

2021 Spring Tournament Information Meeting for Participating Community Association Leaders May 26th and 27th - Via ZOOM



Armstrong Cooper	Maple Grove
Blaine	Monticello
Buffalo	Moorhead
Centennial	Mounds View - Irondale
Champlin Park	Orono
Grand Rapids	Owatonna
Lakeville	Rochester
Mahtomedi	St Louis Park
Mankato	Wayzata



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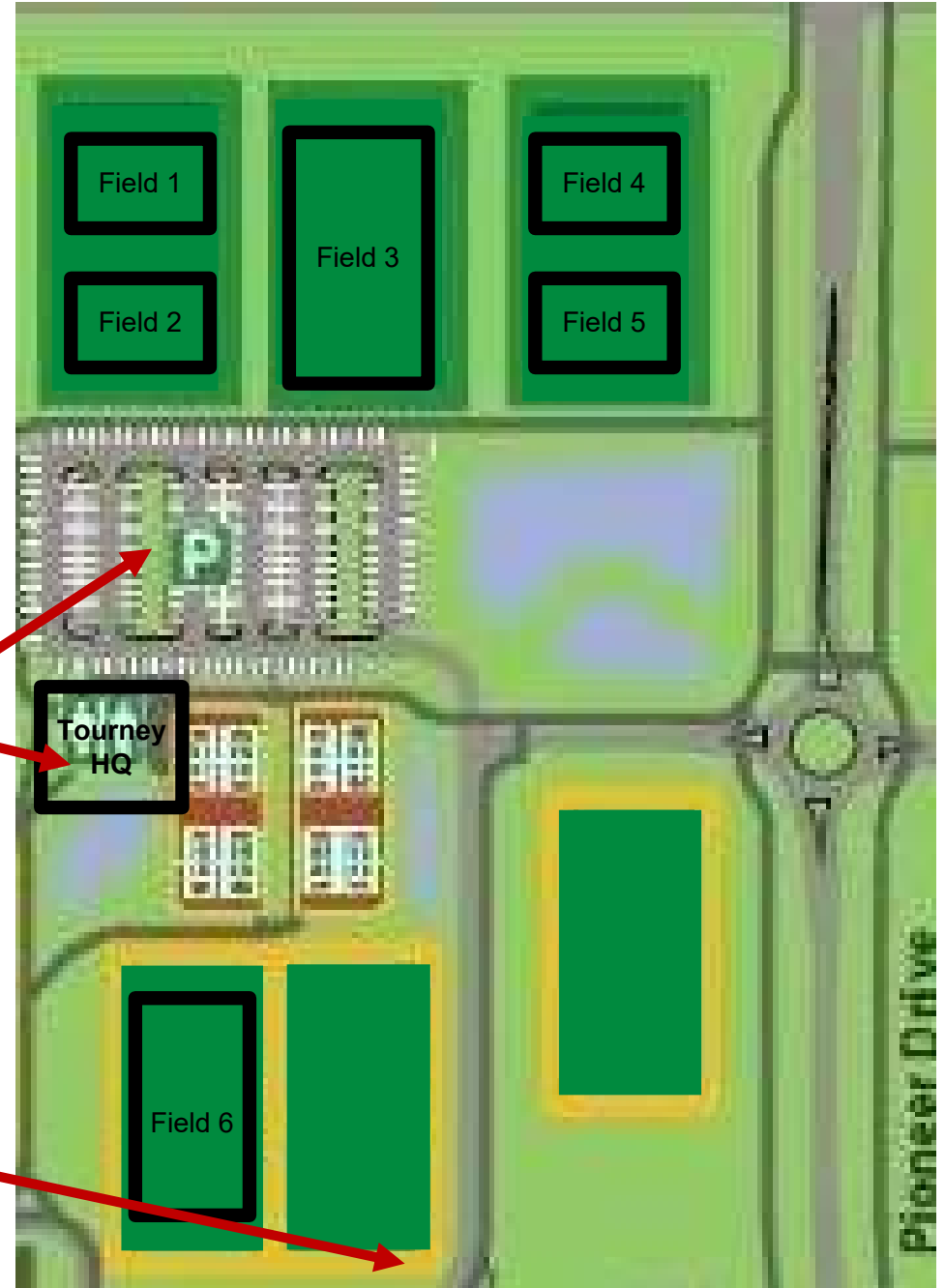
VENUE: HEALTH EAST SPORTS CENTER

- Address: 4200 Pioneer Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129
- Map on next slide outline fields and facilities we will be using for the tournament.
- Team tents with camping style stakes can be placed in open areas near the fields.
- Pets are allowed but must be on a leash at all times.
- Please do not park in thruways and posted no parking areas. Violators will be towed.



