Steel United Turf Showcase Rules

Coach, Player & Spectator Code of Conduct

Teamwork, Respect, Integrity and Commitment are the core values of Steel Sports. While participating in any Steel Sports event, we are asking for your support in providing a positive environment for all participants. Our core values are taught through athletic competition and interactions with all participants and provide the foundation for good sportsmanship and character. In keeping with these core values, the spirit of competition thrives.

Steel United/Steel Sports has many years of experience in the youth sports industry. It is our NUMBER ONE PRIORITY that players, coaches & fans experience soccer at it's very best during every soccer tournament. We have a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** for disrespect to each other, referees, guests, and staff on and off the field. We expect EVERYONE who attends to handle themselves in a manner that displays good sportsmanship and sets a good example for every player and participating team. We will not tolerate coaches, players or fans acting out or displaying what we consider unsportsmanlike conduct. Such conduct will result in removal from the game and/or the tournament at the discretion of the Tournament director. It is our responsibility to our guests to maintain a fun and positive soccer experience.

Coaches: It is your responsibility to enforce the code of conduct to your players and fans.

Please Note: These rules are not all inclusive. Common sense should be used at all times: Violations of these rules may lead to team or individual suspension from tournament play. Parents and family guests of all Steel Sports/Steel United events assume all risk and danger of personal injury, losses, damage to person or property and all hazards arising from or related in any way to, the events that they are attending.

Tournament Director/Committee reserves the right to refuse admission or eject any person whose conduct is deemed by management to be disorderly or who fails to comply with the rules and regulations of Steel Sports/Steel United. The Tournament Director/Committee has final say on appropriate and inappropriate behavior.

1. General Rules/Policy

The Tournament Committee's interpretation of these rules shall be final and binding. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to the tournament.

Tournaments - First place awards will be presented. No awards for 2nd or lower
Showcases - There will be no awards.

Pets are prohibited unless they are service animals. No onsite cooking, Grills are not allowed unless a permit has been secured by the host facility. No alcoholic beverages permitted. No smoking of any kind, vaping or illegal drugs permitted on site.

Failure to follow parking instructions from signage, event staff or facility staff will result in your vehicle being towed. Steel Sports and/or the host club are not responsible for ticketing or towing.

Out of area (greater than 75 miles from tournament site) teams are required to stay at tournament approved host hotels booked through Event Connect. Exemption forms are available upon request. Teams not staying at tournament approved host hotels risk being suspended from tournament play with no refund.

Mechanical and artificial noisemakers are prohibited.

2.Laws of the Game

All games will be played in accordance with FIFA and USYSA laws, except as specifically modified by these rules.

Heading Policy

Heading the ball is prohibited in U11 games and younger. At age group divisions U11 and younger, whenever the ball strikes a player in the head, play is stopped. If deliberate, then the proper restart is an indirect free kick to the opposing team. If this occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If the play by the head is deemed inadvertent, then the proper restart is a dropped ball.

3.Eligibility and Registration

All participating teams must be currently registered with their State association and or US Club Soccer. **Teams from states that require permission to travel forms must have them authorized by their State association if this tournament is an out of state tournament for your team.** An official stamped roster must be submitted by each team at tournament check in. (Instructions can be found on tournament website.) For teams coming from a CONCACAF nation, teams must upload Photo Player Cards and an Official Roster. These teams must also present passports at on site registration and email a completed form from its Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament.

The team representative must present a player identification card for each participating player that has been approved by the teams Federation Organization Member (US Club, EPYSA, etc.) Failure to present these cards for any player will deny that player the permission to play.

If the team is a town team, birth certificates or passports are acceptable. Guest players that don't play for a club team may be allowed to play if they provide a birth certificate or passport at check in. Coaches must check in on site at the Tournament HQ (defined by Steel United pink/black tent) with the Tournament Director at least 45 mins. before their first game to make TD aware of any changes to rosters and to get any updated info from TD.

A maximum of four (4) guest players will be allowed for 7v7 teams during the tournament. A maximum of five (5) guest players are allowed for 9v9 teams. A maximum of six (6) guest players are allowed for 11v11 teams. All guest players are required to have the same information included on the roster as the 'original' team members.

It is recommended that a team representative have a parent signed medical release form for each player that has been approved by the teams Federation Organization Member.

Check-In - These documents must be provided via GotSport in a PDF format, no later than one week before the commencement of the tournament.

All teams are responsible for their own insurance. In the case of injury during travel or while participating in the tournament, Steel Sports or the hosting club will not be liable.

4. Payment and Scheduling for the Tournament/ Showcase

All teams are required to pay no later than **21 days** before the commencement of the tournament. Failure to do so will result in your team's application being declined and not considered for scheduling.
The tournament committee will always aim to publish a preliminary schedule on or around 10 days before the commencement of the tournament/showcase.

5.Game Standards

All Steel United tournaments are aligned with the game standards of US Soccer. Below are game parameters for 2 & 3 Day events. The Game Duration for 7v7 One-Day events will be 2x20min. For Showcase events, roster size for U15-U19 teams will be 22 but 18 players are permitted to be in uniform and on the team's sideline in any single game.

	Age Group	Ball Size	Game Format	Game Duration	Roster Size
	U8	4	7v7	2x25min	Maximum 12
	U9	4	7v7	2x25min	Maximum 12
	U10	4	7v7	2x25min	Maximum 12
	U11	4	9v9	2x25min	Maximum 16
	U12	4	9v9	2x25min	Maximum 16
	U13	5	11v11	2x35min	Maximum 18

	U14	5	11v11	2x35min	Maximum 18
	U15	5	11v11	2x35min	Maximum 18
	U16	5	11v11	2x35min	Maximum 18
	U17	5	11v11	2x35min	Maximum 18
	U18	5	11V11	2x35min	Maximum 18
	U19	5	11v11	2x35min	Maximum 18