



VAUGHAN x FTF 2026 Fall Showdown Rules

The Tournament will take place in Ontario October 31st to November 2nd , 2026

Registration:

TEAM & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Vaughan Soccer Club ("VSC") & First Touch Football Canada (FTF) will review all applications it has received (accompanied with required application fee) and at its sole discretion determine the acceptance of a team into the event. There will be no refunds of application fee to teams for any reason upon VSC communicating to them acceptance into the event either verbally, in writing or electronic mail. The accepted teams will be required to provide the approved application to travel to VSC by no later than April 17th 2025. A reminder for those teams outside of York Region District an approved Team Travel Permit is required as well. Only teams within York Region do not require an approved travel permit.

Teams must check in by October 17th, 2025. The Team official must provide their official team roster (approved by their district), the player books or cards, approved travel permit (if outside of York Region) along with the "pre completed game sheets

The approved Teams must provide player profiles along with rosters by no later than October 17th 2025. If they are not submitted by deadline your team will not be included in the booklet packages provided to college coaches attending. Therefore, it is imperative that you provide this information by deadline.

Tournament Division:

U14 (2011-2012) 2 groups

Showcase Division:

(U18 – 2007/2008), (U16 – 2009), (U15 – 2010)

All players must be registered for the 2025 outdoor season with their district. Teams will submit an official team roster prior to the event's commencement along with having all their player and coach registration books and/or identification cards checked by VSC and FTF. Teams may dress and play a maximum of 20 players in each game. Youth OS rosters may only hold 20 players, but an additional 3 guest players may be added to the tournament roster sheet with proof of current registration and Guest Player approved

form if a player is coming from another club as guest. (3 max. with TEP) Call ups from the same club are allowed with a max of 3. Maximum 22 players per team.

Teams should have their player and coach registration books and/or identification cards available at all times throughout the event in case they are asked for them by VSC x FTF officials.

ROSTER SIZES

Teams are limited to 22 players identified at registration. 20 players can be rostered for each game. These 20 players must be confirmed with the referees prior to each match. Only players listed on the game day roster (as shown on the game sheet) are eligible to play.

“FIFA Rules excepted where modified below”

A. Ball Size:

Size 5 (Home Team to provide)

B. Game Duration:

- 3 - 60 minute games guaranteed. Variation of games will be used for different age groups
- Semi-finals and Finals will be played on Sunday
- 60 min game on SUNDAY—for teams making it to the finals. (TBD)
- There must be a minimum of two hours between each game played by any team.

C. Substitutions:

Substitutions will be allowed during natural stoppage of the match at the referee's discretion.

Unlimited substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at the following times:

- Goal kick
- Goal scored
- Stop in play due to injury (injured player only)
- Throw-in for possession team. Opposition is permitted to piggy-back without delaying the game

All substitutes shall inform the assistant referee at the half way line on their side of the field that they wish to enter the game prior to the time they are entitled to enter the game as a substitute. The assistant referee will signal the referee that substitutes wish to enter the game at the first opportunity that the substitute is allowed to enter the game.

The substitutes must wait until the referee signals that it is okay for them to enter the field.

D. Home Team

The team listed first is the designated Home Team and has priority of uniform for the current match. Away team must change jerseys when the referee determines a conflict to exist.

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E. Forfeits:

Teams not at the field ready to play with a minimum of 7 eligible players at the scheduled game time will forfeit the match at the discretion of the tournament director. Forfeited scores will be counted 3–0.

F. Officials

All games will feature a three referee system. All referees are sanctioned by the province and must have the required license to officiate the games.

In the event that one official is absent for any reason the “Two-Referee” or “One-Referee” system will be utilized.

G. Player’s Equipment:

All players must wear shin guards. No metal-rimmed glasses or jewelry of any kind will be allowed. Casts, splints or body braces made of a hard substance in its final form such as leather, rubber, plastic, plaster or fiberglass must be covered on all exterior surfaces with no less than ½ inch thick, high density polyurethane, or an alternate material of the same thickness and similar physical properties to protect the injury. **A medical release for the injured player signed by a licensed physician must be available at the game site. Players may not play with these casts without the approval of the Referee.**

H. Protest:

There will be no protests. **All officiating decisions are final.**

I. Sideline Behavior:

Both teams will sit on the same side of the field. Only coaches and trainers may stay on the player’s sideline. Spectators are only allowed on the opposite side of the field from the coaches and players. No spectators are allowed behind the goal areas.

Harassment of the officials from coaches, spectators or players will not be tolerated.

J. Send-offs:

If a player receives a red card or two yellow cards during a match, that player will sit out the rest of that match. Players serving Red card suspensions are NOT allowed to sit on the bench. A coach or other authorized bench personnel sent off during a match must leave the field immediately upon being sent off. Whether or not a player, coach, or bench personnel misses the 'next' game after the red card is under the discretion of the Tournament Directors.

K. Game Balls:

All game balls will be provided by the Home Team.

L. The tournament will be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game except as modified by these rules.

M. There will be a **ZERO** tolerance policy on **vulgar language directed at opposing players, coaches, spectators.**

N. Cancellation/Team Drop Out Policy

Once a team is accepted in the event and then subsequently pulls out then that team will have forfeited their entry fee.

In the event that the tournament is cancelled, a refund of the entry fee or a portion of the entry fee (if any) will be determined by the tournament director to be refunded.

O. VI. SCHEDULES, RESULTS AND STANDINGS

- Schedules will be distributed to accepted teams prior to the start of the event. VSC or FTF can alter the schedule with advance notice to teams where needed to ensure a proper running event.
- Teams will submit a game sheet prior to the start of each of their matches indicating eligible player roster. After every game the referee will record the score at the official's desk. Both coaches' must verify the score with the official by initialing the official's score card.
- Documenting of scores will be recorded for the purpose of determining the final games.
- Each team receives 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.

Tie Breakers will be: **(All tie breakers can be 'over ruled' by Tournament Director)**

1. Head to Head
2. Goal Differential
3. Goals For
4. Goals Against
5. Coin Toss

P. Upon registration.

If required - all teams must print all 5 Roster forms (Roster Form Main & Roster Form 1-4) and bring upon registration along with all player books and travel permit. Please print and submit your Travel Approval form. VSC & FTF will check all forms and give you back approved match forms which you will use for each match. All academy teams must be duly registered with their Province or their District Association (outdoor 2025) and must have the appropriate travel approval.

Further note the following with respect to the event:

Prior to each team's first game in the event all players' books/id cards will be checked by our staff and also prior to each of your games you will submit your roster form for that specific game to the field admin desk. Team officials will be asked to sign the roster form after each game.