



SUSA Showcase Rules - 2025/26

1. FIFA Laws

All tournament matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as issued by FIFA. The following rules supplement the Laws of the Game.

2. Team Acceptance

- a) The tournament committee reserves the right to accept or reject any team application
- b) Any incomplete application will be returned to sender and not processed for consideration. Application is not considered complete until entry fee is received. All applications must be completed online- no paper applications accepted!
- c) No team shall be deemed accepted unless notification has been sent by the Tournament Director.
- d) Upon acceptance all teams will be given a timeline for on-line paperwork submission. Any team not meeting the appropriate deadlines may be disqualified from tournament play.
- e) Accepted teams are required to have medical release forms for each player at every game. Medical release forms can be found on our website.

3. Roster and Player Documentation

- a) You must participate with Fall/Spring 2025/26 roster. You may add up to 8 guest players with a valid player pass.
- b) Teams may dress unlimited players for games. All teams must comply with the Fall/Spring 2025/26 tournament rules and the Tournament Director decisions are final. Documentation is required to support the age of the player. A current medical release form must be in possession but does not have to be submitted. Roster and player documentation may be inspected at any time during the tournament. Exceptions to these requirements must have written approval of the Tournament Director. Exceptions are subject to review by the tournament committee for a final ruling. Completed and approved Permission to Travel forms are required for all out of state teams.
- c) Players are not allowed to participate on more than one team in each tournament unless approved by the Tournament Director.

4. Guest Players

Guest players have to be added to the bottom of the roster, have a player pass and a valid medical form. Players must play on their own team if their team is playing in the 2025/26 tournament and are not eligible to play as a guest player with another team. All teams will comply with the 2025/26 tournament rules and the Tournament Director's decisions are final. Guest players must meet all requirements for individual team players. Any guest players with incomplete/incorrect information at registration will not be allowed to participate.

5. Player Equipment

- a) Home teams should wear light jerseys, away teams should wear dark.
- b) Where the color of the jersey is similar or identical, the team in the incorrect jersey will change jerseys.
- c) All players must have a uniform with individual numbers on the jersey.
- d) No jewelry may be worn by any player (earrings, watches, necklaces, etc.)
- e) Players wearing cast are allowed to play with the proper approval of the Tournament Director.
- f) Shin guards must be worn at all times by all players.



6. Substitutions

- a) Substitutions shall be unlimited.
- b) Substitutions can be made on any stoppage of play at the discretion of the referee.
- c) An injured player may be substituted for at the discretion of the referee. If a substitution is made for the injured player, the opposing team may also make one substitution (with the referee's acknowledgment).

7. Player, Coach, Spectator Ejection

- a) Any player ejected from a match can be replaced so that the team keeps 11 players.
- b) Ejection for fighting by players and coaches will result in the player or coach NOT being allowed to participate in ANY remaining tournament matches.
- c) Any coach ejected from a match will not be allowed to coach his/her team in its immediate next match.
- d) Each coach is responsible for the conduct of the players and parents on his/her team.
- e) Coaches not taking responsibility for their sideline's conduct may be cautioned and/or ejected.

8. Abusive Behavior

While at the fields, any coach, parent, team official, player or spectator threatening violence or engaging in verbal abuse will be subject to ejection from the tournament and the team may be ejected from the tournament as well if appropriate. This type of behavior is not acceptable at this event and will not be tolerated.

9. Team Field Positions

- a) Each team's players, coaches will be on one sideline and spectators will take a position outside of the fenced area surrounding the fields. Parents will sit opposite each other within the Dome.
- b) Coaches and spectators must remain between the 18-yard lines (the penalty areas).

10. Duration of Play, ball size and age specific rules

- a) The duration of each match is indicated below. Two equal halves will be played with a five minute half-time interval. Matches may be shortened or canceled at the discretion of the Tournament Director in the event of inclement weather.

U14 - U19 2 X 35 MINUTE HALVES

- b) The tournament does not require the referee to add time for substitutions. The official clock WILL NOT stop for any reason unless in the judgment of the referee: Removing an injured player from the field would endanger the physical well being of the player or: Other conditions so warrant in the judgment of the referee. Any game shortened due to injury will be continued/made up at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- c) FIFA Inspected/Approved size 5 balls shall be used at ages U-13 through U-19 and supplied by the tournament.

