

CODE OF CONDUCT



Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and fans. In becoming a member of the lacrosse community an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game of lacrosse and its participants. The essential elements in this "Code of Conduct" are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and their organization.

It is only through such conduct that our sport can continue to earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to amateur sports in the United States and around the world. North East Ohio Lacrosse supports the following behaviors for those who participate in the sport or are involved in any way with North East Ohio Lacrosse. The following essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be followed:

- Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- The value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.
- The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They are to strive to be positive role models in dealing with young people, as well as adults.
- Coaches should always demonstrate positive behaviors and reinforce them to players, parents, officials and spectators alike. Players should be specifically encouraged and positively reinforced by coaches to demonstrate respect for teammates, opponents, officials and spectators.
- Players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
- Coaches, players, parents and spectators are expected to demonstrate the utmost respect for officials and reinforce that respect to players/teammates. Coaches are also expected to educate their players as to the important role of lacrosse officials and reinforce the ideal of respect for the official to players/teammates.
- Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the sport should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants.
- Officials are professionals and are therefore expected to conduct themselves as such and in a manner that demonstrates total impartiality, courtesy and fairness to all parties.
- Spectators involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official, coach, player or opponent.
- Coaches must be able to demonstrate a solid knowledge of the rules of lacrosse, and should adhere to the rules in both the letter and the spirit of the game.
- Coaches should provide a basic knowledge of the rules to both players and spectators within his/her program. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.
- Eligibility requirements, at all levels of the game, must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, previous level of participation, team transfers, etc, have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote safety.

RULES



Boys Middle School (7/8) and Youth (5/6) games are full field format 10v10

Format of 10v10: 1 goalie, 3 attack, 3 midfield, 3 defense (long poles are permitted - 4)

Boys Bantam (3/4) games short field format 7v7

Format of 7v7: 2 attack, 2 midfield, 2 defense (long poles are permitted, 2 on man down), 1 goalie (must always have 3 players behind defensive mid-line at all times)

Girls Middle School (7/8) and Youth (5/6) games are full field format 11v11

Format of 11v11: 1 goalie, 4 attack, 4 defense and 3 midfield

Girls Bantam (3/4) games short field format of 7v7

Format of 7v7, 2 attack, 2 midfield, 2 defense, 1 goalie

(must always have 3 players behind defensive mid-line at all times)

All games will follow current US Lacrosse/NFHS rules and these modifications.

GAMETIME

Games will be (2) 20-minute running halves with central horn/clock, 5-minute halftime, no stop time. Game time will NOT stop for time outs, delays, or injuries.

Bantam 3/4 games will be (2) 16-minute running halves with a central horn/clock, 5 minute halftime, no stop time Game time will NOT stop for time outs, delays, or injuries.

o Championship games will be same as above.

Scoring: Pool Play:

- Winner = 5 points
- Loser = 0 points
- Tie = 2 points/team

Bracket Play/Pool Seeding:

- Head-to-Head
- Goal Differential (not to exceed +/- 6 per game)
- Goals Allowed
- Coin Toss (Team second in alphabet will call)

Face-off/Draw:

After Each goal and at Each start to a half and OT begins with a face-off/draw.

Bantam 3/4 - All players must remain behind the goal line extended and one on the wing with foot touching sideline. The goalie must remain in the crease area until possession is signaled.

Boys: All players are released upon whistle.

Girls: All players are released upon whistle.

RULES



Time Outs: Each team has (1) 30-second time out per half. Time will NOT stop during the time out. NO timeouts in final 2 minutes of game.

There is no overtime unless the championship game: If teams are tied at the end of regulation. There will be a sudden victory - overtime period that begins immediately. Team shall stay on the same sides and no coaching is allowed prior to the start of overtime. NO timeouts in OT.

First goal scored wins!

PENALTIES are regulation time served.

- o BANTAM 3-4 (boys/girls) may substitute for penalized player.

CHECKING

- o Boys – NO BODY CHECKING PERMITTED

7/8 Boys Normal High School rules

- o Girls

- 3-4: NO CHECKING
- 5-6: Modified checking
- 7-8: Transitional checking

- There are US Lacrosse Certified officials on all fields. All on-field calls are final.
- All player substitutions are on the fly from the midline area.
- Home team is light jersey, Away team is dark jersey (if applicable)

BOYS – Any player, coach, or spectator using derogatory language on the field or bench when addressing a player, coach or referee may receive a one-minute, non-releasable penalty for the first offense, a two minute non-releasable for the second offense and expulsion from the tournament for the third offense.

GIRLS – Any player, coach, or spectator using derogatory language on the field or bench when addressing a player, coach or referee may receive a yellow card. Third offense will be expulsion from the tournament.

Coaches are responsible for their team and parents. All spectators are expected to show good sportsmanship and placed on opposite side of team. See Code of Conduct

If lightning is in area, play will be suspended by 3 long air horn blasts. A 30 – minute delay will go into effect from the last sighting of lightning. Tournament committee will decide if game(s) will be altered or canceled due to weather/lightning. Standard procedure will apply before play is resumed.

Emergency Contact is 911

FAQs



1. What age groups can participate in the tournament?

This tournament is open to boys' and girls' teams in the following age groups: 3rd-4th grade, 5th-6th grade, and 7th-8th grade. Each division will have competitive games tailored to the players' skill levels.

2. What is the game format and guarantee?

Each team is guaranteed 3 games during the tournament. Games will follow standard lacrosse rules, with a championship format to crown division winners.

3. Where and when is the tournament held?

The tournament will take place on BOYS - Sunday April 13th and GIRLS - Sunday April 27th at Hawken Upper School - 12465 County Line Road, Chesterland OH 44026.

Detailed directions and parking information will be provided upon registration.

4. What amenities will be available for families and players?

We've got something for everyone! Enjoy food trucks, a fastest shot contest, an accuracy shot contest, and live DJ entertainment throughout the day. Bring the whole family for a fun-filled lacrosse experience.

5. How do we register, and what is the cost?

Registration can be completed online at [REGISTRATION](#). The cost per team is \$550, and payment must be made by March 1. Slots fill quickly, so register soon!

6. Is there parking? and how much does it cost?

There is ample amount of parking at the Hawken Upper School campus. Facility requires \$5 parking per car.

7. What happens in the case of inclement weather?

We'll do our best to keep the tournament on schedule, but player safety is our top priority. In the event of lightning or other severe weather, games will be paused or rescheduled with shorten game time as necessary. Updates will be communicated via email and social media.

8. Will there be medical staff on-site?

Yes, certified athletic trainers will be on-site to handle any injuries or medical concerns. Please ensure players' medical waivers are submitted during registration.

9. When is registration over? When do waivers need to be turned in?

Registration is over on MARCH 1 2025. Waiver are due before April 1st.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact us at info@northeastohiolacrosse.com.