



## **Sticks & Stones Invitational**

March 23-24, 2012  
Trabuco Hills HS, Mission Viejo, CA

Dear coaches and team supporters:

Thanks for making it possible for your school to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Sticks & Stones Junior Varsity Invitational. We anticipate a fun two days of lacrosse for our 21 participating schools coming from all over Southern California.

The 2012 Sticks & Stones will be broken into three divisions: Blue, Gray and Orange. Each will have its own champion and runner-up – trophies for both!

### **Some Small Items**

We would appreciate cell phone numbers for the coach and/or lead parent booster who will be at Sticks & Stones for emergency contact needs. Please email that information to our Team Secretary, Sabrina Low-Dumond, at [zackman99@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zackman99@sbcglobal.net) as soon as possible.

In addition, if you have not already sent us your roster, please send one to Sabrina, as well.

### **What to Expect**

All coaches are required to check-in at the tournament check-in/headquarters tent one (1) hour prior to their first scheduled game. There is no player check-in.

Please bring a copy of this letter to Sticks & Stones to serve as your guide to any question that may come up during the day!

Every school has been scheduled for three games and we've tried to match up teams of somewhat like skills. We know that's never a perfect endeavor,

especially at the JV level. There will be three divisions of competition – named Blue, Gray and Orange -- each with their own champion.

Please note we have four Friday night games scheduled:

5 pm – Trabuco vs. Mater Dei  
6 pm -- Laguna Hills vs. Dana Hills  
7 pm -- Mission Viejo vs. Rosary  
8 pm – Foothill vs. El Toro

Other teams' opening matches on Saturday:

8 am -- Los Alamitos vs. Santa Margarita  
8 am -- Temecula Valley vs. Glendale  
855 am – Esperanza vs. Redondo Union  
855 am – Tesoro vs. Corona del Mar  
855 am -- La Canada vs. Loser of Friday's 7 PM match  
950 am -- Carlsbad vs. Newport Harbor  
950 am -- Aliso Niguel vs. El Dorado

Reminder, this is a **Junior Varsity** tournament. We know some programs have challenges with player numbers, but please do your best to respect the spirit of the competition in terms of your roster choices for the weekend.

All participating teams are guaranteed and committed to play a minimum of three (3) games. Please honor your school's commitment, win or lose.

Abuse of the umpires will not be tolerated, and flagrant violations may result in team disqualification. Teams and individuals that are abusive, destructive, or in any other manner reflect negatively on the tournament both on and off the field will be disqualified at the discretion of the Tournament Director and prohibited from returning in the future.

Any problems or complaints shall be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director. Trabuco Hills contacts:

Head Coach Scott Leong: 949-374-6413  
Assistant Coach Rich Ransom: 949-275-8350  
“Team Dad” Jon Lansner: 949-922-3100

A trainer will be onsite all day, but teams must provide their own supplies.

## Tournament Rules and Information

Umpire rulings are final and there is no protesting.

**Schedule:** Please remember to check the official tournament scoreboard near the registration tent to see when and where your team will play next!

**Upper Fields:** “Far” field is the one furthest from the school facilities; “Near” is closest.

**Weather:** All games will be played rain or shine unless otherwise decided by the umpires. If weather is inclement and we are prevented from using our grass Upper Field, the entire tournament will be played on the turf Stadium. Due to time constraints, teams will play just two games with a rain schedule.

**Fans:** On the Upper Fields, no one but players and coaches should be in the alley between the two fields.

**Uniforms:** Home team will be the team with school name first in alphabetical order. They will wear white/lighter uniform colors.

All CIF rules will apply with the following exceptions.

**Game times:** Each game will consist of two 20-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime. All halves will be running clock. There will be no timeouts in this tournament.

**Game starts:** Each field will have a separate air horn for all pool play games so teams must be ready to play at their assigned time. **Stick checks are at the umpires' discretion.** Teams are responsible for being ready to play before the scheduled time for each game and it is possible for games to start even without the entire team on the field.

**Ties:** Since time is tight, in the case of games outside of the Sticks & Stones division championship game, ties will be broken using a “shootout” format immediately after the game’s regulation-time conclusion using only players on the field at that time. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS. NO HUDDLES.** How it will work:

1. Both goalies will go to the end of field of the “home” team wearing the lighter uniforms. Visitors will shoot first.
2. Each team will get 1 free position shot from the top hash in each shootout inning until the tie is broken.
3. In each inning, a different player – chosen by the coach – will shoot from until all players on the field at game’s end have participated in the

shootout.

4. “Defensive” team gets to have 2 players on the nearby hash marks, like a regular free position. Yes, fouls can be called – and shots retaken.
5. Shooter must go forward and shoot! Any pullback or the like will be called a “No Goal”
6. For standings purposes, the shootout win will be recorded as one goal added to the tie score for the winner.

