



## **Tournament Rules:**

**PRCL Showcase – Hosted at PA Classics  
October 10-11, 2020**

### **CREDENTIALS**

For mandatory registration, done on-line via the team GotSoccer account, teams must provide the following required credentials:

#### **US Club Teams:**

1. US Club Roster.
2. Valid US Club Players Passes.
3. Valid player passes and loan papers for guest players.
4. A completed “Team Info Sheet” which is found on the WCS Registration page.

#### **US Youth Soccer Teams:**

1. Original State Approved Roster.
2. Validated US Youth Soccer Player Passes.
3. Permission to Travel - Region 1 teams, with the exception of Connecticut and New Jersey, do not require Permission to Travel. Connecticut and New Jersey teams must provide a Permission to Travel. All non-Region 1 teams must provide a Permission to Travel.
4. Valid player passes for guest players.
5. A completed “Team Info Sheet” which is found on the PRCL Showcase Registration page.

#### **Foreign Teams:**

1. Provincially approved player picture identification cards.
2. Teams must have a completed form from it Provincial or National Association approving the team's participation in the tournament.
3. A completed “Team Info Sheet” which is found on the WCS Registration page.

### **PLAYER AGE & ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Boys & Girls:**

- U-19 = born on January 1, 2002 and after.
- U-18 = born on January 1, 2003 and after.
- U-17 = born on January 1, 2004 and after.
- U-16 = born on January 1, 2005 and after.

## ROSTERS

### All Teams:

-May register a maximum of 22 players. A team may use up to 5 guest players but any team utilizing guest players is still limited to a total of 22 players. Teams may only dress 18 players for any one (1) particular game. Players who are not playing in a particular game may not sit on the team bench or be on the same side of the field as their team.

US Club Soccer teams may only take guest players registered under US Club Soccer, and USYSA teams may only take guest players registered with properly stamped USYSA player pass cards. No roster may be comprised of players with different passes from different organizations, or no "mixed rosters".

**No player may play for more than one team in the tournament for the duration of the event.**

**Any player found to have played for more than 1 team in the same event will cause all games in which he or she participated in to be forfeited.**

## TEAMS

The home team is determined by the tournament scheduler. The first team listed in the tournament program (and website) is the home team. The home team will be responsible for using an alternate color uniform if necessary, and shall supply a suitable game ball if the tournament does not provide one. (as determined by the Referee). If the home team cannot supply an alternate jersey, then the visiting team will.

Spectators are not permitted behind the goals or in any area designated for teams and coaches. **Spectators must obey all social distance markings for seating and standing, and wear a face covering at all times.** All spectators shall use appropriate behavior and language and are subject to ejection from the premises for verbal abuse subject to the discretion of the match referee, the tournament referee assignor, or the tournament director.

## LAWS OF THE GAME

All matches must be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, except as specifically modified as follows in the tournament rules:

- A. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage of play.
- B. Games will consist of two halves of equal length. The Directors reserve the right to adjust game length for conditions beyond their control.
  - All Game Lengths: (2) 40-minute halves.
- C. The game clock will not be stopped because of injury to any player, except if deemed necessary by the referee in an extreme circumstance. Due to the time allowed for the completion of all games,

the clock should run continuously. Tournament directors have the right to over-ride this rule and add time should they deem it necessary.

## **REFEREES**

Referees will be USSF certified. All games will have 3 officials.

## **PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

It will be the referees' discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment. All players are required to wear shin guards.

## **FORFEITS**

The score of a forfeited game shall be recorded as 1-0 in favor of the team not forfeiting, if; 1) the game has not commenced, or 2) the game has commenced and the non-forfeiting team has less than a 2-goal lead at the time of cessation.

If the non-forfeiting team has a 2 goal, or more than a 2-goal lead, at the time of cessation the score shall stand as it is. Forfeiture will be declared for a failure to begin play within ten (10) minutes of game time. Failure to complete a match or a team leaving the field during play may result in forfeiture. In no case will a team, which has forfeited a game, be declared a group winner or wild card.

