

TOURNAMENT RULES

POOL PLAY

All games are run by central clock. There will be a 2-horn blast 2 minutes prior to start of each game and 2 minutes prior to the end of each half. A single horn blast will announce the start and end of each half. The schedule is set up so that no team plays back-to-back games; therefore, teams should be on the field ready to play when the horn sounds the start of the games. A delay penalty may be awarded for late arrivals.

All pool play games will be 20 minute running halves with a 5-minute halftime and 15 minute between games. In pool play, if the game ends (2nd half only) in a tie while a play is stopped to set up a Free Position Shot (FPS), the FPS will be set up and allowed to be played. Play will be extended for 20 seconds or until the offense is no longer in a scoring position, whichever is less (delayed whistle rules). If the defense commits another foul which would result in another FPS during the extended play, a goal will be awarded and the game ends. Pool play games may end in a tie.

Tie Breakers will be based on, in order: 1) W/L%, 2) Head-to-Head record, 3) Avg. goals allowed, 4) fewest total penalty points (Y/C=1, R/C=2), 5) coin toss. Coaches and Referees must sign official score sheets. Score sheets will be collected following each game and turned into Tournament Director. Once score sheet has been turned in, nothing recorded on it may be challenged.

PLAYOFFS

All playoff games (Varsity Semi-Finals, and all Championship Games) will have time kept on the field and will have 20 minute halves with 5 minute halftime. Each team is allowed one 2-minute timeout per half. Playoff games will be running time except if timeout is called and except for last 2 minutes (stop clock) of each half.

If Varsity Semi-Final game ends in a tie, then one 5-minute sudden death OT period will be played. If still tied, then tie breakers will be used to determine winner.

If any of the Championship games (Finals) ends in a tie, then two 3-minute periods will be played with teams switching goals immediately after the first 3-minute period. If game is still not decided, then additional 3-minute sudden death victory periods will be played until the winner decided.

GENERAL RULES

Except as noted, 2014 US Lacrosse rules are in effect:

- Middle School (MS) Divisions
- Modified Checking → coaches can agree to no checking in Developmental Division prior to game, but under no circumstances will full checking be allowed in either MS Division
- No one-pass rule
- 4-goal Mercy Rule → if a team is down by 4 goals, it will be awarded the draw following a goal or at the start of the 2nd half

Enforcement of Penalties (Yellow / Red Cards) → time begins on whistle to resume play following issuing of card

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify ANY participant or spectator for Unsportsman Like Conduct.

All waivers must be turned in to Registration prior to team's first game.

Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park. Teams found with alcohol will be ejected from the tournament.

No open fire cooking, except for those covered by permit (on-site concessions), will be allowed during the tournament.

WEATHER POLICY

In the event of adverse weather or un-playable field conditions, the Tournament Committee with the advice of the Parks Department will determine if the tournament can be played. The Burning Flower Tournament Directors reserve the right to:

- Reduce game times in order to catch up with the schedule.
- Finish games before inclement weather arrives or to preserve field
- Do everything in its power to complete all games.

In the event of inclement weather, every attempt will be made to post updates or cancellations on our website. We will utilize cell phone numbers provided during team registration for Primary and/or Secondary team contacts to communicate tournament updates.

Since weather conditions can change quickly, we ask all teams to be prepared to play as soon as possible as weather clears and fields are playable.

Under no circumstances will teams receive a full refund of the entry fee for weather related disruptions or cancellations.