



## **2019 Victory Winter Championship Guidelines**

The onsite Coordinator of Officials will meet with each team's head coach to answer questions and clarify rules at check-in. All games will be played under **US Lacrosse** Box Rules unless otherwise stated on this document.

### **Roster Notes**

- All Players and Parents/Guardians must complete the online player waiver prior to participation.
- NO player may compete or be rostered on more than one CLUB OR TEAM during the tournament. Each player may be submitted on ONLY ONE roster for the tournament. If teams are found in violation of this rule, their games will be disqualified and deemed a loss. This rule is designed to ensure athletes are not playing an excessive number of games over the weekend. Its intent is to protect our players from dehydration, heat exhaustion, and all other potential injuries stemming from what our staff deems as excessive play. For the purposes of group seeding, one of two scenarios will occur:
  - In the event the team in violation loses, the official game score will reflect actual score of the game.
  - In the event the team in violation won or tied the game, the official game score will be changed to reflect a 1 to 0 loss for the team in violation.
- No athlete is permitted to participate at a grade level lower than their graduation year.

### **General Game Format**

- All games will start promptly at the assigned times.
- Two, 20-minute running halves; teams change direction after the half.
- Halftime will be two (2) minutes, running clock.
- Only three (3) coaches permitted on the sidelines.
- Continuous Clock, which will be kept by the field coordinator and communicated to the referees. In case of injury in the final two minutes of the second half, referee will stop the clock and work with the field marshal/Director on correct time of the game when game is restarted.
- One 30 second timeout per game per team. Clock does not stop; therefore timeouts cannot be called in the last four (4) minutes of the game. Penalty time stops during timeouts.
- Referees can stop the game for any reason that he/she feels fit. Examples include injury, facility issue, etc.
- Time Serving Penalties Penalty time will be kept by the field coordinator.
- The official score will be kept by both the table staff and one of the game officials. The staff and referee will confer throughout the game and stoppages to ensure the correct score.
- All substitutions are on the fly.
- Limited body-checking, excessively big hits and physical play (even within five yards of a loose ball) constitute unnecessary roughness and will result in a 1-minute penalty. The Victory Winter Championship staff considers the safety of each player our priority and we expect coaches and players to understand and abide by this philosophy as well. The officials are expected to protect and promote the safety of all players.
- If a sidelined player(s) leaves his/her team bench to engage in an on-field altercation, that player will be removed from the tournament and their team may have to forfeit.
- Player(s) who engage in antagonistic behavior (verbal assault, fighting etc.) will be removed from games or suspended from the tournament.
- Officials and Tournament Directors have final say on interpretations and rulings.
- The appropriate equipment and mouth guards must be worn by athletes always.

## Important Box Rules

- All games will be played according to **US Lacrosse** Box rules, unless an exception is stated on this document.
- Faceoffs: Halves will begin with a faceoff. Faceoff players must swipe -- clamps may not be used. If the ball stops motion, change of possession will occur.
- After a goal is scored, the goalie will clear the ball with no riding pressure until the designated ride line.
- Teams are not permitted to ride before the designated ride line. A loose ball before the designated ride line stays in possession of the clearing team.
- Goalie Sticks: field goalie sticks must be used by goalies.
- Penalties: all penalty lengths are one minute. Minor penalties are released after a single goal. Major penalties are released after two goals.

## Tie/Forfeited Games

- There is no overtime in Pool Play. Tie games will end in a draw and each team will receive 1 point.
- In playoff play, there will be a three (3) minute sudden-death overtime period that begins with a faceoff. (No timeouts are allowed in playoff overtime.) If the game is still tied after the overtime period, a shootout will decide the winner.
  - Shootout format: Best of 3. If the game is still tied after three rounds, the game will be decided by single rounds, until one team earns the victory (similar to extra innings in baseball). A player may not be used in a shootout for a second time until all other runner (field) players have shot.
  - Once a player's feet stop moving, the shot is over.
- In case of a forfeited game the score in the standings will be reflected by a score of 4 to 0.

## Playoff Seeding Criteria in Pools

1. Overall record based on points; teams receive 3 points for win, 1 point for a tie, 0 for a loss
2. Head-to-Head Results (Only if there is a two-way tie or **all** tied teams played each other)
3. Goal Differential (Total Goals scored minus goals allowed); maximum of seven (+/7) per game
4. Least Number of Goals Allowed
5. Most Number of Goals Scored

### Additionally:

- Top teams in each pool will qualify for playoffs as determined and designated by the Tournament Director with the posting of the schedule.
- For the Levels where some teams will receive a first round bye; byes will be awarded to teams qualifying for the playoffs based on the following criteria:
  - Most Points Earned in Group Play
  - Goal Differential
  - Fewest Goals Allowed
  - Most Goals Scored
  - Random Draw or Coin Flip

## Sportsmanship/Conduct

- Only Head Coaches are permitted to address the officials; and do so in a respectful manner.
- Head Coaches are responsible for any of their club's unruly players, asst. coaches, and fans.
- The Victory Winter Championship has a one-strike policy for coaches and players. The Victory Winter Championship Staff and Pattison Sports Group have the right to remove any coach, player, or fan from the tournament at their discretion. In the event of a warning, coaches and players will be notified and any further incidents will result in that coach or player's removal from the tournament.

- Poor sportsmanship, taunting, trash talking, fighting, or other unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated from coaches, players, and fans.
- Referees will notify the Field Coordinator, who in turn will notify the Tournament Director immediately of any warning given to a Coach, Player, or Fan. Accordingly, the Tournament Directors will be made aware of all incidents throughout the Tournament.
- Coaches who are removed from the Tournament will be reevaluated at the end of the event, at which point their team's acceptance into future Pattison Sports Group events will be addressed.
- Please speak to a Tournament Director at the registration table about any problems that may arise during the weekend. Please instruct your parents not to come to the tent. Only coaches or club directors should be approaching with questions and concerns.
- Respect your team, your opponents and the game always.
- Set a good example for your players.
- Most importantly enjoy the Victory Winter Championship and have fun!