



## 2026 Comet Cup Tournament Rules and Policies

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION TOURNAMENT RULES

- Full Field 12 v 12 games
- 25 minute games with 5 minutes between games
- Central running clock in all games with NO timeouts except the final Championship game. 1 two minute timeout per team in the Championship Game.
- Transitional checking for all MS games following Southern Ohio Girls Lacrosse Rules
- If a team needs to forfeit, the opposing team will be awarded a with a 3-0 win (3 goals scored, 0 goals against)
- No minimum pass or pass attempt rule
- Draws will be taken after every goal regardless of score – No Mercy Rule
- A Bracket: Pool Play 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie. Top two teams in each pool advance to the Championship game.
- B Bracket: Festival Style. Scores will be posted, but records will not be kept.
- If two teams tie in B Bracket, the final score shall stand
- Pool Play Tiebreakers: 1) If two teams tied, then Head to Head Results are used 2) If three teams tied or teams did not play each other then it is Defensive Goals Allowed 3) Coin Flip
- If teams tie in the A bracket of Championship games there will be a 5 minute sudden victory playoff. First goal wins. If the Championship game is still tied after the 5 minute sudden death, there will be a 5 minute playoff with first goal wins.

### 5/6 DIVISION TOURNAMENT RULES

- Full Field 12 v 12 games
- 25 minute games with 5 min between games
- Central running clock in all games with NO timeouts except the final Championship game. 1 two minute timeout per team in the Championship Game.
- Modified checking for all 5/6 games following Southern Ohio Girls Lacrosse Rules
- If a team needs to forfeit, the opposing team will be awarded a with a 3-0 win (3 goals scored, 0 goals against)
- One minimum pass attempt after a draw and/or change of possession
- Draws will be taken after every goal irrelevant of score – No Mercy Rule
- A Bracket: Pool Play 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie. Top two teams in each pool advance to the Championship game.
- B Bracket: Festival Style. Scores will be posted, but records will not be kept.
- If two teams tie in B Bracket, the final score shall stand
- Pool Play Tiebreakers 1) If two teams tied, then Head to Head Results are used 2) If three teams tied or teams did not play each other then it is Defensive Goals Allowed 3) Coin Flip
- If teams tie in the A bracket of Championship games there will be a 5 minute sudden victory playoff. First goal wins. If the Championship game is still tied after the 5 minutes sudden death, there will be a 5 minute playoff with first goal wins.

### **3/4 DIVISION TOURNAMENT RULES**

- Standard 10U 70 yard field
- 8v8 including Goalie
- If a team needs to forfeit, the opposing team will be awarded a with a 3-0 win (3 goals scored, 0 goals against)
- 25 minute games with 5 min between games
- Central running clock in all games with NO timeouts
- No coaches on the field
- One minimum pass attempt after a draw and/or change of possession
- Restart After a Goal: Possession will be taken at the center by the team that was scored upon, standard player positioning for the draw
- No checking allowed at any time

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

This event may be canceled due to occurrences beyond the control of Mason HS GLAX Boosters and site management. Situations, such as public safety, health concerns and municipal directives, etc. apply. No refunds will be issued for such cancellations. \*Partial refunds may be considered.

### **WEATHER POLICY**

Inclement weather is out of the control of the tournament directors, officials, and site managers. In the event of thunder and/or lightning, all games will be suspended for 20 minutes from the last occurrence. Games will resume at their regularly scheduled times. Canceled games may not be rescheduled. If weather disrupts scheduled games, Management has the authority to adjust the schedule as needed, including, shortening games, adjusting the schedule, etc. In the event of extreme weather, once the event has started, it is up to the tournament directors, officials, and the site managers as to whether the conditions are deemed safe to play on. All decisions are final. No refunds will be issued for game cancellations due to "acts of God" (i.e. rain, severe wind and/or thunder and lightning).

\*(Please Understand Comet Cup program incurs substantial non-refundable costs in preparation for the event. The withheld amount will help to offset some of these expenses)