



EDP WINTER SHOWCASE NJ 2024

16U & 17U GIRLS: Saturday February 10
Maria Gatta Community Park, Oceanport NJ

17U, 18U & 19U BOYS: Saturday & Sunday February 17 & 18
Capelli Sports Complex, Tinton Falls NJ

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Coach / Manager:

Welcome! We expect you are reading this because your team has been accepted to the **EDP WINTER SHOWCASE**. Please review the following information carefully, **ALL OF IT IS IMPORTANT!** Yes, its lengthy, but 90% of what you will need to know is all here in one place!

A) APPLICATION

This is an Invitation-only event due to limited capacity. Only applications from selected teams will be considered.

Please note that your application is not complete until payment has been received. We will accept teams after their online application has been accepted and their payment received.

Teams not accepted will be placed on a waiting list. If not ultimately accepted, any necessary refunds will be issued after the event concludes.

B) LODGING

A requirement for acceptance for out-of-area teams is that your team utilizes sanctioned tournament lodging through Titan Travel. Note that we reserve blocks of rooms at these facilities well in advance to ensure that our participating teams' needs are adequately met. If we do not utilize these reserved rooms, the hotels may not make these rooms available at future events, especially at times of the year when lodging demands in the area are greatest. Failure to comply with this requirement may lead to revocation of a team's acceptance in the tournament. It is a stay-to-play tournament for teams outside the daytrip area, as stated in the Application Information posted online. Therefore, your cooperation here is expected.

Titan Travel's accommodations process is powered by EventConnect. For details on how to use this new booking portal, please visit the Support Library here:

<https://eventconnect.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

For assistance creating your block, please contact **EventConnect Team Relations** at 1-888-723-2064 ext 823 or teamrelations@eventconnect.io.

For general assistance, please contact **EventConnect Support** at 1-888-723-2064 or support@eventconnect.io

C) CONTACTING COLLEGES

Now it is your job to make this showcase meaningful for your players. College coaches know that the Showcase will offer a wide variety of quality players appropriate for a variety of competitive programs. However, **Coaches will gravitate to watch those teams whose players have called, emailed or written them!** There are only a limited number of Top 25 NCAA Division One colleges in the area, but we email (multiple times!) a regional list of over 600 male and 600 female programs in NCAA Division One, Two and Three, NAIA, NJCAA, etc. as well as national mailings. There are programs for virtually every skill level among dedicated players! But Coaches in all these schools know that landing a player is much easier if a player is already disposed to consider the school. Coaches can only know who those players are if the players make their interest known to them!

HAVE YOUR PLAYERS START CONTACTING COACHES IMMEDIATELY! Even if they are only vaguely considering a school, contact the Coach, it costs little or nothing (by email), and one can never be sure where it may lead! Your players should follow up their initial contacts again when we release the schedules, to let coaches know what times and fields they will be on. Remember: The key point is **Contact, Contact, Contact!**

A number of pertinent articles are posted on the Showcase Homepage labeled HOW TO...MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SHOWCASE, accessed directly at

https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/20de-1658693/INFO_showcase_articles.pdf

D) ENTERING PLAYER PROFILES ONLINE

Player Profiles will be prepared for and provided to all registered College Coaches and Scouts in both an electronic form and printed form for this event. However, this requires your team inputting player info into two separate platforms GotSport and SportsRecruits/EventBeacon.

SportsRecruits and EventBeacon - These platforms are EDP's official scouting technology partners. These robust systems work together to increase your players' chances of getting recruited. Players will be able to add all of their athletic and academic information into SportsRecruits. College coaches will be able to instantly view schedules, team rosters, and individual player profiles in EventBeacon from their mobile devices, including live at the field during the Showcase. All teams are required to complete their digital profiles. Accepted teams will be contacted when to begin this process.

If you have questions or concerns, visit <https://sportsrecruits.com/>.

SportsRecruits FAQs - <https://help.sportsrecruits.com/hc/en-us/categories/201773086-Frequently-Asked-Questions-FAQs->

SportsRecruits Help Desk - <https://help.sportsrecruits.com/hc/en-us>

Community - <https://help.sportsrecruits.com/hc/en-us/community/topics>

Submit a Request - <https://help.sportsrecruits.com/hc/en-us/requests/new>

GotSport - In addition, the Team Manager is responsible for setting up and maintaining the TEAM ACCOUNT in www.GotSport.com. Once a Team Account is set up, your team can apply to events such as this Showcase, and hyperlinks will allow tournaments to access team History and Roster information.

