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Anne Arundel County R&P/AAGLO 2020 Official Girls Lacrosse Rules

REMEMBER - SPORTSMANSHIP - BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE GAME!

DIVISION OF PLAY

- Sticklette Though there will be no division of play at this level, commissioners can indicate on their team registration forms whether the team is Kindergarten, 1st graders, 2nd graders, or a mixed combination thereof.
- Pee-wee Though there will be no division of play at this level, commissioners can indicate on their team registration forms whether the team is 3rd graders, 4th graders or even.
- Middies There shall be 3 divisions of play at this level: A, B and C. Any organization with 3 or more teams at this level must place at least one team in the A division.
- Junior There shall be 3 divisions of play at this level: A, B and C. Any organization with 3 or more teams at this level must place at least one team in the A division.
- Senior There shall be no division of play at this level.

LEAGUES

<u>STICKLETTE</u>	<u>PEE WEE</u>	<u>MIDDIE</u>	<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>
Grades K, 1-2	Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12

- ◆ Players cannot play down, but they can play up. Exception - Sticklettes - a player **can choose to** play Pee Wee if;
 - they are in 2nd grade, and
 - they turn 8 yrs. old on or before 3/31/20.
- ◆ Players can only play on one (1) team.
- ◆ 9th graders who want to play in the Junior League must get a waiver from the County.
- ◆ Players playing on a High School scholastic lacrosse team at any level may not play in the County leagues.

MINIMUM PLAY

All Levels – Each player in uniform shall play a minimum of 50% of each game. Exceptions will be made in the event of a squad so large as to make this mathematically impossible, and also in cases of illness, injury or disciplinary action.

HOME FIELD RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the **organization** upon whose field the game is to be played to ensure that the field is ready for play. In most instances, this will be the home team, but in some cases it may not. For example, when Team A plays Team B at Organization C's field, it is the responsibility of Organization C to ensure that the field is ready for play. "Ready for play" means that the field is: lined, substitution area is marked, and goals are in position with game quality nets, and field corners must be marked with soft/flexible cones, pylons or flags.

SCORE AND TIME KEEPING

- Every coach should be provided with a stopwatch. Each team should provide a volunteer scorer to stand behind the substitution area. By mutual agreement, one scorer should keep penalty time. Both should keep the score, and consult with each other after each score to make sure that they are in agreement.
- It is their responsibility to keep the score and penalty time.
- Officials will keep official game time on the field.
- In the event only one person is available to score keeping duties, it is official.
- In the event no one is available to perform score keeping duties, then the Home Team Forfeits.

STANDINGS FOR MIDDIES, JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEAGUE ONLY

It is required that the winning team (or both teams if game is tied) is to submit their game score to the Recreation & Parks Department by the score report form (available on the County website, in the same location as schedules/standings). The team must submit score within 10 hours of completion of the game. When submitting in score, the you must have this information available:

1. League name,
2. Location of game,
3. Both team's names,
4. Final score and
5. Number of officials.

**Failure of winning team submitting game score in proper format
= FORFEIT!**

Rain Policy - see Rain out Policy sheet, page 6

POSTPONEMENT AND REASSIGNMENT OF GAMES

of Games offered in the Season:

The county will schedule 12 regular season games for Pee-wee. Middie and Junior leagues will play 10 regular season games with playoffs. Sticklettes will play 8 scheduled games. Seniors will play 10 scheduled games.

Rain out Games:

The County will only schedule rain-out games if a team has played 9 or fewer games. They will reschedule rain-outs to bring a team up to 10 games played if calendar time allows. Rainouts for Sticklettes will not be rescheduled. If game cancellation is not posted on the website or on the hotline number, go to the field unless you've received a call that the field is unplayable.

Rescheduled Games:

The County will *NOT* reschedule games cancelled by the coaches or the organization. If the coaches wish to play a scrimmage, which does not count towards league standings on their own, they may do so if they can find an open field. If these teams wish to use the contracted officials' organization, the teams must contact the organizations assignor, pay a scheduling fee to the organization and have the assignor schedule the officials.

The County will reschedule games if it is determined that the game cannot be played due to a verifiable school or religious related obligation that affects more than 50% of a competing team.

REFEREE FEES – Will have been paid prior to the season start date. If fees have not been paid by the season start date, the organization’s games will be cancelled until payment in full is made. In the event that organizations wish to have a second official at Pee Wee games, the requesting organization is responsible for the second official’s fee.

PEE WEE
\$35/team for 2 refs’

MIDDIES
\$45/team for 2 ref’s

JUNIORS AND SENIORS
\$55/team for 2 refs

Note: number of scheduled games played may be less than assigned, due to inclement weather and scheduling conflict.

