TEXAS Academy League FALL 2026 COLLEGE SHOWCASE

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. Team rosters are limited to a **maximum of twenty-two (22)** players in 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U and 19U age groups. Team rosters are limited to a **maximum of eighteen (18)** players in the 11U & 12U age group. All players may be suited for match.

2. All teams shall be allowed to have up to a combined total of **five (5) Guest Players** but are allowed **unlimited Club Pass** Players, with a maximum roster of **twenty-two (22)** for 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U and 19U age groups, and with a maximum roster of **eighteen (18)** for the 11U & 12U age group, as defined in #1. All Guest Players/Club Pass Players must meet the following criteria: 1) must be approved for participation by their respective governing body 2) must be a registered player with the appropriate governing body. 3) All players participating in a match must be printed on the match card. No Write-ins will be allowed. No exceptions.

3. Players may not play for more than one team in the tournament. All players on a team must have a unique jersey number. # must be affixed. No taped numbers will be allowed.

4. The first team listed is considered the home team. The home team will wear their light kit. **Any color conflicts will be resolved by the visiting/away team**. Both teams will be on the same side of the field, while spectators will be on the opposite side across from their team. The Home team's player bench should be the North or West side of the pitch, depending on field layout.

5. All teams are required to present player picture identification cards that are issued by their governing body at registration and at all matches except for MLS Next teams which may present a complete copy of their Kitman Lab roster. Identification cards may be checked by the referee prior to each match. Each player's jersey number should be listed correctly on the match card.

6. All matches will be full length. 11U & 12U, two 30-minute halves; 13U & 14U, two 35-minute halves; and 15U-19U, two 40-minute halves (Sunday: two 35-minute halves). Halftime is five minutes for all age groups.

7. Match Ball: The Home team is expected to provide the ball for matches. Size 5 match ball must be used for all U14 – U19 matches. Size 4 Official match ball must be used for all U13 matches.

8. There are no finals or award provided in this showcase event.

9. In showcase games, unlimited free substitution will be allowed during natural stoppage of the match at the referee's discretion.

10. The official match report for each completed match **must** be verified (i.e., score, cautions, send offs) immediately after the game by the team coach or manager with a signature. Match reports that are not verified stand as submitted and may not be contested or appealed.

11. Players or Coaches sent off during a match are not allowed to play/coach in the next match. In case of continued bad conduct of players, teams, officials, or supporters, the team may be withdrawn from the competition and reported to their association. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team and supporters.

12. Any player or coach sent off during the tournament or any player receiving multiple cautions during the tournament may be required to attend a Disciplinary Committee hearing. Players must be accompanied by their coach and/or manager. Official Match Reports will be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee, and they will determine if a hearing is necessary. Any hearing could result in the player or coach being required to sit out additional matches or being withdrawn from the competition. Team officials will be notified as soon as possible if a hearing has been scheduled.

13. Judgment calls by referees may not be appealed.

14. Disciplinary Committee decisions may not be appealed.

15. All protests must be submitted in English to the Disciplinary Committee within three hours of the end of the match with a $500 (US) cash non-refundable fee. Only protests that concern the Laws of the Game and ineligible players will be considered. All decisions will be in the best interest of soccer and may not be appealed.

16. Noise maker devices are prohibited during games.

17. If inclement weather cancels the tournament prior to or during the event, the tournament will not provide a refund. Teams must make a claim for a refund through their Event Insurance policy.

18. Once a team has been accepted, the team has ten (10) days to withdraw and get a full refund. If a team withdraws after the ten days, no refund will be issued. If the team registers and is accepted within 4 weeks of the event and then wish to withdraw, no refund will be issued.

19. The decision of the Tournament Director, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, on any matter is final and may not be appealed.