



**DAKOTA PREMIER
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Awards Program

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Purpose

The purpose of the Dakota Premier Lacrosse League (DPLL) Awards Program is to recognize the top performers in the league, help build lacrosse resumes of players interested in playing at the college level and serve as a motivational tool to get the best performance and sportsmanship out of every player, coach, and official. To do this, we must standardize the processes and define statistical tracking to be used as justification for award nominations for Varsity/High School teams, players, coaches, and officials.

Eligibility

To be eligible for awards, players, coaches, and officials must be registered with US Lacrosse and membership must be current through 1 July 2017. The coach and player's club/association must be in good standing and not on probation with the DPLL due to non-payment of annual team fees or other violations of DPLL policies. Associations not in good standing and on probation will not be eligible to nominate players, coaches, or officials for awards, will not be allowed to participate in any discussion of the awards process, and will not be able to vote in the awards process. Players, coaches, and officials that do not have current US Lacrosse membership, and coaches that do not meet the DPLL minimum training requirement of being at least US Lacrosse Level 1 certified will be ineligible for nomination for any awards in the DPLL Awards Program.

Awards/Categories/Selection

Awards listed below will apply to varsity level players, teams, and the coaches and officials that work at this level. The list is made up of awards that are based on standard statistics and on the field accomplishments. These awards recognize the top performers in the league, help build lacrosse resumes of players interested in playing at the college level and serve as a motivational tool to get the best performance and sportsmanship out of every player, coach, and official.

- **Player Awards**

- **Boys**

- **All State Team:** 3 Attack, 3 Midfielders, 3 Defense, 1 Goaltender, 1 Face-off Specialist, 1 Long Stick Midfielder, 6 Honorable Mentions. Selection to the All State Team represents a player is in the Top 17% of players at his position and the Top 18%-20% of players in the entire league based on 2016 participation. This award is administered by the DPLL Awards Program. Players are nominated by coaches of participating teams and voted on by those same coaches and the commissioner of the DPLL.
- **Nomination:** Coaches and team leadership of each association should decide who they are nominating and forward that as a single nomination package from each association. Associations may nominate at least one but no more than three players per position for Attack, Midfield, and Defense and no more than one nomination for Goaltender, Faceoff Specialist, and Long Stick Midfielder. Submit All Conference Nominations to Brent Lindstrom and Corey Mitchell (copied) by Wed May 24, 2017
- Include in the nominations:
 - Player name & position
 - Year in school during 2016-17 school year (i.e. 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th **or** Fr, So, Jr, Sr)
 - Pertinent, verifiable statistics
 - Team leadership attributes
 - To assist in selections, all coaches should also update association or league website with player statistics by Wed, May 24.

NOTE: When making nominations, please keep in mind that this process is to recognize the best players by position and there are only three positions each for Attack, Midfield, and Defense, and one position for Goaltender, Face Off Specialist and Long Stick Midfielder. After watching the 10 league games your team played in, if you know your players might not be as skilled or talented or

have the statistical numbers that other players you have seen during the season, please nominate those players from other teams.

- With Nominations returned by May 24, an Awards Meeting via teleconference will be held soon thereafter. With a full slate of nominations for coaches to preview before the meeting, the meeting should be short and sweet this year.
- **Statistical/Backup Material:** All awards will be backed up with documented statistics. Stats must be kept by each team for their players. It is recommended each team have a stats person provide some training before the first game. It is further recommended that the same person keeps stats for each game for consistency, what is an assist or forced turnover to one person may not be to another. A team will use any printed brand name scorebook of their choice, but at least will have to use the score sheet attached at the back of this booklet. We can also send out an e-copy of the scoresheet file. No scorebook or scoresheet I have seen has places to enter all the statistics we are asking for so some may have to be annotated in the columns.
- **Selection:** Once the nominations are received and compiled, the statistical leaders will identify the top candidates but that alone does not determine selection. Team leadership attributes will be considered by the group during the conference call. Ties or impasses will be broken by awarding the position to the upperclassman. If still tied or impass, the player whose team finished higher in the standing will be awarded the position. Final tie breaker will be Commissioner's choice. The Commissioner may delegate his decision to the Awards Chair if he chooses. Honorable Mention Selections will be made from nominated players that were not selected for the All State Team. There are six Honorable Mention allocations and any player in any position can be chosen for the honor.
- **Recognition:** The 18 players selected for honors will be announced soon after the results of the awards teleconference are organized and formatted for release, usually within 1-2 days. We ask that associations keep the selections of all players confidential until the DPLL releases the results. The players will be introduced and presented with a certificate at the opening ceremonies of the State Tournament.
- **All American:** 1 US Lacrosse All American Player. **US Lacrosse All-American Formula: 1 All-American allotted for every 6 qualified teams. DPLL will have one selection as long as we have at least six teams. We will move to 2 allocations when we reach 12 teams.** Selection as the US Lacrosse All American represents the player that is deemed to be the best player in the DPLL. This award is administered by the DPLL Awards Program under the criteria of US Lacrosse.

