



## 2020 BOYS LAXFEST RULES

### Game Format/Rules

- All games will start promptly at the assigned times.
- Two, 22-minute running halves; teams change direction after the half.
- Halftime will be two (2) minutes, running clock.
- Continuous Clock, which will be kept by the field coordinator and communicated to the referees. In case of an 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 the 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 does stop during a timeout.
- **Pool play games may end in a tie.**
- **If there is a tie at the end of regulation in a non-Championship playoff game**, there will be a four (4) minute sudden death overtime period followed by a 3v3 (plus goalie) sudden death Braveheart to decide the winner. The Braveheart will consist of:
  - 3 field players, 1 goalie per team
  - Subbing is allowed
  - First team to score wins
  - If the overtime goes beyond 5 minutes the game will end in a tie
- **If there is a tie at the end of regulation in a Championship game**, the winner will be decided by four (4) minute sudden death overtime periods until a goal is scored. (Braveheart will not be used in a Championship game.)
- Only three (3) coaches are permitted on the sidelines during the game.
- Referees can stop the game for any reason that he/she feels fit. Examples include serious injury, weather, etc.
- Time Serving Penalties - Penalty time will be kept by the field coordinator. Penalty time served is time and a half. Penalty time stops on all timeouts.
- 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 LaxFest Directors and Staff consider the safety of each player our first 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.) may be removed from games or suspended from the tournament.
- Officials and Tournament Directors have final say on interpretations and rulings.

## **Sportsmanship/Conduct**

- Only Head Coaches are permitted to address the officials; and do so in a respectful manner.
- Any player ejected from a game will also be disqualified from the next game regardless if it is a playoff game or not. If ejected player plays in the following game, he will be ejected from the tournament and his team will be penalized three (3) minutes non-releasable.
- Head Coaches are responsible for any of their club's unruly players, asst. coaches, and fans.
- Little Rock LaxFest has a one-strike policy for coaches and players. That being said, the LaxFest, the Victory Event Series, and the 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 Little Rock LaxFest.
- 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 conclusion of the event, at which point their teams acceptance into future Victory Event Series tournaments will be addressed.
- Coaches should speak to a Tournament Director at the head tent about any problems that may arise during the weekend. Please instruct your parents not to come to the tent. Only coaches or program directors should be approaching with questions or concerns.
- Respect your team, your opponents and the game always.
- Set a good example for your players.
- Most importantly enjoy the Little Rock LaxFest and have fun!