

# 2018 Tournament Rules

Beach Blast will host for the 4<sup>th</sup> year the CWLOA (Collegiate Women's Lacrosse Officials Association) transitional clinic on site thus putting the highest level of officials on the field.



2018 US Lacrosse rules will be used for all teams competing in the Beach Blast Tournament.

All Teams will play the following:

- If at the end of each half, an 8M shot has been whistled, the shot will be awarded. One shot, no rebound play or pass.
- Uniforms shall meet USL rules – However, if there is an illegal uniform, NO FP will be awarded to the team.
- Games will be 25 minute halves with a 5 minute half time and the clock will run at all times even for injury.
- No team time outs.
- No jewelry. Band-aids do not constitute “no jewelry” (earrings). Medical bracelets should be taped and are allowed.
- In bracket play games may end in a tie.

## 2018 Tournament Rules and Points of Emphasis:

### FOUL CATEGORIES:

- Minor (misplay, procedural), penalty administration is 4 meters away from the ball and the ball is no closer than 12 meters to the goal circle.
- Major (safety), penalty administration is 4 meters behind and the ball is no closer than 8 meters to the goal circle.
- Cardable/Misconduct (excessive), penalty administration is a card. Ball is no closer than 8 meters to the goal circle. For a card, the player will serve a 2-minute penalty AND the team will play short.
- Cards--A player will serve 2 minutes for a yellow card and 4 minutes for a red card and serve the duration of the game for a red card. All cards are non-releasable.

### THE DRAW:

- Player's sticks may touch the ground over the center circle and restraining line on the draw.
- During the draw, both players' sticks must be parallel to and above the centerline.

### ILLEGAL DEFENSIVE POSITIONING:

When a defender is in three seconds or the free space to goal, she illegally occupies a space to which she is not entitled. For Illegal Defensive Positioning to occur, the attack must create opportunity. First, the ball must be above the goal line extended and within the Critical Scoring Area. Second, the attacker must physically have the potential to shoot, and the path to goal must be clear of legal defenders. If opportunity to shoot does not exist, the call should not be made.

### **CONTACT IN THE MIDFIELD- INCIDENTAL V. DANGEROUS:**

Contact that occurs that physically forces the opponent off of their position or path is illegal contact. Deliberate illegal contact (e.g. cross-checks or pushes) made to the body of any player in a defenseless position must be carded.

### **CROSSE IN THE SPHERE/CHECK TO THE HEAD:**

Defenders who interfere with the sphere and throat area should be assessed a major foul. Repeated violations of this rule may be carded. This rule applies even when the ball carrier does not have her stick in a legal checking position. A check to the head or a check that causes the attacker's stick to contact her head is a mandatory card.

### **PROFESSIONALISM:**

All coaches, players, officials and administrators to expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner before, during, and immediately following all contests. Coaches and players are expected to avoid the use of excessive dissent or abusive language and are coaches are reminded to stay in his or her coaching area. The committee encourages calm, patient and productive dialogue between coaches, players, and officials

### **CARDS:**

- The head coach will be responsible for the behavior of personnel affiliated with their team, including all assistant coaches and fans, and will receive any cards related to lack of bench decorum.
- A yellow (2 minutes) or red card (4 minutes) to the coach counts toward the team fouls and a player must be removed.
- Players receiving 2 yellows will **not** have to sit the **following** game, but it will be reported to the tournament director and subsequent cards could result in suspension. A coach or player receiving a red card could be required to sit an additional game. All decisions on penalties for cards will be at the discretion of the tournament committee and the head official. The official must provide card information to the Tournament Director (s) if a coach or player receives two yellow cards or a red card in a game.

**2023 and below will play USL rules with the following modifications (regardless of what coaches decide).**

- No deputy may be used for the goalie at any time.
- No follow of the stick or body through into the goal circle.
- No minimum number of passes are needed
- Modified Checking—Below shoulder for **2023-2024** and below the waist for **2025-2027**
- Three seconds closely guarded will be in effect with a visible and audible count by the official. 3 SECONDS CLOSELY GUARDED (OFFENSE) Player with the ball may not hold the ball for more than 3 seconds when a) closely guarded b) the defense has both hands on their stick c) the defense is in a position to legally check if checking were allowed. Penalty: Immediate stoppage of play and possession is awarded to the offended team.
- When there is an **8-goal differential** (not a 4 goal differential), possession at the Draw will be taken by the team with fewer goals. If possession is waived by the coach of the team who has fewer goals a Draw will be taken.

**Any discrepancies - see Patty Daley or Patti Cleary and/or seek Sue Murphy/Courtney Vaughn**