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Roster Notes

- All players must complete waiver to participate in the tournament.
- Players are not allowed to double roster unless communicated with tournament director and approved before the tournament starts. Players may be allowed to play UP, but not DOWN. Teams found in violation of this rule will be disqualified and deemed a loss. In the event the team in violation loses, the final score will remain. In the event the team in violation wins, score will reflect a 1-0 loss for team in violation.
- In case of forfeit, score will reflect a 1-0 loss for the forfeiting team.

Game Rules

Any rules not mentioned will follow USA Lacrosse rules.

Format:

- 12v12 including goalies
- Two 20 minute running clock halves with a 3 minute halftime.
- Yellow card times kept on field by game scorer. All yellow cards will be a two minute penalty starting once player takes knee in box. Yellow card is releasable if the other team scores a goal.
- Max score differential per game is set at 10 goals. Games will continue once 10 goal differential is hit.
- One 45 second timeout per game per team. No timeouts during last two minutes of games. If timeout is underway during two minute warning, the timeout is over and play resumes. Penalty time stops during timeouts.

Central Horn:

- A central horn will start game, signal start of halftime, signal start of the second half, a double-horn will signal the two minute warning in the second half, and a long horn will end games.

Game Scoring

- 5 points for W, 2 points for T, 0 points L

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Tied Games:

- No OT in pool play.
- Tied playoff games: Go immediately to a three minute sudden victory (12v12). First team to score wins. If no teams score during the three minute OT period, a 1v1 (plus goalie) Brave Heart competition until a goal is scored. During a Braveheart, if a foul is committed normal USA Lacrosse rules apply.

Tie Breakers in Pool Play:

1. Record
2. Head to Head
3. Goals Allowed
4. Goal Differential
5. Goals Scored
    a. Head to head in detail: This breaks ties based on the record (or points, if points are used) against the teams tied with. For example, if 3 teams have the same overall record at 4-2 and all 3 of the teams played each other an equal number of times and one team's record against the other two was 2-0, another was 1-1, and the other was 0-2. The tie breaker would order them accordingly. If all three teams had identical 1-1 records, this tie breaker would not be used and goals allowed would be applied.

Tie Breakers Among Division (applicable when bracket is advanced among entire division):

1. Record
2. Pool Place
3. Goals Allowed
4. Goal Differential
5. Goals Scored

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Rule Specifications:

- Only 3 players from each team allowed between restraining lines for draw.
- 2 yellow cards for 1 player/coach - player/coach will be out remainder of THAT game but may play in next game.
- Red card for 1 player/coach - player/coach out for remainder of THAT game. Head Official, Field Official, and Tournament Director will determine if player/coach will be allowed to play any remaining games.
- If team accumulates 4+ cards in games, they will play man-down for remainder of game.
- If horn sounds at end of time and free position is being awarded in critical scoring area, the game will continue until scoring play is over.

Weather Policy:

- US Lax Events and Skyline Events has the right to shorten games, finalize games due to future weather, reschedule games, and finish games before inclement weather arrives.
- Every attempt will be made to update cancellations on the Tourney Machine website. Weather conditions can change rapidly and all teams should be prepared to play as soon as weather clears and fields are playable.
- If thunder or lightning is observed at any location, a triple horn will sound from throughout the complex and play will be suspended immediately.
- Players and fans will be required to leave field and go into their cars. Play will be allowed to resume 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder or sight of lightning is observed, 3 short horns will sound to resume play.

Conduct Policy:

- Only head coaches can address officials.
- Head coaches are responsible for their players, parents, and fans.
- US Lax Events and Skyline Events has the right to remove any coach, player, or fan from the tournament.

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- Derogatory language, poor sportsmanship, taunting, fighting, or unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
- There is a no tolerance policy for any discrimination based on race, gender, religion or sexual orientation/identity by player, coaches or fans. If a player, coach or fan is proven to be in violation of this, the result will be immediate ejection from the tournament. Offending persons will need to leave the venue and no refunds will be offered.
- Please instruct your parents not to come to the event HQ. Only coaches and directors should approach the HQ tent for problems.

Refund Policy:

- All Programs must pay a deposit, per team, to enter the tournament. All team deposits are non-refundable
- Team deposits are non-refundable. cancellation of an entered team more than 30 days of the event will result in forfeiture of that deposit and credit of remaining balance
- Cancelling an entered team within 30 days will result in forfeiture of full amount
- US Lax Events tournaments and showcases have fixed expenses relating to each event, including but not limited to field costs, equipment costs, and personnel. Accordingly, teams will not receive a full credit of the entry fee if the tournament is canceled. In the event a US Lax Events tournament or showcase is cancelled prior to the start of the event, a 100% credit of registration fees minus the nonrefundable team deposit, will be issued towards a future US Lax Events tournament.

All rules are at the event directors' discretion.