If needed, the three division championship games will go to Sudden Death overtime IMMEDIATELY after the whistle. NO SUBSTITUTIONS. NO HUDDLES. NO CHANGE OF FIELDS.

### **Championship Rounds**

After the opening game, the remaining schedule of the Blue and Gray Divisions will be determined by your wins or losses.

The Orange Division will have two pool-play games, followed by one playoff game with seeding determined by the following point system: three points per traditional win, two points for an shootout win; one point per shootout loss; and zero points per loss.

In the case of a pool play tie, the following tie breakers will be used:

- #1 head-to-head record
- #2 fewest goals against (all games played within the pool)
- #3 fewest cards (1 point for a yellow card, 2 points for a red card)
- #5 most goals scored (all games, 10 maximum per game)
- #6 coin toss.

### **Schedule**

Games will begin as scheduled, so coaches need to pay attention to the schedule. A copy is on the last page of this letter!

Please be ready to play at the scheduled time and please leave the field quickly after a game. (Post-game handshakes can be done off-field, if necessary!)

Coaches will be asked to sign each games scorecard. Make sure that scorecard is correct; it's the official record!

The scorecard for your second-round will also ask you to nominate two players for All-Tournament team. Please do so, win or lose!

### **Additional Items**

Food (traditional tournament snacks, lunch items, and beverages) will be available for purchase at the tournament snack bar.

**NOTE: When a team is scheduled to play on the Stadium Field, all food and beverages are prohibited (excluding water) inside the track fence.**

Additionally, a limited number of tournament t-shirts will also be offered for sale.

Dogs or other pets, with the exception of licensed service dogs, ARE NOT allowed on the fields, the school grounds and tournament grounds. Owners with their pets will be advised of this policy and asked to leave the premises.

Teams are encouraged to bring canopies, folding chairs, and blankets to form their own team headquarters at the tournament. The area around the Upper Field is best suited for such gatherings. Parents and fans are also encouraged to bring folding chairs and umbrellas.

Please be considerate not to litter the fields and please use the trash receptacles provided. Only teams (players and coaches) are allowed on the Stadium Field itself. All fans should sit in the stadium stands

We hope you enjoy yourselves and please provide us with any feedback so we may improve as Trabuco Hills continues to host the Sticks & Stones Invitational.

Thanks for attending the Sticks & Stones Invitational and please do not hesitate to ask any questions.

## 2012 STICKS & STONES

All games 20 minutes running halves, no timeouts outs, 5 minute halftime, tie-breaker TBD

BLUE DIVISION		
ROYAL POOL		
Los Alamitos	Trabuco Hills	Playoffs
Mater Dei	Fri 5 @ Stadium	1st
Santa Margarita	Mater Dei	3rd Place
Trabuco Hills	1045 @ Stadium	2nd
	Los Alamitos	5th Place
Loser	8 @ Stadium	3rd
1045 @ Upper Far	Santa Margarita	7th Place
Loser	El Toro	4th
Los Alamitos	Fri 8 @ Stadium	Winner
1045 @ Upper Far	Foothill	
Loser	Tesoro	
Los Alamitos	1140 @ Upper Far	
1045 @ Upper Far	Tesoro	
Loser	Corona del Mar	
Los Alamitos	855 @ Upper Far	
1045 @ Upper Far	Winner	
Loser	Corona del Mar	

GRAY DIVISION		
SILVER POOL		
Carlsbad	Laguna Hills	Playoffs
Dana Hills	Fri 6 @ Stadium	1st
Laguna Hills	Dana Hills	3rd Place
Newport Harbor	1235 @ Stadium	2nd
Newport Harbor	950 @ Stadium	5th Place
Loser	Carlsbad	3rd
1235 @ Upper Far	Carlsbad	7th Place
Loser	Esperanza	4th
Carlsbad	855 @ Stadium	Winner
1235 @ Upper Far	Redondo Union	
Loser	130 @ Stadium	
Carlsbad	130 @ Upper Far	
1235 @ Upper Far	Aliso Nigel	
Loser	El Dorado	
Carlsbad	950 @ Upper Near	
1235 @ Upper Far	Winner	
Loser	El Dorado	
Carlsbad	950 @ Upper Near	
1235 @ Upper Far	Winner	
Loser	El Dorado	

ORANGE DIVISION		
Pool Play		
Glendale	Fri 7 @ Stadium	Playoffs
Mission Viejo	8 @ Upper Far	5th
La Canada	855 @ Upper Far	4th
Rosary	950 @ Upper Far	Championship
Temecula Valley	1045 @ Upper Near	1st
	Glendale	2nd
Glendale	Mission Viejo	1235 @ Upper Near
Mission Viejo	Temecula Valley	130 @ Upper Near
La Canada	La Canada	Lose Fri 7PM
Rosary	Win Fri 7PM	Temecula Valley
Temecula Valley	Glendale	La Canada

All games Saturday March 24, other than those in yellow (Friday March 23)

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