

HUDSON LAXFEST RULES 2023

Time Factors

- The following time factors will apply:
 - Two 20-minute halves, running time, no stoppage of time for any reason.
 - One 2-minute halftime.
 - One 30 second timeout per team per game, **CLOCK WILL NOT STOP**. **No time outs may be taken in the last 2 minutes of each half.**
 - Penalty time will carry-over the half.
- All games start on the hour.
- Games may end in a tie, there will be no overtime.
- ***All games must conclude before the top of the hour.***

Boys' 3rd & 4th grade games

- All games will be Small Ball: 7v7. 2 Attack, 2 Middies, 2 Defenders (no long poles), and 1 Goalie.
- Onside/offside is in effect: 2 players on offense and 2 on defense (plus goalie) at all times.
- Legal pushes (rule 4.15b, pushing) and holds (rule 4.15a, holding) are allowed.
- In all loose ball situations, players should “play the ball,” but incidental contact, “boxing out,” “man-ball” or screening techniques during such play shall not be considered a violation of this rule.
- If the ball is not moving, stuck, or the players are having difficulty picking the ball up, the referee may stop and restart play following the alternate possession rule.
- After goals, teams will reset for face off. One pass from face-off is required before scoring.
- After a seven (7) goal differential, the losing team has the choice of no face-off and possession to start play. One pass from face-off is required before scoring.

Girls' 3rd & 4th grade games

- All games will be Small Ball: 8v8 with goalies; 7v7 NO goalie if neither team can field a goalie.
- After goals, teams will reset for draw.
- Balanced field at draw, with (1) center, (3) offensive and (3) defensive players.
- Midfield is the restraining line; teams must keep two players, plus goalie behind the restraining line.
- No checking or body contact is permitted and 3 seconds closely guarded applies.
- Must play 1v1 defense throughout the field of play (exception: more than one person can properly guard the ball in the critical shooting area).
- After a seven (7) goal differential, the losing team has the choice of no face-off and possession to start play. One pass from the draw is required before scoring.

All Other Games

- Rules not specifically covered will otherwise follow the appropriate 2022 US Lacrosse/NFHS rules for each age group.

Game Management

- If no Hudson Youth Lacrosse volunteers to score/time, each team should assign a parent.
- Each Team is responsible for placing 4 balls at your end line for each game.
- The "mercy rule" will be used. When one team is ahead by seven points or more, the team that is behind will be given the ball at the midfield line in lieu of a face-off/draw.
- No take-out checks are permitted by any player at any age level.

Sportsmanship

- Any player or coach using derogatory language on the field when addressing a player, coach or referee may receive a 1-minute, non-releasable penalty for the first offense, a 2-minute non-releasable for the second offense and expulsion from the game for the third offense.
- Spectators are expected to show sportsmanship.

Safety

- **PLAYER, STAFF AND FAN SAFETY IS A PRIORITY AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION!**
- Please advise your players, parents, and other spectators to avoid areas behind the goals.
- Absolutely NO wall ball may be played on any school building/property. Players found playing will be liable for damages.
- If lightning is in the vicinity, the committee will designate the suspension of play by three long air horn blasts. Due to limited space, players and spectators should go to their vehicles. Standard NFHS procedures will apply before play is resumed. The committee will decide if game(s) have to be canceled due to weather/lightning. Games canceled due to weather will not be rescheduled at Hudson. OMSLA games follow suspended game rules.
- If any games are canceled due to weather conditions, the scores will be recorded as they stand when the game ended. Refunds will not be issued due to any weather-related changes made during the tournament.