11. Protests None allowed.

12. Forfeits

- a) A forfeit shall be awarded if a team is not present and prepared to play within five minutes of the scheduled commencement time. If a team forfeits a game, they cannot be a winner of a bracket. Seven players constitute a team. Forfeited scores will be counted 3-0.



13. Inclement Weather

- a) Regardless of weather conditions, coaches and their teams must appear at the respective field site, ready to play as scheduled.
- b) Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of the match.
- c) Only the Tournament Director may cancel or postpone a match.
- d) Tournament Directors may cancel all games.
- e) In case of severe weather that occurs after the beginning of play, the Tournament Director may reduce the length of the match and may discontinue or cancel the game.
- f) Should a match be terminated due to weather conditions after 20 minutes of play, the match will be considered official and the score at the time will stand.
- g) If a match is terminated prior to 20 minutes of play every attempt will be made to complete the match. However, if necessary other means, determined by the tournament committee, may be used to determine a winner.
- h) No refunds will be given in the event of cancellation.

14. Disclaimer

- a) Neither the Tournament Committee, or the Tournament Sponsors are responsible for any expenses incurred by any team in the event the tournament is canceled in whole or part or in the event games are discontinued or canceled due to inclement weather or adverse field conditions, nor will any refunds be made.
- b) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide all matters pertaining to the tournament. The judgment of the Tournament Committee is final.
- c) The Tournament Director has authority to make all decisions and these decisions will be final.

14. Team Contact

- a) Be sure your team contact is someone who can be reached at any hour.

15. Tie Breakers

Teams will be awarded points on the following basis:

- Six (6) points for each Win
- Three (3) points for each Tie
- Zero (0) points for each Loss
- One (1) point for each goal scored up to a max of three (3) per game. Losing teams receive points also.
- One (1) point for each shutout
- Examples:

A 0-0 tie will be scored as 4 points for each team (3 for tie, 1 for shutout)

A 4-2 game will be scored as 9 points for the winning team (6 for win, 3 for goals) and 2 points to the losing team (2 for goals).

In the event of a tie in points at the end of bracket play; the winner will be determined as follows:

- The winner in head to head competition. (If there is a 3 team tie, proceed to the next tie breaker)
- Goal differential, max of +/-3 per game (Team wins 4-0, only gets +3 GD, losing team gets -3)
- Goals For (max 5 goals per game)
- Goals Against (max 5 goals per game)
- Shoot-Outs*



16. Dome Rules

Additional rules for games in the Dome: If a ball hits the dome anywhere on the field an indirect freekick will be given to the opposing team who kicked the ball from the spot the ball Hits.

17. Standings and Championships

- a. All game scores are recorded and will be posted on the website during the Tournament. During the event, any concerns about posted scores should be brought to the attention of the scorekeepers at each venue's HQ as soon as possible, and certainly before the start of any subsequent game.
- b. Game cards will be used by the field marshals to record game results and disciplinary actions. Field marshals will mark scores on game cards.

SUSA ACADEMY EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY at any soccer field where a SUSA tournament game is being conducted, the EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN must be implemented immediately.

1. CALL 911 If any person collapses on the field, assume it is a Cardiac Arrest
Emergency call to 911 immediately.
2. TELL 911 YOUR SPECIFIC LOCATION
3. SEARCH FOR A QUALIFIED MEDICAL PERSON ON SITE WHILE RESCUE
HELP IS ON WAY
4. ALL ACTIVITY ON THE FIELD IS STOPPED UNTIL PERSON REMOVED
5. REPORT THE INCIDENT TO JAMES KELSH via phone 631-708-8702 and email a report to james@susaacademy.com

Do not attempt to move the person unless a qualified rescue or health professional can determine that this can be done without causing further injury.

During inclement weather the patient must be protected from the elements and kept warm by using blankets. Do not attempt to cover someone who appears to have collapsed due to hot weather and may be suffering from heat emergency. DO NO HARM!!