

2020 Back Mountain Brawl Rules & Information

NEW RULE THIS YEAR FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS – This year each team will be required to provide a roster with names & numbers for each team at check-in if you have multiple teams in the same grade level. If your organization is fielding multiple teams in the same age group, they will not be allowed to field players on both teams or add players to a different team for a playoff or championship game.

ALSO – New Brave-Heart rules and we ask that in the 5/6 & 7/8 divisions, that the winning team report the final score to the scorekeepers table on the back side of the concession stand within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the game.

5/6 & 7/8 Boys & Girls Division Tournament Rules:

- Tournament game times are controlled by a central horn (see below)
 1. **Horn will be used to start the game**
 2. **Second horn is 5-minute warning**
 3. **Third horn is end of game**
- Games are 25 minutes in length with no halftime and a running clock. One 30 second time out PER team is allowed and can only be used if losing. Clock continues to run during the time out
- There is a 5-minute gap between games and teams need to be on the field ready to play prior to the start of their game
- If teams are not on the field at the designated game time the game will be forfeited
- Each team is allowed one representative at the scoring table/tent for each field and will relay the final score together to the scoring representative at the table
- Goggles and Mouth Guards are required for all girls
- Mouth Guards, arm pads, helmets, shoulder pads and cups required for all boys
- Players may only play for one team at their age level
- Any fighting or disrespect towards the officials, team members, opposing team or coaches / spectators will result in a forfeiture of all games, along with ejection from the premises
- After a goal is scored the ball is awarded to the scored upon goalie who puts the ball in play from his crease area. The referee will whistle to indicate play has recommenced. If a team is up by 5 or more goals, the other team gets a free clear at midfield until the scoring gap is less than 5 goals.
- Point system for games: Win = 3 points / Tie = 1 point / Loss = 0 points
- Boys & Girls 5/6 and 7/8 championship games will consist of the top two teams from the brackets (1 & 2) according to the point system. Games marked with an asterisk “*” on the schedule do not count towards their point totals. Bracket winners are determined by which team has the most points against the opponents in their respective bracket.
- Bracket Tie Breaker – in case of a tie inside the “bracket”, a Brave Heart will be used to determine the bracket winner for playing in the championship game just prior to the start of championship game if required.
- Brave Heart Rules – (3) Field Players and a goalie per team. Only (1) long pole allowed per team (Boys). Goalie cannot move over midfield line (Boys) or second restraining line (Girls). Play starts with a face off/draw and there are NO substitutions or time-outs allowed. First team to score wins the Brave Heart. If a penalty occurs during play, the player must serve the penalty and there are NO substitutions allowed.

3/4 Boys & Girls Division Tournament Rules:

* Games are played RAIN OR SHINE!

- Tournament game times are controlled by a central horn (see below) between Field 1 & 2
 - 4. Horn will be used to start the game**
 - 5. Second horn is 3-minute warning**
 - 6. Third horn is end of game**
- Games are 17 minutes in length with no halftime and a running clock. One 30 second time out PER team is allowed and can only be used if losing. Clock continues to run during the time out
- There is a 3-minute gap between games and teams need to be on the field ready to play prior to the start of their game
- If teams are not on the field at the designated game time the game will be forfeited
- Each team is allowed one representative at the scoring table/tent for each field and will relay the final score together to the scoring representative at the table
- Goggles and Mouth Guards are required for all girls
- NO long poles (Boys)
- Mouth guards, arm pads, helmets, shoulder pads and cups required for all boys
- Players may only play for one team inside the 3/4 division
- Any fighting or disrespect towards the officials, team members, opposing team or coaches / spectators will result in a forfeiture of all games, along with ejection from the premises
- After a goal is scored the ball is awarded to the scored upon goalie (or defensive player in the crease area if a shot blocker is used) who puts the ball in play from the crease area. The referee will whistle to indicate play has recommenced. If a team is up by 4 or more goals, the other team gets a free clear at midfield until the scoring gap is less than 4 goals.
- Point system for games: Win = 3 points / Tie = 1 point / Loss = 0 points
- Boys & Girls 3/4 championship games will consist of the top two teams from their respective bracket according to the point system. Games marked with an asterisk “*” on the schedule do not count towards their point totals. The top two teams from each bracket are determined by which team has the most points against the opponents in their respective bracket.
- Bracket Tie Breaker – In case of a tie inside the “bracket”, a Brave Heart will be used to determine the bracket winner for playing in the championship game just prior to the start of championship game if required.
- Brave Heart Rules – (3) Field Players and a goalie (or shot blocker) per team and NO long poles allowed. Goalie cannot move over midfield line (Boys) or second restraining line (Girls). Play starts with a face off/draw and there are NO substitutions or time-outs allowed. First team to score wins the Brave Heart. If a penalty occurs during play, the player must serve the penalty and there are NO substitutions allowed.

