

2022 The Showdown - Rules

RULES OF PLAY

US Lacrosse Official rules will be used for the tournament

Only USL certified Officials are used

POOL AND BRACKET PLAY - HS AND YOUTH

- Each team will get 3-4 pool play games
- Some Divisions will move on to Bracket play or will play a single Championship Game on Sunday (minimum of 5 games for the weekend)
- Each pool/division will have a winner based on (W/L/T). Win = 3 points, Tie = 1 point, Loss = 0 points.
- In case of ties in standings we will use the following criteria:
 - Total Points (Win/Loss)
 - Head to Head
 - Goals Allowed
 - Goal Differential (up to 8 points)
 - Coin Toss

YOUTH SPECIFIC RULES TO NOTE

- 12U Division Games will be Modified Checking (we will not use the closest guarded rule)
- 12U Division Games will follow the sportsmanship rule, for 12U if there is a 4+ point deficit the team that is down will receive the ball in place of the draw. This will end if the point gap is closed or if both coaches agree to waive this rule.
- 14U Division Games will be Full Checking

GENERAL GAME PLAY - HS AND YOUTH

- All games will run on a central horn that will sound at the start and end of each half and game.
- Games will have (2) x 24 minute halves running clock with a 3 minute halftime.
- There will be NO TIMEOUTS DURING ANY GAME.
- Teams are expected to be ready to play at the start of the horn as the clock will run on time
- Sticks will only be checked for each team's first game of the day
- There will be no overtime for tie games in Pool play and a single 2 minute sudden death overtime for Bracket play, followed by a Braveheart at the expiration of overtime
- **Yellow Cards are not releasable at any time except for the expiration of the 2:00 penalty time.**
- If a player receives 2 yellow cards in one game they will be out for the rest of that game.
- If a team receives 4 yellow cards total in one game they will play down for the remainder of the game
- Any player or coach who physically or verbally assaults another will be expelled from the tournament and law enforcement will be contacted. Ejections are determined by the referees; expulsions by the tournament director.
- Any player or coach who receives a Red card will be out for the rest of the day and not allowed to re-enter the bench/field area and may be subject to tournament suspension.
- Should a **direct** free position be set up or in the process of being set up when time runs out, the shot will be set up and only the initial shot on goal will be played out. No additional offensive or defensive play will occur and final say on the play will be left to the discretion of the Official on the field.
- Please refer the 2021 NFHS/US Lacrosse Rule Book for other game play procedures

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HEAT ADVISORY – SCHEDULED WATER BREAKS

- Should there be extreme heat, we may incorporate a 1 minute water break each half. If a water break is instituted it will remain that way for the entire day. **Coaches may coach during water breaks, and substitutions may only be made if the game is at a stop in play.**
- The field manager will alert the officials approximately 10 minutes into each half, it will be up to the officials to determine an appropriate time to take a water break.

PLAYERS EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM

- Jersey numbers should be worn on the front & back of all jerseys and be the regulation size
- Duplicate jersey numbers must be announced to the officials before the game begins
- It will be up to the officials' discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment including the wearing of an orthopedic cast or hard brace.
- Mouth guards and eye protection are mandatory for ALL players as well as certified goalie helmets and full gear.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- Delays, postponements, suspensions and cancellations will be at the Tournament Directors/Facility Directors discretion.
- The schedule may be modified if necessary due to inclement weather or poor field conditions. There is a lightning detection system in place. All fields will be cleared when it sounds and play may only resume when the all clear is given by the system. It is the coaches responsibility to have their team ready to play following a weather delay.
- Go to [Tourney Machine Tournament page](#) or www.theshowdownlax.com for updates. **Email updates will be sent to the Team Admin email address with which teams were registered.**
- **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES**

SUSPENDED & TERMINATED GAMES

- If in the opinion of game officials, a game must be suspended for any reason, the game may be resumed but is subject to being terminated not less than 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the next game. If in the opinion of game officials, a game must be terminated for misconduct of players, coaches, or spectators, the offending team could be suspended from further play and forfeits that game and all remaining games.
- Should a game be terminated early for weather, safety or other reasons, the score will stand as is. Some games may be rescheduled, if so they will continue from the point at which they left off or considered complete if 80% of the game was played.

INJURY

- Delays of the game due to injury may result in shortened game times. All games must end 5 min prior to the next scheduled game on that field. Field Managers/table officials will be assigned to each field and can call the trainer to your field in case of injury or emergency.

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ROSTERS AND AGE DIVISIONS

- All rosters must stay set throughout the event.
- Players may not be on more than one team's roster.
- Any team found to have un-rostered or double rostered players on the field will vacate all of their previous wins and potentially may be allowed to play in all their remaining games but games will result in a forfeit.
- Age division rules in the youth divisions are strict, with case by case exceptions per USL age guidelines.
- HS age guidelines should be followed in each division, if younger players are participating in older grad year divisions, their correct graduation year must be indicated on all of their registration and rosters
- NO graduated seniors are allowed to play in any divisions besides HS Mixed Gold, should this occur the player will be treated as an illegally or un-rostered player .

HOME TEAM

- Home team will be the team that appears first on the schedule. The home team will be required to switch to alternate jerseys to accommodate a color conflict as declared by the umpires. If the home team cannot supply alternate jerseys, the visitor team will change. HOME TEAM should be on the left bench when facing the field from the team sideline.

FORFEITS

- Teams failing to report to assigned games/field at their scheduled time will forfeit that game. If the team comes late, both teams may opt to play the remainder of the scheduled game. Officials must be present.
- Teams failing to field 11 field players and 1 goalie at the scheduled time will forfeit that game, teams may choose to complete the game anyways but the score will still result in a forfeit.
- Forfeits will appear on the schedule as 1-0
- Standard USL/NFHS rules will be followed

DISPUTES/COMPLAINTS

- All disputes will be settled by the Tournament Director, their decision will be final.
- Only Team/Club staff may dispute any loss, officiating call or other matter. Anyone who is not official team personnel MAY NOT approach the tournament director with issues.
- Teams may be penalized if anyone other than an official team staff member approaches officials, table workers or tournament directors with disputes/issues regarding game play.