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Junior Boys Division I and II League Rules and Guidelines – Spring 2009

7th & 8th Junior League

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Junior Boys Division Playoff division is a competitive league with scores, won-loss records and team standings kept for a playoff at the end of the season. The All star division will be less competitive (not necessary to report scores) with a focus on player development.

Number of Players: 10 per side on the field.

Player Eligibility: Players currently enrolled in 7th or 8th grade are eligible.

Field: Regulation size field – 110 yards in length and between 53 and 60 yards in width. (*See NFHS rulebook for diagram*).

Equipment: Full protective gear is required. (Helmet, shoulder pads, arm pads, gloves, mouth guard). Arm guards and shoulder pads are optional for designated goal keepers.

Multiple teams: Any Juniors team or program with an overall roster of 32 players can split and form two teams – at least one team must play in the Playoff Division. Each team must have a coach or team representative overseeing each team who is 21 years of age or older with a completed background check through the ULA.

When forming D1 and D2 teams from the same school or program, coaches must communicate tryout/selection procedures to parents and players in a timely way and provide every interested player a fair opportunity for selection. Coaches must meet ULA deadlines for submitting final rosters, and there may be no shifting of players between teams (D1 or D2) after rosters are set.

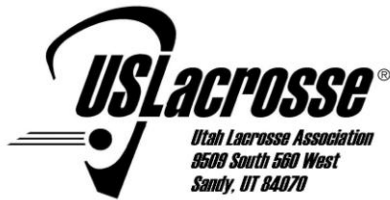
Host and Home Team Responsibilities:

- *Field set up: lined field, goals, cones (Host)
- *Timing/scoring table (Host)
- *Chairs (Host)
- *Clock (Home)
- *Horn (Home)
- *Game balls on the end line (Home)
- *Designated person for keeping time, game and penalty time (Home)
- *Designated person for keeping score (Home or Visitor)

Traveling Team Responsibilities:

- *Bring second goal to every away game unless notified otherwise by home/host team.

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Spectators/parents: Coaches are responsible for informing their parents/spectators that any behavior of a harassing or unsportsmanlike nature will not be tolerated by the league and may result in penalties for the team and further action by game or league officials. Coaches also will be held responsible for their own behavior/actions that incite or contribute to an unsportsmanlike environment.

Time Factors and Scoring:

- *Four quarters, 14 minute running clock
- *Overtime – In event of a tie, two 4-minute sudden victory periods will be played.
- *Two, 2 minute timeouts per half
- *Mercy Rule – when there is a six-goal deficit the trailing team gets possession of the ball at the "X" with no face-off after any goal is scored until the deficit of goals is less than six. The trailing team may choose not to accept this rule and continue to face-off.

Rules of Play: NFHS rules and ULA rules/guidelines. *(Coaches must be familiar with both the 2009 NFHS rulebook and all ULA rules and exceptions):*

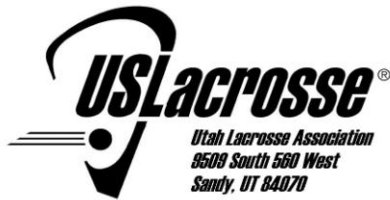
- *No 10 or 20-second count.
- *4-second count for goalies applies.
- *2-minute "keep it in" rule applies in the 4th quarter (if the score is tied neither team has to 'keep it in').
- *Any coach receiving two or more 1-minute penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct will be ejected, with an automatic next-game suspension.
- *No takeout checks. The league is focused on safety and skill development.

Takeout checks: Any contact where a player gains unnecessary momentum to knock another player to the ground. Points of emphasis for the official making the call are force and intent. Hip checking from the side, bodying up, stick checks and boxing out the opponent are all legal contact. A body check from the front is legal if the player initiating contact does not lower his helmet (spearing) and the official deems that the force is not excessive. The body checked opponent leaving his feet is usually, not always, evidence of excessive force; the body checked opponent being legally pushed out of the play is not. A player who trips or falls after coming in contact with another player is not necessarily a victim of a takeout check. It is potentially incidental contact, and therefore a no-call.

Prohibitions:

- *Coaches or team officials without a ULA photo I.D. are not allowed in the team box.
- *Players not registered with ULA may not play or supplement a roster at any time.
- *Players from an older age division may not play down into Juniors.
- *Playing up of Junior players into high school is prohibited.
- *Playing up from a younger age league or division is prohibited

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Special Note:

- *All coaches must sign and abide by the Coaches Contract.
- *Coaches should have all players sign and abide by the Player Contract.
- *Teams may practice 4 times per week prior to the start of games. After games have started there may only be 3 practices a week. (Practices may not exceed 2 hours)
- *Scrimmages count towards practice time
- *Teams must respect each other's home fields and pick up after themselves.
- *Respect the Game.

Game Cancellation Procedure:

1. Call opposing team's coach and/or parent rep.
2. Notify the ULA office by email at info@utahlax.org or phone 255-5343.
3. If cancellation is same day, please contact ref assignor Grant Nielsen at: home - (801) 280-9452, mobile - (801) 680-0453, work - (801) 270-6054. If you have 48 hours notice email Grant at gnielsen52@yahoo.com and bpc@utahlax.org
4. Contact coach or parent rep from opposing team to reschedule the game. Email all reschedule information to Grant Nielsen and the ULA.