

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Hopewell Valley Invitational Boy's Lacrosse Tournament  
Saturday May 17  
Sunday May 18  
Game Day Information**

We look forward to seeing you in a few short weeks for the Hopewell Valley Invitational. In advance of the tournament we wanted to remind you about a few items.

Location

- For the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, the tournament is being held at The Athletic Fields at Timberlane in Pennington, NJ. The site is ideally laid out and keeps everyone close together and near the fields.
- You can find the fields with Google Maps or Mapquest by using:  
**289 Pennington Titusville Rd, Pennington NJ 08534**
- For those of you playing on Saturday, the town of Pennington is holding its annual Pennington Day celebration in the downtown area. We strongly suggest that you approach our site from Rt 31 and not try to drive through downtown (Main St. or Delaware Avenue) since the downtown area will be blocked off throughout the day.

Parking

- On the attached field map please see the areas that have been allocated for parking.
  - o The primary lot near the center of the fields.
    - There is parking here for cars and vans but buses will not be able to park here. In the corner of the lot nearest field #3 a number of spaces have been reserved for handicapped parking. Please respect these spaces and those having the need to park there.
    - This lot is likely to fill up and because of traffic flow, once this area is full we will not allow later arrivals to "drop off" in this area. We will have volunteers directing traffic at this lot in order to keep traffic moving.
    - **Please follow the directions of the volunteers**, in particular, if you are directed to park along the side of the driveway please park nose in where this is indicated in order to create the most parking capacity in this area.
  - o There are additional lots shown on the map that are accessible from South Timberline Dr. These lots provide access to the fields from the back side of the venue and there is only a short walk to the center of the field area. We will also have a volunteer in this area to help direct you. If you have a significant amount of equipment to move from these lots, please ask the volunteer for assistance or call my cell (below) and we may be able to dispatch a utility cart.
- Cars will **not** be allowed to park along Pennington-Titusville Rd or other streets. Please avoid the aggravation of a ticket by using the parking lots. We have a very enthusiastic police department.

### Other Site Information

- **Team tents may be set up ONLY in the area marked on the map.** Under no circumstances will tents be allowed behind or immediately adjacent to any field.
- The Baseball Field and Softball Field are OFF LIMITS; please inform your players, coaches and fans that under no circumstances can anyone access those areas for any reason.
- Please ask your players to not play catch around the tent area. Also, we would suggest that players do not leave sticks or other valuable equipment unattended in the tent area while they are playing games. Hopewell Valley Lacrosse is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- You will see on the map a central location marked with a headquarters tent. We would ask that a coach or manager come by and check in when you have arrived. Additionally, copies of the game schedule may be picked up and will reflect any last minute changes.
- An EMT will be at the headquarters tent at all times. If you need help at any time send someone to the tent or call my cell number below.
- Sidelines on the map which are marked "Teams" are for teams only. All spectators should be on the opposite side of the field.
- We will have protective fencing up behind the endlines. When you are walking with your teams to the fields, please keep your entire team outside the fencing. Also, please ask your parents to not stand along the endlines. Many of them have not yet been hit by a lacrosse ball and haven't learned the consequences.
- There is plenty of area near/adjacent to fields for use in warming up. Please do NOT warm up in/near team tent area.
- Please ask your team to clean up the area around their sideline after the game, especially empty drink bottles. There will be plenty of trash cans near the fields.

### Food / Concessions

- Hot and cold food and drink will be available for sale throughout the day.
- You are of course welcome to bring all the food you want but please remember that, per town ordinance, **we cannot allow the use of grills on the site.**
- ALCOHOL IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Please be mindful that this is a youth sporting event.

### Game Information

- The game schedule will be released by 8pm on Monday May 12<sup>th</sup>. As always, we put significant effort into matching up skill levels and avoiding games between teams that already play each other during the season. However, please be aware that based on the number and skill level of teams in each age group, it may not always be possible to avoid certain matchups.
- Each team will play four games. Half of the teams will play their first game at 9am and their last game will finish at 4pm. The other teams will begin at 10am and their last game will finish at 5pm.
- We are going to play unless weather makes the fields unavailable. In the unlikely event of lightning, all play will stop until the threat is cleared. The game schedule, however, will continue on an uninterrupted basis. In other words, if games are stopped at halftime, and the lightning threat takes 30 minutes to clear, the next game will still start on the hour and the interrupted game will not resume.

- As a reminder, the game format is shown below:

First half	25 minutes
Halftime	5 minutes
Second half	20 minutes

One time out per half (not in last 2 minutes)

Running clock, penalty time suspended on stoppages of play

Mercy Rule applies after a 4 goal lead

10/20 Second Counts – applied on Sunday only for 7/8 games

Body Checking - Per Youth Boys Lacrosse Rules of US Lacrosse  
*Players may make contact in an upright position within three yards of the ball. Body checking is permitted; however, no take-out checks are permitted by any player. A take-out check is defined as any check in which the player lowers his head or shoulder with the force and intent to put the other player on the ground.*

The rulings by the referees will be final.

- In deference to our neighbors, we will not be using horns to keep time. The refs on each field will be responsible for maintaining the schedule as shown above. If both teams are ready to play before the official start time, a field may begin its game before scheduled but in order to provide time for switchovers, all games will end at exactly 10 minutes to the hour.
- As you know, the purpose of this event is to showcase the game of lacrosse for the enjoyment of our young athletes and spectators alike. No winner will be crowned and no trophies will be given out.

We look forward to seeing you all later this month. If you have any questions or problems on game day please feel free to **call/text me at 609-213-3503** or stop by the Tournament HQ tent.

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Parking

HQ

Food / Vendors

Team Tents

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Main Entrance

To Rt 31 (0.9 mile)

To Rt 31 (0.3 mile)

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