



Sticks & Stones Invitational No. 6

March 15-16, 2013

Trabuco Hills HS, Mission Viejo, CA

Dear coaches and team supporters:

Thanks for making it possible for your school to participate in the 6th annual Sticks & Stones Junior Varsity Invitational. We anticipate a fun two days of lacrosse for our 24 participating schools coming from all over Southern California.

The 2013 Sticks & Stones will be broken into three divisions: Blue, Pink and Orange. Each will have its own champion and runner-up – trophies for both!

What to Expect

All coaches are required to check-in at the tournament check-in/headquarters tent one – located near the entrance to the stadium track – at least 45 minutes prior to their first scheduled game. There is no player check-in.

Please review this letter carefully, as it's your guide to many questions that may come up during the event!

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, Pink and Orange -- each with their own champion.

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 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
Tournament Director Jon Lansner: 949-922-3100

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

Organizational needs

We would appreciate cell phone numbers for the coach and/or lead parent booster who will be at Sticks & Stones for emergency contact needs.

If you have not already, please email that information to our Team Secretary, Sabrina Low-Dumond, at 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.

Tournament Rules and Information

Umpire rulings are final and there is no protesting. In addition, all rulings of the Tournament Director are final.

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: “Bins” field is the one furthest from the school facilities, near the Blue storage binds; “School” 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 and this weekend and April. (Rain schedule details will be made available, if needed!) Due to time constraints, teams may 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 – the squad 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 Victory overtime IMMEDIATELY after the full-time horn. NO SUBSTITUTIONS. NO HUDDLES. NO CHANGE OF FIELDS. GO IMMEDIATELY TO A NEW DRAW.

Playoff/Championship Rounds

After the opening game, the remaining schedule will be determined by your wins or losses. Please check the official brackets kept at the Information Tent carefully.

Schedule

Games are tightly packed in. 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 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. Also, this year we'll have some of Orange County's top food trucks on our nearby basketball courts.

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.

AT THE STADIUM, seating to the far side of the PRESS BOX is closed do to baseball games being played next door. Please tell you fans to respect the barricade tape ... and that the seats on the VISITOS SIDE are open, too!

Tell your players not to use the many fences that line our facility as practice surfaces for shooting etc. Please also respect the baseball and softball backstops, as well.

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.

Sincerely,

Trabuco Hills Girls Lacrosse