Players are nominated by their coach from members of the All State Team following the procedure outlined in the US Lacrosse Awards Handbook. Final selection will be made by an independent party with a lifetime of lacrosse experience and knowledge.

- **US Lacrosse ALL-AMERICAN Definition:** US Lacrosse All-Americans are the best players from their area. They exhibit superior skills and techniques, possess exceptional game sense and knowledge, and embody good sportsmanship.
- **Eligibility for Final Nomination:**
 - Players must be members of their varsity lacrosse team or approved scholastic club program.
 - Players must have played in majority of their teams' games for the current season.
 - Players must be significant contributors to their team.
 - Players must be of outstanding character and be in good academic standing in their school
 - Any player that has received a diploma from a secondary school will **not** be eligible for All -American status during post-graduate study.
 - While not required, strong consideration is given for players who have received All-State, All-County, or All-District Team in current or previous seasons.*
 - Sportsmanship and safe play are attributes that must be considered. In this regard, an account of the number of cards (Women's Game) or Unsportsmanlike fouls (Men's Game) attained by a player in the current season should be considered during nomination and voting. If a player has a substantial amount of cards or unsportsmanlike fouls, it is recommended that the Chair request testimony from the nominating coach as to how the player's fouls are not lessening of their sportsmanship.
 - Coaches will nominate their players by completing the nomination form on the US Lacrosse website before the closeout time that will be determined and announced.
 - After the cutoff date and time, US Lacrosse will forward the list of nominees to the DPLL Awards Chair. The awards Chair will verify all information was provided in the nominations and forward the nominations to the Award Authority. After the Awards Authority selects the winner and forwards the results to the Awards Chair, the Awards Chair prepares the award elements for announcement and presentation at the opening ceremonies of the state tournament.

- **Academic All American:** 1 US Lacrosse Academic All American Player. **US Lacrosse Academic All-American Formula: 1 Academic All-American allotted for every 6 qualified teams. DPLL will have one selection as long as we have at least six teams. We will move to 2 allocations when we reach 12 teams.**

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- **ALL-ACADEMIC QUALITY DEFINITION:** A US Lacrosse All-Academic Player is one who exhibits exemplary lacrosse skills, good sportsmanship on the field, and represents high standards of academic achievement in the classroom.
- **Criteria/Eligibility Guidelines: (*Must meet ALL of the following*)**
 - A High School All-Academic Form for the player must be completed and submitted to the Recognition Chair through the online submission process.
 - Players must be a **junior or senior**.
 - Players must have played in majority of their teams' games for the current season
 - Player must be a starter or significant contributor to their team
 - Players should have left their mark beyond the lacrosse field and classroom by making significant contributions of service to the school and/or community.
 - Player has minimum cumulative (freshman year through application deadline) grade point average 3.7 GPA out of a 4.0 academic scale. If in doubt, please ask the school guidance counselor for assistance determining acceptable GPAs for a 5.0 scale or weighted GPA
 - Applications must include a signature from their schools Guidance Counselor and include information on any significant community service that was completed
 - A player who violates their school or a programs written contract or code of conduct may be excluded from consideration. Any and all violations must be noted on the player's final nomination form.
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- **DPLL Mr. Lacrosse Award:** Selection as Mr. Lacrosse represents the player that is deemed to be the best Senior player in the DPLL. This award is administered by the DPLL Awards Program. Senior players are nominated by their coach from members of the All State Team. Final selection will be made by an independent party with a lifetime of lacrosse experience and knowledge.
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 - Coach Nomination Statement
 - Team stats for current season to show how the player impacts his team
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 - List of universities/colleges that have shown interest in the player
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 - The winner of the Mr. Lacrosse Award will be nominated for the US Lacrosse Bob Scott Award.

