

2012 Michigan Indoor College Showcase
February 18, 2012

Tournament Rules

Please read fully the following rules and guidelines fully to ensure complete understanding of the 2012 MICS procedures. If there are any questions, comments, or complaints, feel free to contact us.

AGE AND ELIGIBILITY: Participation in the 2012 Michigan Indoor College Showcase is open to teams composed of at least eight (8) and no more than eleven (11) players. This event is not sanctioned by USYSA or US Club Soccer, so player passes and official team rosters are not required.

In order to offer our college coach participants the most effective use of their time, selection preference for the 2012 Michigan Indoor College Showcase will be given to teams with the greatest number of seniors and juniors (High School graduation year 2012 and 2013) on their tournament roster.

CREDENTIALS: At the Mandatory Registration, teams must provide the required credentials, including player waiver forms and other documents. A complete list of required items will be listed on the tournament website.

COST: Team Registration cost is \$600.00 USD, to be mailed with your completed team registration form.

ROSTER AND PROFILE BOOKS: Teams may register a maximum of eleven (11) players. The team roster spreadsheet detailing your players' contact information, grade point average, school and graduation year must be submitted by the published deadline to be included in the profile book issued to each college coach.

Teams are welcome to provide their own profile books to the coaches in attendance.

PLAY: Each team will be scheduled three 40 minute matches; each game is played with a running-clock and there is no half-time. This is a showcase for the players: there are no championship awards and no semi-final or final games will be held and therefore no overtime periods, PK shootouts, standings or tie-breakers are necessary. Games not played will be classified as "Forfeits" or "Byes."

All Games will begin promptly at their scheduled start time and teams should be prepared to kickoff accordingly. Teams may warm-up in the designated space prior to their scheduled game; this space is limited, so teams are asked to share this space.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Free and unlimited substitution (sub on the fly) will be allowed in all age groups at any time the ball is out of play. A substituted player may re-enter the match providing the following:

- All substitutions are within the substitution technical area of the field.
- The player being substituted is at the touch line of the substitution technical area.
- Only when the player being replaced has reached the touch line can the new player enter.

PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT: It will be at the Referee's discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment including the wearing of a hard brace or soft cast. Hard casts are not allowed. Shin guards are mandatory for all players. Molded cleats, turf shoes and indoor soccer shoes are permitted.

All uniforms must be designated with a number. The home team shall wear a light color and the visiting team a dark color. The first team listed on the schedule is the home team. The designated home team (listed first on the schedule) must provide the game ball. Goalkeepers must wear jerseys distinct from both teams

BENCH PERSONNEL: Only players and coaches are allowed in the designated technical area. Supporters may watch from the bleachers and spectator area and away from the college coaches and the team warm-up area.

PLAYERS: Maximum of 6 players on the field per team, five field players plus a goalkeeper. There is a minimum of 4 players to start a game.

CEILING: If the ball touches the ceiling the ball shall be placed directly down from where it hit. A direct free kick shall be awarded to the opposing team. If the ball hits the ceiling inside the penalty area the ball will be placed outside the penalty area at the closest point

FREE KICKS: Using FIFA Laws for all penalties. The ball must be stationary before taking a free kick. Defenders must move 6 yards back when a free kick is awarded. Intentional encroachment by defenders at the taking of free kicks may result in a yellow card.

CORNER KICKS: The defending team shall not be closer than 6 yards from the kicker during a corner kick.

GOAL KICKS: Are taken from anywhere in the goal area.

KICK-OFF: The home team shall kick-off the first half. The ball may travel in any direction.

PENALTY AREA: All penalties by a defending player within the penalty area shall result in a penalty kick. The penalty mark is the open spot along the top of the penalty area, 10 yards from the goalline. The only exception to this rule is if a goal keeper handles the ball from a throw in or a pass back. This is an indirect kick.

SLIDE TACKLING: There is absolutely no deliberate slide tackling with the intention of making contact with another player! At the referee's discretion, slide tackling may be a cautionable offense. Sliding may be allowed at the referee's discretion if no contact with another player is made.