## **DETERMINING WINNERS:**

- Showcase Format
  - o Each team will play 3 games.
  - o There are no advancements to a final or championship match, and no awards.
  - o Winners of flights will be determined based on the below A to E criteria.
  
- Teams will be awarded points on the following basis:
  - o Three (3) points for each Win
  - o One (1) points for each Tie
  - o Zero (0) points for each Loss
  
- In the event of a tie in points at the end of group play, the winner of a bracket and/or flight will be determined as follows:
  - o A. The winner in head to head competition. In the event of a 3-way tie, even after the elimination of 1 team through tie-breakers "B", "C", "D", and "E", the head to head tie breaker is NOT used. There is no reverting back to tiebreaker "A" in a 3-way tie.
  - o B. Goal differential, maximum of 3 per game (Team wins 4-0, the GD is still +3)
  - o C. Fewest goals against.

- D. Most total wins.
- E. Most shut outs.

### **MATCH & SCORE REPORTING**

Match scores will be recorded by the match official following the game. A tournament representative or field marshall will collect the score from the match official, and have both coaches sign the score sheet. The score will then be radioed in to the tournament HQ for posting. It is the responsibility of the head coaches of each team in a match to sign the scorecard directly following the game to verify the proper result.

The comprehensive list of score updates for all ages, flights, and brackets, for the entire tournament will be posted on-line via the tournament home page, [www.paclassics.org](http://www.paclassics.org).

### **PROTESTS & DISPUTES**

No Protests will be allowed

### **FINAL RULINGS**

The final interpreter of the foregoing rules and regulations, and also any matters not provided for in these rules will be the Tournament Directors, whose decisions shall be final.

### **CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE**

Disciplinary action taken against a coach will be levied in the next game in which he/she coaches the team playing at the time of the original infraction, or to the next game coached if the violation occurred during the last game for that team. If additional behavior problems occur, the Directors reserve the right to levy additional discipline up to and including expulsion from the Tournament. Players that are red carded or receive two yellows in a single game must sit out the next game. A player or coach who is ejected for violent conduct or serious foul play may be subject to further sanctioning. Any player or coach who assaults a referee will be expelled from the Tournament. Pets, alcoholic beverages, drugs, and verbal abuse are banned from all facilities and the tournament as a whole.

### **WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee will have the authority to change games as follows:

- Relocate or reschedule any game(s)
- Change the duration of the game(s)

- Cancel any game(s), which have no bearing on the selection of the division winners.

### **REFUND POLICY: Non-COVID-19**

In the event the tournament has to be canceled, in part or in full, for any reason other than COVID-19, partial refunds will be granted after the tournament directors and the tournament staff reviews the entire tournament. For full tournament cancellations, or cancellations of entire age groups, the tournament will keep at least \$150 of the entry fee to help cover administrative costs. For partial tournament cancellations we will pro-rate games after expense have been met.

### **REFUND POLICY: COVID-19 Related**

If the PRCL Showcase is canceled due to COVID-19 we will refund teams 100% of their entry fees. No team credits will be issued, and no entry fees will be kept by us.

### **LIABILITY**

PA Classics AC, and APL Tournaments, are not responsible for injury, loss of property, or damage to any personal property that occurs during the PRCL Showcase. This includes, but is not limited to, all; participants, spectators, relatives of participants, coaches, officials, or anyone associated in any way with the PRCL Showcase. Additionally, anyone entering the parking facilities with a vehicle at any tournament field venue understands that there is an inherent risk associated with parking their vehicle near a sporting event, and that PA Classics, APL Tournaments, property owners, or anyone associated with the organization, is not liable for damages that the vehicle may sustain.

### **ADDITIONAL RULES & SAFETY PROTOCOLS DUE TO COVID-19**

In accordance with the PA Governor's Office, the State Health Department, and our EPYSA Safe Return to Play Policy that the PRCL Showcase is operating under, it is important that you and your team understand all event rules and safety protocols.

Many of these items are new as we return to action, so it's imperative that they are followed. If not, all of us; clubs, teams, referees, and most importantly, the players, will not be allowed to host, or participate in, future tournaments, leagues, or matches.

