pass carded players with the same player number as another player on their team, then the number must be edited with tape and the lineup card should be edited to match. This is not permissible at the National Tier of National League, but is permissible at the conference level.

Be sure to read **ALL** the information below carefully regarding Event Fee's & Check In

EVENT FEE

Each participating team is to pay a **\$200 per team event fee** at the time of check in (up to two (2) matches. This fee was made clear before the scheduling process began to **ALL** teams, this fee is for one (1) or two (2) matches. If teams agreed to an additional 3rd match this match will be an **additional \$75 for the 3rd match**. This fee covers all of the additional costs incurred for the event and the quality of the venue. Cash or checks (make payable to US Youth Soccer). The event fee is mandatory.

Please refer to the attached Grand Park Map and follow parking instructions as follows:

- If scheduled to play on **Fields 1 through 6**, use **PARKING LOT C or D**
- If scheduled to play on **Fields 7 through 8**, use **PARKING LOT G**
- If scheduled to play on **Fields 11 through 18** use **PARKING LOT F**
- If scheduled to play on **Fields 19 through 30**, use **PARKING LOT E**

CHECK IN

A team representative must check in your team at least one (1) hour prior to your first game of the weekend. **ALL check in will take place in the FIELD SPORTS ADMIN BUILDING**, which is located north of fields **27 and 29** and east of **Parking Lot E** (as seen on the attached map). Team admins should park in Parking lot E to complete check in. Allow enough time to get check in and get back in your car should you need to drive to another lot for your match. Check In is very streamlined, only team mangers/team representatives need to check in and at the most this should take no more than a couple of minutes. For new teams to the Conference this is not like a tournament, we do not have to check your team roster at check in.

All that is needed are these 3 items:

- Payment of your team's **\$200 (1 or 2 matches) event fee**, plus additional **\$75 3rd match fee** (if applicable)
- The Team Check In form (see below) that provides us with emergency contact information for the weekend
- Referee fees for the entire weekend (see section below)

ALL Player pass cards, SportsForms line up cards, medical releases and copies of your rosters (for the opponent if requested) are brought to the field. Lineup cards from SportsForms will be passed to the referee before each game. Please make sure you have a copy of your line up card for the opposing team. You should always give a copy of your line up card to the opposition and have a copy of your official stamped roster if they opposition team requests it.

REFEREE FEE'S

A reminder on **Referee Fees** (per team):

13U, 14U \$60/per game	(2 twenties, 1 ten, 2 fives)
15U, 16U \$70/per game	(3 twenties, 1 ten)
17U, 18U, 19U \$80/per game	(3 twenties, 1 ten, 2 fives)

Again, referee fees for the entire weekend **MUST** be paid in **CASH** at team check in, NOT directly to the refs. Please make sure the breakdowns shown above are handed in, we need this to break down the totals for the center referee and the two AR's.

Line up cards (printed off in advance by you from SportsForms) and player passes etc are reviewed by the referees on the game field. You should also double check your team's game schedule for any last minute field changes. **It is NOT permissible to write ANY players name onto a SportsForms Line Up Card, your Line Up cards must always be in printed form. We will NOT accept SportsForms rosters, you must present a match specific Line Up card to the match officials for each match and again, player cannot be handwritten onto these Line Up cards.**

COLLEGE COACHES

We sent out the invite to every school in the Midwest and beyond, but we have not required a sign up for this event from the college coaches. There will be a coach's hospitality room onsite, please give the coaches space and do not approach them in their room or while they are scouting games. Be mindful and respectful of the contact rules that apply to the various levels of college soccer.

Of course you may have player profiles that you will want to hand out and exchanging pleasantries while handing these out is perfectly fine. We have created profile binders for teams that will be provided to college coaches onsite. Please remember this was a mandatory event for all Premier I and Premier II and Club vs Club 15U-19U divisions and age groups. All of these teams are included in the college coaches profile booklet. First divisions and younger teams were added to this event if they requested space and we had room, but these teams are NOT included in the profile book.

As we all know, coaches will attend if they know players will be at an event who genuinely have interest in their school. That comes from players contacting the coaches. I have sent out the info to all the schools, but I know that during my time as a coach at Western Michigan University, we would generally only attend events if the players themselves reached out to us and had a genuine interest in my school. So we recommend your players reach out directly to their schools of choice to inform them of their schedule.

MERCHANDISE

For this specific event we have event specific merchandise on-sale that is unique to this showcase event. The merchandise for this event can be found at various locations around the site and offer various different clothing items and accessories. To look at the items available for this event, or to purchase in advance, check out this link <https://simaxsports.com/collections/2020-midwest-and-great-lakes-conference>.

SEND OFFS-RED CARDS

Remember that anyone receiving a Red Card or Sent Off is automatically suspended from the team's next conference game. The referee's decisions on the field are final.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Some additional notes about this weekend:

- Pets are NOT allowed onsite.
- No Dynamic Warm-ups at all on the Grass Fields
- Please know that scores and standings will be posted online throughout the weekend.
- Concessions are available throughout the site.

One final reminder to forward this to onto your other coaches, DOC's and team managers. Do not assume that we have all of the contacts. We are currently doing a reconciliation of contacts through SportsForms and many contacts have been updated in the past few weeks. You can also update the registered Team Coach, Team Administrator or Club Administrator at any time in your [Team Portal](#). (You'll need your TeamID and the email address of the Coach, Club or Team Administrator who is being replaced.) A confirmation email will be sent to both parties (and USYS Conference) with a successful contact update.



TEAM CHECK-IN INFORMATION FORM

Teams are to provide this form along with Referee Fees to the Local Site Coordinator (if available) about one (1) hour prior to the start of your first game of your USYS Leagues Conference weekend competition.

Team Name: _____

State Association: _____

Gender Girls Boys
Age Group 13U 14U 15U 16U 17U 18U 19U

Conference & Division: _____

Be sure that you have brought the following:

- SportsForms Line-Up Cards for each match – **give Line-Up Card to Referee prior to each match** - provide opponent with Line-up card only upon request)
- US Youth Soccer Player Member Passes (from your state association) – **give to ref**
- Referee Report – **give to ref** (NOT needed at conference hosted weekends)
- Team State Rosters (one for each match - bring a spare in case the opponent if requests) - **do not give to ref**
- Club Pass Player State Rosters (one for each match - one for the opponent if requested) - **do not give to ref**
- Player Medical Release Forms (your local forms are acceptable) - **do not give to ref**

The following is to be turned in to the Local Site Coordinator (if applicable):

- Total Referee Fees for each game (each team is to provide the following) **IN CASH**. Ensure you have your total for the weekend and make sure the denominations requested are given exactly.

U13, U14 \$60/game (**2 twenties, 1 ten, 2 fives**)

U15, U16 \$70/game (**3 twenties, 1 ten**)

U17, U18, U19 \$80/game (**3 twenties, 1 ten, 2 fives**)

- This Check-In Information Form

Please provide Cell Phone contact information in the event that the Local Site Coordinator must contact you

Contact Person: _____ Date: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____