

2023 SOCAL MENS LACROSSE POLICIES

RAINOUPS:

- The HOME TEAM is responsible for notifying the away team and the referees of any game cancellation due to rain. **THE TIME FRAME FOR NOTIFICATION WILL BE DETERMINED BY TAKING THE AWAY TEAM'S TRAVEL TIME PLUS AN ADDITIONAL HOUR AND A HALF** (Most teams would plan on being at the game a half hour before game time). So as an example, if Beverly Hills was playing Newport Beach at 1:00 you would need to make your notifications 2 1/2 hours before the game to avoid having to pay the refs (1 hour travel plus 1 1/2 hours)."
- If the home team does not notify the referees and the visiting team within the above time line, the home team is responsible for paying both referees.
- If the visiting team does not notify the referees and the home team within the above timeline (i.e. not enough numbers for a game) then the visiting team is responsible for paying both referees.

ELIGIBILITY

- Once a player plays for a team twice he may no longer play on any other league team
- A player must play on a team at least two regular season games to be eligible to play in the playoffs
- In the case of a game day forfeit, if a player from the non forfeiting team shows up on the field ready to play then that game will count toward his playoff eligibility.
- No player that played on any college team or high school team in the current season is eligible to play in that season's SOCAL MENS playoff.

RESCHEDULING GAMES

- The home team must initiate the rescheduling process at least fourteen calendar days before the eventual rescheduled date unless the rainout is the week before one of the five dates below. :
 - Mother's Day weekend: Saturday or Sunday
 - Easter Weekend: Saturday or Sunday
 - Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday or Sunday
 - Any Saturday before a regular Sunday game
- Once the home team offers a rescheduled date from the above list the visiting team has seven calendar days to respond.
 - If the visiting team does not respond with a request to change the date within seven days of notification, the game is officially rescheduled for that date.
 - If the rainout happens the week before one of the first four reschedule dates above and the home team wants one of those dates then they must contact the visiting team with the game location and start time by Tuesday before the proposed date and the visiting team must respond by noon on the Thursday before the proposed date.
 - If the visiting team does not accept the first reschedule date offered then the home team must offer a second reschedule date from the above list of five dates.
 - If the visiting team does not accept the second reschedule date then the home team can pick any of the remaining dates from the above list. They must notify the visiting team immediately.
 - If the home team follows the above rescheduling procedure and the visiting team does not accept any of those dates it will be a forfeit by the visiting team.

FORFEITS:

- A forfeit is defined as not showing up to a game with the required nine players plus a fully equipped goalkeeper according to NFHS rules..
- A forfeit can be avoided by notifying the opposing team and the SCLAX referee assignor by phone AND email by 6:00 p.m. before the day of the game
- All teams, both new & existing would be required to pay the SCLAX \$100 within two weeks of the scheduled game for any forfeit. A forfeit is defined as showing up to a scheduled game without the required number of players which by NFHA rule is 10 including a goalie equipped by rule. No other considerations fall into the forfeiture policy
- **Referee Pay When There Is A Forfeit:**
 - If one team forfeits without notifying the referees then that team is obligated to pay both referees by Wednesday following the forfeited game.
 - If both teams forfeit that each team is responsible for paying one referee by Wednesday following the forfeited game.
 - If the referees are not paid per the above conditions then the assignor will not send referees to the team's next game.
 - Any team that forfeits more than two games in a season will have to reapply for entry into the SCLAX for the following season.
- **FIELD PERMIT COST WHEN THE VISITING TEAM FORFEITS:**
 - If there is a field cost and the home team cannot get a refund it is up to the teams involved to work out a financial settlement (9/14/16)

VOTING

- We now need four teams out of the seven league teams to be at the meeting for a vote to count.
- Passing all votes is a simple majority

PLAYER EJECTION

- **When a player ejection for fighting or conduct has been reported to the league by the referee that player will not be allowed to participate in the teams next game. A second ejection during the season will result in the player being banned from participating in the league for a minimum of the remainder of the season.**

PLAYOFFS:

- Participants & Tie Breakers
 - The top four teams in the league will make the Social Men's Lacrosse Playoffs. The one seed will host the four seed and the two seed will host the three seed on a Saturday. The Championship will be the following day on Sunday
- Tiebreaking procedures will remain as:
 - Two way Tie:
 - Head to head

- Goal differential between the two teams
- Goals given up vs. the entire division
- *If there is a forfeited game involved with either team, both of those games are thrown out when totaling the goals against for each team*
- Coin flip

- Three way Tie:
 - Head to head to head
 - Goals given up vs. the entire division
 - *If there is a forfeited division game involved with either team, both of those games are thrown out when totaling the goals against for each team*
 - Coin flip

EXPENSES:

- The league will pay for three referees for all playoff games
- If a field cost is incurred the SCLAX will pay up to \$250 for the field. A receipt from the field entity must be presented for payment. (9/23/14)

FIELDS:

- It is to the league team's advantage to secure fields (and insurance certificates if necessary) as soon as possible once the SCLAX schedule is published.
- This enables the Officials Assignor to place his best qualified officials on our games

- **GAME VENUE & TIME CHANGES**

- All venue & game time changes must be communicated to the "away team" by email & text within 48 hours of the original time & location
- If the visiting team cannot agree to the new venue & time then the teams need to reschedule the game for one of our open dates.
- If the visiting team cannot agree to a rescheduled date then the home team, will get the win by forfeit.

- **LEAGUE FEES**

- All league dues are to be received by the third Friday in February
- All new team entry fees are due to be received by the second Friday in November