

# ***2021 LUMBERJAX SHOOTOUT***

## **General Tournament/Play Rules**

1. All players and coaches must have valid US Lacrosse Membership to participate in the Lumberjax Shootout.
2. Age groups as specified by US Lacrosse.
  - a. Boys' divisions are as follows U8, U10, U12, & U14
  - b. Girls' divisions are as follows 3/4 grade (green), 5/6 grade (yellow), & 7/8 grade (red)
3. All boys' rules will be established by US Lacrosse Youth Rules with the following YCLA modifications listed below.
4. All girls will follow NFHS rules with the following YGL modifications.
  - a. **RED (7th/8th) Division Rules:**
    - i. Regulation pocket, Regulation field, 12 v 12
    - ii. Transitional checking above shoulder level is permitted.
      1. Mandated enforcement of a 12" sphere for checking
    - iii. NO - 3-second rule for good defensive positioning.
    - iv. 25-minute running time halves
    - v. **No Timeouts, No Overtime, No mercy rule**
    - vi. Yellow/Red carded players are off the field for 2/4 minutes.
      1. No substitute
    - vii. All other rules per NFHS rules
  - b. **YELLOW (5th/6th) Division Rules:**
    - i. Regulation pocket, Regulation field, 12 v 12
    - ii. Modified checking below shoulder level only
    - iii. 3-second rule for good defensive positioning

1. Applicable to above shoulder cradling only
- iv. 25-minute running time halves
- v. **No Timeouts & No Overtime**
- vi. 4-goal differential mercy rule (INDIRECT - free position at center in lieu of draw)
- vii. Yellow/Red carded players are off the field for 2/4 minutes.
  1. No substitute
- viii. All other rules per NFHS rules

c. **GREEN (3rd/4th) Division Rules:**

- i. Short field, 8 v 8 (2 Defenders Back)
- ii. No checking allowed.
- iii. Modified pocket allowed.
- iv. **False Starts & Illegal Self Starts will NOT be penalized; Redo the set up**
- v. 3-second rule for good defensive positioning
  1. Applicable to above AND below shoulder cradling
- vi. 1 Pass attempt **MANDATORY** off every draw/free possession
- vii. 25-minute running time halves
- viii. **No Timeouts & No Overtime**
- ix. 4-goal differential mercy rule (INDIRECT - free position at center in lieu of draw)
- x. Yellow/Red carded players are off the field for 2/4 minutes.
  1. Substitute **MANDATORY** for carded player
- xi. 1 Coach from each team allowed on the field but not obstructing play.
- xii. All other rules per NFHS rules

5. Tournament and All-Star teams are precluded from the competition. No players on a High School roster will be allowed

to play, even if they meet the age criteria. Players may not play down below their age level/division (per US Lacrosse and YCLA guidelines). All players/teams must provide proof of birthdate and/or current report card when asked to verify players age. Any team that uses an illegal player at any time in the tournament will forfeit their games. All games played will be recorded as 1-0 loss for the team that forfeits. All additional games played will be counted as 1-0 forfeit losses. A forfeiting team will be disqualified from all awards.

6. Each game will consist of

- a. 2 20-minute running halves for all divisions.
- b. One 40sec. time out per team, per half (clock remains running). No timeouts in the last 2 minutes of the game if there is a 3-goal differential or less.
- c. 4-minute half time for drinks and to switch sides.
- d. The clock will stop for whistles in last minute of the second half if game is within 1 goal.
- e. Games ending in a tie, there will be an immediate 2-minuterunning time sudden victory OT. If still tied, a 2 vs. 2 Braveheart until there's a score. All players have full range of the field. Goalies must stay in the attack area until possession unless starting face-off/draw from the wing. In case of a timeserving penalty, the offended team will start with the ball at the center X plus 1st toward the attacking goal. The penalized player must start behind the ball in his own offensive box area.

7. Counts

- a. U12 and U14 will play with 20/10 counts. U8 and U10 will not have counts.
- b. U12 and U14 will have to keep the ball in the box during the last 2 minutes of the game.

