

NCJLA and US Lacrosse Player segmentation

For play occurring between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017

| | Date of birth | Age Group | NCJLA bracket | Grade Affiliation |
|------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|
| Youth | Born 9/1/2009 through 8/31/2010 | 7U | 8U | 1st |
| | Born 9/1/2008 through 8/31/2009 | 8U | 8U | 2nd |
| | Born 9/1/2007 through 8/31/2008 | 9U | 10U | 3rd |
| | Born 9/1/2006 through 8/31/2007 | 10U | 10U | 4th |
| | Born 9/1/2005 through 8/31/2006 | 11U | 12U | 5th |
| | Born 9/1/2004 through 8/31/2005 | 12U | 12U | 6th |
| | Born 9/1/2003 through 8/31/2004 | 13U | 14U | 7th |
| | Born 9/1/2002 through 8/31/2003 | 14U | 14U | 8th |
| Scholastic | Born 9/1/2001 through 8/31/2002 | 15U | JV | 9th |
| | Born 9/1/2000 through 8/31/2001 | 16U | JV | 10th |
| | Born 9/1/1999 through 8/31/2000 | 17U | JV/VAR | 11th |
| | Born 9/1/1998 through 8/31/1999 | 18U | VAR | 12th |
| | Born 9/1/1997 through 8/31/1998 | 19U | VAR | 12th/PG |

Grade Affiliation reflects the grade for the majority of players in that age group. Birthdate will be the final determinant of eligibility.

NCJLA 2017 Player Segmentation



Version history

| Version | Release Date |
|---------|----------------|
| 1.1 | October - 2016 |

2017 NCJLA Player Segmentation

This document is intended to outline the recommended changes to player segmentation and associated format and rules for each division heading into the Spring 2017 season.

The player segmentation committee has leveraged both the US Lacrosse small-sided competition and athletic development model guidance and surveyed over 100 leaders in the NCJLA as part of our process in arriving at this guidance.

By default, all division structures and rules will be migrating down for 2017. For example, Boys U15 format and rules will be applied for Boys 14U, Girls U13 format and rules will be applied for Girls 12U, and so on and so forth. Specifically:

| 2016 Division Format / Rules | 2017 Division Baseline |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| U15 | 14U |
| U13 | 12U |
| U11 | 10U |
| U9 | 8U |

This document identifies recommended deviations from those baselines as well as concerns and items to be discussed at upcoming summer workshop to help the board finalize its guidance for the 2017 season.

1. Boys 8U

- **Summary**

Boys 8U will change to a 4v4 format. Additional US Lacrosse recommendations for this age group will be adopted as well per the table below.

- **Division Format and Rule Summary**

| Topic | 2017 Recommendation | Change from 2016 |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| Division Structure | Flat; Same as existing B9 | No |
| Game Format | 4v4, No Goalie 60x35 field 4x4 goals | Yes |
| Field Dimensions | Same as existing B9 | No |
| Referees | Same as existing B9 | No |
| Contact Rules | Same as existing B9 | No |
| Equipment | Same as existing B9 | No |
| Other | No rake/cover rule Informal one (completed) pass rule | Yes |

- **Additional discussion points**

- Team Registration - Concern raised at summer workshop; several clubs indicated in side conversations that they would not register teams but, rather, handle team structure and scheduling informally. What is the impact if this becomes a trend? How do we handle?
- Action items
 - Determine registration model
 - Do we do a jamboree?
 - What is the fee structure?
 - Do we do a beginning of season festival? Is it regional?
 - How do we service outside areas?
 - Must be clear communication regarding registration expectations
 - Operations guide – remove max number per team

2. Girls 8U

- **Summary**

Girls 8U will change to a 4v4 format. Additional US Lacrosse recommendations for this age group will be adopted as well per the table below.

- **Division Format and Rule Summary**

| Topic | 2017 Recommendation | Change from 2016 |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| Division Structure | Flat; Same as existing G9 | No |
| Game Format | 4v4, No Goalie 60x35 field 4x4 goals | Yes |
| Field Setup | Same as existing G9 | No |
| Referees | One "8U Certified" referee | Yes |
| Contact Rules | Same as existing G9 | No |
| Equipment | Same as existing G9 (goggles, mouthpiece, NOCSAE balls) | No |
| Other | 1 (attempted) Pass rule | N/A |

- **Additional discussion points**

- Team Registration - Concern raised at summer workshop; several clubs indicated in side conversations that they would not register teams but, rather, handle team structure and scheduling informally. What is the impact if this becomes a trend? How do we handle?

3. Boys 10U

- **Summary**

Boys 10U will move to short-sided competition, following USL guidance. Field setup will mimic 8U.