Rainouts – if game has not started and the official has determined the field is not playable, then the County will pay the referees the assigned fee.

Forfeits – Teams that cancel games for any reason forfeit their paid official’s fees. This does not apply to weather or facility related cancellations.

Officials (No-Show) – If an assigned referee fails to show for the game;

- Both coaches **MUST** agree to play the game with one (1) official;
- The game cannot be protested;
- Official fee will be one and one half the fee stated above.
- If both coaches do not wish to play the game with 1 official, the game will be rescheduled, at no additional cost to teams. Certified officials are only permitted to officiate County scheduled games. **Sticklettes excluded.**

SENIOR

1. NFHS/US Lacrosse High School Girl’s rules used.

JUNIOR

1. **25 minute** halves - running time with the clock stopped during last minute of second half and during timeouts. **MAXIMUM 5 minute** half times.
- 2.(1) 1-minute time out per half per team after a goal or dead ball possession (note no substitutions allowed on dead ball TO possession). Injuries are running time unless in last minute of game.
3. Score and Standings will be recorded. Each team must provide a volunteer at the scorer's table to concur on final tally.
4. Stick follow-through allowed in goal circle.
5. Deputizing the goal keeper is allowed.
6. NFHS High School Girl’s rules used with the above exceptions. We do not use USL Youth rules.

7. Any initiated check to the head **or neck** is a mandatory yellow card.
8. *Note: Head contact deemed incidental by the official, or contact initiated by the attacker should not be carded.*

2020 JUNIOR AND MIDDIE PLAYOFFS

1. All above county rules apply to ALL playoff games.
2. Playoffs will be played prior to Memorial Day.
3. It will be a single elimination playoff.
4. Games will be played at various fields around the County.
5. Seeding will be determined after 10 scheduled regular season games.
6. NFHS overtime rules will apply.

MIDDIES

1. **25-minute** halves - running time with the clock stopped during last minute of second half and during timeouts. **MAXIMUM 5 minute** half times.
2. Transitional checking.
3. (1) 1-minute time out per half per team after a goal or dead ball possession (note no substitutions allowed on dead ball TO possession). Injuries are running time unless in last minute of game
4. Three-second rule – A player who has held the ball for more than (3) seconds with:
 - a. Closely guarded/marked by defender.
 - b. The defense has both hands on her stick
 - c. The defense is in a position to legally check were full checking allowed.
5. Score and Standings will be recorded. Each team must provide a volunteer at the scorer's table.
6. Stick follow-through not allowed in goal circle.
7. Deputizing of goal keeper allowed.
8. NFHS Girl's rules used with the above exceptions. USL Youth 14U rules will be used only as they apply to the 3 second rule and NOT in contradiction to Rule #4 above.
9. Any initiated check to the head is a mandatory yellow card.
10. *Note: Head contact deemed incidental by the official, or contact initiated by the attacker should not be carded.*

PEE-WEE

1. **20-minute** halves – running time with no stopped clock. One one-minute time out per team per half after a goal or dead ball possession (note no substitutions allowed on dead ball TO possession). **5 minute** half times.
2. Teams will play eight (8) players at a time. Seven (7) field players and a goalie.
3. Five- second rule – A player who has held the ball for more than (5) seconds must make a pass before a shot can be taken. Possession will only be taken away if the player takes a shot before passing. In the event a shot is taken before passing, whether that shot results in a score or not, possession will be awarded to the goalkeeper. Officials will use hand and verbal signals to indicate when (5) seconds has occurred. In the event (5) seconds occurs in the act of shooting, officials will allow the shot.
4. Two (2) passes from possession before a shot can be taken. Passes by goalies, hand-offs, and underhanded passes are excluded.
5. Two (2) passes must be made after any whistle, unless two passes have already been completed at time of whistle. Passes by goalies, hand-offs, and underhanded passes are excluded.
6. Playing field should be approximately fifty-(50) yards in length from goal to goal and 40 yards wide.
7. Only 5 field players allowed past midfield. Goalie cannot go past midfield.
8. No Checking.
9. All free positions are indirect, unless foul occurs after two passes have already been completed.

10. No zone defense, man-to-man only. No double-teams.
11. Draw after every goal; other than after 5 goals down. A coin toss will be used to decide attacking goals and alternate possession. Players other than those involved in the draw need to be 4 meters away
12. There will be a draw to start the 2nd half even if a team is down by five or more goals.
13. Score of game will not be recorded.
14. No Coaches on the field.
15. Stick follow through not allowed in goal circle.
16. Goalie deputizing is allowed on this level.
17. NFHS/USL Girl's rules used with the above exceptions. We do not use USL Youth rules.

