

Battle in the Barn – Rules

Tournament Format

- Games are 25 minutes in length and will start at the top or bottom of the hour.
- Each team is permitted one (1) 30-second timeout per game. The clock will stop during timeouts.
- Games will begin with a face-off.
- After a goal, the defensive team starts with possession in the corner of their defensive zone on the referee's whistle.
- Non-playoff games ending in a tie will remain a tie.
- Championship games ending in a tie will begin with a face-off, and the first team to score wins.
- Standings: Win = 3 points | Tie = 1 point
- Tiebreakers (in order):
 1. Head-to-head
 2. Goal differential (capped at 7 per game)
 3. Goals allowed
 4. Coin flip (two-team tie)
 5. Random draw (three-team tie)

Equipment Requirements

- Mouthpieces are required.
- Rib pads (box or field style) are strongly encouraged for all field players.
- Proper footwear includes cross trainers, basketball shoes, or court shoes (gum-rubber outsole recommended).
- Cleats are NOT allowed.
- No jewelry permitted.

Rosters & Waivers

- Rosters must be submitted at least two (2) weeks prior to the tournament.
- All players must have a completed waiver to be eligible.
- Tournament staff will cross-reference rosters and waivers.
- The official roster consists only of players with completed waivers.
- Players without a waiver will be considered ineligible.

Goalie Equipment

- Goalie equipment will be available to borrow.
- Each team may borrow one (1) set only.
- Equipment must be picked up at least 45 minutes prior to your first game (between the two rinks).
- A driver's license or credit card must be presented when signing out equipment.

Infractions & Penalties

- Officials will signal penalties by raising their arm. The offense maintains possession until the defensive team gains control.
- Infractions – Change of possession.
- Examples: over and back, loose ball push, crease violations, illegal picks.
- Minor Penalties – 1 minute.
- Examples: slashing, tripping, holding, illegal cross-checking, elbowing, unnecessary roughness, unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Major Penalties – 2 minutes.
- Examples: hits from behind, boarding, butt-ending, charging, throwing the stick, egregious minor penalties.
- Hits from behind into the boards = 4 minutes.
- Misconduct Penalties – 10 minutes.
- Examples: continued behavior after serving a penalty, intentionally contacting an official, intervening in an altercation.
- Expulsions – Ejection from the game and/or tournament.
- Examples: fighting, leaving the penalty box to join an altercation, intentional hit from behind with intent to injure.

Fighting & Boarding Policy

- ZERO TOLERANCE for fighting. Any player involved in a fight will be immediately ejected. A Misconduct Penalty will also be assessed to the aggressor's team as determined by the official.
- Boarding is any attempt to body check or propel a player (with or without the ball) within five (5) feet into the boards. Players may play the ball within five (5) feet of the boards, but not the man.

Sportsmanship Expectations

Parents, players, coaches, and spectators are expected to demonstrate excellent sportsmanship and promote fair play at all times.

The safety of every participant is our top priority.

- Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
- Top Lacrosse Directors reserve the right to eject spectators from the facility.
- Teams may be penalized based on player behavior, including forfeiture, playoff ineligibility, or removal from future events.
- At no time are parents allowed on the rink.
- Please refer to USA Box Lacrosse Rules for items not addressed.

Questions

- Any questions regarding the rules should be directed to:
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