



# **Raleigh LaxFest Rules & Policies (GIRLS)**

## **I. Tournament Registration**

- Team Registration and payment takes place online via the Raleigh LaxFest website.
- Rosters and waivers will be captured online and are due on or around October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Coaches\Teams must also check-in at the event's Central Tent before their first game.

## **II. Player Participation Waiver & Proof of Age:**

- All players and coaches MUST hold active US Lacrosse Memberships (ENFORCED)
- All participants must submit an online waiver to compete in Raleigh LaxFest.
- Age & Profile Information must match Team Rosters submitted by each coach prior to tournament play (ENFORCED)
- Players may only participate on one team and in one division.
- Teams found participating with illegal players (by age or incorrect rosters) may be asked to leave the event, without refund.

## **III. Tournament Rules**

All divisions will use 2017 US Lacrosse "Official Rules for girls' and women's lacrosse" with modifications based on "US Lacrosse Youth Rules and Best Practices: and US Lacrosse Tournament Standards. Additional modifications follow:

- Stick Checking (Girls Youth Divisions) - Modified checking only: the entire stick must be below the shoulder and the check must be down and away from the body. Player with the ball may not hold the ball for more than 3 seconds when:
  - closely guarded/marked & the defender has both hands on her stick
  - the defense is in position to legally check were checking allowed
- A GAME/HALF MAY NOT END ON A DEFENSIVE PENALTY. In the event of a defensive penalty with an expired clock, play will resume on the official's whistle. Trail Official will count :03 Seconds of play from point of Free Position at the whistle. During the :03 seconds, regular game rules exist, including the potential for another defensive foul, pass, a shot or a goal. All goal calls are final.
- Excessive physical play, fighting, foul language, excessive "trash talk," and disrespect toward players, referees, coaches, or parents by any players, coaches, or parents will not be tolerated. Tournament directors will handle situations on a case by case basis in consultation with referees and reserve the right to remove any player, coach, or fan from the event without refund.
- In the event of weather conditions or any other circumstances that prevent the continuation of tournament game play or shorten the available timeframe to play, the tournament directors will post either a modified schedule of game times or post a cancellation of the remainder of the event. Tournament directors will use playoff bracket tie-breaker rules when applicable to determine champions in each age division if enough games have been played to reach a playoff. All effort will be made to remain on schedule or to offer abbreviated games. If playoff games are reached, no refund policy will apply. If a playoff is not reached, the posted tournament refund policy will apply and the tournament directors will be in touch directly with team representatives.

## **IV. Game Format**

- Games will be 20 minute running time halves with a 5-minute halftime. Games will start on time with a universal horn and will not stop under any circumstance except an extended injury timeout. It will then be referee discretion to add up to 4 minutes to the end of the game time but no more than that.
- All games will start promptly at the assigned times.
- **Teams will have 0 timeouts.**

- Continuous clocks will be kept by Tournament Representatives and officials in a Central Tent.
- Time Serving Penalties are kept by the on-field officials.
- The official score will be kept by Tournament Staff. The staff and referee may confer throughout the game and stoppages to ensure the correct score. The coach will sign the official score card at the end of each game. Any score discrepancies should be addressed at that time with a tournament field manager, game officials, and head coach from both teams. Once the score has been signed off on by both teams and submitted to the score table no further score adjustments will be made.
- All Substitutions are on the fly.
- In the Youth Divisions, the MERCY RULE applies when there is a six (6) goal lead deficit in pool play only, not in playoffs. Teams down by six (6) or more goals can elect to take an indirect free position at the draw center.
- A forfeit will be posted as 1-0 victory for the non-forfeiting team
- During pool play, games may end in a tie. During playoffs, a 4-minute, sudden-victory OT will be played. If, at the end of the OT period, the game is still tied the game will be decided with a Braveheart. Each team will have 1 field player and a goalie.
- All appropriate equipment and mouth guards must be worn at all times.
- Officials and the Tournament Director have final say on all interpretations and rulings.

#### V. Playoffs \ Seeding Criteria:

1. Overall Record
2. Head-to-Head Results (only if there is a 2-way tie).
3. Goal differential (up to 7 goals maximum per game).
4. Goals against
5. Win-Loss versus common highest ranked opponent if applicable and each subsequently ranked opponent
6. Goal-Differential against highest ranked opponent if applicable and each subsequently ranked opponent 7 goal max per game
7. Coin Toss.

#### VI. Sportsmanship \ Conduct:

- Only coaches are permitted to address the officials and must do so in a fair and respectful manner.
- Respect your opponents and "Honor the Game" on all levels.
- Poor sportsmanship, taunting, trash talking, fighting, or other unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated by coaches, players, parents and/or fans of any organization.
- Any coach, player, parent or fan receiving an ejection penalty (RED CARD) will be removed (from the team / field / immediate playing area) for the remainder of the tournament.

#### Payments / Refund / Cancellation Policy:

Failure to meet payment deadlines constitute non-acceptance of event registration agreement.  
This may result in forfeiture of tournament spot and deposit fee.

- **Deposit Due: Upon Registration**
- **Early Bird Price: By July 31, 2017**
- **Full Payments Due: By October 15, 2017**

#### Team Requested Refunds Prior to Event Date:

- **75% refund outside 61 days of event**
- **50% refund within 31-60 days of event**
- **No refunds within 30 days of event.**

#### Refunds Due to Event Cancellation:

- **Properly registered teams will receive full refund less a 15% processing fee if event is fully cancelled due to weather**
- **No Refunds will be given to any team that completes at least 2 scheduled games**