- **Format and Rule Summary**

| Topic | 2017 Recommendation | Change from 2016 |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| Division Structure | A, B; Same as existing B11 | No |
| Game Format | 8v8 with goalie (2-3-2-1) Offsides rules intact | Yes |
| Field Setup | Similar to existing U9 Short sided, 35'-40' x 60' 4x4 Goals | Yes |
| Referees | 1 certified referee | Yes |
| Contact Rules | Same as existing B11 | No |
| Equipment | 37"-42" stick length (No long poles) | Yes |
| Other | No Minimum Pass Rule | No |

- **Additional discussion points**

- Smaller teams will require more coaches. Best practices with regards to "Group Practices" should be conveyed.
- How do we ensure that referees are adequately trained for short-sided competition – especially if only one referee is staffed per game?
- A/B - Survey strongly favored having an A division; workshop attendees split.
- Mercy Rules

4. Girls 10U

- **Summary**

Girls 10U will move to short-sided competition, following USL guidance. Field setup will mimic 8U.

- **Format and Rule Summary**

| Topic | 2017 Recommendation | Change from 2016 |
|--------------------|---|------------------|
| Division Structure | Flat; Same as existing 11U | No |
| Game Format | 8v8 with goalie (2-3-2-1) Offsides rules intact | Yes |
| Field Setup | <u>Similar to existing U9</u> Short sided, 35'-40' x 60' 4x4 Goals | Yes |
| Referees | 2 certified referees (2 Junior or 1 Adult Officials) | No |
| Checking Rules | Same as existing 11U | No |
| Equipment | Same as existing 11U | No |
| Other | 3 second good defense No minimum pass | No |

- **Concerns**

- Mercy Rules - 4 goal differential

5. Boys 12U

- **Summary**
Boys 12U will mimic existing Boys U13 format and rules.
- **Format and Rule Summary**

| Topic | 2017 Recommendation | Change from 2016 |
|--------------------|---|------------------|
| Division Structure | A, Bv, Br (or similar); Same as existing B13 | No |
| Game Format | Same as existing B13 | No |
| Field Setup | Same as existing B13 | No |
| Referees | Same as existing B13 | No |
| Checking Rules | Same as existing B13 | No |
| Equipment | Same as existing B13 | No |
| Other | 20/10 second advance rule applies Over & Back rule applies | No |

6. Girls 12U

- **Summary**
Girls 12U will mimic existing Girls U13 format and rules.
- **Format and Rule Summary**

| Topic | 2017 Recommendation | Change from 2016 |
|--------------------|---|------------------|
| Division Structure | A, B; Same as existing G13 | No |
| Game Format | Same as existing G13 | No |
| Field Setup | Same as existing G13 | No |
| Referees | Same as existing G13 | No |
| Checking Rules | Modified checking; Same as existing G13 | No |
| Equipment | Same as existing G13 | No |
| Other | Same as existing G13 | No |

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7. Boys 14U

- **Summary**

Boys 14U will mimic existing Boys U15 format and rules. Due to the increase in teams at the B14U level, the committee recommends expanding to three subdivisions.

- **Format and Rule Summary**

| Topic | 2017 Recommendation | Change from 2016 |
|--------------------|---|------------------|
| Division Structure | A, B | No |
| Game Format | Same as existing B15 | No |
| Field Setup | Same as existing B15 | No |
| Referees | Same as existing B15 | No |
| Checking Rules | Same as existing B15 | No |
| Equipment | Same as existing B15 | No |
| Other | 1) Age eligible 9 th graders may participate without petition 2) 8 th graders born before 9/1 may petition | Yes |

- **Concerns**

Based on current year 7th graders, 81 players would age out in 8th grade next year.
74 of 81 are born between 9/1 - 3/1

8. Girls 14U

- **Summary**
Girls 14U will mimic existing Girls U15 format and rules.
- **Format and Rule Summary**

| Topic | 2017 Recommendation | Change from 2016 |
|--------------------|---|------------------|
| Division Structure | A, B | No |
| Game Format | Same as existing G15 | No |
| Field Setup | Same as existing G15 | No |
| Referees | Same as existing G15 | No |
| Checking Rules | Same as existing G15 (Full checking for 14A, Modified checking for 14B) | No |
| Equipment | Same as existing G15 | No |
| Other | 1) Age eligible 9 th graders may participate without petition 2) 8 th graders born before 9/1 may petition | No |

- **Concerns**
Based on current year 7th graders, 24 players would age out in 8th grade next year.
22 of those 24 are born between 9/1 - 3/1

9. Girls HS

- **Summary**
Girls HS will not change for 2017.
- **Topics for Summer Workshop**
 - Should the NCJLA consider migrating to 16U, 18U, 20U (or some age based structure that differs from Varsity / JV) for the 2018 season?

10. Boys JV

- **Summary**
Boys JV will not change for 2017.
- **Topics for Summer Workshop**
 - Should the NCJLA consider migrating to 16U, 18U, 20U (or some age based structure that differs from Varsity / JV) for the 2018 season?

11. Boys Varsity

- **Summary**
Boys Varsity will not change for 2017.
- **Topics for Summer Workshop**
 - Should the NCJLA consider migrating to 16U, 18U, 20U (or some age based structure that differs from Varsity / JV) for the 2018 season?