



## WELCOME TO THE 2025 New England Scream!

- 2030-2033 Divisions will play with twelve players; 1 goal keeper and 11 field players. 4 field players must remain behind the restraining line.  
2034-2035 Divisions will play half field 8 v 8, with 7 field players and a goalie. 2 players must remain behind the half field mark.
- Game blocks will be 50 minutes in length with two 21-minute halves, with a 2-minute half time. There will be 6 minutes in between games.
- In some brackets, each team will play either a championship game or a consolation game. These games will follow the same time formats as the regular games.
- There are no time outs and no delayed starts. Time will be kept by the central airhorn. Play starts and stops with the airhorn. Referees cannot grant additional time or authorize a delayed start. Clock runs through injury delays.
- Players are expected to be on the field and ready to start at the airhorn. Not being ready may result in a delay of game penalty and loss of possession for the first draw.
- 8 Meter free position shots will play out at the end of the half or game. No passing.
- Draws are played after every goal at all divisions.
- Games are on turf. Cleats are recommended during play. Protective equipment is required per USA Lacrosse rules.
- Unless stated otherwise herein, this tournament will follow USA Lacrosse Girls rules. Spectators must demonstrate positive and sportsman-like conduct. Harassment of officials by any team, player or spectator will not be tolerated and may result in ejection from the facility.
- CHECKING:  
7/8 grade Divisions will be full checking.  
5/6 grade Divisions will be modified checking, unless the coaches both agree to transitional checking.  
3/4 grade Divisions no checking, but the 3 second rule will be enforced (if ball carrier has stick in a checkable position for 3 seconds, possession is awarded to the defense).
- PLAYOFFS:  
Within each divisional pool, teams will be ranked based on the following, in this order:
  - Record
  - Head-to-Head competition against team(s) that are tied
  - Goals Against
  - Goal Differential
  - Coin Flip by tournament staff

In some pools, the top two teams in each pool (in accordance with brackets on Tourney Machine) will advance to play in a championship game. Teams in the pool's 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place will match up for a consolation games. For pools with odd number of teams, the 2 lowest rank teams will play to qualify in the consolation game.

- **CARDS:**
  - 1 Yellow card will serve as a 90 second penalty. Time is kept at the scoring table.
  - 2 Yellow cards in the same game is ejection from the game, and the team will play a person down for the remainder of the game.
  - Red card is ejection from the game, and the team will play a person down for the remainder of the game.

#### • **2034-2035 (U11) ADDITIONAL RULES**

**2 FIELD PLAYERS MUST REMAIN BEHIND THE MIDFIELD POINT.** The mid-line will be used as the off sides line. Two players from each team must remain behind the restraining line.

**ONE PASS RULE:** Field Players must make one overhand pass once the ball crosses the midfield line before going to goal. This will slow down fast breaks and encourage passing.

- **EXCEPTION ONE:** If the attacking team intercepts a goalie clear the ball carrier may go directly to goal.
- **EXCEPTION TWO:** If a team causes a turnover in its offensive end before the ball gets across the midfield line, ball carrier can go directly to net.
- **EXCEPTION THREE:** A team intentionally fails to mark a ball carrier leaving her a clear and unobstructed lane to the net. This exception only applies when a team defense is intentionally electing to mark other players and makes no effort to mark the ball carrier.

**DRAWS AFTER EVERY GOAL.**

#### • **SPECTATOR CONDUCT**

New England Scream is a youth tournament for girls primarily ages 8-14.

The goal is to create a positive lacrosse environment for all athletes with healthy competition and creating a love for the game.

Adult spectators need to PLEASE keep this in mind. It is NEVER appropriate to insult, degrade, or verbally abuse a child, coach, or official. Our children learn behaviors from you.

Engaging in abusive or inappropriate behavior will result in ejection from the facility. A REFEREE CAN MANDATE A SPECTATOR LEAVE THE FACILITY BEFORE PLAY RESUMES.

If you have a problem, question, comment, or concern, please contact Andrea McKnight (617) 851-5697.