



The Boys will follow the National Federation of State High School Associations 2021 Boys Lacrosse Rules except as modified below.

Current 9th Graders are not eligible to participate in the Scarecrow Tournament.

**2026 A, 2027 AA, 2027A, 2028, 2029AA, 2029A, 30/31AA, 30/31A@  
Forekicks, Taunton, MA (scroll down 2026 AA rules/location)**

- 1) # & Length of Games: Each team will play 3 games. All games will be 3- 40 minute running time games (20 minute halves and 2 minute half-time and 3 minutes between games). Note: Games CAN end in ties. Referees will keep game time, penalty time and score.
- 2) Advancing the ball: There will be NO twenty or ten second counts in all divisions--NO delay for failing to advance in either the defensive or offensive half of the field. **EXCEPT in the last 2 minutes, teams leading by 4 goals or less, the 20-10 rule will be in effect. (20 seconds to clear the mid-line and 10 seconds to get it in the box)**
- 3) The Over and Back Rule does not apply
- 4) Body checking: No Body checking for 30/31 division. Players are expected to play the ball and NOT the man when the ball is loose. For the 2026, 2027, 2028 - body checking is permitted ONLY against a player in possession of the ball. No take out checks are permitted by any player at any level. DEFINITION A takeout check occurs when a player lowers his head or shoulder with the force and intent to take out (put on the ground/injure) the other player. NO head shots. The referee has the discretion to eject any player in violation.
- 5) Long Sticks are permitted for all ages.
- 6) Offensive Stalling: a) Any team that is withholding the ball from play may be given a "Stalling Warning" and required to "**get it in and keep it in the box**" b) Teams that are leading the game by **4 goals or less** must keep the ball in its attack area during the last two- minutes of the game
- 7) Time Serving Penalties: A personal foul = 90 second running. A technical foul = 45 second running.
- 8) Code of Conduct Violations: In addition to the Federation or the US Lacrosse rules, any player, coach or anyone associated with the team who violates the Code of Conduct will be subject to a Warning, Ejection from a Game or Ejection from the Tournament depending on the severity of the infraction. Any player ejected from a game will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game. Any player ejected from the tournament will not be allowed to participate in any remaining games in the tournament.

- 9) No team time outs Officials may take a time out at any time to settle a game down. (the clock should be stopped during officials time outs)
- 10) Ten Goal Rule: A ten goal rule will be used for all games. As long as a team has a 10 goal lead, the opposing team will have the option to receive the ball at the center line following a goal by the winning team only.
- 11) Bench: Each team is responsible for bringing their water to the tournament. Each coach is requested to ensure that the bench area is picked up after each game.
- 12) Resolution of problems or disputes: The Tournament Director (in consultation with the Boys Head Official, if required) will make all final rulings/decisions on any and all problems or disputes
- 13) There will be champion for each division. Winner is decided by points.  
Win = 2 Points; Tie = 1 Point

**Tie Breakers:**

1. Head-to-Head
2. Goal Differential with 10 Goal Max
3. Goals Against
4. If Still tied, then Co-Champions

**2026AA Division @ Back River (15 Camp Allen Rd., Bedford, NH)**

- Teams will play straight Federation Rules with 20 seconds to clear and 10 seconds to get it in.
- 2026 AA division is championship format with each team playing 3 games. Rounds 2 and 3 are determined by results.
- # & Length of Games: Each team will play 3 games. All games will be 3- 40 minute running time games (20 minute halves and 2 minute half-time and 3 minutes between games). Games CANNOT end in ties. Overtime will be played (sudden victory/untimed). There will be an attendant at each field keeping game time, score and penalty time.
- Time Serving Penalties: A personal foul = 90 second running. A technical foul = 45 second running.
- Code of Conduct Violations: In addition to the Federation or the US Lacrosse rules, any player, coach or anyone associated with the team who violates the Code of Conduct will be subject to a Warning, Ejection from a Game or Ejection from the Tournament depending on the severity of the infraction. Any player ejected from a game will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game. Any player ejected from the tournament will not be allowed to participate in any remaining games in the tournament.
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- Bench: Each team is responsible for bringing their water to the tournament. Each coach is requested to ensure that the bench area is picked up after each game.
- Resolution of problems or disputes: The Tournament Director (in consultation with the Boys Head Official, if required) will make all final rulings/decisions on any and all problems or disputes