3/4 - 5/6 - 7/8 Boys Division Rules:

| Grades | 3/4 Boys | 5/6 Boys | 7/8 Boys |
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| USLAX Rule Category | 10U (See Notes Below) | 12U (See Notes Below) | 14U (See Notes Below) |
| Field | Short Field Middle Restraining Line | Normal | Normal |
| Game | 7 vs 7 (2) Attack (3) Midfielders (2) Defense (Plus, Goalie or Rage Cage Shot Blocker) | Normal | Normal |
| D-Poles | No | Maximum: 3 (72" Max) | Normal |
| Offsides Enforced | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Wing Line | On Yellow Circle/Mid Line | Normal (Single Release) | Normal (All Release) |
| Pass Before Shot | Yes (1) completed pass is required before a shot inside the restraining line offensive end. If the completed pass is completed but the ball is dropped but retained by the team on offense then the player is still allowed to shoot. | N/A | N/A |
| Body Checking | Not Permitted Illegal Body Checks include player pushing. NOTE: Loose ball "boxing out" contact is allowed | See "Checking Rules" | See "Checking Rules" |
| Slashing | Any one-handed check is a slash! PERMITTED CONTACT: 1. Poke & Lift checks to the bottom hand (below the chest) 2. Poke & Lift checks to the head of the stick (below the chest) 3. Downward check initiated from below both players shoulders | Any one-handed check is a slash! PERMITTED CONTACT: 1. Poke & Lift checks to the bottom hand (below the chest) 2. Poke & Lift checks to the head of the stick (below the chest) 3. Downward check initiated from below both players shoulders | Any one-handed check is a slash! |
| 4-Second Goalie Count | No | Yes | Yes |

5/6 & 7/8 Boys Body Checking Rules:

There are three things every youth player, coach, parent and fan needs to understand and accept regarding body checks:

1. The game has changed to protect players
2. The odds of a body check being illegal have increased
3. The determination of whether a check was legal or illegal is in the eye of the beholder, and the only beholder that matters is the referee

Any one of the following will constitute an illegal body check:

Delivered above the shoulders, below the waist, or to the back

Delivered more than 3 yards from the ball (see *3-Yard Rule*)

Delivering player not in an upright position with both hands on his stick

Delivering player lowers his head or shoulder when initiating contact

Delivering player leaves his feet

Player being checked is on the ground, or in a crouched position fielding a ground ball, or engaged in a face off, or is otherwise vulnerable or defenseless

Player being checked is unable to anticipate the check, i.e. is checked from the blind side

Check is excessively violent, aggressive, reckless or intimidating, or causes injury

Check is avoidable, delivered after the opponent has already passed/shot the ball

An illegal body check is a 1-3 minute releasable personal foul. A player may be ejected from a game for a single illegal body check if the official feels it is excessively violent or malicious.

Checks Involving the Head/Neck

Checks delivered to or with the head/neck are considered the most serious in the game. The penalty is a 1-3 minute non-releasable personal foul.