GOAL KEEPER: FIFA rules regarding handling are in effect (no deliberate pass-backs may be handled). In addition, the goalkeeper may not punt the ball when in their possession.

INJURY: Due to time constraints and the showcase format, delays of the game due to injury will not result in time being added to the full game time, except in the case where serious injury delays the restart of a game by more than 10 minutes. In that case, the showcase director may allow extension of the game for an amount of injury time determined by the showcase director and/or his/her designee.

COACHING: All coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their players, staff and spectators at all times. Coaching from the sidelines (giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy, decisions and position) is permitted although **STRONGLY** discouraged during a showcase event such as this, as college coaches wish to see players perform without direction. Coaching during games may occur when provided: no mechanical devices are used; the tone of the voice is instructive and not derogatory; no coach, substitute, or spectator makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other coaches, players, or spectators; no coach, player, substitute, or spectator uses profanity or incites, in any manner, disruptive behavior.

REFEREES: There will be a one or two referee system for games. The referee's word is final in all games. The referee is authorized to suspend a match if circumstances warrant (unruly participants/spectators, serious injury, equipment failure, etc.). The referee shall immediately report a suspended match to the Showcase Committee.

CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS: A player or coach receiving two cautions (yellow cards) in a single game will be sent off (red card) but can be replaced. A player or coach who has been sent off will not return for that game and will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game.

A player or coach who is sent off for violent conduct, serious foul play or offensive/insulting/abusive language will not be allowed to participate in the balance of the showcase. Any player or coach who assaults a referee will be expelled from the Showcase and will be reported to the appropriate authorities. For the purpose of this showcase a coach can be carded. Players and coaches must serve all suspensions outside of the facility and its grounds.

SUSPENDED AND TERMINATED GAMES: If in the opinion of game and tournament officials a game must be suspended (for reason), the game may be resumed, but is subject to being ended not less than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game. If in the opinion of the officials, a game must be terminated for misconduct of players, bench coaches or spectators, the offending team may be suspended from further play and forfeits that game and all remaining games. Additionally, the home league, club and State Association may be contacted as appropriate.

FORFEITS: All teams who forfeit will have the game(s) scored a 0-1 loss. Teams failing to report ready to play with a minimum of 5 players within ten minutes after the scheduled kick off time will forfeit. Home Teams unable to supply alternate jerseys or teams failing to check in at the Mandatory Registration or for taking actions that cause a game to be terminated will forfeit. Teams who forfeit seriously jeopardize their right to play in any future Showcases for their entire club. Due to the nature of this Showcase, every effort will be made to provide a replacement team/game for the team whose opponent forfeits.

DISPUTES: Game conduct is under the jurisdiction of the referee and the showcase will not overrule a referee's decision. All disputes will be settled by the Showcase Director or his/her designee and the decision will be final.

CONDUCT: Players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves within the spirit and the letter of the Law. Displays of temper or dissent are cause for ejection from the game and facility grounds. Please use no artificial noise making devices. Please pick up ALL litter on the sideline.

In the event disciplinary action is required in regards to an assault or abuse of a game official, if deemed necessary by the Showcase committee, the appropriate USSF, US Club, or National/ Provincial Association shall be notified and the appropriate Disciplinary Report shall be filed.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In case of inclement weather or other force of nature, the Showcase Committee will have the authority to change games as follows:

Reschedule any game(s).
Change the duration of any game(s).

GENERAL: Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Michigan Indoor College Showcase, the Lansing Indoor Sports Arena or the TNT Dynamite Soccer Club be responsible for any expenses (including the Showcase entry fee) incurred by any team. This includes a situation where the Showcase or any game(s) is canceled or terminated in whole or part.

The Showcase Committee's interpretation of the rules shall be final. The Showcase Committee reserves the right to decide on all matters pertaining to this Showcase. No items of any kind may be sold at The Lansing Indoor Sports Arena, the playing fields, or surrounding the event areas for the duration of the Showcase without the expressed, written approval of the Showcase Committee.