



This information is for all team contacts associated with teams registered to play in the Midwest Conference weekend at the SLYSA Complex, St Charles, MO November 6-8, 2020. 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 conference-hosted event that was set up as a mandatory college showcase for all Midwest Conference girls Premier I and Premier II teams, aged 15U to 19U. College coaches from across the Midwest and beyond have received events details and team lists. We understand that Division I schools are currently in a recruiting “dead period”, but this has been promoted to all DII, DIII, NAIA and NJCAA schools. We did allow some First Divisions and younger teams to attend this event to get their fall 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.

The SLYSA Complex will host all of the matches this weekend on their all grass field complex, with fields currently in very good condition. The field map to the complex can be found on the [Midwest Conference website](#), in the Conference Hosted Weekends drop down menu.

The SLYSA Complex address is 3901 Huster Road, St. Charles, MO 63301. Please refer to the facility map and follow parking instructions in relation to your game field. The link can be found on the conference website. Please ensure you send this map to all of your team contacts, so they can select the best location to park, based on their fields being played on and to review all of the facility rules that must be adhered to.

SCHEDULES

Please double check your game schedules. Go to the Midwest Conference website and click on Scores, Standings & Schedules to see the link to the schedules and then select your specific division. Schedules are final and no changes can be made at this time, all referees have been assigned and changes cannot be made to conference-hosted weekends once the schedule has been published.

Please account for the time zone listed next to a game time when viewing the schedule in GotSport. The time zone listed pulls from the time zone setting on your GotSport account. If you are not logged into GotSport, the time displayed will pull from the time zone of the venue the game is being played.

TEAM PAPERWORK

Due to ongoing Covid-19 precautions, **there will NOT be an in person check in.** You do not need to turn in any forms or referee pay to a check in location. **All event fees and referee fees will be collected prior to the event by credit card or mail in check** (payment details seen below). Then Game Cards for each game will be turned into the referee at your game field prior to kick off. For game check in procedures due to covid-19, please see the Conference Game Day Covid-19 Procedures document noted below. ALL Player pass cards, game cards, medical releases and copies of your official state stamped roster (for the opponent if requested) are brought to the field.

SLYSA COMPLEX COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES

As I'm sure your team has experienced at other events (or simply by going to the grocery store), many protocols and procedures have to be adapted or changed. Our Conference matches are no exception, so please click this [link](#) for a list of some of the precautions, procedures, and protocols we would like to communicate to teams playing in this showcase event weekend at the SLYSA Complex. It is important that all players, coaches, spectators, and referees DO THEIR PART to maintain a safe play environment. **Please make sure your players and parents informed with the applicable procedures in the link provided.** This document can also be found in the Conference Hosted Weekends drop down on the conference homepage. **Please note that local and/or state restrictions that may be updated after this has been posted will supersede ANY of the procedures you see listed here and in the document.**

EVENT FEES & REFEREE FEES

Be sure to read **ALL** the information below carefully regarding Event and Referee Fees. All event and referee fees **MUST** be paid prior to the event, we will not have an in person check in and we will not accept cash for event fees or referee fees. These fees must all be paid ahead of time. Once the schedule has been posted, all participating teams will receive an email notifying them of an event invoice in GotSport. This invoice will be specific to each team for the number of games they are playing and their subsequent referee fees. To pay your invoice, whether it be credit card or check, please see the walkthrough on the Conference website under the Conference Hosted Weekends drop-down. These fees must be paid prior to the weekend.

On the week of November 2, team coaches and managers will receive an email letting them know that their check/credit card payment was successfully processed and the team has been paid for. The subject line of this email will read "Team Registration Accepted," but the content of the email will be related to the team's successful check/credit card transaction.

Please note that all event fees for Conference Hosted Event Weekends were clearly listed in our Conference Operating Procedures prior to schedules being created and all teams agree to these fees when they schedule games in these events. The showcase event fee for each participating team is \$200. If a team is playing a 3rd match there is an additional extra \$100 fee for the 3rd match. See note below from the COP's:

2.04 Conference Hosted Weekends

Conference hosted weekend will take place on the following weekends:

Fall Season 2020

November 6-8 St Louis, MO \$200 per team (3rd match an extra \$100)*

**Denotes a Stay to Play weekend. We are required to use the housing companies in order to use these facilities on these weekends. Housing information was posted on the conference website once scheduling had been completed.*

Please note that for all event weekends the per team fee covers 1 or 2 matches. If teams choose to only play in one match this fee cannot be prorated. For 3rd match fee details please see above. The fees associated with these conference hosted event weekends are to cover additional facility fees, staff, medical coverage and equipment needed to run these events safely and effectively. These fees are in addition to your conference entry fee. The college showcase events are the only mandatory events as listed previously in this document. All other events are optional, but you accept the fee's if you schedule matches on any of these weekends. These event weekends have been added to enhance the showcase opportunities for the teams in our conference and to enhance their overall experience. ANY team that withdraws from a conference hosted event after the scheduled dates (not times) have been posted MUST still pay the event fee for that specific event.

