



# KEN VILAR MEMORIAL JAMBOREE

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026**

**RAIN DATE – SUNDAY MAY 17, 2026**

The Southington Lacrosse Association would like to welcome you to the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Ken Vilar Memorial Jamboree! We hope you all enjoy a great day of teamwork, sportsmanship, competition, and of course, lacrosse! The following is information you will need to ensure your team has a great experience.

Our jamboree is paperless, so please be sure to share this email with your team/families ahead of time. All of our jamboree information such as rules and field maps can be found online at <https://www.southingtonlacrosse.com/events/kvmj-information/24269>. For tournament schedule, please go to [www.tourneymachine.com](http://www.tourneymachine.com) and search for the Ken Vilar Memorial Jamboree. Please review this often as times and fields may change on short notice.

As much as we love animals, **PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED** on either school grounds, as well as charcoal or gas grills. Please understand that this is a rule we must enforce for not only insurance purposes, but they are against school policy. Please be sure to share these rules with your parents, because every year we unfortunately upset parents who have driven a long way and now must keep their pet in the car for the day.

Games are at two locations this year, Southington High School (Fields 1-6), and DePaolo Middle School (Fields 7-11).

- All 14U and 12U teams will play at SHS on Fields (1-6).
- 8U/10U Girls on SHS Field (4 a,b,c), and the Boys 8U/10U teams will play at DePaolo MS on Fields (7-11).

All coaches are required to check in at the registration booths at their respective location. The SHS registration booth is located at the gates entering the complex, the DePaolo MS booth is located in the right front of the school. The addresses for both locations are:

- Southington High School, 720 Pleasant Street, Southington, CT 06489
- DePaolo Middle School, 385 Pleasant Street, Southington, CT 06489

## **FIELD MAPS – CLICK LINK BELOW**

[Southington Lacrosse Association | KVMJ Field Maps](#)

## **SHS TURF FIELD:**

Some games may be played on the high school turf field. The following rules must be strictly adhered to:

1. Only coaches and players are allowed on the turf. Spectators must stick to the stands.
2. Only water is allowed on the turf - NO food, Gatorade, or any beverage other than water.
3. No seeds, nuts, gum, metal, or glass containers.
4. No Metal Cleats

## **CHECK-IN:**

A coach or team representative should first report to the registration tent at the location they are playing at. The team representative should also provide the name and cell phone number of the head coach in case we need to contact them during the day. Lastly, they should turn in a certificate of insurance, naming the Southington Board of Education as an additional insured if they did not send it in advance. The address for the certificate is 200 N Main St, Southington, CT 06489. Again, you must check in at the location you are playing. Your team will be given a garbage bag at check in. Please urge your team to respect our fields and properly get rid of their trash. When exiting the jamboree, please place your trash bags at the designated area for each location. See maps for details.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, CHECK-IN WILL NOT BE AT THE GATE ON PLEASANT STREET NEAR SOFTBALL. THIS IS FOR VENDORS AND JAMBOREE COORDINATOR ONLY. ALL ATTENDEES SHOULD PARK IN THE MAIN LOT AND ENTER THROUGH THE GATE BY THE VO-AG BUILDING/BASEBALL FIELD. THE PARKING LOT LOCATED NEAR THE JAMBOREE ENTRANCE IS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING, OFFICIALS, AND DROP OFF ONLY.**

## **SCHEDULES:**

We are using Tourney Machine to provide an electronic version of our scheduling. Please check this often as it will be up to date with scores and any last-minute field changes.

## **GAMES:**

- 14U and 12U teams will play in pools within their division. Each team will play a minimum of 3 games. There may be a 4th Championship game (5<sup>th</sup> game for some divisions) for teams that qualify. All game scores and pool rankings will be updated in Tourney Machine. All division winners in these two levels will win Championship Medals.
- 10U and 8U teams will play 3 games with no standings or score keeping.
- All games will start promptly at the scheduled times.
- Each game will start with a single LONG HORN BLAST.
- Each game will end with two HORN BLASTS.
- The games will be 25-minute running time, with NO half time or time outs
- In the case of extreme heat, we will make sure there is a mandatory quick water break after 12-minute mark, referee discretion.
- There will be 5 minutes between each game to allow teams to get on and off the fields

While we hope you find the competition challenging, first and foremost, we want this event to be fun for all of your players and parents. Please do not run up scores if the game is one-sided. Encourage teamwork and sportsmanship in these situations. Ties will be broken in order of: Head-to-Head, Goal Differential (Max +/- 5 Goals), Goals Allowed, Coin Flip

## **PLAY FORMAT:**

- All of our jamboree games are played following US LACROSSE rules unless noted above.
- U14 and U12 BOYS will play normal 10 vs 10.
- U14 and U12 GIRLS will play a modified checking, 12 vs 12.

## **U8 / U10 BOYS RULES – CLICK LINK BELOW**

[Southington Lacrosse Association | KVMJ U8/U10 Boys Rules](#)

## **U8 / U10 GIRLS RULES – CLICK LINK BELOW**

[Southington Lacrosse Association | KVMJ U8/U10 Girls Rules](#)

## **\*\*\*NEW FOR U8 and U10 DIVISIONS\*\*\***

**MVP PIN PROGRAM** – At registration check-in, each coach will receive 3 KVMJ pins. Following each game, coaches should award one pin to a player on the opposing team. Pins can be awarded for effort, sportsmanship, teamwork, hustle, or overall great play. Please make sure you get yours at check-in!!!