The Player Profiles created in the ROSTER function of a Team Account can be shared digitally and printed. This EDP Showcase uses these formats to organize all the participating teams and players into a Coaches Book, which EDP Soccer provides to all registered College Coaches and Scouts. The Player Profiles are available to college coaches online in their full version on www.GotSport.com. An abbreviated version with key data for each player is also printed for each team. See the CRITICAL RECOMMENDATIONS below to take full advantage of these Player Profiles.

You should plan on completing this process by **January 15th** as EDP Soccer then needs time to download, collate and print. As it usually takes a little while, especially if you are setting this up for the first time, you should get started as soon as possible; the process can be done in increments.

Team Managers generally enter very basic Player information into the Roster: Name, ID#, Uniform#, Birthdate, Email address. The system then allows Team Managers to automatically generate individual screen names and passwords for each player on the team so that the individual player then completes and updates their own profile: phone, address, grades, SAT scores, athletic honors, interest in courses of study and colleges, etc.

GotSport.com has an ever-improving INFO Section that explains these processes.

MAIN INFO MENU: <https://gotsport.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

UPDATE COLLEGE PROFILE:

<https://gotsport.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/4411695232663-How-to-update-college-player-profile>

IMPORTANT NOTE: When EDP Soccer prints the Player Profiles for the Coaches Book to be distributed onsite to coaches, each player's vital data will appear on a summary: contact info, graduation date, GPA, SAT scores, etc. More extensive information will only be available to college coaches online.

CRITICAL RECOMMENDATIONS to ensure player gets maximum benefit:

ONE - PLAYER INFORMATION. The summary text information or athlete statement entered online, which is the narrative text about a player, is important to give coaches a quick overview of your players. Players should complete this and be sure to enter their most important player info: ODP, high school honors, all-star teams, acceptance to significant training programs, etc. Use this space to get across the most important info being brought to coaches' attention. Also, academics are extremely important. SAT/ACT, GPA, honors, extra-curricular activities are all very valuable. Choosing your preferred areas of study/major and event school preferences help college scouts match you to their programs.

TWO - PLAYER PHOTOS. A small thumbnail of any player photo submitted appears next to the player info in the Coaches Digital Recruiting App, EventBeacon, and Printed Book. It is best not to waste this on a full body shot, use the opportunity for a zoomed in and well-cropped headshot so you can be easily identified on the field during your games.

THREE - UPDATES. Players should review and update their personal information before every event. GPAs, SAT scores, contact information, Sports Honors can change and should be current.

Please COMPLETE the roster / profile information in GotSport and our recruiting partner platforms BY NO LATER THAN **JANUARY 15th** (or as soon thereafter as you can). This will allow EDP Soccer enough time to ensure that player profiles will be delivered digitally to college coaches as well as printed and transported to the event.

Remember: College coaches get frustrated if they try to scout a team or players and no data is available. The Showcase is geared to catering to Coaches' needs. We try to ensure that any coach assessing players has access to as much accurate information as possible.

E) VIDEO-FILMING SERVICES FOR GAMES

EDP Soccer is delivering teams and college coaches complimentary access to the video captured at all showcases to help them navigate the EDP Pathway to College & Pro™.

All games on all fields for all ages and genders will be filmed professionally by Next Level Video. Your game film will be shared with all registered college coaches and scouts. A few days after the event, if your team contacts and players provided contact info in their roster or profile, they will receive notice when your game videos are available for viewing in our official recruiting technology partner, SportsRecruits/EventBeacon.

EDP Soccer is proud to support your club and teams. We hope your players and families find this video sharing program helpful to support their recruiting experience. Check the showcase webpage for further information.

G) RULES & REGULATIONS

Rules of Play and Conduct are accessed from the Showcase Homepage. Your team is responsible for being familiar with the contents. So it's a must read!

Major conduct items: No smoking, no alcohol, no pets, no abusive behavior. Obey traffic directives. Please pick up your trash. Simple.

