

1st & 2nd GRADE BOYS PLAYING RULES

Balls Must be NOCSAE Approved

1st and 2nd Grade Boys Division (NO CONTACT DIVISION):

1. Age Limits:
 - a. The Division will consist of 1st and 2nd graders (the director of a participating community may include exceptional Kindergarteners on a 1st grade team.)
 - b. Players within the grades should be 6 and 7 years old (K=5).
 - c. In no case may a Kindergartener play alongside nor against a 2nd grader. For Kindergarteners to be on a team, they must be on a 1st grade team, not a combo 1st/2nd grade team.
 - d. In no case will a preschooler, nor a 3rd grader or older, participate in this division. This is a non-contact and instructional/developmental division.
2. This division is designed for 1st and 2nd graders (and exceptional kindergarteners).
3. Unless the League Board approves in writing, if a town has two teams within one grade in this Division the teams must be divided equally.

Purpose:

The purpose of the division is to put the participants in “game like” situations. For many boys this will be their first time on a lacrosse field in a competitive environment that will help them learn how to play lacrosse.

General Rules:

- Officials will be provided by our assigners.
- There will be 2 Junior and/or 2 Certified Officials per game and each Official will be paid \$40.00 per game. If there is only 1 referee, he will be paid \$60 (\$30 per team).
- The Referee is the arbiter of the game and coaches MUST follow the referee’s direction (even if incorrect). Any action by a coach that undercuts or compromises the official will result in a minimum 1 game suspension. If there is poor officiating, please contact Eric Geringswald to discuss the specifics.
- All Coaches and Directors must have and display a current/valid PAL photo ID at all times on the field.
- **THERE ARE NO SCORES IN THIS DIVISION. THIS IS A TEACHING DIVISION. THERE IS NO SCORE KEEPING.**

Field Size & Game Time:

- Game time will be four 12-minute running time quarters.
- The field will be reduced in size. A field of 90 yards long by 45 yards wide will be ideal.

Number of Players:

- Players on field are 8v8 to allow for maximum participation by those on the field.
- Because this is a developmental program, some towns may have larger rosters and want to play 10v10. If both coaches agree to play 10v10 the game can be played 10v10.
- Both towns must agree on a 10V10 matchup, and if one town does not agree the game will be played 8v8.
- The referees will not be put in the position of determining the number of players on the field and must abide by the decision of both coaches and these rules.
- If 8v8 is the matchup, play will be with two attackmen, three midfielders, two defensemen, and a goalie.
- If there is mutual agreement for 10v10, then conventional positions apply for players.

Game Day Rules:

- Stick length 35-42 inches – NO LONG STICKS
- Maximum of two (2) coaches on field per team who must remain outside of both boxes. One stays on the offensive half and one stays on the defensive half of the field towards the middle or sides of the field.
- **ALL OTHER NCPAL AND N.Y. STATE MODIFIED RULES APPLY including face-offs, off sides, crease violations etc.:**

Penalties

- a. Body checking and one arm checks are prohibited as are personal and technical fouls, slashing, and cross-checking and tripping
- b. Off-side assessment should be a directive from the coaches and the officials to return on-side players back to the proper side of the field
- c. Modification to the rules is that any body check is a penalty and full time must be served

Assessment of Penalties

- All penalties will be assessed by giving the offended team a fast break.
- The player who commits a foul must sit out for the full amount of time allocated to the penalty even if a goal is scored.
- If a goal is scored on a penalty fast break the team that committed the foul can add a player for the face-off but the player who committed the foul must serve the full time.

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