

thinkLAX tournaments

Return to play policies for Summer and Fall 2020

thinkLAX tournaments is excited to announce that our tournaments have been approved to run during July and August 2020 (Impulse Lax Fest July 10-12, Lax Amplified July 31 to August 2, Summer Genesis August 7 – 9). thinkLAX remains committed to providing the safest playing and viewing environment in order for children to participate in youth sports .

Unless prohibited by federal, state or local order, Impulse Lax Fest, Lax Amplified and Summer Genesis are all a go and will be take place on the previously announced reschedule dates (as listed above). We are committed to providing children a safe experience allowing them to be active while providing the benefits of physical activity and team play.

With the above in mind we have implemented policies and guidelines that promote social distancing at all events to best ensure the safety of all participants. All events take will place at large venues allowing ample space to spread out and abide by social distancing protocols.

If you have had close contact with any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to any scheduled tournament start date, YOU CANNOT ATTEND ANY EVENT.

If you become sick on the day of the event, YOU MUST STAY HOME!

*****If there is any federal, state or locally imposed shut-down prior to any thinkLAX event the event will be canceled*****

Links to Additional Waivers / Symptom Tracker

In order to combat the spread of the novel corona-virus – Covid – 19 – our tournaments have added additional waivers which everyone must complete. We apologize in advance for those of you who had already completed player waivers but with the unprecedented circumstances new waivers are required for the safety and understanding of all participants. The new waiver is required to be completed by parent/guardian, players, coaches, staff and officials).

ALL NEW WAIVERS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH LEAGUE APPS – We have deleted all pre-existing waivers. We apologize for the inconvenience – but this is something we must have updated! Your club director will resend you the newly updated waiver soon!

24-Hour Symptom Checker (This is for all participants – Players, Parents, Coaches, College Coaches, Officials, and Staff Workers) and must be completed within the 24-hours preceding the date of participation in any of our events!

Link: <https://forms.gle/yTm1Kc8eENWwR1n17>

Tournament Policies effective July 1, 2020

In order to combat the spread of the novel corona-virus – Covid – 19 – our tournaments will be encouraging and expecting all participants to observe the following practices:

1. Anyone with any pre-existing conditions (including but not limited to heart, kidney, liver disease, diabetes, immunodeficiencies or ANY LUNG issues) or persons aged 65 years **SHOULD NOT ATTEND any thinkLAX** events during summer 2020.
2. All participants, spectators, coaches, officials and event staff who attend our events **SHOULD NOT VISIT ANYONE** with the aforementioned conditions listed above for at least **14 days** prior to the player's first scheduled game.
3. Lacrosse balls and score tables will be sanitized throughout the event.
4. Food vendors will have social distance markings for their lines.
5. Vendors at our event will only permit a maximum of 5 people in their areas at any given time. ****When entering vendor area masks are required****
6. Portable bathrooms will be available at each facility in large quantities and spread out to ensure social distancing. In addition, we will spray sanitizer in them each hour, however, spray sanitizer will be outside the portable bathrooms if you want to sanitize before you enter and/or upon exiting.
7. All of our staff will be wearing masks when in close contact with any stakeholders of the event.
8. All of our staff will be completing the 24-hour symptom checker form 24 hours prior to working at our events.

Event Format Updates

In order to mitigate the spread of any communicable diseases and COVID-19 infections all thinkLAX events have changed our event format for summer 2020 as follows:

1. The format will now be 3 games on one day. Teams will play all 3 of their games on either Friday, Saturday or Sunday only therefore eliminating the need for overnight stay. (Please refer to each event for specific information)
2. Playoffs brackets and championships will be suspended for 2020.
3. There is **only 1 spectator allowed per player!**
4. Do not invite anyone to your games that is not your **"1 spectator"**. Anyone entering either facility without a player in the vehicle– will be turned away and not permitted to attend the event.
5. Once onsite, you will **not be permitted to leave and return** unless it is deemed an emergency. (No going out for coffee, water, etc)
6. All spectators must follow the local regulations – if face masks are required (as they currently required in Maryland) you must comply with that policy. (We strongly recommend all stakeholders to wear masks as much as possible at the event)
7. We encourage all athletes to wear masks to and from the fields – this will adhere to local regulations – no athletes are required to wear masks during competition, but may do so if they feel safer.

8. All coaches, athletes, spectators, and staff must maintain social distancing guidelines set out by the CDC and maintain a 6 foot radius unless you are on the field in the game.
9. Athletes should limit touching to their personal belongings/equipment only. (Athletes should bring personal hand sanitizer and sanitize after every game)
10. There will be no post game hand-shake or close contact with the other team. Please exit the game field on opposite sides.
11. In between games please maintain social distancing or return to your cars for some air conditioning and hydration. There will be no TEAM tents allowed! We also strongly discourage the use of shared 'team' coolers or other items that may impact effective social distancing.
12. No team gatherings or huddles are permitted unless strict social distancing is followed by the team and monitored/enforced by the coaching staff.

