



SOUTH FLORIDA YOUTH LACROSSE LEAGUE

2019 Game Day Rules- Boys

SFYLL follows the general guidelines found in the “Boys Lacrosse Rules Book” (National Federation of State High School Associations/US Lacrosse) including the section on Youth Lacrosse. Minor differences and highlights are outlined here in the “SFYLL Game Day Rules”.

GAME LENGTH

6U – 10 minute running (Whistle at 5 minutes for quick substitution only)

8U, 10U - 12 minute running

12U, 14U – 15 minute running

All games are running time. There are no horns. All subs on the fly. Clock stops at timeouts (officials and team). 2 time outs per half.

10U, 12U, 14U - 1 OT - 4 minute Sudden Victory if needed with 1 time out (can end in a tie if both coaches agree). Final 2 minute stalling rule is in effect for 12U, 14U only. **12U, 14U 20 second defensive count and 10 second offensive count will be used. Over and Back rule will not be used at any age level**

CONTACT

No Take-Out Checks are allowed at any level. A take out check is defined as any check in which the player lowers his head or shoulder with the force and intent to put the other player on the ground.

6U, 8U, 10U – No body checking (incidental contact OK per guidelines) Incidental contact or use of hips on ground balls and on defense is allowed, **within 3 yards of the ball.**

12U, 14U – Body checking is allowed per rules

3 Yard Rule is in effect at all levels

FIELD SIZE/# OF PLAYERS

6U – 5 v 5 (can go 7 v 7 if both coaches agree), Modified size field, shot blockers (Rolling the ball under the shot blocker does not count as a goal- ball awarded to defensive team)

8U – 7 v 7, Goalies (if team has no Goalie shot blocker can be used (no rolling ball shots – see 6U) or flip goal over to small V.

10U, 12U, 14U – Full Field

GOALIES

Goalies are required to wear arm pads (Boys)

COACHES ON FIELD

6U, 8U- 1 coach is allowed on field in alleys during games (no stick, gloves etc)

10U, 12U, 14U – No coaches on field



STICK LENGTH

6U/8U - 37 to 42 inches, no D poles

10U - 37 to 42 inches, **D poles 47- 52 inches** - max 4 on field (Recommendation is to have all players play with short crosse but is not mandatory)

12U/14U - Short crosse 40 to 42 inches, Long crosse 52 to 72 inches with 4 max on field.

FACEOFFS - New faceoff rules apply (1 step rule) at all age levels. Exception: We will not be requiring “tape on the handle” (Rule 4.3 Article 3n – Page 32 of NFHS Rule Book) **8U BOYS -NO Faceoffs. Alternating possession to start each quarter then ball awarded at midfield to the team that was scored upon. Players line up as if there is a faceoff.**

PENALTIES

6U – Change of possession (use Flow method of officiating to keep game moving). Manage overly aggressive players by sending them off the field.

8U – Offending player is sent off the field and must stay off the field for the time of his penalty. Another player may replace him on the field (no Man Up/Down). Manage aggressive multiple foul players accordingly. Eject as warranted.

10U, 12U, 14U – Full time serving penalties (30 sec, 1 min, etc. No 1.5X anymore)

Foul Out – 4 personal fouls or 5 minutes in personal foul penalty time

One handed check considered slash even if no contact is made in all age groups.

MERCY RULE

6U, 8U, 10U ONLY - With 6 goal lead team down awarded ball at midfield after goals unless waived by trailing coach.

NOTES:

- * It is required that spectators/fans/parents be on opposite side of field from players (unless field layout prohibits it).
- * In the event of a jersey color conflict the home team will wear pennies/vests.
- * All expulsion/ejection fouls need to be reported to your league Board and to the SFYLL (both coaches and referee should report).
- * Coaches are responsible for their own behavior as well as that of their staffs, players and parents/spectators. The SFYLL has zero tolerance for derogatory behavior and profanity. Maintain the integrity of both sidelines and the game.

2019 Points of Emphasis

Violent Collisions-There is no justification for deliberate/violent collisions between players especially with defenseless players or for checks to the head and neck. Penalties will be assessed accordingly. Read the rule book!

Sportsmanship- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Foul language, berating officials or the other team is a penalty. Players, coaches, parents and fans need to be aware of this zero tolerance rule.

This game is about the kids not the adults – let’s remember that at all times. **HONOR THE GAME. Only “Meets NOCSAE Standards” balls are allowed in the SFYLL.**