



## GAME DAY POLICY

*The following policies and procedures have been instituted by the Greater Birmingham Youth Lacrosse Association (GBYLA) to promote good sportsmanship for our teams & fans on game day.*

### Pre-Game Procedure:

- Home team ALWAYS wears WHITE. Opposing team must have contrasting color jerseys.
- Duplicate jersey numbers on the same team are not allowed and may result in offending team sustaining a penalty.
- Ensure *Home Field Set Up Instructions* are properly followed by the Home team.
  - Walk field to ensure playing surface is free of debris & safe for play.
  - Place end line balls on either end of playing field approximately 2-3 yards beyond the end line.
  - Set up Timer's table w/necessary equipment ie horn, score flip board.
  - Place cones as diagramed
- Coach introduction to one another with handshake.
- Identify Team Captains and review roles with players (if applicable).
- Identify Sideline Manager at Coin Toss.

### Start of Game:

- If a team is not ready to play within 30 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game, that team shall forfeit the game unless the team has been delayed because of circumstances beyond their control.
  - If a team that has been delayed because of circumstances beyond their control, is ready to play more than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game, the game shall be played if the field remains available and conditions are suitable for execution of a game of regulation time.
  - If a team that has been delayed because of circumstances beyond their control, is ready to play more than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time of the game, but the field is not available or conditions are not suitable for execution of a game of regulation time, then the game may be rescheduled, if approved by the GBYLA board.

### Officials Engagement Policy:

- Coach introduction to Officials with handshake.
- Rule clarification & review, if needed, by either Home or Away Coach or both.
- Communications to Officials during the game are made by HEAD COACH only.
- Post-game handshake.

### Game Sportsmanship Message (to be read prior to game start):

- We expect that all spectators, coaches, officials, & players will 'Honor the Game' by supporting all participants with positive thoughts, actions & words. As you support your team today, show respect and courtesy for all spectators, players, coaches & officials before, during & after the game regardless of the

outcome.

#### Sideline Conduct Policy:

- Game and Table Volunteers
  - Table workers or those assisting at the table shall refrain from outburst or engaging with the opposing team. Engaging with the opposing team should be done only in a manner that encourages the ideals of Honor the Game.
  - Table interaction with the opposing team Head Coach should be engaged only if a direct question is asked of the timer or scorer.
  - Interaction to Officials should be limited to questions related to the individual's role and should only be done prior to the start of the game or during halftime.
- All fans MUST sit or stand on the opposite side of the field from the players.
- Photographers are considered FANS and must remain on the fan sideline. Photographers should refrain from engaging players during play and/or loitering at the end line or goal.
- Table Protocol
  - Visitor Team – No more than two (2) persons at the sideline table
    - Do not represent an official capacity during the game.
  - Home Team – No more than three (3) persons at the sideline table
  - Home Team Coach is responsible for identifying the table officials.
  - Officials communicate with five (5) people on the sideline ie two (2) Head Coaches (Visitor & Home) and three (3) table officials (represented by the Home Team).
  - Maximum persons at the table is five (5).

#### Playing Time Policy:

- Youth
  - 8U/10U/12U: Two (2) quarters equivalent.
  - 14U: One (1) quarter equivalent.
  - JV and HS: No minimum required.

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#### GBYLA SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

The GBYLA puts a high priority on superior sportsmanship being exhibited by its players, coaches, and fans. To promote such sportsmanship, GBYLA Board members are expected to lead by example and to exemplify the highest ideals of sportsmanship in their own lacrosse activities as coaches, officials, and fans. Further, Board members are expected to monitor the sportsmanship of other coaches, parents, and fans from within their specific communities and to assist in controlling unruly fan behavior at GBYLA events at which they are in attendance.

GBYLA officers and board members from time to time may be charged with promoting and enforcing, when necessary, good sportsmanship policies at GBYLA sponsored events and shall have the authority and the responsibility to evict fans who exhibit flagrant incidents of poor sportsmanship and/or poor fan behavior that is detrimental to the betterment of the GBYLA.