- **US Lacrosse Bob Scott Award:** This award recognizes a Senior player in each area who goes above and beyond in service to his team, school, and community. This player exemplifies the fundamentals of lacrosse, works hard to improve his game and is a leader both on and off the field. A player from each area will be recognized and honored with the Bob Scott Award. Each of these award winners will be finalists for the National Bob Scott High School Player of the Year Award.

- **Girls**
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 - Senior players that are selected to the All state Team are nominated by their coach.
 - The nomination package will consist of a written package that will include:
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 - Player stats for current season to show how the player performs by game
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- The awards Chair will verify all information was provided in the nominations and forward the nominations to the Award Authority. After the Awards Authority selects the winner and forwards the results to the Awards Chair, the Awards Chair prepares the award elements for announcement and presentation at the opening ceremonies of the state tournament.
- The winner of the Mr. Lacrosse Award will be nominated for the US Lacrosse Jackie Pitts Award.
- **US Lacrosse Jackie Pitts Award:** This award recognizes a senior player in each area who truly honors the game of lacrosse, is invested in the development of the game in her community, is an exceptional player who continually strives to improve her game, and is an exemplary member of her team. She exemplifies the spirit of the game, on and off the field. Academically, she is an outstanding student and a valued role model in her school.
- **Coaches**
 - **Boys**
 - **DPLL Coach of the Year:** The award is intended to recognize the individual overall coaching performance, knowledge, contribution, sportsmanship, and conduct, not just coaching wins - although they may be considered. This award is administered by the DPLL Awards Program. All Varsity Head Coaches are eligible as long as they have current US Lacrosse membership through at least 1 July 2017, meet the DPLL training requirement of being at least a US Lacrosse Level 1 certified coach, and their association is in good standing with the DPLL. Selection will be by vote of other league Varsity Coaches, officials, and Commissioner of the DPLL.
 - The Associations will forward the Awards Chair a roster of Varsity Head Coaches. The Awards Chair will use this list to create the voting ballot in the Survey Monkey on-line survey account and send the ballot link to all association Presidents, Varsity Coaches, Varsity Officials, and the DPLL Commissioner.
 - Coaches can NOT vote for themselves, they must vote for a head coach from a different association.
 - Administrators can vote for the coach of their choice, including the head coach for their association. Survey Monkey does allow the Awards Chair to identify votes and if a coach votes for himself, that vote will be null and void.
 - Officials can vote for the coach of their choice.
 - The Commissioner will be the deciding vote in the case of a tie.

- When possible, the ballot will be set up to randomly list the candidates on each ballot to provide randomness in the display and not suggest preference of a particular candidate.
 - Teams that have Co-Head Coaches will only vote once. Those associations are responsible to determine the coach they are going to vote for and cast a single coach ballot. Survey Monkey does allow the Awards Chair to identify votes and if more than one coach's ballot is cast, the first vote will be the one that is considered.
 - Co-Head Coaches will be listed as a single choice for their position on the ballot.
 - After the closeout date and time, the Awards Chair will votes were cast according to the requirements and determine the winner.
 - The Awards Chair prepares the award elements for announcement and presentation at the opening ceremonies of the state tournament.
 - The winner of the DPLL Coach of the year will be forwarded to US Lacrosse as the Area's US Lacrosse Coach of the Year and possibly the DPLL nominee for the Gerald J. Carroll, Jr. Award
- **US Lacrosse Coach of the Year:** This award honors those Head Coaches in each area from both the men's and women's game who exemplify the ideals of the game of lacrosse. The award is intended to recognize the individuals overall coaching performance and contribution, not just coaching wins - although they may be considered. The Selection process is to be administered by the Area Chair in conjunction with the player awards. The DPLL Coach of the Year will be nominated for this award.
 - **Gerald J. Carroll, Jr. Award:** The Gerald J. Carroll, JR. Exemplary Coaching Award was established in memory of Gerry Carroll. Coach Carroll spent a good part of his brief 46 years playing and coaching lacrosse, greater than his love for the sport, however, was his commitment to give back to the young, and the lifetime of lessons he took from the game. The Carroll Award measures the success of a coach not in victories but in the care and guidance given to the balanced development of young men who play the game.
 - 1. Nominees must demonstrate support and care for players in their growth and development as young adults and leaders on and off the playing field.
 - 2. Nominations will be taken until November 15, 2017. All nominations should be sent to US lacrosse and should be submitted with the following:
 - Name, School, and Contact Information of Nominee
 - Nominee's Lacrosse Resume

