



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 15th
- 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) will forfeit any games played and may be asked to leave the event, without refund.

III. Tournament Rules

All divisions will use 2020 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/checked & 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 22 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 centrally, by Tournament Representatives.
- 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.
- 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.

IV. 10U & Below Division Specific Rules

- 8v8 Format: 7 field players (2 attack, 3 middies, 2 defenders) +1 goalie = 8 total
- Goalie required: team playing without a goalie for any reason, will receive an automatic "Loss" in bracket play
- Eyewear, Mouth guard required
- No checking
- Standard 3 seconds and shooting space applies
- Draw after every goal
- Players hold for possession of the draw
 - 3 players will be placed on the 8m offensive end and 3 players on the 8-meter defensive end
 - The 7th field player will be at the center to take the draw
 - Players must hold in the 8-meter until the official has signaled that possession has been attained
- Mercy rule (use when the score differential is 6 or more) – the team that is down by 6 or more goals will have a free possession at the draw after a goal
- Player with the ball may not hold the ball for more than 3 seconds when closely guarded, the defense must be in a position to legally check if checking were allowed

V. Playoffs \ Seeding Criteria:

Seeding is determined by pool play results. Tie-breakers are determined by the following:

1. Overall Record
2. Head-to-Head Result
3. Goals against
4. Goals differential (up to 7 goals maximum per game).
5. Goals Scored
6. 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 game and the player will miss the next game. Parents/fans receiving an ejection penalty may be asked to leave for the remainder of the tournament at the discretion of the Directors.

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***
- ***Full Payments Due: By October 1, 2020***

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 as refund less a \$200 processing fee if event is fully cancelled due to weather or pandemic (COVID-19).***
- ***No Refunds will be given to any team that completes at least 2 scheduled games***