

# **BAGGATAWAY INVITATIONAL - RULES FOR PLAY**

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1. **Each team will provide three balls for the end line at each game.**
2. **Each team will supply a timer and scorekeeper for each game.**
3. **No Counts-Leaving defense or entering offensive zones – boys only. (Defensive counts do apply to all levels of girl's play).**
4. **Two (2) Time Outs (1 per half) per team, 2 minute duration**
5. **One minute stalling warning fourth quarter (keep it in).**
6. **Uniform rules are waived (all equipment rules apply).**
7. **The "mercy rule" will be used. When one team is ahead by five points or more, the team that is behind will be given the ball at the midfield line in lieu of a face-off.**
8. **Any player or coach using derogatory language on the field or bench when addressing a player, coach or referee may receive a one minute, non-releasable penalty for the first offense, a two minute non-releasable for the second offense and expulsion from the game for the third offense,**
9. **Time Factors: In order to keep play moving and keep games starting at their designated times, the following time factors will apply: Two twenty (20) minute halves, running time. A Four (4) minute halftime. The clock will stop for Officials game control, injury, and/or time-outs. Penalty time will carry-over the half and/or into overtime periods.**
10. **In the event of a tie game at the end of regulation, we will play as many sudden victory overtime periods as are necessary to determine a winner. Overtime will be 4 minutes in length with NO time-outs.**
11. **Middle School Girls Games will be playing "Modified Stick Checking" per the following written rules from US Lacrosse.**

Once players have mastered the basic fundamentals, coaches will want to introduce stick checking. Players on 7th and 8th grade teams will be allowed to use modified checking as an intermediate step towards full checking. Modified checking is defined as checking the stick if it is below shoulder level, using a downward motion away from the other player's body. Use of modified checking will allow the older youth player to learn proper checking skills, while at the same time encouraging good cradling and stick handling skills for the attack player. Umpires and coaches should strictly enforce this rule, never allowing checks near a player's head or face.

It should be noted that stick-to-stick contact is not necessarily a violation of the no checking/modified checking rule. A defender who is holding her stick in good defensive position may force the attack player to cradle into her stick causing contact. This is not considered a stick check, as the attack player initiated the contact, not the defender. A similar situation would exist when the defender puts her stick up in an attempt to block or intercept a pass and the attacker makes contact while in the act of passing or catching the ball.

## **NOTES:**

- **Any issues regarding tournament operations or conduct of games, including matters not specifically dealt with by applicable rules, will be resolved by the Tournament Officials, whose decision shall be final.**
- **Warm ups should be conducted in a safe and appropriate open area adjacent the game field so as not to interfere with play or delay starting.**