- Two Letters of Recommendation from Individuals other than family members
 - 3. The recipient is chosen by a committee comprised of Carroll friends and family. The award will be presented at the US Lacrosse Convention in January. The recipient receives a plaque and his name is added to the sculpture trophy displayed at the Lacrosse Hall of Fame.
- **Girls**
 - **DPLL Coach of the Year:** The award is intended to recognize the individual overall coaching performance, knowledge, contribution, sportsmanship, and conduct, not just coaching wins - although they may be considered. This award is administered by the DPLL Awards Program. All Varsity Head Coaches are eligible as long as they have current US Lacrosse membership through at least 1 July 2017, meet the DPLL training requirement of being at least a US Lacrosse Level 1 certified coach, and their association is in good standing with the DPLL. Selection will be by vote of other league Varsity Coaches, officials, and Commissioner of the DPLL.
 - The Associations will forward the Awards Chair a roster of Varsity Head Coaches. The Awards Chair will use this list to create the voting ballot in the Survey Monkey on-line survey account and send the ballot link to all association Presidents, Varsity Coaches, Varsity Officials, and the DPLL Commissioner.
 - Coaches can NOT vote for themselves, they must vote for a head coach from a different association.
 - Administrators can vote for the coach of their choice, including the head coach for their association. Survey Monkey does allow the Awards Chair to identify votes and if a coach votes for himself, that vote will be null and void.
 - Officials can vote for the coach of their choice.
 - The Commissioner will be the deciding vote in the case of a tie.
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 - Co-Head Coaches will be listed as a single choice for their position on the ballot.

- After the closeout date and time, the Awards Chair will votes were cast according to the requirements and determine the winner.
 - The Awards Chair prepares the award elements for announcement and presentation at the opening ceremonies of the state tournament.
 - The winner of the DPLL Coach of the year will be forwarded to US Lacrosse as the Area's US Lacrosse Coach of the Year and possibly the DPLL nominee for the Sue Stahl National Coach of the Year Award
- **US Lacrosse Coach of the Year:** This award honors those Head Coaches in each area from both the men's and women's game who exemplify the ideals of the game of lacrosse. The award is intended to recognize the individuals overall coaching performance and contribution, not just coaching wins - although they may be considered. The Selection process is to be administered by the Area Chair in conjunction with the player awards.
 - **Sue Stahl National Coach of the Year Award:** Women's Lacrosse Coach of the Century, International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Association Coach of the Year, former head coach of the U.S. national team from 1988-2005, inductee of the United States, Virginia, and Pennsylvania Lacrosse Halls of Fame.
 - 1. Nominees must demonstrate support and care for players in their growth and development as young adults and leaders on and off the playing field.
 - 2. Nominations will be taken until November 15, 2016. All nominations should be sent to US lacrosse and should be submitted with the following:
 - Name, School, and Contact Information of Nominee
 - Nominee's Lacrosse Resume
 - Two Letters of Recommendation from Individuals other than family member
- **Officials**
 - The award is intended to recognize the individual overall officiating performance and contribution. This award is administered by the DPLL Awards Program. All officials that work Varsity level games are eligible. Selection will be by vote of other league Varsity officials, coaches, and Commissioner of the DPLL.
 - The Awards Chair will request a list of officials that have worked Varsity level games throughout the season from the Scheduler. The Awards Chair will use this list to create the voting ballot in the Survey Monkey on-line survey account and send the ballot link to all association Varsity Coaches Head Coaches, Varsity Officials, and the DPLL Commissioner. In order to be eligible to vote, all coaches

and officials need to be current US Lacrosse registered through at least 1 July 2016 and coaches must be in compliance with DPLL Training Requirements of being at least a US Lacrosse Level 1 certified coach and their association must be in good standing with the DPLL.

