

2025 Texas Lightning Sophomore Junior – Senior Showcase Tournament Rules & Policies

- Home Team is team listed first on the schedule received at sign-in. Each Team must have permanent numbered alternate jerseys or numbered T-shirts available. Taped on numbers will not be allowed. Violators will be removed from the field and not allowed back on the field of play until the players' equipment is corrected. The Home Team will wear white or light jerseys, Visitors will wear dark jerseys. Spectators will occupy the "Bleacher" side of a field. Players/Coaches will occupy the "Bench" side of a field.

- A game shall be declared a forfeit if a team is not ready to play at the published game time, within ten (10) minutes of a full length games. At halftime, the teams must be ready to resume play within five (5) minutes of the referees' designation.

- A game shall be declared a forfeit by the Cup & Games Committee or Tournament Committee if an ineligible player participates in the game. Any protests of an ineligible player must be reported in writing with a one hundred dollar (\$100) cashiers check, money order or cash deposit, before the end of the game, to the Tournament field headquarters.

- Teams will play:

15U	35 min. halves	#5 regulation ball	- 5 min. halftime
16U	35 min. halves	#5 regulation ball	- 5 min. halftime
17U	40 min. halves	#5 regulation ball	- 5 min. halftime
19U	40 min. halves	#5 regulation ball	- 5 min. halftime

- **NTSSA scoring system for posting game scores will be as follows:**

- A. 6 points for a win
- B. 3 points for a tie
- C. 0 points for a loss
- D. 1 point per goal scored .in the game with a maximum of 3 points
- E. 1 point for a shut-out (not allowing an opponent to score)
- F. A forfeit games will be scored a 3-0 win

- In age brackets that contain flights with unequal number of teams, points will be determined on a ten (10) point system. All teams will divide points by total games scheduled.

- Each team must have a minimum of seven (7) players on the field to start the games. There must be a minimum of seven (7) players to continue the game.

Guest Players: 5 guest players will be allowed per team.

Club Pass Players are allowed: Club Pass Players do not count as Guest Players.

Club Pass Players must be from the same Club.

Roster is frozen when tournament begins.

A Player may play for more than one team in the Showcase Tournament.

There will be free substitutions, with referee's consent at the following times:

- A player receiving a yellow card (player carded only)
- Prior to a throw-in for the team in possession only
- Prior to a goal kick
- After a goal by either team
- After an injury, when referee stops play
- At half time by either team
- In case of extreme heat, at the referee's discretion

Under extreme heat conditions, water breaks will be left to referee's discretion. However, Host Club has the right to make water breaks mandatory.

- Any "send-off" should be reported to the Tournament Committee immediately following the game. Any player or coach sent-off (other than for receiving two (2) yellow cards in one game) shall automatically sit out the next played tournament game. If player is sent-off for fighting, the player will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. The A & D Committee has the right to hold a hearing and increase the suspension at its discretion.

- All referee decisions are final, within the laws of the game. No protests will be allowed, except for ineligible player.

- The Tournament Director decisions are final in all matters. No appeals will be allowed beyond that point.

- If a game is played into a second half but is stopped before full time, other than acts on the part of one of the teams, the game shall be considered complete.

- In the event of inclement weather, format for tournament play and/or completion of the tournament will be determined by the Tournament Committee.

- Both teams must turn in score cards immediately upon completion of each game.

- Nets and Flags: Host Club will furnish nets and flags.

- Any team that withdraws from a tournament less than two (2) weeks from the start of the tournament or after the publication of the schedule, whichever comes first, or does not complete all required scheduled games, may not be allowed to enter any sanctioned tournaments until said team appears before the NTSSA Cup and Games

Committee for a hearing explaining their actions and will forfeit their entry fee and performance bond, if one has been posted.

Please check our web site, www.texaslightning.org for weather updates. If the tournament is canceled due to inclement weather prior to completion of a team's first scheduled game, a maximum of 50% of the entry fee will be retained by the tournament to cover start-up costs of the tournament.

*****DISCLAIMER*****

In the event of a "NO SHOW" points will be determined by games played.