

## NOLOA Boys Bantam, Youth and Middle School Rules, Ejection and Code of Conduct Policy

### Rules

These rules are for all levels (A, B, etc.).

- Bantam (3/4) division will play by USA Lacrosse U10 Rules, including a face-off to start each half and after every goal.
  - Four 10-minute **running time** quarters with a 2-minute break between each quarter and a 5-minute halftime.
- Youth (5/6) and Middle School (7/8) divisions will play by NFHS Rules.
  - Four 12-minute **running time** quarters with a 2-minute break between each quarter and a 5-minute halftime.
- Mercy Rule
  - There is no mercy rule, however, good sportsmanship is HIGHLY recommended.

If there are proposed reductions to the length of time for a game, this must be accepted by both teams prior to the game and conveyed to referees. Games can only be shortened, but as previously stated BOTH TEAMS MUST BE IN AGREEMENT

- Boys Exceptions/areas to highlight.
  - Bantam
    - 7v7
    - All field players are released on a face off once the whistle is blown.
    - There must be one attempt to pass after facing off before a player can shoot on goal.
    - No long poles
    - 6x6 foot goals and 4x4 goals are acceptable, 6-foot goals are preferred.
    - Teams down by 7 or more are awarded possession after a goal if they choose to accept it. Otherwise face offs can continue.
    - One 2-minute time out per half
    - Clock stops for timeouts and injury
  - Youth and Middle School
    - One 2-minute time out per half
    - Clock stops for timeouts and injury
    - 20 second count to get it over midline.
    - 10 second count to get it into the goal area (box).
    - Get it in/keep it in – in the last two minutes the team that is ahead by four goals or fewer must advance the ball into the goal area within 10 seconds and keep it in the goal area.
    - Score differential rule is in effect:
      - After the first half, once the goal differential reaches 12 goals or more, the team's head coach that is trailing in the game shall have the option to start with possession of the ball at midfield or faceoff. If the score reverts to 6 goals or less, normal faceoff rules will apply.

### **Overtime**

Overtime will only be considered for A games for Middle School and Youth and for Bantam A teams during a two-game set (A and B) between the same clubs, not during round robins. This will consist of an additional 4-minute sudden victory time period that will be immediately started after the end of regulation play. There are no time-outs during this period, and the clock is running. The team that scores first will be declared the winner. If the score is still tied after the extra period, then that will be the final result.

### **Scorekeeping and Timekeeping**

One representative from the home team will handle scorekeeping and game time, and one representative from the away team will keep time for penalties.

### **Sidelines/Substitution Box**

Only players, coaches, scorekeeper and timer are allowed on the bench side of the field near the scorer's box. Parents should not watch games from the bench side of the field and will be asked to leave. The substitution box shall remain clear of coaches and players not in act of substituting.

### **Ejection Policy**

The NOLOA policy on ejections will follow OHSAA regulations. These can be found in the OHSAA General Sports Regulations under sections 13 and 14. Any player or coach will serve a 2-game suspension if they are ejected from a game and will be suspended for 4 games if an individual is ejected for fighting. These will be "like" games. If this occurs in an A game, then the suspension must be over 2 (or 4) A games.

If you have compelling evidence (like video) that an individual shouldn't have been ejected because they were miss identified, you can contact Pat O'Brien at 330-421-0469 or via email at pmobrien1955@gmail.com. The likelihood of a suspension being overturned is very low and would most likely include the aforementioned miss-identification incident where a player or coach was identified but wasn't part of the incident.

### **Code of Conduct**

The conduct of players, coaches, parents and spectators shall follow the guidelines of the Code of Conduct as published by USA Lacrosse <https://www.usalacrosse.com/usa-lacrosse-code-conduct>. Ordinances and policies are always in effect within the City in which matches are conducted, at City facilities and on City fields utilized by the member clubs. Members, coaches and players are expected to abide by all local rules and regulations while attending games.