

LUMBERJAX SHOOTOUT

General Tournament/Play Rules

1. All players and coaches must have valid US Lacrosse Membership to participate in the Lumberjax Shootout.
2. All Rules will be established by US Lacrosse Youth Rules unless noted here.
 - a. Girls games will use US Lacrosse with the following YGL modifications.
 - b. Boys games will use US Lacrosse with the following YCLA modifications.
3. 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)
4. 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.
5. 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.

- a. 4-minute half time for drinks and to switch sides.
- b. The clock will stop for whistles in last minute of the second half if game is within 1 goal.
- c. Games ending in a tie, there will be an immediate 2-minute running 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 time serving 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.

6. 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.

7. Spring Grove reserves the right to adjust the timing of the games.

8. If the losing team desires, the ball will be awarded to the losing team at face-off/draw once there is a 4-goal differential.

9. 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. There will be a sportsmanship trophy awarded to each bracket. This will be determined by official's ratings and least number of personal fouls (1-3 minute penalties). An ejection foul automatically disqualifies a team from the sportsmanship award.

Spectator NR USC penalties count in the determination of the sportsmanship award.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Upon arrival each team must "check in" at the registration table. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. All Parents and Spectators are to sit on the opposite side from the teams.

16. OSS and/or UPMC Pinnacle Hanover will be providing trainer services during the tournament. Any serious injury beyond first aid or the trainer's capabilities will be a 911 call.

17. **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 from the tournament at the discretion of the Spring Grove Lacrosse Club.

18. 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)

19. 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 under the Lumberjax Shootout tab. All waivers must be turned in no later than time of registration check in. Any team, player, or coach without a signed waiver is ineligible for tournament play.

20. Any issues or concerns during the tournament should be brought directly to the tournament director or assistant tournament director.

Their contact information is available at each field folder or the head table at the stadium entrance. Decisions of the tournament director, assistant tournament director and Spring Grove Lacrosse Club are FINAL.

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 playing. 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 cancelled 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 for any club that cancels their registration within 14 days prior to tournament day.

7. Any club canceling after registering, prior to the 14-day cancellation period, receives 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

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

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.

