



2019 Fall Tournament Rules

Applies: National Fall Lax Festival

RULES

WE WILL PLAY THE NEW FREE MOVEMENT RULE AT NATIONAL FALL LAX FESTIVAL!!!

THINKLAX TOURNAMENTS will follow all 2019 US Lacrosse & NFHS Rules as it pertains to each age level with the following tournament modifications/clarifications:

- There are NO timeouts.
- During an injury timeout, the clock will run.
- 8 –Meter Shots: will be played if the horn sounds for the end of the game or half. If the 8-meter is already in play when the game horn sounds, then the game is complete at the time of the horn, if the ball crosses goal line after the game horn the ruling is NO GOAL. (Same)
- Alternate possession – The team listed first on the schedule receives the first alternate possession. After the initial possession is awarded, the possession will then alternate.
- *Uniforms must meet US Lacrosse rules, Free Position on the first draw if they do not, if both teams are illegal, start with a draw. No jewelry allowed on players.*
- *1 Yellow Card – the player must sit for 2 minutes, running clock, the official will keep time.*
- *2 Yellow Cards – the player must sit the remainder of the game. This player may return to the next game.*
- **RED Card (PLAYER) – The player must sit the remainder of the game and NEXT game!**
- **RED Card (COACH) – The coach must leave the game and remain away from the game until the completion of the game and the coach **WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COACH THE REST OF THE EVENT!****

SCHEDULING

All teams will play in pools of equal competition level. We will do our best to give more interregional match-ups at our events and give all teams the opportunity to increase their level of play or experience success in their pool. Typically our tournaments yield one of the lowest goal differentials in the country when the tournament is finalized. We will only take into account feedback from Club Directors and Club Owners as to team placement in our events.

DIVISIONS

2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028

TIMING: NATIONAL FALL LAX FESTIVAL

All games will be 36 minutes in length – 2 – 18 minutes halves with a 2-minute halftime and 2 minutes between games. (A total of 40 minutes of schedule increments)

ROSTER NOTES

- All players and parents/guardians must have signed the player waiver form before any participation including but not limited to: warming up, stretching, playing in a game.
- Coaches must check-in at the Coach's table at the main tent prior to the first game to verify rosters and waivers.
- All rosters **MUST BE SUBMITTED** at October 2nd, 2019 prior to the tournament for the team to participate.
- Rosters must include: First Name, Last Name, Player Number, Player Email, and Position

COACHES

- Each team is allowed to no more than (4) coaches on the field for each game.
- **ALL COACHES MUST BE US LACROSSE MEMBERS!**
 - [LINK TO FILL OUT CLICK HERE](#)
- Coaches can only coach their sideline – cannot be in the substitution box, on the field or in the spectator area opposite the score table and benches.
- All substitutions are handled on the fly or on a goal scored.
- All coaches MUST RESPECT the officials, their opponents, opposing coaches, scorekeepers, parents and event staff.
- thinklax tournaments has a “zero tolerance policy” for coaches not adhering to the said rules above. Games will be forfeited if rules are not abided by.

SPORTSMANSHIP/CONDUCT

- Only head coaches can address the officials and must do so in a respectful manner.
- Respect your opponents and “Honor the Game” on all levels.
- Poor sportsmanship, taunting, trash talking, fighting, running up the score or other unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated by anyone at our events.
- Once kicked out of our event you cannot come back even for a later game.

OVERALL TOURNAMENT GAME FORMAT AND RULES

- All games will start promptly at the assigned times.
- No timeouts permitted at all during the tournament.
- Central clock will start and stop games and halftime.
- Officials may stop on field play for any reason he/she feels fit, examples include: serious injury, game equipment issues, sideline problems, etc.
- Time - serving penalties are kept by the field Marshall.
- Official score is on the scoreboard of the scorer's table – signed by coaches!

- All Substitutions are on the fly.
- There is no Mercy Rule for Youth Games.
- All appropriate equipment and mouth guards must be worn at all times.
- Officials and the Tournament Director have the final say on all interpretations and rulings.

REFUND POLICY

Deposit and Registration Fees/Payments are Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Inclement weather is out of the control of tournament directors, officials and site managers. Safety is our number one concern. In the event of thunder and/or lightening, all games will be suspended for 30 minutes from the last occurrence. Games will resume at their regularly scheduled time. No games will be made up or delayed.

The tournament will be held in the rain. In the event of heavy rain, it is up to the facilities we are renting from to determine if play is permitted on the field or not. The tournament directors will push hard in order to ensure all games are played, however, the facilities have the final say.