



MASS BAY GIRLS LACROSSE LEAGUE

June 13-14, 2015

MBGLL Jamboree — Coaches Notes

Locations – Chelmsford High School, Graniteville Road, Chelmsford MA 01863
Tabor Academy – 235 Front Street, Marion MA 02738

Arrive Early — Please have your team arrive at least **30 minutes** before your first game to allow time to park, register, find each other, set up your tents and other equipment, and get to your field.

Registration – Only coaches need to register at the Registration Tent. Plan to check-in at least 30 minutes prior to your first game in case there are lines. MBGLL may need additional help. Please volunteer your time if possible.

Schedule – Please **double-check your game schedule** when you register your team to confirm your playing times and fields in case there were any last-minute changes. Teams play 3 or 4 games during a session.

Message Board – We will have a message board at the registration tent. If your team is short players, please put your team name down on the board. That way, if girls are looking to pick up extra games, they can simply show up at your field and help you out.

Respect our Hosts — We would like to use these facilities again, so please behave in a way that makes it easy for us to do so. Please stay off of the baseball in-fields to ensure that we don't damage those fields. The sites have requested that we not strike any ball into fences. Also, please pick up all trash before leaving a field or your tent area. Many hands mean little work for us all. Thank you.

Smoking/Alcohol – No smoking or alcohol is permitted on the premises.

Field Monitor Positions – Field monitors are strategically posted throughout the site under tents with "Field Monitor" banners. Field monitors have a game and horn schedule as well as a field map. Field monitors also have a walkie-talkie. **If there is an injury requiring medical attention, please either go to the closest field monitor**

station or to the registration tent. The field monitor will radio the nurse, who will immediately report to your site.

Sportsmanship – If you are in the middle of the game and are questioning the sportsmanship around you, please send a representative to the nearest field monitor tent to ask for a Sportsmanship Ambassador to come watch the remainder of your game.

Respect your Opponents — If you see that your team is dominating a game, please demonstrate the sportsmanship that MBGLL represents by not running up the score. Some ways to keep the play even are to switch to many passes before shooting or play with non-dominant hands at the top of the sticks.

Honor the Game – Please read this document regarding honoring the game and share it with your parents and players. As a reminder, spectators are to sit on the opposite side of the field from the teams. Spectators are asked to only participate in positive cheering from the sidelines. For more information, ***Honor the Game*** is located on www.mbgll.org.
<http://leagueathletics.com/Page.asp?n=37465&snid=eINF%5F6O6W&org=mbgll.org>

Support – This is a rated “G” event. Please use “G” rated language only, as there are young athletes and families on-site.

Support our Sponsors and Vendors — Our sponsors and vendors have contributed significantly to making MBGLL’s Jamboree a success. Please support them and visit their booths.

No-Shows/Forfeits — If you are short players we will have no problem finding girls willing to join your team for a game or two...it's part of the Jamboree spirit! (We have a message board at the registration tent for just this purpose.) Please contact the site coordinators if you find yourself in this position. If you "no-show," MBGLL will not invite your team back to a Jamboree for a long, long time...

2015 Jamboree Cancellation Policy - Space is limited at MBGLL’s Jamboree. Therefore, MBGLL charges a \$50 or a \$100 per team cancellation fee to cover administrative costs if a team wishes to withdraw from the Jamboree after having registered. Please know that MBGLL is willing to work with a team to change a time slot to avoid the necessity of a cancellation. No refunds are issued within two weeks prior to the jamboree.

Parking – Both sites have plenty of parking. Please look at the site maps prior to arriving to see available parking lots. Please do not park illegally, as the police will ticket and tow violators. Handicap parking is available in the Official’s parking lot.

Threatening Weather — MBGLL’s Jamboree will take place unless the weather is REALLY bad or playing will damage the fields. Check this website for the latest

schedule information in case of bad weather. It will have up-to-the minute information. Please don't call the site managers...with over 200 teams and almost 4,000 girls playing, they are not able to handle the load.

Team Assignments — We all need to pitch in with "chores" like trash pickup, parking management, etc. **We request that every team clean the fields up after each game and especially if you are playing during the last time slot of the day. Garbage bags are available at the registration tent if you need them and there are plenty of trash cans throughout the field complex. Please pay special attention to all of those water bottles.**

Game Times — Games will start and stop on a central horn, so please arrive at the field ready to play. Not being ready means you play shorter games. Each team will play at least three games...a few will play four games if we have an odd number of teams in an age group.

Game Duration — Teams will play 19-minute halves with a 2-minute halftime. This will leave 5 minutes between games. Only a handful of teams have any back-to-back games...you will have to hurry to get to the different fields!

Team Sizes — U13 and U15 will play 12v12. U9 and U11 teams will play 7 v 7 with an optional goalie.

Coaching – No coaches are permitted on the field at any league level. (Coaches are to stay in the coaching area.) Only one coach is to communicate with the girls on the field. The girls have had plenty of time to practice over the season. Now they get to show off their skills.

Officials — You **do not** need to pay officials...MBGLL will pay them directly. Please remember to respect your official. If you have an issue during the game with an official, please send a representative to the nearest Field Monitor station and request a senior official to come watch the remainder of the game.

First Aid Personnel — MBGLL will have first aid personnel on-site. **If you have a medical emergency on a field, please go to the nearest Field Monitor Station.** All field monitors have walkie talkies and are able to call the nurse immediately. The nurse is stationed at the registration tent.

Tent Area – There are designated team tent areas at both sites. (See the field map for locations.) Because of safety concerns, we ask that you not use grills at the facility.

Pets – You may bring pets to both sites. Please carry plastic bags with you to clean up after your pets. We don't want our players to step in any surprises with their cleats. All pets must remain on leash at all times while on-site.

Other Helpful Hints – Sometimes the tent area is quite a distance from the parking area. If you have a lot of equipment to transport to this area, we suggest that you bring a wagon or wheelbarrow. MBGLL will **not** loan out its golf cart to teams to transport equipment.

Running water is available at both locations in the bathrooms (in case you run out). However, the bathrooms are small. Please bring plenty of liquid for your teams.

On-site vendors will sell their wares. In Chelmsford there is an on-site concession vendor that will sell breakfast/lunch/dinner. Of course, snacks are also available. Please support our vendors and visit their booths.

There is frequently a breeze at both sites' fields. Please make sure that your players bring plenty of layered clothing to keep up with the changing climate.

Questions? — If you have a question, please send an e-mail to director@mbgll.org. On Saturday/Sunday, Jamboree on-site staff will reside at the Registration tent. Look for them if you have questions or need help.

Have a fantastic Jamboree experience!

