



INFORMATION FOR NEW SFYLL PROGRAMS

Below is basic information that new programs in the SFYLL will need to operate within league guidelines. This intro is a work in progress, and new info will be added and sent to you. Other league updates, rule changes, disclosures, etc will be sent out to each league program as they are made.

SFYLL LOGO - Attached you will find the SFYLL logo that we request you display on your website and any marketing material to enhance the value of your program and our league.

USA LACROSSE - All programs in our league utilize the benefits of USA Lacrosse membership to provide program insurance, player age verification and eligibility, coach eligibility, training, and background checks. We ask each program to become a registered member of USA Lacrosse, as well as all your players and coaches. Membership and coach lists will need to be uploaded to USA Lacrosse once your registration is complete.

COACH BACKGROUND CHECKS – All coaches are required to have proper background checks as is required by [State of Florida Statute 943.0438](#). Programs are required to read this statute and abide by all rules therein.

COACH TRAINING – USA Lacrosse coaches are required to meet a minimum of training to be eligible to coach in our league. This training can be completed online and is available to those who register for the required coach membership with USA Lacrosse.

CONCUSSION AWARENESS GUIDELINES – Paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of the above Statute define the State of Florida requirements to inform parents and coaches, as well as have them sign and return proof of disclosure of concussion warning signs and program protocols to ensure safe participation. The league recommends you make this part of your registration process.

LEAGUE DUES – The SFYLL will collect dues at the beginning of each season, which is tied to the number of teams you will be scheduling for games. Every year, we have a pro rata split of all administrative fees based on a flat fee + per team fee. The fees in 2025 were calculated as follows: flat fee is \$150 per program + \$25 per team that received scheduling. $\$150 + \# \text{ of teams} \times \25 . Payment due by March 1.



PLAYER TRANSFER RULES – The SFYLL has defined guidelines for players that limit transferring between programs. This requirement was born out of programs and travel coaches recruiting players from other rec programs to their own rec programs. The SFYLL does not allow such recruitment, as it is detrimental to existing SFYLL programs.

The league requires language to be added to your registration process notifying parents of the SFYLL Transfer Rules and requires an acknowledgement/sign off on these rules. Sample language is attached. More detailed rules and the TRANSFER REQUEST form is included on the RULES page of the league website.

SCHEDULING – Each league program will be required to complete the league-provided scheduling form no later than the end of the day, January 2, 2026. The league master scheduler will build the schedule and send out to the programs for review. We will then hold a SCHEDULE MEETING DATE (in person): Sunday, February 1, 2026. 10am-12pm, location is TBD. Each program needs to arrange to have a decision-making representative on-site AT this meeting.

In completing the scheduling form, the league has requirements that need to be met in order to schedule your teams. **TEAM COUNTS:** You should only count a team that you have a sufficient number of players **ALREADY REGISTERED IN YOUR PROGRAM AT THE DATE OF SUBMISSION**, to play a game at that age group. Do not submit team counts where you are “hopeful” to get more registrants. We can only schedule teams with sufficient registered players as of Jan 2. Sufficient count for 7v7 divisions is 9. Sufficient count for 10v10 (boys) or 11v11 (girls) divisions is 14. If you have less than that registered on a team, do not count them in the team count list. The league may request a registration list of players to confirm your teams, so be honest with the counts.

PLAY DATES - Most programs start games mid-Feb and go through end of April. Each program typically takes its county school spring break off (not required) and Easter Sunday.

GAME DAY HOSTING – Programs that will be hosting games will be required to build the game schedule that accommodates all home and visiting programs. We will provide the time allotments per division at the scheduling meeting. Host locations need to provide cones for field marking, scorer table, scoreboard, time clock and volunteer(s) at each field to flip scores and manage the clock. Endline balls are to be provided and staged/replenished by the host program.



OFFICIALS' FEES - Each program is responsible for ½ of the officials' game fees. You will be instructed on setting up a Refpay.com account and funding it with your expected fees. Funding of the account is due before your first games. There is a designated official who handles the allocation of game fees and payment of the officials. The current SFYLL fees for officials can be found on the SFYLL website <https://www.sfyll.com/official-fee-rates>

AGES – The SFYLL teams are built using the USA Lacrosse 12-month age guidelines. The divisions are based on date of birth, not grade in school. The age chart provided by USA Lacrosse is on the Rules page of the SFYLL website. I have also attached a copy of it to this email.

PLAYERS PLAYING UP OR DOWN A DIVISION – It is firmly AGAINST league rules to play players down a division from their proper age group for any reason. The league DOES allow players to play up a division to help fill out a team on game days should the team be short players.