Note that halftime will be a short stoppage to exchange halves and grab a drink, to keep fields in play as much as possible for the coaches in attendance. Also bear in mind that, at a showcase, players need to show the discipline they have learned from their developmental programs. Lengthy coaching instructions should be unnecessary at this point. Evaluators are there to observe the players play, not the coaches coach. And for all these reasons, refs will have a very short leash on dissent from the sideline bench, which only detracts from the players on the field.

Note the Substitution Rules intended to let players easily get on the field for their scheduled minutes, and to avoid unnecessarily lost time due to coaches' and players' indecision. Section 4 can be summarized as follows:

SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. Unlimited substitution with the referee's permission, at every stoppage in play.
- b. Players must be clearly standing and waiting AT THE MID-FIELD LINE to be substituted (and not merely waiting "in the vicinity of mid-field"), and the referee's assistant should be alerted, to the extent possible, of the request to substitute at the next stoppage of play.
- c. Players standing at midfield MUST be substituted into the game at the next stoppage of play (subject to the referee's discretion), unless they remove themselves from the mid-field position prior to the stoppage of play.

H) TEAM REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

Teams are required to REGISTER ONLINE before the event, and have the relevant documents in their possession at the event.

All teams must have:

A copy of the team roster they can leave with HQ officials. Pencil in any Guest players being used.

Player Passes for all participating players, rostered and guest.

Authorizations for Medical Treatment, more commonly referred to as Medical Releases, for all participating players. The ones executed when the player was first registered with the team for the season are usually adequate. Remember, these documents are critical to ensure that a player can be admitted to an ambulance, clinic or hospital for treatment, especially in the absence of a parent or legal guardian in attendance. These documents have to show original signatures. (And preferably be notarized, as we have heard of clinics that questioned how they could confirm the signature was actually a parent's or legal guardian's.)

Permissions To Travel for those out-of-state teams using USYS passes from state associations that require a Permission To Travel.

This is an "unrestricted tournament", which means all USSF-accepted player passes can be used. The event has sanctioning from both USYS (NJYS) and US Club Soccer.

Remember: All players on your team must have player passes from the SAME governing body, whether USYS or US Club or AYSO, etc.

Proper check-in allows all parties to be fully registered, insured and eligible to participate in competitive play. Check-in procedures and deadlines are communicated multiple times to teams prior to each event and posted on various web pages and documents. EDP Soccer has a firm stance with regard to a team's failure to check in prior to an event.

Failure for a team to check in prior to an event will result in:

- Zero points being awarded for any ties or wins for any teams that play while they are not checked in. Example: If the team that did not check in wins a game 2-0, they will receive zero points in the tournament standings.
- If check in occurs after the team plays a game, all future games will be eligible to earn points towards standings. Past games will remain ineligible to receive points towards standings.

Failure to check in by the end of Day One will result in the following steps:

- All previously played games will be recorded as a forfeit (2-0 loss).
- If the team does not check in prior to the start of play on Day Two, all future games will be recorded as a forfeit (2-0 loss). Pattern repeats for day 3, day 4, etc.
- The team and club will be reported to their state association and/or governing body.
- The team will be ineligible to participate in an EDP event for 12 months.

If you are having problems with the Online Team Check-In procedure, please contact the EDP Tournament Group in a timely manner. EDP Soccer's goal is for all accepted teams to attend and all scheduled games to be played. Our staff will assist in any way possible. If any issues or roadblocks occur, your team must inform EDP Soccer. The first place to start is sending a detailed email to tournaments@edpsoccer.com describing your circumstances so we can assess your situation.

I) SCHEDULE OF GAMES

The schedule of games for the **Showcase** will be posted on the EDP website. All schedules are accessible from the Showcase Schedule Homepage.

Please check and re-confirm the dates, times and fields of your games as soon as possible after they are posted. In the last ten days before the event, teams will be notified by email if they are involved in a material change. Team Contacts (as provided on your application) are responsible for checking their emails on a regular basis, especially the last week before the event, to ensure that no last minute communications are ignored.

J) REFRESH YOUR WEB BROWSER / CONTACT MOBILE PHONE# / MESSAGING

Whenever checking your online information, click REFRESH on your WEB BROWSER. This ensures you are seeing the actual information available online, and not a previously-memorized page being stored in your computer cache. (Failure to do so is the most common reason teams discover they have incorrect information.)