A reminder on Referee Fees:

13U and 14U **\$70 per game per team**; a total of \$140 (\$60 to Referee and \$40 to each AR)
15U and 16U **\$80 per game per team**; a total of \$160 (\$70 to Referee and \$45 to each AR)
17U, 18U and 19U **\$90 per game per team**; a total of \$180 (\$80 to Referee and \$50 to each AR)

STAY TO PLAY RULE FOR TEAM HOUSING

We are required to use the housing company Traveling Teams in order to host these event weekends at the SLYSA Complex. Housing information can be found on the conference website and has already been sent to all teams. The housing links can be found in the Conference Hosted Weekends drop down for each event weekend.

COLLEGE COACHES

As mentioned earlier, college coaches from across the Midwest and beyond have received events details and team lists. We understand that Division I schools are currently in a recruiting “dead period”, but this has been promoted to all DII, DIII, NAIA and NJCAA schools. There will be a coach’s hospitality room onsite, please give the coaches space and do not approach them in their area or while they are scouting games. Be mindful and respectful of the contact rules that apply to the various levels of college soccer.

US Youth Soccer have partnered with ScoutingZone® for this showcase event. Every team will be contacted by ScoutingZone to set up their team accounts. USYS will be using ScoutingZone as our official scouting/recruiting partner, which connects players and college coaches on the fields at our event. College coaches count on ScoutingZone to deliver accurate roster information, therefore it’s a requirement for all participating teams & players to register in SZ. Please follow instructions listed in the link on the website ASAP.

Please note that ScoutingZone will be used for all US Youth Soccer regional and national events. If you have registered in the past, your team should already have an account in ScoutingZone. If you are registering for the first time, you will be able to use your account for all future events. Team Managers and Players must be registered by October 23. Full details can be found on the links in the Conference Hosted Event Weekends drop down, but ScoutingZone is there to help, so if you have any questions please contact support@scoutingzone.com directly with any questions.

Of course, you may have player profiles that you will want to hand out directly to college coaches and exchanging pleasantries while handing these out is perfectly fine. Please remember this was a mandatory event for all Premier I and Premier II 15U-19U divisions and age groups. All of these teams are included in the ScoutingZone information. First divisions and younger teams were added to this event if they requested space and we had room, but these teams were not part of the actual showcase.

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 our school. So we recommend your players reach out directly to their schools of choice to inform them of their schedule.

PLAYER UNIFORMS

When there is a conflict in uniform color, 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 Conference 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

player/s 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 game card should be edited to match. This is not permissible at the National Tier of National League, but is permissible at the conference level.

FIELD LOCATIONS & PARKING

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EVENT HEADQUARTERS

Our event headquarters will be located in the building in front of field 12. Please check the complex map and look for the information center/concession stand. Please knock on the window marked HQ for assistance.

EVENT 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 for purchase, with the event specific logo (seen at the top of this document).

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
- **Game Scores are to be submitted by the teams directly themselves. ALL match scores must be entered by the winning team. In the event of a tie, the team listed as Team A (home) on the schedule should be the team that enters the score and submits the game card. This MUST be done before leaving the facility.**
- Concessions are available throughout the site
- We expect to play through rain, although severe weather may delay games.

Please forward this to onto your other coaches, DOC's and team managers. Do not assume that we have all of the contacts up to date as we constantly receive contact updates within our system.



NATIONAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE TEAM CHECKLIST FOR EVENTS

This checklist has been provided as a helpful guide to make sure team officials have all of the correct documentation with them prior to and during each conference hosted weekend. This is not required to be handed over to any league officials; this is just for team use only.

Team Name: _____

State Association: _____

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

Conference & Division: _____

Prior to the weekend:

- All team housing has been secured through the booking agent listed for this event weekend
- All event fees have been paid in full to the conference prior to the event weekend
- All Referee fees have been paid in full to the conference prior to the event weekend
- All roster additions of club passcarded have been made at least 48 hours prior to the event weekend and confirmed by the state association and the conference.

Be sure that you have brought the following:

- GotSport game cards for each match
- US Youth Soccer Player Member Passes (from your state association)
- Team State Association Rosters (one for each match - bring spares should the opponent request a copy)
- Club Pass Player State Rosters (one for each match - bring spares should the opponent request a copy)
- Player Medical Release Forms (your local forms are acceptable)