

2011 BATTLE BY THE BEACH TOURNAMENT

General

1. All rules of play will be in accordance with current **NCAA rules** unless otherwise noted (such as waivers for running time, uniforms, etc.). U13 & U15 will use US Lacrosse youth rules located in back of current **NFHS Federation rulebook**.
2. All **issues must be resolved on the field** with head coaches and officials on the field working together in the spirit of the game.
3. All decisions on the field will be considered the final ruling.
4. OSL tournament director will be responsible administrative and tournament matters.
5. All teams must be **ready to go 5 minutes before each game** with all gear on. Any team not ready to face off at the common start clock will be assessed a delay of game penalty and initial face off.
6. All teams will shake hands only at the end of each game
7. Teams are **expected to clean up the bench site after each game** and remove their gear ASAP to accommodate the next game.
8. Due to limited space around the playing fields, the "Team Tent City" will be located just outside the entry gate on a combination of asphalt and grass.
9. Team tents are encouraged along with the usual fanfare - **We ask that each group be responsible for all trash and cleanup of their sites each day.**
10. **No outside food is allowed on Sportsplex Property.** Each team will be issued two team cooler tags upon arrival at the facility.
11. Per *City of Gulfport ordinance*, tailgating and cooking in the tents will not be permitted. Please be aware we anticipate that this ordinance will be enforced by the Sportsplex officials and local law enforcement.

Game Time & Play

1. Game times will consist of **two (2) 20 minute "running" halves** and a **5 minute halftime**. This will allow a 15 minute warm up period.
 - All games will start and stop with a common horn.
 - **Games will start on the hour and end at 45 minutes past the hour.**
 - Any game still underway at the 45 minute mark will be considered finished and the score registered accordingly.
 - Clocks will be used on all game fields to control penalties, etc., however, the common horn will prevail.
2. Teams are allowed **1 timeout per half** consisting of 30 seconds (timeouts cannot be carried over to next half); there will be **no timeouts in the final 2 minutes** of either half of play; the field clock will remain running during time outs.
3. Penalties will be assessed as 1.5 times the foul registered: 1 minute penalty will be served as 1 ½ minutes / 30 second will be served as 45 seconds, etc. If a penalty time expires during a dead ball, the player is not released until the next live ball – restarting of play.
4. Substitutions on the fly are acceptable. There will be **no substitution horns**. Referees will hold resumption of play for 15 seconds on "end line balls" for JVB, JV & Varsity level play; Substitutions will be allowed on both end line and side line balls for U13 & U15. Regular substitution is allowed after a goal and for an extra man situation.
5. Advancement rules (i.e., 30 second) will be in play for JVB, JV and Varsity level whereas U13 & U15 will not play with advancement rule.
6. OSL Lacrosse will furnish timer for each game; **it is expected that each team has a representative working at each game table**

Roster Rules

1. **All rosters must be submitted no later than March 9, 2011.**
2. **No player may play for more than one team during the tournament.**
3. Any program that has a Frosh, JVB, JV or Varsity program may not compete at the U15 level.
4. **U13 Level** - Players may not be 13 years of age on or before December 31, 2010 to be eligible for the 2011 US Lacrosse U-13 Lax season. Accordingly, players that turn 13 after December 31, 2010 are eligible.
5. **U15 Level** - Players may not be 15 years of age on or before December 31, 2010 to be eligible for the 2011 US Lacrosse U-15 Lax Fest. Accordingly, players that turn 15 after December 31, 2010 are eligible.
6. **VERY IMPORTANT!!!** In order to accommodate in the growth of the game here in the South, it is sometimes necessary to modify 4 & 5 above. A written request must be submitted to OSL tournament officials and agreed upon among opposing coaches

Scoring and Points

1. Points will be awarded after each game, **2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.**
2. Any 1st round games (first 4 games) can end in a tie.
3. If teams are tied for placement into the playoff rounds, the following manner will be considered and in the following order:
 1. Head to head play
 2. Most Wins
 3. Fewest goals allowed
 4. Coin Toss
4. Any playoff game ending in a tie will result in immediate sudden death overtime (first team to score wins).
5. One referee will hold the score card from each game and will sign the official tournament score card held at each "field" table. OSL tournament officials will collect the cards and enter the scores on the board in the BBBIV Tournament Headquarters tent. **All scores will be considered final at end of each game once the referee signs off.**

Tournament Administration

"Good sportsmanship and spirit for the game is expected and encouraged"

1. **US Lacrosse Sportsmanship Cards** will be utilized at the tournament should the need arise.
2. Only **head coach and the referee** on the field will discuss any questions or disputes.
3. OSL tournament officials have the **right to dis-qualify any team or player** for the following infractions:
 - Illegal use of players that are not on the submitted roster
 - False information - All information submitted is the basis of good faith.
 - Unnecessary vulgarity or abrasive conduct
4. The OSL tournament officials have the **right to terminate a game, player, team, coach or spectator** should the need arise.

Weather Policy

In the event of adverse weather or unplayable field conditions, the OSL Tournament Officials reserve the right to:

- Reduce game time to catch up with schedule;
- Finish games before inclement weather arrives or in order to preserve field conditions;
- Re-schedule games - if possible;
- Convert the tournament to a "Festival" format without playoffs or championships to enable the majority of the teams to have the opportunity to play as many games as possible; and/or
- Make every attempt to update cancellations or postponements ASAP at the OSL tournament tent headquarters.

Lightning Policy

If thunder or lightning is observed at any location, play will be suspended immediately and players and fans will be asked to leave the field. Play will resume 20-30 minutes after the last sound of thunder.