STICKLETTES

1. Sticklettes focus on fun and instruction
2. **20-minute** halves – running time with no stopped clock. No time-outs. **5 minute** half times.
3. Teams will play six players at a time. NO GOALIE.
4. Coach from each team will officiate.
5. No Target/Shooting Net
6. One (1) pass from possession before a shot can be taken. Hand-offs, and underhanded passes are excluded.
7. One (1) pass must be made after any whistle. Hand-offs, and underhanded passes are excluded.
8. Five- second rule – A player who has held the ball for more than 5 seconds must make a pass before a shot can be taken
9. Playing field should be approximately fifty-(50) yards in length from goal to goal and 40 yards wide.
10. No Checking.
11. All free positions are indirect.
12. No zone defense, man-to-man only. No double-teams.
13. Draw will be used to start the game and after all goals.
14. No 3-second violations in the 8 meter.
15. Score of all games **will not** be recorded.

ALL LEAGUES

1. Mouth guards are required for all players. No protruding rubber.
2. NFHS approved protective eyewear is mandatory.
3. No Jewelry.
4. **Head Coaches are required to exchange and check opposing roster prior to every game.**
5. **Maximum number** of coaches allowed on the sidelines per team is three (3).
6. Spectators must be on the opposite side of the field of all players and coaches (unless on stadium seated field).
7. No Coaches on the field during the game. **Exception – Sticklettes are allowed one coach from each team as an official.**
8. Goalie must be fully protected according to NFHS Rules.
9. Time outs can be used following a goal, on a dead ball, and with possession. Note: Substitutions may not be made during live-game time outs.
10. On the Fly substitution are allowed for all levels.
11. Yellow, Lime Green or Orange NOCSAE approved ball will be used. Girl's LAX regulations stick only.
12. Players shake hands, not sticks following games.
13. A player serving a 2 minute penalty time must serve it in the substitution area.
14. Two yellow cards by the same player in the same game will lead to disqualification for that player for that game.

15. A red card issued to a player, coach or spectator will be an automatic ejection from that game. Players receiving a red card are suspended for that game and at least the next subsequent game. Players, coaches and spectators ejected from a game are suspended for that game and at least the next two (2) subsequent games, and are subject to additional disciplinary actions. Please refer to page 50 of the [AA Recreation and Parks Guidelines and Reference Manual](#) for more detail.
16. Deputizing the goalie is allowed at all levels.

RAIN POLICY

Weekday Policy

Commissioners or Coaches must call (or email) Recreation & Parks at (410) 222-7300, or email (preferred) rphayd00@aacounty.org by 3:00 p.m. on game day and leave a message on the Sports Supervisor's voice mail at (410-222-7300 ext. 7072) if your field is in unplayable condition for that night's game.

- Only cancellations for the *entire* county will be posted on the website.
- Cancellations for individual grass fields are the responsibility of the home team. The sports supervisor must be notified by e-mail before 3:00 pm of cancellation.
- The sports supervisor will notify the head of the officials.
- Inclement weather decisions made by the County will be posted at 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Please check the website www.aacounty.org/recparcs for county-wide cancellations.
- If games have not been cancelled (there will **NOT** be an update), go to the field where the official will determine whether the field is playable. If the game is cancelled at the site, all games will be cancelled at that location and it is up to the home team commissioner/head coach to call:
 - The head of the officials (*Commissioners will have the number for the Officials*)
 - All teams scheduled to play at their field on that day.
 - The Sports Supervisor's voice mail (410-222-7300 ext. 7072).
- If it rains after the game has started, it is to be determined by the official if the game should be stopped for inclement weather. If the game is cancelled, all games will be cancelled at that location. Once a decision has been made, the head coaches should notify the commissioner and the commissioner should notify:
 - The head of the officials (*Commissioners will have the number for the Officials*)
 - All teams scheduled to play at their field on that day.
 - The Sports Supervisor's voice mail (410-222-7300 ext. 7072).
- *If county-wide cancellation is not posted on the website or on the hotline number, go to the field unless you've received a call that the field is unplayable.*
- *All games are considered complete after 50% of game has been played.*

Weekend Policy

- ◆ **SATURDAY POLICY** – It is the responsibility of each organization's commissioner to determine if their field is unplayable. If field is unplayable, notification must be given to Sports Supervisor (and any opposing teams scheduled to play on that field) by 6:30a.m. Only County-wide cancellations will be posted on the county website by 7:00 a.m. Sports Supervisor will notify the head of officials.
- ◆ **SUNDAY POLICY** – It is the responsibility of each organization's commissioner to determine if their field is unplayable. If field is unplayable, notification must be given to Sports Supervisor by 10:00 a.m. Only County-wide cancellations will be posted on the county website by 10:30 a.m. Sports Supervisor will notify the head of officials.