



PATRIOT GAMES SUMMER LACROSSE SHOWCASE

July 26-27, 2008

RULES OF PLAY AND GAME INFORMATION

GAME FORMAT

- Two 20-minute halves; 2 minute half-time; teams change field direction for the 2nd half.
- Running time
- Officials start and end the game on their own clock
- Time serving penalties; penalty time kept by officials on the field
- NO TIMEOUTS (exception - one 30-second time-out per team allowed in final 2 minutes of game)
- U11/U13 - NO HORNS, but substitutions on sidelines are permitted for U11 and U13 brackets; they will be facilitated by officials if requested promptly
- U15/U17 - NO HORNS, all substitutions are on the fly for U15 and U17 brackets
- US Lacrosse Rules will be in effect for U11 and U13 brackets
- National Federation High School Rules will be in effect:
 - COUNTS/ADVANCEMENT – U15/U17 ONLY - There will be a 20 second count to clear the midline and a 10 second count to advance the ball into your offensive box after crossing the midline.
 - ALL BRACKETS - winning team must keep ball in box last two minutes of play
- OVERTIME: 3 v 3 sudden victory brave heart (plus goalie) for max 2 minutes to determine the winner, if neither team scores, game ends in tie. In playoff rounds only, there will be two 5-minute sudden victory overtime periods, followed by above 3v3 brave heart format until winner is decided.
- Tie Break Procedure for playoff seeding: 1) head to head; 2) goals against average; 3) coin-flip

SPECIAL RULES

- LIMITED BODY CHECKING; NO BLATANT HITS; NO TAKE-OUT CHECKS - Big hits and overly physical play (even within five yards from a loose ball), as well as excessive force, roughness, checking or hitting off the ball, constitutes unnecessary roughness and will result in a 1 minute penalty.
 - The Patriot Games directors expect tournament officials to “err” on the side of safety. All coaches involved with teams in the tournament are expected to understand and support our philosophy with regard to officiating and the promotion of player safety.
- MERCY RULE in effect during pool play but not during playoffs (applies when there is a 4 goal differential). Teams down by 4 goals or more will be awarded the ball at midfield after each goal. The second half starts with a face-off regardless of goal differential.
- BALLS - All teams are responsible for balls on their offensive end-line (it is anticipated that field fences will stop many, but not all, of the shots). Each team will be provided with six (6) balls at the beginning of the tournament at check-in. Teams are responsible for those balls and for making sure there are an adequate number of balls on their offensive end-line during games.

KEEPING/REPORTING SCORES

- Officials are responsible to keep score on each field and to report scores following the games
- Following each game, coaches from both teams are asked to help facilitate the reporting of scores to the site headquarters. Unreported scores will be treated as a tie for both teams.

SPORTSMANSHIP/CONDUCT:

- Poor sportsmanship, taunting, trash talking, fighting or other unbecoming behavior on the part of players, coaches, parents or fans will not be tolerated.
- All persons involved with the Patriot Games visiting the Facility are expected to “Honor the Game”.
- Only head coaches are permitted to address the officials; coaches are expected to do so in a courteous manner.
- Please treat the officials, opponents, spectators and tournament staff with the same respect you would like to be shown.
- The Patriot Games directors expect the officials, coaches, players and fans to comport themselves in accordance with the rules.