

Metro Area MS Girls Lacrosse League

Rules and Procedures

2023

Most operational and procedural rules will adhere to USLAX, NFHS and KHSAA Guidelines. Specific Rules include:

Player Eligibility

1. All players must be enrolled in the school they are representing.
2. Each player's name must appear on the roster prior to the start of each game. Each team certifies that all players are of the appropriate grade for the league.
3. After the first game of the season, any additions to a team's roster must be reported to the league commissioner prior to that player's first game.
4. Roster Designation:
 - a. 7th/8th Grade players can only be on the 7th/8th roster.
 - b. 5th/6th Grade players can be on the 5th/6th or on the 7th/8th roster. If you form one team with students from grades 5-8, they play in the 7th/8th division
5. Any team that plays illegal players will forfeit all games played with that player and will be subject to potential suspension from the league for the remainder of the season pending ruling of intent by league administrator. This holds true even if the violation is discovered after the completion of the game.
6. All players are recommended to have a USA Lacrosse membership.

Conduct

1. Any player or team representative ejected from a game will be suspended for the next regular scheduled game, following said ejection.
2. Any player or coach ejected a second time during the season is ineligible to participate for the remainder of the regular season and playoffs.
3. Any team representative ejected from a game must leave the facility.
4. Any player or representative found to be participating while suspended will be ineligible for the remainder of the season and playoffs.
5. Ejections should be reported to the league administrator within 24 hours of the incident.
6. If a coach is ejected, the team must have someone to assume the role of coach for that game to continue and future games to be played.

Team/School Responsibilities

1. Teams must submit a roster 5 days prior to their first game that is deemed certified as all players attending their school to the league administrator.
2. Listed Home team is responsible to submit game outcome/score to the league administrator within 48 hours of game completion.
3. Teams are obligated to attend all regular season and playoff games.
4. Designated home teams are responsible for providing all table/box/score keeping personnel.
5. Each team is required to provide 4 game balls for each contest.
6. Host team is required to provide a table, two chairs, a timing device and workable horn for each game at their site. Also, game fields must be properly lined and include game

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quality goals and nets: and other “safe playing environment” expectations are required. Security may be provided at the discretion of the host site.

7. Host teams may charge for games and will keep all proceeds for regular season games. The designated charge is **\$5 for adults** and **\$3 for students** for regular season games.
8. Each team is responsible for first aid/athletic training needs for their team.
9. Designated home teams pay both the umpire & referee \$50 per game officiated.
10. **Submit registration and league fee by 1/31/23.**

Game Administration, Rules and Procedures

1. 7th/8th games shall be two **25** minute running clock halves with a 5 minute halftime. 5th/6th games shall be two **20** minute running clock halves with a 5 minute halftime.
2. The clock will run in the last two minutes of each half except for fouls committed in the critical scoring area, timeouts, goals, and cards. If there is a 10 goal differential at any point in the second half, the clock will continue to run.
3. Officials may suspend a game due to weather, darkness, field conditions, or any situation where they consider it to be dangerous. In the case of inclement weather, there will be a 30 minute suspension (“flash or bang” rule). After two suspensions, the game will be deemed complete or postponed. If postponed, the game will be rescheduled and begin at the point where it was suspended. A team may forfeit the game if they do not want to reschedule and continue the game. If a suspended game cannot be rescheduled, the team in the lead at the time of suspension will be declared the winner.
4. A game is considered legal and complete if 80% of playing time has elapsed. An interrupted game continued on the same day shall be restarted from its point of interruption. If a suspended game (one in which less than 80% of playing time has elapsed) is replayed on another day, it must be played from the point of interruption. A suspended game may be terminated and considered complete will be the official score of the game.
5. If a suspended game cannot be rescheduled for any reason the team in lead shall be declared the winner.
6. Up until the officials assume control of the game (when they arrive on the field), the home team/administrator shall determine if a game should be suspended.
7. There will be no overtime for regular season games.
8. Any suspended playoff game will be resumed at the point of suspension.
9. Any suspended team personnel that did not participate due to ejection are not to participate in any part of a rescheduled game.
10. Any team that does not appear at their game within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time will forfeit the game and must pay a \$50 penalty to the league.
11. Each team must have at least 12 able, properly equipped, roster players at the beginning of the game to play.

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Playoffs

1. Assuming 4 or more teams are in a division, the top 4 teams at the end of the regular season will be placed into a seeded 4-team bracket. The remaining teams will be matched for 1 post-season game (i.e. - #5 vs. #6, etc.)
2. Location will be selected based on seeding, field quality and other factors.
3. If a playoff game ends in regulation with a tie, teams will play 5 minute Overtime periods. This is a "Golden Goal" scenario where the first goal in an Overtime period wins the game.

Schedule

1. Practices will not begin prior to Wednesday, 2/15/23.
2. Games scheduled on Thursdays and Saturdays. **However, both schools and the referee assignor may agree to an alternate date.**
3. 5th/6th Grade, & 7th/8th Grade games will be scheduled back to back, if possible.
4. Game cancellations must be rescheduled immediately. If a one site decides to cancel, the site must reschedule the game(s). Reschedule the game within the week on a non-designated game day. If a March game is cancelled, the game should be rescheduled for the Saturday in that week. Do not wait until the end of the season. Commissioner and Assigning Secretary must be contacted for rescheduling.

Possible Game Dates for 2023:

Thursday, 3/9
Thursday, 3/16
Thursday, 3/23
Thursday, 3/30
Thursday, 4/13
Saturday, 4/15
Thursday, 4/20
Saturday, 4/22

Thursday, 4/27 (possible rain makeup day)

Playoffs & Championship 5/1-5/3

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