A player shall not initiate contact to an opponent's head or neck with a slash, cross-check, or with any part of his body (head, elbow, shoulder, etc.), including any follow-through to the head or neck. Initiating contact with the head (spearing) by an offensive or defensive player is also prohibited. A player may be ejected from a game for a single illegal head/neck check if the official feels it is excessively violent or malicious.

Sticks

Stick length for 5/6 & 7/8 players shall be 40-42" (short crosse) or 52-72" (long crosse). Stick length for 3/4 players shall be 37-42"

Goalie stick length at all levels shall be 40-72"

3-Yard Rule

All stick checks, body checks, legal holds & legal pushes must be on a player in possession of the ball or within 3 yards (not 5 yards) of a loose ball or ball in flight

3/4 - 5/6 - 7/8 Girls Division Rules:

| Grades | 3/4 Girls | 5/6 Girls | 7/8 Girls |
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| USLAX Rule Category | 10U (See Notes Below) | 12U (See Notes Below) | 14U (See Notes Below) |
| Field | Short Field Middle Restraining Line | Normal | Normal |
| Game | 7 vs 7 (2) Attack (3) Midfielders (2) Defense (Plus, Goalie or Rage Cage Shot Blocker) | Normal | Normal |
| Offsides Enforced | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Pass Before Shot | Yes (1) completed pass is required before a shot inside the restraining line offensive end. If the completed pass is completed or the ball is dropped but retained by the team on offense then the player is still allowed to shoot. | N/A | N/A |
| 1 on 1 Marking | Yes | N/A | N/A |
| Double Teaming | No | Yes | Yes |
| 3-Second Closely Guarded | No | Yes | Yes |
| Stick Checking | Not Permitted | Modified Only | Modified Only |
| Goalie Count | Yes (10 seconds) | Yes | Yes |

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: The Head Coach is the only team member permitted to speak to the officials. Special attention will be given by officials and coaches to unsportsmanlike conduct by a player or players either on the field or on the sideline and / or unsportsmanlike conduct by any coach or spectator. Obscene language or obscene gestures shall result in an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and game expulsion.

Spectator Rules & Tent/Parking Area Rules:

- There is no grilling or open flame allowed in all areas
- All tents for spectators must be secured to the ground
- All tents for players must be placed in the designated tent areas along sidelines
- No spectators behind the goals or between the fields where players are standing
- No one except players and coaches are allowed on the team side line (Bench Area) – forfeiture can occur if parents are on the team sideline.
- Spectators must be 4 ft from the sideline to allow access for players and emergency personnel
- **No Unauthorized Solicitation**
- **No RV's/Campers allowed in the parking areas**

Field Location Information:

BMR Address: 240-248 Outlet Road, Dallas, PA 18612 GPS: 41°19'19.7"N 76°01'33.7"W

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/41%C2%B019'19.7%22N+76%C2%B001'33.7%22W/@41.3218176,-76.0258243,515m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x0>

Directions

I-81 (North or South) to Wilkes-Barre 309 North Exit 170B

Follow 309 North crossing the Susquehanna River to the Dallas Shopping Center (about 10-15 minutes). At the light, Route 309 will bear right (WEIS Market will be at this intersection) BUT go straight now on to Route 415 North. Go 2.1 miles to the Turkey Hill stop light and turn left on to Route 118 West. Go 2.3 miles until you see the log cabin restaurant (for sale) and turn right on to Outlet Road. Go straight about 1/4 mile and on your right is the BMR complex.

PA Turnpike (Northeast Extension) to Wilkes-Barre Exit 105

Turn left after the toll booth on Route 115 until it turns into Route 309. Follow 309 North crossing the Susquehanna River to the Dallas Shopping Center (about 10-15 minutes). At the light, Route 309 will bear right (WEIS Market will be at this intersection) BUT go straight now on to Route 415 North. Go 2.1 miles to the Turkey Hill stop light and turn left on to Route 118 West. Go 2.3 miles until you see the log cabin restaurant (for sale) and turn right on to Outlet Road. Go straight about 1/4 mile and on your right is the BMR complex.

Field Locations:

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