

All games governed by 2017 Boys Lacrosse NFHS rules. Exceptions/additions listed below.

1. Divisions and Grades: Can play up a division, but never down

3/4 Divisions – current (2017) 3rd and 4th graders (2nd graders allowed)

5/6 Divisions – current (2017) 5th and 6th graders (4th graders allowed)

7/8 Divisions – current (2017) 7th and 8th graders (6th graders allowed)

2. Rosters:

The WA Cup tourney is a community team tournament. The intent of the tourney is to provide a playoff type wrap up to the youth Spring Season. Therefore, NO guest players are allowed. Only players that played within your program during the Spring Season are eligible.

A complete roster with name, jersey #, date of birth, school attended and grad year (or grade) must be submitted by May 28, 2017 in order to be included in the rosters used for t-shirt printing.

Any team not submitting a roster 24 hours PRIOR to first game will forfeit said first game.

Players must be on a roster to participate. A player may participate in the tournament **on only one roster**. Team will forfeit all games played with one or more non-roster players, or with players listed on more than one roster.

Maximum roster size for one team is 25 at 7th/8th and 5th/6th levels, 16 at 3rd/4th level - no exceptions. The intent here is to make fair for those with lower numbers as well as provide opportunity for playing time for all kids involved.

3. GAME PLAY: Each team is guaranteed 5 games, including playoff and/or consolation games. Games are 20 Minute running halves with 5 minute halftime. **NO TIMEOUTS allowed.**

4. HOME TEAM: Home teams are responsible for jerseys being distinguishable – the home team is the team listed first (or on top) on the schedule; for example, if the scheduled game is Maryland vs. Virginia, Maryland is the home team, if the scheduled game is A2 v D2, A2 is the home team.

5. GAME RULES:

- **FOR ALL LEVELS:**

- No horns, must sub on the fly
- No take out checks
- Time serving fouls (45sec/90 sec) at ALL LEVELS
- Stalling - Officials may start a team in the box and require the team to stay in the box at any time during the game if a team is not making an effort to score.
- **Mercy Rule:** Will be in effect during pool play but not during bracket play. Teams down by 5 goals or more may elect to take the ball at midfield in lieu of a face-off.
- **End of Game** – If score is within 2, the final MINUTE of the game is STOPPED TIME

- **Enforced for 34 Division only:**
 - No long poles
- **Enforced for 78 Divisions only:**
 - 20 second defensive clearing and 10 second advancement rules
 - Last 2 minutes of the game, stall rules in effect if game is within 4 goals

6. PENALTY TIMING

Penalty timing: Penalties will be 45 seconds for technical fouls, 90 seconds for most personals

- Penalty clock starts *when official signals the resumption of play.*
- *Penalty clock stops during an official's time outs (for injury), although game clock continues*
- *On a second penalty, the first penalty clock stops on the whistle, and resumes when play is resumed (that is, the penalty clock does not run when the official is instructing the table regarding a 2nd penalty.)*

7. Ties and OVERTIME: Preliminary(pool play) and final consolation games may end in a tie. If a bracket/playoff or 1st round consolation game ends in a tie there will be 1 sudden victory 4-minute overtime period. If the overtime period ends in a tie, the game winner will be determined by a Braveheart. No timeouts during overtime periods. There will be a one-minute break prior to the OT period or Braveheart.

8. Playoff Seeding:

- Best overall winning percentage (2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for loss) in pool play
- If tied, head-to-head winner
- If head-to-head was a tie or there was no head-to-head game, then fewest goals allowed
 - If still tied, least goals allowed in game #1
 - If still tied, least goals allowed in game #2
 - If still tied, least goals allowed in game #3
 - If still tied, a coin flip determines seeding within playoff teams.
- **Tourney Directors reserve right to change seed # to avoid two teams from same pool meeting in first round of bracket or consolation play.**

9. Ejections: If ejected from a game, a player or coach will not be allowed to participate in any way in the team's next game, and is prohibited from being on the field during that game. NO EXCEPTIONS. If ejected for fighting, player will be ejected for the balance of the tournament.

Additionally, each team is responsible for the conduct of its parents/fans. Unruly, disrespectful or threatening parents/fans will be asked to leave the tournament facilities. The team may be penalized for the conduct of its fans.

10. For situations not addressed by NFHS or the above stated rules, the Tournament Directors have the final say.