## **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

We expect players, coaches, and spectators to cheer for their team, but we also expect all guests to respect others and promote good sportsmanship. Do not referee from the sidelines. Let the coaches do their job and the officials do theirs. Any unruly behavior will not be accepted and could lead to your removal from the jamboree. Any instances of this will be brought to the site coordinator who will enforce this policy. Officials also have the right to remove spectators from the field. If they feel a spectator's actions are disrupting the game, they will ask you to leave the field. Failure to do so will result in the person(s) being removed from the jamboree. Any players / coaches who behave in any unsportsmanlike manner will be given a warning. If the action happens again, they will be removed. Fighting is not tolerated, period. If a fight breaks out on a field, players will be removed from the game and the site coordinator will determine if they will be allowed to participate in the rest of the games or removed from the facility.

## **WEATHER/REFUND POLICY:**

Remember we play rain or shine. In the event of lightning, we will suspend play with 5 horn blasts, and ask that everyone takes shelter or return to their cars. Games will resume 30 minutes after the last lightning is observed. Play will resume on schedule, so delayed games will be scored when stopped, the other games during the delay will be removed from the schedule as not to fall behind. Once registration closes, the Monday before the tournament, there will be no refunds unless the tournament cannot be played due to full weather cancellation or a pandemic like we faced in 2020. Again, we play in the rain as long as field conditions remain safe.

## **PARKING:**

### ***Southington HS***

Parking is available in the front parking lot of Southington High School. Please adhere to the NO PARKING restrictions as they are strictly enforced. **Please avoid parking on streets and in neighborhoods.** At SHS, you can park on Pleasant Street, but only on the fence line next to the school fields. Cars cannot park on the residential side. There will also be a special area designated next to the VO AG building on the map for Handicap parking. This entrance is next to the tennis courts accessible from Pleasant Street. The drop off area is located at the same entrance, but you cannot park here unless you have a Handicapped placard. Please view maps for reference.

### ***DePaolo Middle School***

Parking is available in two of the three middle school lots (the two left lots). The bus line lot is reserved for the drop off of large equipment, vendors, referees, and handicap parking. Also, please do not park on Pleasant St or in any of the surrounding neighborhoods. You can park on Woodruff St on the same side as the Middle School. There is also a senior center directly across the street from DePaolo on Pleasant St, parking here unfortunately is prohibited until after 12pm. Please use field maps for parking assistance. This year there will be parking available in certain sections of Zion Church. See field maps for assistance.

## **FIRST AID:**

During the event, we will have a trained First-Aid professional on-site at both locations on the map labeled as "First Aid". At SHS, the tent is located at the North end of the turf field. At DePaolo MS, it will be next to the check-in booth.

## **EVENT ACTIVITIES:**

- Vendors: We will have different vendors at each location selling a variety of lacrosse apparel and items, including vendors such as Amped Up Apparel, Lax So Hard, GOAT USA, OTC, and our tournament shirt booth.
- Food and snacks:
  - SHS: Not Just Blowin' Smoke, Wiches and Dogs, Dudes Donuts, Bricin's Festival Foods
  - DePaolo MS: Steve's Top Dog, Travelin' Toms Coffee, Kona Ice, Sweet Treats Ice Cream Truck
- Each locations team area will have a DJ providing announcements, music, and taking requests for some fun!!

## **TEAM TENTS:**

We allow tents and tables in the team areas shown on the maps. Again, there are no grills or cooking on premises as well as pets on both school properties. Your compliance with these rules is imperative! For your convenience, we will have golf carts available at SHS to help bring people and items to and from the main parking lot to the team areas.

## **SPECTATORS:**

Spectators are always allowed and welcome at our jamboree. Everyone must enter through the main gate and not through Vendor gate by softball fields. We know this may be an inconvenience for some who park up that way, but we have strict guidelines from our local police department, and this is a mandatory requirement for us to hold the event. Spectators are also not allowed on the field of play at any time for any reason. Again, be respectful, cheer positively, and let the coaches and officials do their job.

I also want to thank Diamond Ice for their continued support over the last few years. Each location will have ice available if your cooler runs out at no charge. Please see the registration table at DePaolo MS or the KVMJ Tournament Headquarters tent on the SHS turf for more details. We will distribute bags on a first come basis while supplies last.



Lastly, the Vilar family and the SLA want to thank you all in advance for attending this year's 37<sup>th</sup> Ken Vilar Memorial Jamboree. We look forward every year to providing a fun, safe event that can bring players and teams from all over Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. We will have 160 teams competing on Saturday, just the way Ken envisioned it over 36 years ago. The SLA Board and well over 150 parent volunteers will be working hard to ensure a great experience for everyone on Saturday. We look forward to hosting and seeing all of your teams, families, and friends enjoying the great game of Lacrosse!

Sincerely,

Shawn McDowell - Jamboree Coordinator