



FORMAT

2023 - 2028

- 8 teams in each grade, 2 pools of 4 teams
- 3 pool games Saturday
- 2 bracket games Sunday

Tie-Breaker for Seeding

- Head to Head → Goals Against → Goals For → Coin Flip

RULES

FEDERATION RULES

- 20/10 clearing count

GAME OPERATIONS

- 22 minute running halves
- 3 minute halftime
- One horn starts and ends each half
- **NO TIMEOUTS**
- 3 minute 1st overtime – sudden victory.
 - If no goal is scored, proceed to 2v2 Braveheart (2v2 + goalies)
 - At least 1 player required on each half
 - Goalies CAN go over but 1 player must stay back
 - No penalties served during braveheart

PENALTIES

- Penalties will be served in the box (penalty timers / scorekeepers on each field)

PLAYER SAFETY

HIGH HITS, EGREGIOUS, DANGEROUS SLASHES

- All rules in effect will be to encourage hard physical play with player safety at the top of mind.
- There is no justification for deliberate and violent collision by any player at any youth level, especially intentional player-to-player collisions with defenseless players (so-called “blind side” and “buddy pass” checks), checks involving the head and/or neck, and excessive body-checks (“take-out checks”).
- Officials will apply violent collision rules and utilize the most severe penalty option; game ejection, plus 2 minute unreleasable penalty. We understand there could be improper ejections although we hope not to have this we all must understand if it happens it's in the interest of player safety. Your players and your families need to be instructed, taught, and these rules need to be clearly understood prior to the event.

**Ejection/Suspension: Player may or may not be allowed to return for the next game depending on severity of play. This will be a referee, tournament committee decision. Exceptional intent or egregiousness could result in expulsion from the tournament.

Explanation of these type ejectionable fouls/infractions:

- Any hit delivered above shoulders with over 3 steps with intent and an in an uncontrolled manner
- Any hit delivered with hands to players head;
- Any hit delivered to a players head or neck including follow through
- A player leading with the head or initiating contact with the head INCLUDING the ball carrier.
- Any hit delivered on a player in a vulnerable or defenseless position with over 2 steps.

Coaches MUST teach players to avoid delivering uncontrolled, excessive, or illegal checks, and support the officials when they penalize such checks

Should video be presented showing such illegal high late hits the tournament commissioner reserves the right to add to, suspend, or change the length of a suspension.

SLASHING

- Egregious and uncontrolled slashing will not be tolerated, especially if there appears to be “an intent to injure” and 2 minute fouls can be handed out. Hard,

legal, checks are encouraged with the crosse is on the opponent's crosse or his gloved hand/arm. Thus, any blow with the crosse anywhere else on an opponent is SLASHING, and must be called. A slash to the head or neck may incur a two- or three-minute non-releasable penalty. Egregious uncontrolled slashes will be defined as slashes to the back, head, legs, in a "baseball bat" type swing.

SPORTSMANSHIP

This will be a very competitive event that we hope is played fast, physical, with sportsmanship by players, coaches, and spectators. Coaches and officials should be partners in providing the best possible lacrosse experience for youth players. Unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches and/or players and/or spectators degrades the experience of youth players, discourages people from becoming or continuing as officials, and erodes the integrity and appeal of the sport. Therefore, unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Obscenities need not be used in order for language to draw a penalty. Tone, intent, and body language can all contribute to unsportsmanlike conduct. The Brawl on the Hill Invitational expects officials to enforce the Unsportsmanlike Conduct rules without hesitation.

FAMILY BEHAVIOR

- Any parents, friends, grandparents etc acting in an inappropriate, crude, or unsportsmanlike manner is subject to an ejection. Said ejection could result in removal from the grounds at Westminster School at the discretion of the tournament director. This includes but is not limited to: foul language, taunting other teams or their coaches, taunting other parents in the stands, and taunting or berating an official.
- This is a great event for the teams that should in no way be negatively impacted by parents and their behavior. Please make your parents aware of this rule prior to the event, as there will be no "second chances" if they were not made aware of the rule. If behavior continues after sanctioning takes place, team could face penalty time enforced through the refs or disqualification from the event.