



ODP Interregional Showcase Rules of Competition

Section I. Objective

- a) The ODP Interregional Showcase serves ODP players in several ways.
 - a. Provides players an opportunity for players to be identified as “Pool Players” in the 2004-2007 age divisions;
 - b. Serves as a potential college showcase opportunity for players;
 - c. Provides State associations an opportunity to gauge where their players, staff etc. stand in respect to their own region and opposing region(s) within a game/competition format.

Section II. Advancement and Scoring Event Format

- a) There is no advancement within this event and there is no progression as the event is not connected to a championship series beyond the weekend of games being played.
- b) Scores will NOT be kept and advancement points (W/T/L) will not be posted on the website as this is a friendly showcase event.

Section III. Participating Teams

Teams eligible for participation are the 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011/2012 boys and girls ODP State Teams from US Youth Soccer State Associations.

Section IV. Field & Dimensions

- a) Fields should be properly marked and ready by game time, with corner flags and nets in good condition.
- b) Field size recommendations listed below are within the US Youth Soccer guidelines:

Fields	9v9	11v11
Width	50 – 60 yards	60 – 75 yards
Length	80 – 90 yards	100 – 120 yards

Section V. Rosters

It is the responsibility of each state association and ODP Director to ensure that players are properly insured and carded for their teams participating in the event.

- i. There are no official rosters for this event, nor any player cards needed to participate. There will also not be any team check-ins before the event.

Game day official rosters

- i. No team shall be allowed more than (18) active roster players on the sideline for each game for the 2006-2010 (11v11) age groups.
- j. No team shall be allowed more than (16) active players on its roster for the 2011/12 (9v9) age groups.



Section VI. Format of Competition

- a) Game Balls:
 - i. Games in the 2006 to 2010 age groups will be played using a size #5 ball.
 - ii. Games in the 2011/12 age groups will be played using a size #4 ball.
 - iii. Game balls will be provided by the event for each field.
- b) Grace Periods:
 - i. Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of any match shall be granted 10-minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a team.
- c) Home/Visiting Team:
 - i. The team listed first in each pairing on the schedule is considered the HOME team.
- d) Jersey Colors:
 - i. The home team shall wear a light color jersey.
 - ii. The away team shall wear a dark color jersey.
 - iii. If in the opinion of the referee there is a conflict, the home team shall change jerseys.
- e) Uniforms:
 - i. Each player must wear an official uniform with a number on the back of the shirt (this includes goalkeepers).
 - ii. Alterations to the uniform (using tape or marker for numbers) will not be permitted.
 - iii. Duplicate numbers are not permitted.
 - iv. Teams MUST bring an alternate jersey with a number on the back to all games.
- f) Team Bench/Sidelines:
 - i. Teams and team personnel may be on the team bench sideline.
 - ii. A maximum of four (4) team personnel are allowed, including the respective State Association Technical Director may represent the team along with team personnel.
 - iii. Coaching from the Touchline: Team officials are expected to remain within their technical area and behave in a responsible manner.
 - iv. Parents and spectators will be on the opposite sideline.

Section VII. Playing Rules, Substitutions & Duration of Matches

- a) Except as otherwise provided herein, the rules of US Youth Soccer and the FIFA “Laws of the Game” shall apply.
- b) To protect the players and to provide the most reasonable competitive environment, duration of games will be modified to the following:

Birth Year	2011/12 (9v9)	2010, 2009 (11v11)	2006, 2007, 2008 (11v11)
Half Length	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 35 minutes	2 x 40 minutes
Halftime Interval	Max of 10 minutes		

- c) Substitutions: All games shall be played with the following substitution rules:
 - i. Substitution may occur on any stoppage of play with the approval of the referee.
 - ii. If a player is removed from the game and no substitute enters the game for the player (team plays short), the original player may re-enter the game. Substitution shall be at any stoppage of play at the discretion of the referee.



iii. If the goalkeeper is dismissed by the referee, the referee may allow the team to replace the dismissed goalkeeper with a substitute (even if the maximum number of substitutions have been used). The team however must still play short with another player leaving the field of play.

iv. **Head Injury Temporary Substitution Rule:** If a player is suspected of suffering a head injury they may be substituted for evaluation without the substitutions counting against the teams’ total number of allowed substitutions during each half or overtime period. If the player with the suspected head injury has received clearance from the events’ Health Care Professional, the player may re-enter at any stoppage of play. The evaluated player must replace the original substitute and will not count as a substitution. The temporary substituted player may re-enter the game as a regular substitute.

Birth Year	2011/12 (9v9)	2010, 2009 (11v11)	2006, 2007, 2008 (11v11)
Subs in 1st Half	Unlimited	Unlimited	Maximum of 7
Subs in 2nd Half	Unlimited	Unlimited	Maximum of 7
Re-Entry in Same Half	Yes	Yes	No

Section VIII. Inclement Weather

The goal of ODP Interregional Showcase Committee is to play every game to its full length. In the event that inclement weather affects the competition (or for any other reason), the following rules regarding play will apply:

1. In the event of stoppage, games that have completed a half, or are in the second half, will be deemed completed and the score at the time of stoppage will stand (scores not kept)
2. Should conditions warrant, the length of games is subject to change by the ODP Interregional Showcase Committee and the Referee Administrator. In the event of unsafe conditions, a game may be terminated at any point by the Committee and/or Referee Administrator.

Section IX. Decisions of the Committee

The ODP Interregional Showcase Committee reserves the right to make all decisions concerning this competition keeping in mind the best interests of US Youth Soccer, the ODP Interregional Showcase event and safety and welfare of the players, coaches, administrators and spectators. The Committee will resolve any situations beyond the scope of these rules, settle disputes and reserves the right to adjust the rules as necessary in the interest of fair and balanced competition. The decisions of the Committee are final.