

2026 LAXFEST PARENT’S GUIDE

Welcome to the Parent's Guide to 2026 PCLA Laxfest. The Laxfest tournament will be held on May 2nd from 9:00am until 4:00pm at Smith Fields at 2399 Veasley Street in Greensboro, NC. This guide is intended to help coaches, players and parents prepare for gameday, and what to do when you arrive. Helpful information is also available on the PCLA Website at www.ncpclalax.com site on the **RESOURCES** tab in the red bar at the top of the site.

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Safety statement

Our primary concern is always safety. We will have PCLA Directors on call to respond to emergency situations. If you are not familiar with our Code of Conduct, [click here](#). By participating in any PCLA you are agreeing to our Code of Conduct.

- From 9:00am until 11:00am please text Ryan Gehsmann - TYLA Executive Director at 336 209-2403.
- From 11:00am until 4:00pm please text Roger Davis – PCLA Executive Director at 336 847-8909

Weather statement

We have been tracking the weather forecast for Greensboro on May 2nd since Sunday. Saturday has alternated between 50-80% chance of rain in the morning and showers in the afternoon. For the past three days, Saturday’s forecast has called for rain. Friday and Sunday are both 1% chance of rain. If the system arrives early, or late, or changes trajectory we will be OK. If we expect severe weather or heavy rain, we will look to change the start times or postpone the event. If we need to change start times or postpone, this will be posted on the PCLA website by noon on Friday, May 1st. HOWEVER, the number of moving pieces to hold the tournament is daunting. We will do everything we can to hold the tournament as scheduled on May 2nd date.

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Seedings and score differential

We are playing in a single elimination tournament. Teams are seeded based on their regular season performance. The score differential shown on the PCLA website is limited to 10 goals. For example, if a team defeats another team by a score of 16-3, the score will be reported as 13-3. Please note that we are delighted to return the 7-8 boys' schedule to its original seedings. No other changes have been made.

Rules and Tiebreaker

Rules for the K-6 divisions have been a challenge. Most coaches, parents, players, and officials have adopted the new USA Boys Lacrosse rules that have been in place since the beginning of the season. Occasionally someone is unaware of these rules. When that happens, disputes occur. As I have done all season, here are the rules that have changed this year. Girls' rules and 7-8 boys' are the same as last year.

K-2, 3-4, and 5-6 For these age groups, only equal pressure body contact is allowed. No body displacement. You cannot contact a player and move them. Stick checks are limited to poke and lift, and downward checks below the shoulders. The one pass rule (only K-2 and 3-4) have been greatly simplified. Players need to attempt one pass after a face-off or post goal restart for K-2. Until the next goal is scored no further passes are needed. A change of possession, out of bounds, etc., does not matter. Also (only K-2 and 3-4) use the scrum rule. Officials are encouraged to blow the whistle if a ball is not scooped in three seconds. Award the ball using alternating possessions to players that do not usually touch the ball.

Single elimination tournament so **NO** games will end in a tie. If after regulation time expires the game is tied, there will be a 5-minute Overtime period played. "Golden Goal" - first goal scored wins the game.

If after the Overtime period, no goals have been scored, there will be a "Braveheart" competition. Each team puts out 1 field player and 1 goalie. Starts with a face off. Goalies are not permitted to cross half field. First goal wins the game. Each team's coach can choose their players to participate in "Braveheart".

USA Lacrosse boys' rules require that play be *immediately suspended* for lightning or dangerous weather, and the field must be cleared for a *minimum of 30 minutes* after the last observed lightning or thunder.

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Bracket Games (Play-in or Semi-finals)

- If there is a weather delay that exceeds the following game start time those games will be deemed final. If the game can be restarted before the next game start time we will start and play until 55 past the hour and the game will end.

Championship Games

- If the game is in the 2nd half and there is a weather delay that exceeds 1 hour the game will be deemed final.
- If a game is in the 1st half and there is a weather delay that exceeds 1 hour
 - If one team is up by 5 or more the game is deemed final
 - If a team is not up by 5 or more the game will be deemed a tie and Co-Champions will be crowned.

Laxfest T-Shirt Order

[Click here](#) to order your 2026 PCLA Laxfest tournament T-shirt. If you ordered by midnight Tuesday, April 28th, and chose "pickup in store" during checkout, your shirts will be delivered to you at Laxfest. Shirts are still available for order. If you would like a Laxfest T-Shirt please click on the picture of the shirt and order ASAP! You can choose shipping or "pick up in-store". You will be notified when they are ready.

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Site Map



Overflow parking and Drop-off Point

Parking at the field site is limited and will fill up quickly. There is ample parking across the street from the venue. If you have concerns about crossing the street with younger children and gear we will have an attended drop-off point at the bottom of Parking Lot #1.

Tents

If you have tents from rain or sun, they can be set up between Fields 3a and 3b.

Food Trucks

We have several food trucks including tacos, hot dogs, coffee, and Italian ices that will be set up in the Tournament Central area.

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Bouncy House (use at your own risk)

We will also have a bouncy house for younger children near the baseball fields.

Wristband and entrance fee

Please note that there is a \$5 per family entrance fee. Family members will receive a blue wristband that will allow them to re-enter the field area. Coaches, volunteer staff and PCLA Directors will receive green wristbands for free entry. Players with pinnies are also free.

First Aid

We will not have trainers on site. Please bring a first aid kit for your team. Ice or cold compression packs will be available on site.