HealthEast Sports Center East Ridge High School

City of Woodbury Woodbury
South Washington County Schools



Tourney Headquarters

- Field 1 – Small Field
- Field 2 – Small Field
- Field 3 – Full Field
- Field 4 – Small Field
- Field 5 – Small Field
- Field 6 – Full Field

Parking

SCHEDULE AND RULES

- Games will follow the rules of MSLax.
- To ensure consistency and clear expectations, referees will discuss rules with coaches prior to start of the game.
- If you have questions about the rules or scores during the game, please confer with the other coach and the ref to resolve prior to the end of the game.
- If unable to resolve, please contact headquarters immediately.
- If you have questions regarding Rules, email Development@MSLAX.net



TEAM CHECK-IN

- All teams must be checked in by a team representative at **headquarters 30 minutes prior to their first game.**
- Every team must submit complete roster information in advance of the tournament.
- Players listed on the tournament roster must have played the entire season with the team.
- Any other situations need to be approved **prior to the tournament** by the MSLax board.
- If it is determined by the MSLax Board that a team has played a game with players who are not rostered, the game will be considered a forfeit.



GAME FORMAT - POOL PLAY

- Top team in bracket for each game is HOME team
- All levels will play 45-minute running time games.
- Two 20-minute halves and a 5-minute half time.
- Times may be adjusted if an injury takes place.
- Each team is allowed one 2-minute timeout, it will be taken from game running time
- Timeouts are not allowed during the last 5 minutes of play.
- Water breaks may be implemented if the weather dictates. No coaching is allowed during water breaks.



GAME FORMAT - CHAMPIONSHIP

- 5-minute sudden-death overtime (first goal wins)
- If a winner is not determined after the first overtime period, teams will have a 2-minute break and then start another 5-minute overtime.
- This will continue until a goal is scored.



POOL PLAY & STANDINGS CALCULATIONS

- Pool Play format
- Three-game minimum for each team.
- Pool play scoring: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.
- If there is a tie at the end of Pool Play, to break the tie, we will: Use goals against, then goals for, then goal differential and if necessary, a coin toss!
- Medals awarded to Champions in each bracket
- Pictures will be taken of both the first and second place teams for each bracket.



SCORE REPORTING

- Head coaches are required to sign-off on score sheets at the game table.
- Once coach sign-off occurs, scores will be reported promptly after the end of the game by game table volunteers.
- If coaches do not sign final scoresheet the reported score will be considered final.
- If scoresheet scores and reported scores differ, the logged score will prevail.



GAME TABLE VOLUNTEERS

- Every team is **required** to provide one volunteer for the game table. Representatives should be at table when teams start warming up.
- One team's representative will track scoring and text the final score in to be recorded in Tourney Machine.
- One team's representative will track time and penalties.
- If there is a significant delay to the game, as in the case of an injury, the game may be extended by agreement between the ref and the two coaches as to the length.
- Please report any such delays to headquarters so we can notify any possible impacts to subsequent games.



INJURIES

- An EMT will be on site through the tournament.
- The radio at the score table is used to request EMT support.



INCLEMENT WEATHER & CANCELLATIONS

- MSLax follows the severe weather guidelines as outlined by US Lacrosse.
- In the case of a weather delay, we will attempt to get all games played on a modified schedule with the possibility of games being shortened.
- **Tourney Machine will be updated with schedule information.**
- Games that are 75% or more completed will be considered a full game.
- In the case of the tournament being cancelled due to inclement weather, we will refund the teams after all expenses have been paid.



TOURNAMENT REFUNDS FOR WITHDRAWALS

- NO refunds will be given for teams that withdraw from the tournament seven days prior to the start of the tournament.
- **Teams that withdraw, after the schedule has been posted, will forfeit their games.**



HONOR THE GAME

- We expect ALL players, coaches, and fans to exhibit good sportsmanship. Poor behavior by coaches, players, or fans will not be tolerated.
- Consequences include red cards, game suspensions, forfeiture of a game or team disqualification.
- If requested, those not complying will be asked to leave the premises.
- All decisions of the MSLax board are final.



CHECK OUT SOME NON-GAME ACTIVITIES

- **Rules Table**
 - Staffed by MLUA Referees & Board Members
 - LAX Rules Trivia
 - Opportunity to Ask Questions & Win Prizes
- **MSLAX Board Members – We're here for You –**
 - Let us know what we're doing well
 - What could we improve upon?
- **Fun Games & Challenges**
- **Tournament t-shirts and other clothing**
- **Food and Beverage**



QUESTIONS

- **7 v 7 field size – refer to MSLAX 7 v 7 rules page for diagram**
- **Hotels – have we made any arrangements ? Not to date, can research**
- **Schedule – Will be out by end of day Sunday**
- **MSLAX provides game balls – teams are not responsible for this**
- **Reffing questions re: consistency - Emily will address with MLUA**
 - **7 v 7 lining up - all positions**
 - **7 v 7 lining up on the draw**
 - **12U – 1 completed pass w/in zone**
 - **Mercy Rule ? 4 goal differential option for free possession; at 8 goal differential, team with more goals must make 3 consecutive completed passes**
- **At start of game – refs, coaches and ‘captains’ meet for start of game**
- **Please make it clear when schedule is presented who is home team**
- **8U – communications re: June 6th – Sunday between 11 and 2**
- **Summer tourney – Friday games ? Will look into**



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