



TEXAS BAY AREA LACROSSE BAY AREA YOUTH LACROSSE



2019 Space City Shootout Invitational Tournament

Girls Tournament Rules:

All Players and Parents/Guardians must sign the player waiver form prior to participation.

- Coaches must check-in at the registration tent Saturday morning, prior to their first game.
- NO Player may compete or be rostered on more than one club or team during the tournament. Any team with a player in violation of this rule will forfeit all games which the player has participated in and will not be permitted to play in the playoff rounds.

RULES OF PLAY:

- NFHS Rules will be used for high school divisions (2018/19, 2020, 2021)
- [US Lacrosse 14U rules](#) will be used for the 2022 and 2023 divisions which means we will play with modified checking. However, if both coaches want to, and agree to play full checking, they can meet with the officials prior to the game and play with full checking. If both teams cannot agree, we will play with modified checking.
- [US Lacrosse 12U rules](#) will be used for the 2024 and 2025/26 divisions, including modified checking.
- Please note: on an 8-meter shot, if the game or halftime whistle sounds before an 8-meter can be taken the shot can be played out; once it changes possession or the ball goes out of bounds the play and game or half are done.

GAME FORMAT

- All Games will start promptly at the assigned times
- Games blocked for TBD minutes will have TBD-minute running halves and a 5-minute halftime utilizing "centralized timing".
- Running clock with a direction change at halftime
- All games are 12v12
- No time outs are allowed during pool games. However, during Semi-final and Championship games - Each team may take one 30-second time out per half. The game clock will continue to run during these Team time-outs and any Official time-outs. No time-outs will be permitted in the last two (2) minutes of the game
- Referee can stop the game for any reason that he/she feels fit. Examples include serious injury, game equipment issues, weather, etc.
- The official score will be kept by both the table staff and the game officials. The staff and referee will confer throughout the game and stoppages to ensure the correct score. Coaches from both teams are responsible for verifying and signing the score at the end of each game.
- All Substitutions are made according to US Lacrosse regulations.
- Red Card eliminates a player from the rest of the game AND THE NEXT GAME. Team also plays down for remainder of the game (Excludes 2024 and 2025/26 divisions).
- Two (2) Yellow Cards are the equivalent to a Soft Red Card and that player is eliminated from the remainder of the game.
- MERCY RULE - Applies to the 2024 and 2025/26 divisions when there is a four (4) goal deficit in pool play only. Teams down by four (4) or more goals will get a free position on the center line after each goal. The Mercy Rule does not apply in the playoffs or to teams in 2018 – 2023 divisions.



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- The appropriate equipment and mouth guards must be worn always.
- Officials and Tournament Directors have final say on interpretations and rulings.

Tie Games

- There is no Overtime in Pool Play. Tie Games will end in a tie and each team will receive 1 point.
- In playoff play, there will be a four (4) minute sudden death overtime period followed by a Braveheart competition until a goal is scored. BRAVEHEART RULES: 1 center and 1 goalie from each team will be used. Play will start with a center DRAW, and will play out until either player scores. The first to score is the team that wins. A substitution can only occur in the event of injury. If a player needs to leave the field due to injury, the opposing player will be offered the opportunity to sub as well.
- No Time-outs in Playoff Overtime.

Playoff Seeding Criteria in Pods/Group

Overall record based on points; teams receive 3 points for win, 1 point for a tie, 0 for a loss. If points are tied, the following tie-breaker criteria will be used:

1. Head-to-Head Results (only if there is a two-way tie - not applicable for three-way or more ties)
2. Goal Differential (Total Goals scored minus goals allowed). Goal Differential is capped at +/- 7
3. Number of Goals Scored
4. Coin toss

Sportsmanship/Conduct

- Only Head Coaches are permitted to address the officials; and do so in a respectful manner.
- Head Coaches are responsible for any of their clubs unruly players, asst. coaches, and fans.
- Poor Sportsmanship, taunting, trash talking, fighting, or other unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated by coaches, players, parents and fans.
- Referees will notify the Field Coordinator of any warning given to a Coach or Player. Accordingly, the Tournament Directors will be made aware of all incidents throughout the Tournament.
- Please speak to a Tournament Director about any problems that may arise during the weekend.