- Officials can NOT vote for themselves, they must vote for another official. Survey Monkey does allow the Awards Chair to identify votes and if an official votes for himself, that vote will be null and void.
- Coaches can vote for the official of their choice.
- The Commissioner will be the deciding vote in the case of a tie.
- When possible, the ballot will be set up to randomly list the candidates on each ballot to provide randomness in the display and not suggest preference of a particular candidate.
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- **Sportsmanship Award**

- This award is intended to recognize superior sportsmanship of the coaches, players and fans of DPLL Varsity teams. Sportsmanship is defined as ethical, appropriate, polite and fair behavior while participating in a game or athletic event. "Exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship on the field with ethical behavior, fair play, and integrity.". Selection will be by vote of league Varsity officials and the Commissioner of the DPLL.
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APPENDIX A – Statistic Definitions

- Goals (G) - A goal is scored when the player puts the ball in the opposing team's net.
- Assists (A) - The player who passes the ball to the player who scores a goal is credited with an assist. You may award an assist if a player makes a direct pass to a teammate who then scores a goal without having to dodge or evade an opponent other than the goalkeeper. Only one assist may be awarded on any goal, and many goals in lacrosse are unassisted.
- Points (Pts) - A player gets one point for each goal scored and one point for each assist. Formula: (G+A)
- Ground Balls (GB) - A loose ball picked up with the crosse from the ground. Any ball not in the possession of one team that comes into the possession of the other team in live-ball play can be a ground ball. This may occur on an intercepted pass (the ball does not have to hit the ground) or from a ball checked loose onto the ground. Further, the ball must be obtained under pressure (another opposing player must be within 5 yards of the loose ball). When such a ground ball is obtained, the player gaining the ground ball must be able to perform immediately the normal functions of possession (shoot, pass, cradle). Should any of these conditions not be met, a ground ball may not be awarded. A player cannot drop the ball of his own volition, pick it up again, and be credited with a ground ball. Ground balls should be awarded as part of the faceoff play; however, a ground ball is not always awarded when an official signals possession on a faceoff play, since his definition of possession does not rise to the standard of that of a ground ball.
 - A.R. 1. A1 passes the ball to A2, but B1 intercepts. STATISTICAL RULING: Credit B1 with ground ball.
 - A.R. 2. A1 has the ball checked out of his crosse and (1) the ball stays in bounds, where it is picked up by A2; (2) the ball stays in bounds, where it is picked up by B1; or (3) the ball goes out of bounds without anyone else obtaining possession. STATISTICAL RULING: (1) Credit A2 with ground ball. (2) Credit B1 with ground ball. (3) No ground ball credited.
 - A.R. 3. A1 shoots ball. Team B's goalkeeper makes a save but does not control ball. A2 picks up ball, shoots and scores. STATISTICAL RULING: Credit A2 with ground ball, shot and goal.
 - A.R. 4. A1 has ball in his possession, but while switching hands on his crosse, drops ball and picks it back up. STATISTICAL RULING: No ground ball credited.
 - A.R. 5. A1 chases down loose ball near the center line, but not within 5 yards of a player on the other side of the center line. STATISTICAL RULING: Credit A1 with ground ball since he probably prevented the ball from going offside.