**PLEASE, MAKE SURE YOUR TEAM, AND YOUR TEAM PARENTS, ARE AWARE OF, AND ARE FOLLOWING, ALL OF THE TOURNAMENT RULES. IT IS INCUMBENT OF COACHES TO ASSIST IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THEIR TEAMS AND THEIR TEAM PARENTS / SPECTATORS.**

- **Only one (1) spectator per player permitted. This is not optional.**
- Masks are mandatory at all times for everyone once outside of their own vehicle.

- Players must wear masks on the bench. Players do not need to wear masks when in the game or warming up. Coaches must be masked at all times.
- Players are not to be sharing drinks. Each player should use only their own drink.
- Maintain social distancing whenever and wherever possible.
- Utilize the social distance spectator positions painted onto all grass fields.
- No team tents allowed for social gatherings at any field complex, ever. If this occurs, we may be forced to halt a match until the group disperses. If your team is the cause of the grouping, or halting of a match, we will have to consider a forfeiture / cessation of the game due to non-compliance of stated rules.
- Individuals may use their own pop-up tents for shade. Teams may put a tent over their bench area.
- Teams should not enter the field they are to play on until the teams from the preceding game have completely gone. There is plenty of warm-up space for all teams away from your game field. Additionally, there is at least 30 minutes built in between your start time and the end of the previous game, so you will have on-field warm-up time. Be patient and wait to come onto your field.
- Teams are to leave the bench area directly following the game. No post-game talks. Coaches and players should immediately clear the sideline area so that the next team(s) can come in.

**Exercise common sense at all times and be respectful of all individuals. The PRCL Showcase is all about the players getting a chance to safely return to play. It's about the players, not the spectators. If we, collectively, do not follow the above mandated rules from EPYSA and the PA Department of Health then we will no longer be able to host events for the kids. Please help to ensure that these young athletes continue to have events to play in by following all rules.**

## **The PRCL Showcase – Hosted at PA Classics COVID Safety Guidelines & Protocols**

The below listed measures will be in place for the operation of the PRCL Showcase in order to ensure a safe return to play for teams, spectators, and staff. Please make sure you are familiar with these guidelines and understand the need for strict adherence to them.

### **1. Spectator Guidelines:**

- a. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is prohibited from attending.
- b. Players are only permitted to have 1 spectator attend the games with them.**
- c. Spectators will be required to stay on the side of the field across from the team bench area.
- d. Spectator sidelines, whenever possible, will be marked with social distancing spaces of 6 feet. There will be spaces that are marked for seating and spaces that are marked to stay out of. (See diagram at the end of this document)
- e. Spectators are always required to wear face masks / coverings once exiting their vehicles.
- f. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own personal sanitizer and PPE.

### **2. Players and Coaches:**

- a. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is prohibited from attending.
- b. Players are to adhere to social distancing rules when not playing in the game.
- c. Players are to wear face masks / coverings at all times when not warming up or playing the game.
- d. Coaches are to wear face masks / coverings at all times.
- e. The sharing of water bottles, food, etc. is prohibited.
- f. Players and coaches should sanitize hands after leaving the field.
- g. Players and coaches are encouraged to bring their own personal sanitizer and PPE.

### **3. Event Staff:**

- a. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 is to stay at home.
- b. All staff members will be required to have their temperature taken by our athletic training staff prior to being able to start work.
- c. All event staff will submit a COVID waiver in order to work in the event.
- d. All event staff will wear face masks / coverings.

### **4. Referees:**

- a. Will wear face masks / coverings when not on the field officiating.
- b. Referees will disinfect soccer balls prior to each game.
- c. Referees are required to fill out and sign the PRCL COVID-19 Waiver Form.

### **5. Tournament Game Adjusted Practices:**

- a. Teams are not to enter the field of play area at all until the previous games' teams have completely departed and are well clear of the field. There will be adequate warm-up space for teams, away from their game field, to prepare without being near the game that is in progress.

