



Vaughan x FTF Spring Showdown Rules 2026

Tournament Details

The Tournament will take place in primarily Vaughan, ON + surrounding cities in the GTA, from April 24th - April 26th, 2026.

Registration: Team & Player Eligibility

Vaughan Soccer Club (VSC) will review all submitted applications, accompanied by the required application fee. VSC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to determine team acceptance into the event. Once a team is accepted - whether verbally, in writing, or via email - there will be no refunds of the application fee. Accepted teams must provide the approved application to travel to VSC no later than April 14th, 2026. Teams from outside York Region must also submit an approved Team Travel Permit. Only teams within York Region are exempt from this requirement.

Teams must 'check-in' **by April 14th, 2026**. The team official must provide:

- Official team roster (approved by their district)
- Recruiting Roster
- Player books or cards
- Approved travel permit (for teams outside York Region)
- Game Sheets app completed with entire roster

Accepted teams must also submit a '**recruiting roster**' via google sheet or excel by April 20, 2026. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the booklet provided to college coaches attending the tournament and [All-Star teams](#), post event. It is essential to meet this deadline.

Showcase Divisions

The event will be divided into 5 age groups, based on players' birth years:

- **U16:** 2010 born
- **U17:** 2009 born
- **U18** 2008 born

Tournament Divisions

- **U15:** 2011 born
- **U14:** 2012 born

All players must be registered for the 2026 outdoor season with their district. Teams are required to submit an official team roster prior to the event, and all players and coaches must present their registration books and/or identification cards for verification by Vaughan Soccer Club.

Roster Sizes

Teams are limited to 22 players identified at registration. However, only 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.

Team Roster Details:

- Youth OS rosters are limited to 20 players, with the option to add up to 4 guest players, provided they have proof of current club registration or a **Guest Player Approval Form (if from another club)**.
- Maximum roster size: 22 players per team.

Please ensure player booklets/cards are available at each game. Proof of registration with the team's district within Canada is required.

"FIFA Rules, except where modified below"

A. Ball Size:

- Size 5

B. Game Duration:

- 3 guaranteed games of 60 minutes each between Friday and Saturday
- Semi-finals and finals will be played on Sunday
- Games on Sunday (for teams advancing to finals) will also be 60 minutes.
- There must be at least a 2-hour break between each game played by any team

C. Substitutions:

Substitutions are allowed during natural stoppages at the referee's discretion. Unlimited substitutions may be made with the referee's consent during:

- Goal kicks
- Goals scored

- Stops in play due to injury (injured player only)
- Throw-ins for the possession team (the opposing team may substitute as well without delaying the game)

Substitutes must inform the assistant referee at the halfway line on their side of the field when they wish to enter. The assistant referee will signal the referee, who will allow substitutions at the next appropriate stoppage. Players can only enter the field once the referee signals permission.

D. Jersey Changes

The team listed first is the designated Home Team and has priority for uniform selection. The Away team must change jerseys if the referee determines a color conflict.

E. Forfeits

Teams not ready to play with at least 7 eligible players at the scheduled game time will forfeit the match at the discretion of the tournament director. Forfeited games will be recorded with a score of 3–0. Please note, any team that forfeits a game will automatically have all their games scored as a 3-0 loss and will face a \$1000 penalty as well.

F. Officials

All games will use a three-referee system. All referees are provincially sanctioned and licensed to officiate. If one official is absent, a "Two-Referee" system will be used.

G. Player Equipment

- All players must wear shin guards.
- Metal-rimmed glasses and jewelry are prohibited.
- Casts, splints, or body braces made of hard materials (e.g., leather, rubber, plastic, plaster, fiberglass) must be covered with at least ½ inch of high-density polyurethane or a similar material. A medical release signed by a licensed physician must be available at the game site. Referees must approve the use of such equipment.

H. Protests

No protests will be accepted. All officiating decisions are final.

I. Sideline Behavior

- Both teams must sit on the same side of the field. Only coaches and trainers are permitted on the players' sideline.
- Spectators must stay on the opposite side of the field and are not allowed behind the goals.
- Harassment of officials by coaches, spectators, or players will not be tolerated.

J. Send-offs

- A player receiving a red card or two yellow cards in a match must sit out for the remainder of the game and the next match unless an alternate decision is made by the tournament directors. Players serving red card suspensions are not allowed on the bench.
- A coach or authorized personnel sent off must immediately leave the field and stay away from the next game as well.

K. Game Balls

The Home Team will provide all game balls.

L. Rules

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

M. Conduct

There is a ZERO tolerance policy for vulgar language directed at opposing players, coaches, or spectators.

N. Cancellation/Team Drop-Out Policy

If a team withdraws after being accepted into the event, the entry fee is forfeited. In the event the tournament is canceled, the tournament director will determine if a refund or partial refund will be issued.

O. Schedules, Results, and Standings

- Schedules will be provided to accepted teams prior to the event. Vaughan Soccer Club reserves the right to alter the schedule with advance notice to ensure smooth operation.
- Teams must submit a game sheet before each match, listing eligible players. After each game, referees will report the score at the official's desk. Both coaches must verify the score by initialing the official scorecard.
- Scores will be documented for determining the final games.
- Points system: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss.
- The top 4 teams in each age group (2 per division) will play in the semi- final/ final on Sunday.
- 3PK's for semi final and finals

Tie-breakers:

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

P. Registration

All teams must print and bring all 5 roster forms (Roster Form Main & Roster Forms 1-4), along with player books and travel permits, upon registration. Please also bring your Travel Approval form. Vaughan Soccer Club will verify all forms and return the approved match forms, which will be used for each match. All academy teams must be registered with their province or district association (outdoor 2024) and have the necessary travel approval.

Additional Notes:

Before a team's first game, player books/ID cards will be checked by staff. Prior to each game, teams must submit their game-specific roster form to the field admin desk. Team officials must sign the roster form after each match.

- Every game not recorded is a \$50 credit/refund to each team