



## 2018 NECLL Rulebook

- US Lacrosse Womens' Rules will be used.
- Substitutions will be according to US Lacrosse rules.
- Each team is guaranteed 10 games consisting of two 25-minute halves.
- 5-minute halftime.
- No timeouts.
- Time is running.
- During an injury timeout the clock will stay running.
- It is the referees' discretion to determine the safety and suitability of player equipment, including braces, casts, etc.
- Mouth guards and eye protection are mandatory for all players.
- No jewelry of any kind is allowed during play.
- Teams must be ready to play at the end of the prior game.
- Referees have the authority to start or end a half early to keep the games on schedule.
- Eight-meter fouls whistled at half or the end of the game will be played out.
- At the conclusion of all regular season games, ties will be kept.
- 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Divisions: Full Check
- 5/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Divisions: Modified Check
  
- **STARTING THE GAME:** To draw, the ball is to be placed in the upper third of the head of the crosse at the widest part of the head. Three players from each team are allowed in the midfield during a draw, two players on the circle from each team as well as one center from each team. Each team is only allowed three players between the restraining lines. A draw will take place after every goal.
  
- **COACHING AREA:** Coaches may go from substitution area to end line on their own half of field.
  
- **TIMING:** The game officials will keep official time. Coaches of both teams are responsible for keeping official score. At the conclusion of the first half, the game officials and coaches will check in to establish the half-time score. At the conclusion of the game, the game officials and coaches will check in to establish the final score. All coaches are responsible for reporting the final score to league director. Coaches are responsible for texting scores to Ashley Means at (508) 735-3475
  
- **TIE SCORES:** At all levels, games during the season may end in a tie. Playoff games may not.
  
- **OVERTIME PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY ONLY:** Overtime procedures for season ending tournament play is applied to U15 and U13. When the score is tied at the end of regular play and overtime is to be played, both teams will have a 3-minute rest. A coin toss will occur for teams to determine choice of field ends. A 3-minute sudden victory period of running clock overtime will be played. In the event that the 3-minutes expires without a goal scored, the teams will switch ends and will play another 3-minute

overtime. This will continue until there is a winner. The clock will be stopped after 3 minutes of play in order for teams to change ends with no delay for coaching. The game will be restarted with a center draw. The team scoring the first goal wins the game.

● **OTHER RULES OF LEAGUE PLAY:**

- Rain outs - Rain date makeup games are to be determined by league director. However, **every attempt will be made to get every game in as scheduled!**
- There is not a pass rule.
- All game balls must have the "NOCSAE Standards" stamp on the ball.

● **DIVISIONS OF LEAGUE:**

- **3/4<sup>th</sup> grade Division:** Warrior
- **7/8<sup>th</sup> grade Division:** Brine and STX.
- **5/6<sup>th</sup> grade Division:** Cascade and Warrior.
- **All teams are required to submit a roster to the NECLL Director by 4/8/18.**
- All players must complete the online waiver through league website.
- All players on the field must be represented on your team roster.
- Under US Lacrosse rules girls may "play up" to the next higher age group (i.e. a player who would qualify by age for the U13 age group may play on a U15 team). Players are not permitted to "play down" (i.e. age groups are binding downwards).
- **SPORTSMANSHIP and RESPECT:** Good sportsmanship is at the foundation by which we operate as a league. We encourage all players and coaches to respect the spirit of the game and the rules by which it is played. We treat officials with respect even when we disagree. We live up to our own highest standards regardless of what others do. In doing so, we pay respect to the game, to ourselves, our teammates and our opponents.

**LEAGUE REPORTING and STANDING:**

- All coaches are responsible for reporting final scores to Ashley Means
- League standings will be posted on Tourney Machine.
- At the conclusion of the regular season each team will be awarded 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. Teams will be seeded by total number of points.
- If a team is tied in points a tie-breaker will be instituted:
  - Total Points
  - Head to Head
  - Total number of goals allowed
  - Goals allowed during first game of the season
  - Coin toss

**Payment of Officials:**

Officials will not be paid on site at league games. All officials will be paid by check. Coaches are asked to record the names of the individuals who officiated their games. Following each game this information along with game results should be sent to Ashley Means. The league front office will then compare the assignments as aligned by arbiter with the names the coaches submitted. On Monday (following the

weekend games), the checks will be mailed direct to officials. This is a checks and balance process in place to ensure prompt payment. This is because there may be an occasion where a last minute change in officials has occurred. We want to make certain that the individual who officiated the game receives proper and prompt compensation.

### **LEAGUE PLAYOFFS:**

- **The Playoffs will take place on Saturday, June 2nd.**

- **Tournament Seeding Procedures for 7/8<sup>th</sup> Divisions:**

The top 4 teams in each division will go on. There will be two semi-finals games for each division. Seed 1 will play Seed 4. Seed 2 will play Seed 3. The winners of these two games will play in the division finals.

- **Tournament Seeding Procedures for 5/6<sup>th</sup> Division:**

The top 4 teams in each division will go on. There will be two semi-finals games for each division. Seed 1 will play Seed 4. Seed 2 will play Seed 3. The winners of these two games will play in the division finals.

- **Tournament Seeding Procedures for 3/4<sup>th</sup> Division:**

The top seed will receive a bye- game. Seed 2 and Seed 3 will play each other in the semi finals. Winner of the semis will go on to plays Seed 1 immediately after in the division finals.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

- Every effort will be made to play all games on the scheduled date and time. Finding suitable make-up times and dates that work for both teams can be very difficult. If you have cancelled a game, please work together with your opponent and Ashley Means to make up this game prior to May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Please be mindful of travel times and make cancellation determinations no more than three hours from the scheduled start. Our teams and officials are traveling from all over MA, RI, and NH.
- First, Club Directors are to make direct contact with NECLL Director, Ashley Means.
- Then, Club Directors are to make direct contact with the opposing team if cancellation is necessary. Leaving a voicemail message or sending an email does not suffice unless a response and confirmation of receipt has been received.
- Next, Club Directors are to make direct contact with NECLL Officials Assignor, Robin Volpone
- Lastly, Club Directors are to make direct contact with NECLL game day officials.