Please check your team account on www.GotSport.com and make sure there is a valid mobile phone number listed for the TEAM CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION. This will be the first number called if there is a scheduling or weather problem at the fields.

Also, make sure you avoid using corporate or government email addresses for your team contacts entered in www.GotSport.com. These networked computer systems tend to have strong firewalls and spam filters that invariably prevent group messaging functions such as we rely upon from operating. Please provide email addresses from residential accounts (AOL, Yahoo, Gmail, Hotmail, Comcast, Verizon, Optonline, etc.)

Finally, do NOT list the same person for coach, manager and team contact. If there is a problem in communicating with that individual, it is useful to have alternatives. That is the whole point for the system allowing multiple contact listings.

M) TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

Directions and Field Layouts to all venues being used can be accessed from the EDP Winter Showcase Homepage at <https://www.edpsoccer.com/winter-showcase>

N) WEATHER-RELATED ALERTS

We avoid cancelling games due to adverse weather if at all possible, and choose venues that have a high resistance to adverse conditions. So do not assume games are being cancelled without firm confirmation. Also, do NOT assume that the weather conditions outside your window are the same at the gamesite fields; experience has shown that weather patterns in our area can be highly localized.

In the event of lightning, we will cease play immediately. We may also suspend play in the event of a substantial downpour. Games in the second half will likely be declared as completed. Please have your team get to shelter, and have a system for contacting each team member. Fifteen minutes after a stoppage, start checking online for weather updates. Do NOT assume comments by referees or other personnel are authoritative; only the notice provided at HQ or online is authoritative.

The first place for off-site information is the [Tournament Schedule Homepage](#), where weather updates will appear as warranted. This is the GotSoccer page you are directed to when you click on the SCHEDULES BY AGE BRACKETS button on the Showcase Homepage. (This is the fastest webpage for us to update quickly.) We will also try to message by emails to Team Contacts as entered in your Team Account in GotSoccer,

In the event of precipitation or wet fields, there will be NO WARM-UPS within the four corners of the field, including Keeper warm-ups. The fields will be used strictly for game play.

Finally, if games are halted for lightning activity, then so are warm-ups on the field. Some past teams have exhibited a bizarre notion that lightning can strike during a game, but won't hit teams merely warming up on the same field before the "all clear" signal is given.

Some simple rules for each facility we use:

- Park only in designated spots. Do not park just anywhere. You may get ticketed! Or towed!

- No pets, on a leash or otherwise. Service animals must be clearly marked.
- No smoking or alcoholic beverages anywhere near the fields.
- **Teams must pick up their trash. The pitch is sacred ground, and shouldn't be buried in discarded water bottles and wrapping tape.**
- Any tents or canopies must be properly anchored.
- No BBQs or other open flames.
- Cooperate with tournament officials and field marshals.

Anyone caught abusing the above items will be evicted from the premises, and it may lead to early termination of an offending team's participation.

Sorry to sound restrictive, but there is no reason to feel constrained if everyone uses common sense.

Teams participating in this event acknowledge that all players, coaches, managers, parents and affiliated parties have been advised of the contents of the following items, and will abide by the directives and provisions contained therein:

- INFO LETTER TO ACCEPTED TEAMS (this document)
- EDP TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS (Accessed from the event Homepage)
- EDP TOURNAMENT PAYMENT, CREDITS & CANCELLATION Policies (<https://www.edpsoccer.com/policies/payment-%26-credits-policy>)
- EDP PHOTO/VIDEO/AUDIO POLICY (www.edpsoccer.com/photovideopolicy)
- EVENT DETAILS / APPLICATION INFORMATION (Accessed from the EVENT DETAILS & LINKS tab on the Event Homepage)
- Any emergent matters posted on the EVENT SCHEDULE Homepage or emailed to Team Contacts

EDP Soccer events follow all local, state, and federal government health guidelines, as well as all State Soccer Association and facility protocols. By registering for and attending EDP Soccer events, all participants and their entourage agree to comply with these requirements.

Thanks for your cooperation. We are looking forward to an exciting Showcase tournament.

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