

2013 NCJLA Scheduling Process – Boys and Girls Teams

Welcome to the 2013 season! The 2013 scheduling process will start mid-December once registration has ended and conferences are drawn. New to the 2013 season is a decentralized schedule for girls' teams. While it may closely mimic the scheduling process for the boys, girls scheduling does come with its own set of rules. Therefore, this document provides you with the scheduling requirements and options on how you may streamline the process by using a combination of scheduling meetings, telephone calls, and e-mails.

Please note that before you to begin the scheduling process your teams must be registered with the NCJLA.

In addition, please note the following key dates and rules when you schedule:

- Scheduling commences after conferences are announced on December 12, 2012;
- Boys regular season games can begin on Friday, February 22, 2013;
- Girls regular season games can begin on Saturday, March 9, 2013;
- Your club must schedule conference games first. Please the attached Appendix for the minimum number of games that need to be scheduled based on your Conference and Divisions; and
- Girls Game Only: Because of umpire shortages and the fact that girls umpires are only rated to umpire at each age division (e.g. they may be rated for U11 but not U13 games), the NCJLA and umpire assigners encourage schedulers to schedule either multiple games at the same age group back-to-back, or only one age level apart. This will greatly reduce umpire shortages.

The NCJLA reserves the right to amend schedules to ensure teams properly play within their respective conferences.

Scheduling Meetings

1. Regional scheduling meetings will be setup and advertised before registration closes. These scheduling meetings are for both boys' game schedulers and girls' game schedulers.
2. Scheduling meetings will not begin before conferences have been established.
3. The Boys and Girls Directors will recommend which clubs should attend each the regional scheduling meetings to ensure that clubs from the same conferences are at the same meeting.
4. Scheduling meetings are for youth teams only. NCJLA HS teams are to complete their schedules via e-mail and phone calls.
5. Each division commissioner will provide schedulers a conference call number to use if they wish to set up conference calls for game scheduling.

Schedulers

1. Know all club blackout dates (holidays, school trips/activities, spring breaks and field assignments per team. The NCJLA blackout dates are: March 31, 2013 (Easter) and May 12, 2013 (Mother's Day) and Play Days and Playoffs are listed on the attached Appendix.
2. Schedule games on grass fields as late in the season as possible due to rainout issues OR have a backup field available.
3. Home team inputs all games into the NCJLA website. Visiting teams confirm games on the NCJLA website once home team has entered games. See NCJLA website for instructions on [Entering Game Schedules](#) and [Confirming Game Schedules](#).
4. A password protected list of club schedulers can be found on the NCJLA website under the Club Administrator tab. The NCJLA webmaster will e-mail schedulers a password to use to access the contact information for each team's scheduler by 12/12/2012.
5. Schedulers will be able to access the game scheduling feature of the NCJLA website beginning 12/12/2012.

Key Terms

1. *Conference*- teams within a division that are grouped in a certain geographical area. Conferences may have as few as 6 and as many as 12 teams.
2. *Divisions*- All teams at a particular age (U9-HS) and competitive level of play (7v7, 'C', 'B', & 'A').
3. *Inter-conference*- a game played between two teams of different conferences.
4. *Inter-division*- a game played between two teams of differing competitive levels.. Teams from an older age level may not play teams from a younger age level. Please note that when these games are played the less competitive division rules must be used.
5. *Black out dates*- Dates that teams are not allowed to schedule play.

Schedule Completion Deadlines

**All team schedules (U9 through HS, except boys U117v7 teams) must be uploaded to the NCJLA website by 1/23/2013 for teams to be considered for post-season events!*

	Dates
Conference Scheduling	Begins AFTER conferences are formally announced on 12/12/12 and must be completed by 1/6/2013 for teams to be eligible for post season events.
Inter-Conference Scheduling	May begin ONLY after the team has scheduled ALL of their conference games and remains open through 1/23/2013. Teams that do not complete their inter-conference scheduling by 1/23/2013 will not be eligible for post season events. New games will not be added to the schedule after 1/23/2013.

Inter-Division Scheduling	May begin only after conference and inter-conference games have been scheduled and must be completed by 1/23/2013. Inter-division games will not be reflected in a team's overall win/loss record.
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Estimated Game Lengths for Field Planning

Boys (play quarters)	Girls (play halves with 10 minute half times)
High School- 12 minute stop clock = 1hr40minutes	High School- 25 minutes, 2 minute stop clock= 1 hr 20 minutes
U15- 10 minute stop clock= 1hr 30 minutes	U15- 25 minutes, 2 minute stop clock= 1 hr 20 minutes
U13- 10 minute stop clock= 1hr 30 minutes	U13A- 20 minutes, 2 minute stop clock= 1hour 10 minutes
U11- 12 minute running clock = 1hr 15 minutes	U13B, U11, U9- 20 minute running clock= 1 hour
U9- 2, 20" running halves= 1hr	