



## Rules of Play and Game Information

Current U.S.A. Lacrosse and NFHS Rules for the different age groups will be used on the field for all Buku Events unless otherwise stated here.

### **GAME RULES**

Other than specified here, **2021 NFHS Rules will apply.**

- 2 – 24 minutes halves
- 4-minute half time
- One – 30 second timeout per team for only Championship Games on Sunday. Game clock stops.
- Table personnel will keep penalty time. Referees will keep game time.
- All games must start on time.
- Tie at end of regulation - Overtime period until goal is scored.- Sudden Victory.

### **Playoff Bracket Seeding order**

- Head to Head
- Goals Against
- Goal Differential
- Goals Scored
- Coin Toss at Info Tent (Coaches Present)

### **BOYS – 2021 NFHS Rules Apply**

- No stick checks unless refs think a stick is outrageously illegal
- No face off mercy rule.
- 20 second to clear half field
- 10 seconds to enter the box
- **NFHS Rules Apply**– one handed checks are allowed but must not be a slash
- NFHS still allows knee down moto grip allowed
- PENALTIES FOR ALL:
  - 45 second technical foul; 90 second personal foul
  - Penalty time starts on the restart of the whistle.
  - In home can serve a goalie penalty if no second goalie is available
  - Last 2 minutes of the game the winning team must keep it in the box when the game is within a 4 goal deficit.

### **GIRLS – 2021 NFHS Rules Apply**

- Full checking at HS Divisions.
- 2 yellow cards for 1 player – player out remainder of game but may play the next game.
- Red card for 1 player – player out remainder of that game. Officials & Tournament Director will determine if the player will be allowed to play any remaining games.
- If a horn sounds at the end of time and a free position is being awarded in the critical scoring area – the game will continue until the scoring play is over.

### **EJECTIONS**

- Game ejections are handled by the referees
- Tournament suspensions are handled by the Tournament Director

### **LIMITED BODY CHECKING - NO BLATANT HITS - NO TAKE-OUT CHECKS!**

Big hits and overly physical play (even within 5 yards from a loose ball), as well as excessive force, roughness, checking or hitting off the ball, constitutes unnecessary roughness and will result in a penalty. The Tournament Directors expect tournament officials to “err” on the side of safety. All coaches involved with the teams in the tournament are expected to understand and support the philosophy with regard to officiating and the promotion of player safety.

### **KEEPING / REPORTING SCORES**

Each game will be tracked by the game scorecard which the field staff will have at each game. Coaches must sign game cards so the field staff can report the score of your game. The scorekeeper will update scores and provide game scores to the official score tent.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP / CONDUCT**

Poor sportsmanship, taunting, trash talking, fighting, or any other unbecoming behavior on the part of the players, coaches, parents, or fans will not be tolerated. All persons involved with a Buku Events Tournament and visiting the facility are expected to “Honor the Game”. Bad language will not be tolerated. Please treat the officials, opponents, spectators, and tournament staff with the same respect you would like to be shown. The Tournament Directors expect the officials, coaches and players to conduct themselves in accordance with the rules.

**Obscene language:** Minimum of two minutes. The penalty time is non-releasable.