

2025 Austin Lacrosse Fall Invitational Rules

Divisions (Grad Year) and Format:

2034/35- 6v6 Format w/goalie or Hector

2033/32- 10v10

2031- 10v10

2029/30- 10v10

High School- 10v10

Per Grad Year Rule Specifications:

USA Lacrosse Sixes and NCAA rules will be used for this event. Please see below for modifications per age bracket.

- 2034-35 will play USA Lacrosse Sixes format, with the following modifications:
 - Positions: 2 Attack, 2 Midfield, 2 Defense, 1 Goalie 2035 can use Hector
 - No clearing counts
 - No sticks over 42"
 - No body checks and no one-handed checks
- 2033/32
 - No Shot Clock
 - No Dives
 - We will use modified NCAA Rules:
 - Longstick can not be over 60 inches
 - No clearing counts (4-sec goalie count remains)
 - Stalling in the last 2 minutes will be handled by officials. A keep-it-in call can be used.
- 2031-HS will use these modified NCAA Rules
 - No Shot Clock
 - No Dives
 - Clearing: 2033-HS, use 20 sec to clear the midline
 - No body checks and no one-handed checks
 - Stalling in the last 2 minutes will be handled by officials. A keep-it-in call can be used.

Game Format:

- All teams will have a minimum of 4-5 games
- Games will consist of 20-minute running halves, with a 5 minute half time
- 5-minute changeover between games
- A central horn will be used to keep games running on time
- If a game ends in a tie:
 - During pool play, games will finish in a tie
 - During playoffs, it will be determined in a sudden victory
- There will be no timeouts in round-robin play
 - In playoffs, teams will get 1 time-out for the entire game
 - This timeout can not be taken in the last 5 minutes of the game due to the running clock.

Penalty Timing:

- All penalties will be time and a half running time
 - 30 sec = 45 sec
 - 60 sec = 90 sec
- Penalty time will be kept at the table
- 2034/35, will not have time-serving penalties. They will have to sub out the penalized player

Mercy Rule (2035-2033):

- At any point during the game when there is a 7 goal lead, the trailing team will be given the ball at the midfield line in lieu of a faceoff as long as the six-goal lead is maintained unless waived by the coach of the trailing team.

Forfeit:

- In the event of a forfeit, the winning team will be awarded 7 goals in reference to the 7-goal max differential. Teams who have forfeited are not eligible for the playoffs.

Tie Bracker Parameters:

1. Record in pool play
2. Head-to-head
3. Goals against
4. Goal differential (7 Goal Max given in any one game)

Field Set Up:

- Each field will have a tournament representative with a walkie-talkie to communicate with the tournament directors
- Flip scoreboards for easy viewing of the score
- The field Coordinator will verify the score with both coaches after the game
- Penalty time will be kept at the scorer's table
- Balls are supplied on the end lines, with staff routinely replenishing the balls.
- Medical personnel will be located in multiple areas of the fields

Player Eligibility

- Players can only play in their grad year or play up. In no circumstance can a player play down a grad year.
 - Any team that is found to have players playing down a level, without tournament approval, will be warned, and if it is not corrected that particular team will be removed with the possibility of all the program teams being removed from the tournament
- Players will have to play with the graduation year they are currently enrolled at school, regardless of whether they intend on repeating a grade, unless given a waiver by the tournament.
 - Ex: a current 5th grader in the graduation year 2030. They would have to play with 2030 even if they plan on repeating 5th grade.
- Players can only be rostered on one team.
 - A player can play on multiple teams only if it is with the same program and he is playing up, not down.
 - A player planning on playing on two teams within the same program must be rostered on both before the tournament starts.

Fighting:

- Fighting will not be tolerated and will lead to immediate expulsion from the entire tournament
- If a team has a multitude of similar infractions the team may be kicked out of the tournament

Climate Weather:

- The tournament director will monitor both lightning and potential heat issues and make a determination on the stoppage of play
- The tournament will make its best efforts to get everyone their 4 games, which may include reducing game times to fit in all the games.