8. Spring Grove reserves the right to adjust the timing of the games.
9. If a team with a 6 goal deficit desires, possession will be awarded to them at the next draw or face-off opportunity. This excludes U14 & U12 Boys & 7/8 Girls teams. At the U12, U14 & 7/8 level, both coaches would have to agree to award possession to the losing team at a 6-point deficit.
10. This is a trophy tournament. Team awards will be given to top teams in each competition level. However, this tournament is about playing lacrosse, sportsmanship and having fun, double goal coaching.
11. Spectator Conduct-
  - a. Any spectator that is verbally abusive to players, coaches or officials, the official will suspend the game and instruct both coaches to address the spectator. Continued behavior by the spectator will result in a 1-minute NR USC (Non releasable unsportsmanlike conduct) penalty to be served by the spectator's team In-home. Continued behavior from spectator will result in an ejection of the spectator or termination of the game.
12. Any player, coach or fan ejected from the game or field during the tournament will be prohibited from playing, coaching, or watching any other games in the tournament and will be asked to leave the grounds.
13. Upon arrival each team must "check in" following the check-in instructions provided to the coach the week prior to the tournament. Each team will be given 3 new balls to be used

during the tournament. Each team will be responsible for supplying end line balls on their end of the field before each half.

14. Please have your team warmed up and ready to play at the appointed times so that we may move things along and keep to the time schedule.
15. Please make sure your teams bench area is clean when you leave the field. A trash can, or blue recycling can will be placed at each field for garbage.
16. All Parents and Spectators are to sit on the opposite side from the teams.
17. Professional medical trainers will be providing services during the tournament. Instances beyond their level will be treated as an emergency.
18. **ALL** spectators, players and coaches are expected to respect the tournament rules, facility rules, and applicable local, state, and federal laws. This includes the prohibition of alcohol and tobacco products from being used/consumed on school property. Any violators will be reported and will be subject to expulsion form the tournament at the discretion of the Spring Grove Lacrosse Club.
19. This is School Property
  - a. ***Dogs, cats, or any animals***, leashed or un-leashed are ***PROHIBITED***. (Service dogs are exceptions). Owners of any animals found on Spring Grove Area School District Property will be told to remove them immediately NO EXCEPTIONS
  - b. NO SMOKING is permitted on Spring Grove Area School District Property

- c. Player/team, coach, or spectator causing damage to SGASD property, facilities, or equipment will be responsible for restitution.
- d. There is ***NO GRILLING/OPEN FLAME*** of any kind permitted on SGASD fields, parking lots or property.
- e. **Atv's** and **personal transport vehicles** are for official use only and are **PROHIBITED** on SGASD Property. (exception motorized wheelchair)

20. Players and coaches must fill out waivers prior to any game play. The waiver will be available to each coach via email or on the Spring Grove Lacrosse website at [www.sglax.org](http://www.sglax.org) under the Lumberjax Shootout tab. All waivers must be completed and submitted when they check-in on the day of the tournament. Any team, player, or coach without a signed waiver is ineligible for tournament play.

## WEATHER & REFUND POLICY

We plan on holding the tournament rain or shine (except lighting). Since we are using school fields it is possible that we could be prohibited from paying. If that happens there will be a partial refund (minus our layout expenses).

1. No refunds will be issued for games canceled for reasons other than weather (forfeit, no shows, etc.)
2. No refunds will be issued for games shortened due to weather.
3. If one game is canceled due to weather, there will be no refund. If a second or third game is canceled due to weather, the team will receive a limited refund. Any refund checks would be made out to the registered club within 30 days from the canceled tournament.
4. No refunds will be issued for playoff or championship games canceled due to weather.
5. Spring Grove Lacrosse Club reserves the right to convert the tournament to a "Festival" format without championship games to enable the majority, of the teams the opportunity to play as many games as possible.
6. No refund will be issued for any club that cancels their registration for any reason past May 1, 2021.
7. Any club canceling registration prior to May 1, 2021 is subject to a refund minus expenses the Spring Grove Lacrosse Club has incurred. No refund will be issued to any club who withdraws from the tournament, which causes the cancellation of a division.

## THUNDER/LIGHTING POLICY

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If thunder or lighting is observed at any location, play will be suspended immediately, and players and fans will be asked to leave the field. Play will be allowed to resume 20 minutes after the last sound of thunder or sighting of lighting is observed. If a game is in progress, the period will end immediately. If it is the first half, when play resumes it will be the start of the second half. Every attempt will be made to begin subsequent games on time.

## POOL PLAY & TIEBREAKERS

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The tie breaker rules for brackets with pool play will be updated on the website. The tiebreakers for seeding pool play will be as follows:

- 1.Position in pool
  - 2.Overall Record
  - 3.Head-to-Head
  - 4.Goal Differential (up to 4 goals per game)
  - 5.Fewest Goals allowed
  - 6.Fewest Penalty minutes
  - 7.Braveheart between tied teams (if more than 2 teams tied there will be a random draw to determine first 2 teams to participate in Braveheart).
- The Braveheart rules are posted on the website.