

CTYLA

Central Texas Youth Lacrosse Association

Board Meeting: 12/17/12

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- January 11: Trilogly Coaches Clinic (Info: Joe Payne communications@mcneillacrosse.com)
January 20: Referee Training (changed from 1/19)
January 25: **Deadline for Affiliate programs to turn in Team and Field Availability information**
(January 28): Scheduling Meeting (Tentative: May have to split over a couple days)
February 24: Start of 2013 Regular Season
May 5: End of 2013 Regular Season
May 6-11: CTYLA Playoffs and Championships (Jr and Sr Red divisions)
May 18-19: End of Season Festival (Ltj, Jr and Sr Blue/White divisions)

General:

CEP TRAINING: The earliest possible clinic is March. We will book both Level 1 and 2 as soon as possible but encourage new coaches to attend the Trilogly clinic January 11 in the meantime and have asked for programs who hold their own training to open them to any new coach in the area. Please send schedule to Derek (dcraig16@austin.rr.com) for distribution/publication.

CTYLA.org: Please send program information, including web link and schools/areas served to Cynthia (cynthiamasery@email.com) for publication.

CTYLA December Meeting (Decisions)

CTYLA By-Laws need some cleaning up and updating before moving forward. We'll review those at a future meeting.

Deadline Accountability: After numerous issues and delays in developing the schedule in previous years, programs who do not have their Team and Field Availability turned in by the deadline above WILL NOT be included in the schedule for the 2013 season.

League Arbitration/Disciplinary Board: The development of a 5 person panel was approved. Dave Hamill has volunteered to participate and we're looking for 4 others. Send volunteers or nominations to Derek (dcraig16@austin.rr.com).

Lightning Divisions: Lightning (3-4th grade) teams will remain at one collective division level based on the voiced priority of development over (highly) competitive play within the league. Teams will also be split into regions to ease travel commitments. The number of regions and teams within will be determined once teams are registered.

Bantam Structure: Bantam (1-2nd grade) teams will be split into regions to ease travel commitments. The number of regions and teams within will be determined once teams are registered. Games will remain on a weekly schedule with teams in each region playing at a single field, either by choosing a central site or rotating host duties.

Division/Flight Recommendations: In order to help teams determine which division they should play within (Red, Blue or White), Dan St Andre has developed some definitions and guidelines (attached). It was decided that Private schools may play in the Red division so long as they play the entire season there rather than starting separately. Other Private school programs will begin their season playing each other then be joined into the Blue schedule.

2013 Rules: In an effort to both simplify our youth rules and prepare players for upper level play:

SENIORS (7-8th grade) will play by THSLL rules (NCAA + THSLL waivers) with a couple additional waivers (ie: regulations on heads and stringing will be postponed until 2014, giving players a chance to adopt and prepare for them over the coming year). Final rules will be fine-tuned by Dave Emerick and published/distributed in January.

BANTAM, LIGHTNING & JUNIOR will play by US Lacrosse rules with a couple waivers. Primary waivers include continuation of grade vs age based teams, and length of defensive sticks (below). Final rules will be fine-tuned by Dave Emerick and published/distributed in January.

JUNIOR DEFENSIVE STICKS: Defensive sticks may be 47-60" in length regardless of player height or skill level.