- A.R. 6. A1 chases down a loose ball, preventing it from going out of bounds, but not within 5 yards of another player. STATISTICAL RULING: Credit A1 with a ground ball.
- A.R. 7. A1 is running off field under a special-substitution situation, places the ball on the ground and leaves the field. A2 comes on field and picks up loose ball. STATISTICAL RULING: No ground ball credited.
- A.R. 8. A1 has the ball in his crosse. B1 checks the ball loose. A2 picks it up but it is immediately checked away and B2 picks it up and controls it. STATISTICAL RULING: Credit a ground ball to B2 only, since he was the only one to obtain the ball and remain able to perform normal functions with the ball
- Caused Turnovers (CT) - Defense gains control of the ball after contact with the ball, crosse or player.
- Blocked Shots (BkS) - Player prevents the ball from reaching the goal.
- Shots On Goal (SOG) - A ball thrown with the cross at the goal with the intent of scoring.
- Short Handed Goals (SHG) - Goals scored while a man down due to penalties.
- Draw Controls (DC) - Player successfully gains control of the ball after a draw.
- Turnovers (T/O) - Player gives the ball to the other team.
- Faceoff Percentage (FO%) - Percentage of draws that are won.
- Faceoffs (FO) - Total Faceoffs
- Faceoffs Won (FOW) - Number of Faceoffs Won
- Faceoffs Lost (FOL) - Number of Faceoffs Lost
 - The standard of faceoff statistics is to award the faceoff to the faceoff specialist (when his team gains possession of the ball), regardless of whether he actually gained possession himself. A faceoff should be awarded to a team only when it gets a clear offensive or defensive opportunity out of the play.
 - *Note: As stated in (h), ground balls should be awarded in faceoff play.*
- A.R. 9. A1 faces off for his team. He obtains the ball in the faceoff situation but the ball is immediately checked away. B1 picks up the ground ball and his team maintains possession of the ball. STATISTICAL RULING: Credit faceoff to Team B.
- A.R. 10. A1 controls the ball on the faceoff, retreats into the defensive half of the field, closely guarded, and throws the ball away. STATISTICAL RULING: If Team B can obtain possession of the ball and keep it, credit Team B with the faceoff. Similarly, if Team A subsequently obtains possession of the ball and keeps it, credit Team A with the faceoff.

- A.R. 11. Same situation as A.R. 10, but A1 advances the ball to his offensive half of the field, closely guarded, and throws the ball away. **STATISTICAL RULING:** Same as A.R. 10.
- A.R. 12. The ball goes out of bounds on the faceoff before a team obtains possession of the ball. **STATISTICAL RULING:** Credit the team that is awarded the ball on the out-of-bounds play with a faceoff. If neither team is awarded the ball out of bounds, delay the crediting of the faceoff until the subsequent re-face is concluded.
- A.R. 13. Before either team can obtain the faceoff, a player on either team is charged with a foul. **STATISTICAL RULING:** Credit the offended team with the faceoff, if one team gets the ball. In the case of a double foul, or any other violation requiring a re-face of the ball, wait to credit the faceoff until the play is complete.
- A.R. 14. A goal is scored near the end of the period. **STATISTICAL RULING:** If there is no subsequent faceoff, no faceoff can be credited statistically. If a faceoff occurs, award the faceoff as judgment allows by determining the possession (or something close to it) when the period ends.
- A.R. 15. A period ends in an uneven situation such that there will be no faceoff to start the next period. **STATISTICAL RULING:** Do not award a faceoff.
- A.R. 16. If there should be an extra faceoff for any reason, credit the faceoff according to the preceding rules.
- Penalty Minutes (PIM) - The total time a player receives for infractions.

APPENDIX B – Score Sheet

DAKOTA PREMIER LACROSSE LEAGUE SCORESHEET

NUM	POS	NAME	SH	G	A	GBs	FOW	FOL		NUM	QTR	DUR	
										PENALTIES	QTR	Score	Fail
											1		
											2		
											3		
											4		
										Total			
Goal Keepers (Saves)			1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT						

Team Goals																			
G	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
QTR																			
#																			

OPPONENT SCORING																			
G	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
QTR																			
#																			

OPPONENT PENALTIES																			
QTR																			
#																			

Final Scoring:			Scorekeeper:						Location:											
Division: High School/Varsity		Team:				Opponent:				Date:										
Our 1Q	Our 2Q	Our 3Q	Our 4Q	Opponent 1Q	Opponent 2Q	Opponent 3Q	Opponent 4Q													

APPENDIX C – Timer Guidelines



Men's NFHS Timer Guidelines

Game time

- Four 12-minute periods.
- Stop timer when whistle blows to stop play.
- Start timer when whistle blows to start play.

