

National Tournament Safety Protocols

****All protocols subject to change based on restrictions being lifted – this is the “Worst – Case Scenario” ****

USA Lacrosse is excited that National Tournament has been approved to run and we remain committed to providing the safest playing and viewing environment for children to participate in youth sports.

Unless prohibited by federal, state, or local order, National Tournament is good to go and will take place as scheduled. We are committed to providing children a safe experience allowing them to be active while providing the benefits of physical activity and team play.

With the above in mind, we have implemented policies and guidelines that promote social distancing at National Tournament to best ensure the safety of all participants. The schedule and fields will allow ample space to spread out and abide by social distancing protocols.

If you have had close contact with any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the 14 days before May 29, 2021, YOU CANNOT ATTEND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

If you become sick on the day of the event, YOU MUST STAY HOME!

*****If there is any federal, state, or locally imposed shutdown before National Tournament, the event will be canceled*****

Participant COVID-19 Waiver

To combat the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) our tournaments have added additional waivers which everyone must complete. We apologize in advance for those of you who had already completed player waivers but with the unprecedented circumstances, new waivers are required for the safety and understanding of all participants. The waiver is required to be completed by players, coaches, officials, and staff.

The Participant COVID-19 Waiver needs to be completed no earlier than one (1) week from the start date of the tournament to participate in our event.

Tournament Policies

To combat the spread of COVID-19, US Lacrosse encourages and expects all participants to observe the following practices:

- Anyone with any pre-existing conditions (including but not limited to heart, kidney, liver disease, diabetes, immunodeficiencies, or ANY LUNG issues) or persons aged 65 years **SHOULD NOT ATTEND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT.**
- All participants, spectators, and event staff who attend National Tournament **SHOULD NOT VISIT ANYONE** with the conditions listed above for at least **14 days** before the first scheduled game.
- Lacrosse balls and score tables will be sanitized throughout the event. There will be wipes on every table and Field Marshals will replenish balls between games.
- Food vendors will have social distance markings for their lines.
- National Tournament Vendors & Sponsors will only permit a maximum of five (5) people in their areas at any given time.
- Portable bathrooms will be available and spread out to ensure social distancing. Sanitizing stations will be outside the portable bathrooms to sanitize before entering and upon exiting.
- USA Lacrosse and Cedar Lane Regional Park staff will be wearing masks when in close contact with any stakeholders of the event.

Event Format Updates

All teams will play four (4) games total – three (3) on Saturday and (1) on Sunday

To mitigate the spread of any communicable diseases and COVID-19 infections, National Tournament will be as follows:

- We **strongly encourage** all stakeholders to wear masks as much as possible at the event, but it will not be enforced. For individuals who are not fully vaccinated, we do encourage them to wear a mask.
- Athletes are **NOT** required to wear masks during competition but may do so if they feel safer.
- All coaches, athletes, spectators, and staff must maintain social distancing guidelines set out by the CDC and maintain a 6-foot radius unless you are on the field in the game.
- Athletes should limit touching to their personal belongings/equipment only. Hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the venue, but athletes should bring personal hand sanitizer and sanitize after every game.
- There will be no post-game handshakes or close contact with the other team. Please exit the game field on opposite sides.
- In between games, please maintain social distancing or return to your cars for some air conditioning and hydration. There will be **NO TEAM TENTS ALLOWED!** We also strongly discourage the use of shared 'team' coolers or other items that may impact effective social distancing.
- No team gatherings or huddles are permitted unless strict social distancing is followed by the team and monitored/enforced by the coaching staff.
- There will be no bleachers available for use at National Tournament. All spectators must bring their chairs.
- To assist with social distancing measures, we will not provide water stations for common use at playing fields. We strongly recommend athletes bring their own water and/or purchase from food vendors.

College Coaches Information

We are excited to host any college coaches at National Tournament! To minimize exposure to any communicable diseases, we have implemented the following policies for any collegiate recruiters:

1. We will not provide a hard copy of the Player Profile Book; however, we will share a digital version that can be downloaded to your personal iPad, phone or tablet for recruiting purposes.
2. We will not provide a College Coach Hospitality Tent or lunch; however, there will be food vendors on-site to purchase food and drinks. Please plan accordingly.
3. All coaches must practice social distancing, feel free to bring your own chair if that makes you more comfortable.

Officials Information

****REMINDER THESE POLICIES MAY CHANGE** All notifications will be sent out via the Official Assignor****

1. We strongly encourage all officials to invest in electronic whistles for our events to limit any air born particles from entering the playing area.
2. Please utilize the hand sanitizer on the score table before the game, at half time, and after each game.
3. We cannot provide water filling stations – please bring a water cooler ample enough to cover your needs each day.
4. Except in case of injury or emergency, we will not be able to provide personal onsite transportation via golf cart to any attendees.
5. All officials will need to complete a COVID-19 waiver prior to officiating.
6. All officials must exercise social distancing; we will not provide chairs to officials so please bring your own chair/umbrella, etc.
7. Officials are not required to wear masks during the games or half-time but are welcome to if preferred.