Team Scoring and Information

While we know that this summer may not show which teams are the "best" or crown champions, we still feel that scores should be kept and a record of how your team performed is much needed. We will provide the following service:

1. We are opening up tourney machine for scoring to be completed by one representative from each team.
2. Volunteer scorekeepers or coaches will need to install the Tourney Machine app on their phone (most of you probably already have it)
3. Scorekeepers will need to open the app and click "Score Game" for each game
4. When game is completed, mark the score as "Game Final"

thinkLAX will NOT recognize, discuss, or change ANY scores from this summer's events. We are simply providing you an avenue to view team progress. **There are no PLAYOFFS OF CHAMPIONSIPS – so there will be no discussion of ANY SCORES and we ask anyone reporting scores be truthful and honest (representatives from each team should agree/confirm the score prior to marking any game scores as final)!**

Additional Waiver / Actions Required

An additional COVID waiver must be signed by any coach (with a valid US Lacrosse number) and a parent/guardian/player combination waiver must be filled out to participate.

COACH WAIVER LINK: <https://thinklax.leagueapps.com/events/1534018-us-lacrosse-verification---coaches>

1. You will be required to sign/date the waiver in several different sections and it is imperative that everyone read all the requirements and agreements required for attending out events.
2. All players/spectators/coaches must also complete the 24-hour google form symptom tracker form in order to participate or spectate at our event.

3. Anyone with any symptoms **MAY NOT ATTEND THE EVENT!**
4. Anyone with any symptoms or contact with any infected person in the **14 days prior to scheduled participation in any of event MAY NOT ATTEND THE EVENT.**

thinkLAX Events

Due to the current constraints by the NCAA and black-out dates for recruiting (Division II and Division III coaches will be attendance) we are providing **ALL COLLEGE COACHES FILM FREE OF CHARGE!**

Additionally, we would also want to highlight the differences to expect during summer 2020 versus what you normally expected during thinkLAX events as follows:

1. There will be no bleachers available for use at our events. All spectators must bring their own chairs.
2. To assist with social distancing measures we cannot provide water jugs for common use at field tables. We strongly suggest everyone bring **PLENTY OF THEIR OWN WATER** to the events and discourage shared 'team' coolers.
3. We will have sanitizing stations located throughout each playing facility.
4. We will be cleaning all related surfaces throughout that day.

College Coaches Information

We are excited to host any and all college coaches to all of our events! In order to minimize exposure to any communicable diseases, have implemented the following policies for any collegiate recruiters during summer 2020:

1. We will provide college recruiting books, however, we ask you to use your virtual software and personal ipad or tablet for recruiting to limit contact. Please reserve/order a hard-copy book if you absolutely need one.
2. We will only be able to provide boxed lunches by name and reservation only. Meals will be by self-service pick up only. In order to get any food you must be registered to attend the event!
3. All college coaches will need to complete a COVID-19 waiver prior to recruiting at any of our events.
4. All college coaches must complete the symptom checker form, 24 hours prior to each day recruiting.
5. All coaches must practice social distancing and we will not be able provide chairs to coaches. Please bring your own chair and stay spread out in the coach's box.

Officials Information

Keeping officials (one of our most critical and important assets to the successful running of our events) safe during our events is of utmost importance. Officials provide safety to all the players involved and we need to provide a safe environment for our officials to successfully do their job.

OFFICIALS WAIVER LINK: <https://thinklax.leagueapps.com/events/1534018-us-lacrosse-verification---coaches>

1. We strongly encourage all officials to invest in electronic whistles for our events to limit any air born particles from entering the playing area.
2. Please utilize the hand sanitizer on the score table before the game, at half time, and after each game.
3. We cannot provide any drinks and or food for our events this year. Please be prepared to eat during the break between sessions with your own lunch box and water.
4. We cannot provide water filling stations – please bring a water cooler ample enough to cover your needs each day.
5. Except in case of injury or emergency, we will not be able to provide personal onsite transportation via golf cart to any attendees.
6. Inline with summer 2020 policies prohibiting team tents and shared/common coolers, etc. we will not be able to provide onsite equipment transportation assistance via golf cart.
7. All officials will need to complete a COVID-19 waiver prior to officiating at any of our events.
8. All officials must complete the symptom checker form, 24 hours prior to each day officiating.
9. All officials must exercise social distancing and we cannot provide chairs to officials so please bring your own chair/umbrella, etc. **We may have tents for the score table for limited shade.**
10. Officials are asked to wear masks to and from the field, but not required to wear them during the games or half-time but are welcome to wear masks during games if preferred.

Staff Workers

In order to best facilitate our events this year, we will be limiting staff workers to trash collections, parking, and overall field maintenance. We cannot provide score keepers, but please see above pertaining to scoring at our events.

Staff workers will be provided boxed lunches throughout the day.

Staff workers must complete the COVID-19 Waiver and complete the symptom tracker 24-hours prior to working each day of our events. (Links are up top)