End of period

- Do not come on field; move down sideline.
- All periods: Notify officials verbally when there are 20 seconds left, then count down loudly from 10, sounding horn at zero.
- Fourth period only: Also notify officials at 2:10 and 2:00 left.

Halftime

- Ten minutes.
- Notify officials when 4:20 remains.

Signaling of penalties

- Official signals team, number, and foul.
- A "T" formed with the arms indicates a 30-second technical foul.
- Holding 1, 2, or 3 fingers overhead indicates the number of minutes for a personal foul.
- Hands clapped overhead means penalty is nonreleasable.

Horn

- Sound the horn twice at the next dead ball if a player leaves early from a penalty, or if you need help from the officials.
- Never sound horn when ball is in play except at the end of a period.

Overtime

- Overtime periods are 4:00.
- 2:00 between periods.

Timing of penalties

- Write down the player's team color and number, the length of the penalty, the game time the player should be released, and an "NR" if the penalty is nonreleasable.
- If team A scores a goal, all releasable penalties for team B are released.
- If team A scores a goal, penalties for team A are not released.
- Nonreleasable penalties always serve the full penalty time no matter how many goals are scored.
- If a player has multiple penalties, nonreleasable penalty time is always served first, regardless of the order of the fouls.
- Penalty time carries into the next period.
- Keep players serving penalties at the rear of penalty area until about 5 seconds remain. At that time, a substitute may take the place of the penalized player (who must go to the bench when the penalty expires).
- If a penalty expires during a faceoff, do not release the player until possession is called (unless wing area was left vacant for faceoff).

Clock malfunctions

- If clock malfunctions during play, count in your head while someone notifies officials.
- Sound double horn at next dead ball.

Mercy Rule

- If one team leads by 12 or more in the second half, the clock does not stop except for timeouts and injuries.
- Penalties during this time are running time, but don't start until whistle restarts play.
- If the lead shrinks to 11 or fewer goals, the clock reverts to stop time.

APPENDIX D – Scorer Guidelines



Record keeping. The scorer will keep a written record of the goals, assists and other statistics. This record will be kept in the official scorebook, which is provided by the home team.

Timeouts. Record the period in which each timeout is taken and the time remaining when it is taken. Timeouts between periods are charged to the previous period.

Penalties. The scorer will keep an accurate record of the number of each player to whom a penalty is assessed, the type of violation, the time and the quarter when the foul occurred and the duration of the penalty. The scorer will work with the timer in this effort. If a penalty is assessed against a coach or a bench player, be sure to note that in the scorebook even though the in-home player will serve the penalty.

Fouling out. If a player accumulates 5 separate personal fouls (regardless of the length of time for each penalty), notify the nearest official immediately. A player with 5 personal fouls has fouled out of the game; he will serve his penalty but then must exit to the bench area and another player will take his place on the field. Technical fouls have no bearing on fouling out of a game. For NFHS lacrosse only, a player or coach receiving two

nonreleasable unsportsmanlike conduct fouls is expelled from the game. Be sure to notify the officials when a player has fouled out (or, for NFHS, when he gets his second USC penalty).

Goals. For a goal, record the number of the player scoring the goal and the time remaining in the period.

Assists. You may award an assist if a player makes a direct pass "to a teammate who then scores a goal without having to dodge or evade an opponent other than the goal-keeper." Only one assist may be awarded on any goal, and many goals in lacrosse are unassisted.

Saves. Whenever the goalkeeper stops or deflects a shot that otherwise would have entered the goal, a save is awarded. A shot that misses the goal on its own is not recorded as a save.

Shots. Whenever the offensive team propels the ball toward the goal with the intent of scoring, a shot is awarded (even if the ball is kicked, flipped directly from the ground with a stick, or intentionally deflected toward the goal). A shot may miss the goal entirely without being saved. A goal scored by the defensive team is not credited as a shot.

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