2026 IWLCA TOURNAMENT POLICIES

The following policies will be enforced for ALL IWLCA tournaments:
Each team will be guaranteed 4 games per event.

- For Tournaments: IWLCA Southeast Cup, IWLCA Champions Cup, IWLCA Capital Cup, IWLCA West Coast Cup, IWLCA Southwest Cup and IWLCA Leaders Cup, players in the graduation years 2027. 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, and 2033 are eligible to play.
- For the IWLCA New England Cup, players in the graduation years 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, and 2035 are eligible to play.
- For the IWLCA Presidents Cup, players in the graduation years 2027, 2028, and 2029 are eligible to play. For IWLCA Debut, players in the 2030 graduation year are eligible to compete
- Players cannot play down in any set graduation year division.
- In the Open Division any combination of eligible graduation years may be used for each tournament:
    - National Tournaments: 2027, 2028, 2029
    - Regional Tournaments: 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030
- UP TO three (3) graduated seniors (2026's) can play down to compete on an OPEN division roster at summer events only.
- Maximum roster size is 24.
- Players cannot double roster and can only play on one roster at any tournament.
    - If a team cannot field a team and needs guest players in order to play, we will allow athletes to guest play for up to two games but can still only be listed on one roster. The only case where guest players will be allowed is if a team cannot field a full team without it.
- All tournaments will use US Lacrosse rules
- Uniforms MUST have numbers on the front and back.
- All committed players must wear armbands during tournament play. Armbands can be picked up at HQ.
- Roster deadline – All teams must have players entered on the online roster 14 days prior to the start of the tournament. Otherwise, they will be removed from the schedule. Coaches will be able to adjust rosters up to (10) ten days prior to the event. Actual deadline dates will be posted for each tournament.
- Hotel Deadline – In an effort to secure quality hotel options for teams, all IWLCA Tournaments will be "stay to play." Teams must comply with the housing policy posted on the tournament website and meet all minimums by the posted deadline or they will be removed from the tournament. Actual deadline dates will be posted for each tournament – must book 90 days in advance to keep your spot in the tournament.

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DIVISIONS

FOR 2026 EVENTS

2027, 2028, 2029, 2030*, Open, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034-2035**

** 2030 and below are not eligible to play in IWLCA President's Cup*

***Age groups offered only at the IWLCA New England Cup*

SCHEDULING

The goal of the IWLCA Tournament Series is to showcase student-athletes at their best for the variety of coaches throughout NCAA DI, DII, DIII and NAIA who are evaluating.

We will do our best to have all teams playing in pools of comparable competition levels to have highly competitive games. Every effort to schedule inter-regional match-ups will be utilized provided it does not take away from overall competitiveness.

Pools will be broken into "Premiere," "Elite," and "Competitive." Club coaches/directors will rank their team at time of registration on a scale of 2 stars to 5 stars (high school) and levels (youth). The IWLCA Recruiting Events Committee will review prior to final pool assignment. Team success from prior IWLCA Tournaments will be factored into future pool placement.

HIGH SCHOOL:

☆☆☆☆☆5 stars (full roster is D1 talent); highly successful in national tournament events against top level teams.

☆☆☆☆4 stars (1/2 roster is D1 talent): solid success in national tournaments, inconsistent against top teams.

☆☆☆3 stars (D2 and D3 talent): competitive team, strong in regional success, inconsistent national success.

☆☆2 stars (1/2 roster is D2 and D3 talent): new/emerging in the travel lacrosse scene, competitive in regional play.

YOUTH:

A - Advanced Level: Experienced travel teams with strong roster depth and consistent success against top competition.

B - Competitive Level: Established teams that compete well in events with consistent performance and developing players.

C - Intermediate Level: Teams with growth experience and competitive regional performance.

D - Development Level: Newer or developing teams focused on growth and learning.

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TEAM REGISTRATIONS

Club Coaches/Directors will be able to register their teams within LeagueApps Registration System. Once complete, one authorized member of the club team staff will be able to register all teams participating for a particular event at once when registration opens. Once accepted, a deposit will be charged of $400 or $600 per team for your placement and the remaining balance of $800, $1,600, $1,800, or $2,000 (varies by age group and event type) will be due on the specific dates listed on each event website.

ROSTER NOTES

- All rosters MUST BE SUBMITTED 14 days prior to the tournament for the team to participate. Any changes to the roster due to scholastic sport participation, injury, etc. must be made 10 days prior to the tournament to allow for most up to date information getting to college coaches.
- All players must have their digital player profile filled out prior to the event, club coaches will be asked to certify 14 days prior to the event.
- All players and parents/guardians must have signed the player waiver form before any participation including but not limited to warming up, stretching, playing in a game.
- All guest players must receive approval from IWLCA Tournament Staff prior to participating in the event. Teams found in this violation are subject to removal from the event without refund.
- Guest players are permitted only when a club is unable to field a full team and requires additional players to participate.
- Players from teams that have been eliminated from the tournament are not eligible to guest play for any team competing in the championship.
- A request for roster checks maybe requested PRIOR to the start of the game. At the discretion of the IWLCA Tournament Staff, rosters may be reviewed to identify ineligible players.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- Inclement weather is out of the control of tournament directors, officials and site managers. Safety is our number one concern. In the event of thunder and/or lightning, all games will be suspended for 30 minutes from the last occurrence. Games will resume at their regularly scheduled time. Adjustments to the schedule may be made depending on duration of delay.
- The tournament will be held in the rain. In the event of heavy rain, it is up to the facilities we are renting from to determine if play is permitted on the field or not. The tournament directors will work to ensure all games are played, however, the facilities have the final say.

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REFUND POLICY

The IWLCA understands that unforeseen circumstances, especially injuries, player availability, etc. can occur over the course of a season. Teams should plan for the unexpected and understand that the scheduling process starts months before an event is scheduled to take place. The IWLCA and Elite Tournaments will work with teams to find solutions if possible, with regards to scheduling to avoid a team cancellation. In the event a team must withdraw the following policy is in place:

2026 Refund Policy

- Deposits are non-refundable/non-transferable
- No refunds will be given to teams who withdraw 90 days out from an event.

While every attempt to play each event will be made, weather and other unforeseen circumstances may prevent an event from being completed or in some cases, even starting. The IWLCA reserves the right to shorten or alter game schedules in order to complete as many games as possible.

- At a minimum, 75% refund will be given to teams that do not start any game in an event.
- A 50% refund will be given to teams that have completed 1 game
- No refund will be given to teams once they have played 2 games.