

2013 St. Vincent's Festival Rules

- Each game will consist of two twenty (20) minute halves. Games are scheduled every 50 minutes.
- Every team will play at least 3 games.
- Warm up for your game on the side of the field and be prepared to start you game immediately at the scheduled time.
- At the conclusion of your game, shake the other teams hand and leave the bench area.

1. TIME:

- The games will consist of two 20-minute running time halves.
- Halftime is 4 minutes long.
- One timeout per game. Timeouts will be 30 seconds long.
- No time outs in the last 2 minutes of the game (a horn will signal 2 minutes remaining).
- Clock will continue to run during timeout.
- Time will be kept separately at each field. The running clock will only stop for an injury that halts play.
- Horns will be used as follows:
 - 1) Two short blasts will signify 2 minutes left in the game.
 - 2) Side outs called by either team for substitutions.
- Overtime periods will not be played. Games ending in ties will be decided by a **Braveheart, which will only take a couple of minutes (2 players per team (one field player & one goalie). One player must remain in defensive zone. Players face-off and play continues until a team scores).**

3. GENERAL:

- WPYLA game rules apply except as noted below.
- Substitutions permitted on all out of bounds and a "horn" may be requested by either team.
- Exception: 5 goal mercy rule – ball is given to a losing team that trails by five or more goals at midfield, regardless of which team scores.
- Face-offs after each goal and the beginning of each half and overtime. Unless one team is ahead by 5 or more goals.
- Officials will keep the official score.
- All penalties will be one minute. The penalty will begin on official's restart of play after penalty is called. Penalties are running time. The Scorer's Table will keep penalty time.
- In the event of a penalty on the goalie. The plenty will be served by the in-home player.
- Any fighting or flagrant disrespect toward an official will result in expulsion for the remainder of the tournament. No Exceptions, No Refunds.
- **NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED!** (Seeing Eye Dogs are the only exception.) Please communicate this to all of your parents.
- We reserve the right to shorten games or cancel games due to inclement weather. In the event play is suspended on Saturday due to weather, Sunday, May 25 is the "rain date".
- **Lightning** – t horn blasts will signify play termination. Players should be instructed to drop sticks, gather gear and proceed to cars and/or **designated area.**
- Resumption of play will be indicated by 4 horn blasts – players will proceed to fields and 1 horn blast will then re-start play.
- A team may have a maximum of four (4) long poles on the field at one time.
- Clean up Bench Areas after games: Each coach is asked to ensure that the bench area is picked-up after each game. Trashcans are available near the bench areas and trash bags if needed are available in the Registration Tent.

- Water: Each team is responsible for bringing a water container to the tournament.

4. **REGISTRATION:**

- Rosters are frozen as submitted.
- No team player rostered on an A team may play in a B game.

5. **HOME TEAM:** The home team: (a) is the FIRST team listed on the schedule; (b) will have their choice of bench area (when field conditions permit, both teams are to be on the same touchline with all parents and supporters on the opposite side of the field); (c) shall change jerseys or wear pinneys when there is a color conflict in uniforms.

6. **BALLS:** Each team must supply 4 balls for the end lines and an additional 2 balls at the scorer's table for face-offs and side outs.

7. **TEAM SCORER'S TABLE REPS:** Each team must supply 1 adult at the scorer's table for face-offs and side out ball distribution, side out horns, and penalty timing.

8. **COACHES:** Each team must have a non-playing adult (21 years or older) designated as its coach at each game. If the regular coach is not available for a game or has been sent off, another adult must fill the role of coach.

9. **RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OR DISPUTES:** The Tournament Committee (WPYLA) will make all final rulings/ decisions on any and all problems or disputes.

10. **TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS:** The tournament committee reserves the right to change tournament rules to accommodate unforeseen circumstances and to benefit the players.

11. **CASTS, SPLINTS, and KNEE BRACES:** Casts, splints and knee braces are allowed provided they are (in the opinion of the referee) adequately covered and padded so as to eliminate the possibility of its causing injury to the other players on the field. Players may wear no jewelry. Please see NFHS rules for further clarification.

12. **BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGEN PROCEDURES:** The following procedures will be followed to minimize the risk of infection by blood-borne diseases. Any player or official who is bleeding must leave the field of play immediately to receive medical treatment, and may not return until the situation is corrected to the satisfaction of the referee as follows.

1. The bleeding is stopped, the blood has been removed from the skin surface, the contaminated skin has been disinfected, and the wound is covered.

If there is blood on the uniform, it must be washed from the uniform and the uniform disinfected