**2018 HALLOWEEN HAVOC RULES OF PLAY**

**The Halloween Havoc is a smoke free, pet free and alcohol free event. No grills, noisemakers or air horns are allowed.  Thank you for respecting our fans and players!**

1. All rules will be in accordance with NCAA standards unless otherwise noted. (U9 will be modified\*)
2. Playing time will consist of 2 twenty five minute running time halves with a two minute halftime.  Games will begin promptly on the hour.
3. Each team will receive one 30 second timeout/game at which time the clock will stop. If a team does not return to the field in a prompt manner after the timeout they will either lose possession of the ball or be assessed a delay of game penalty.
4. All penalties will be running time.  The penalty clock will begin when the official blows the whistle to restart play.
5. There will be no overtime in regulation games.
6. All ties in playoff games will be decided by a sudden victory overtime period.
7. Substitutions will be on the fly only, except on a time serving penalty.  In that case the teams will have a quick horn to get EMO or EMD on the field.
8. NCAA Faceoff rules will apply for all divisions.
9. In all games, on a foul, play will not stop until the defense gains possession of the ball, the ball goes out of bounds or a goal is scored.
10. There will be no stick checks unless requested by the opposing coach.  If the stick is found to be legal, the challenging team will be assessed a timeout.  If no timeouts remain, a delay of game technical foul will be assessed.  If the stick is not legal, the appropriate penalty will be assessed.  Sticks must meet either NCAA or NFHS standards.
11. Any player, fan or coach ejected from a game will be prohibited from competing in/coaching/watching his/her team's next game.
12. Decisions on the field will be the final ruling.  No disputes will be heard after the game.

\*The following additional modifications will be administered for the U9 Bracket:  No body checking, no poles over 60" or sticks under 37”, no more than 4 poles between 44”-60” on the field at one time, horns only for sidelines and after flag down, and the mercy rule is in effect.  If a team is up by more than 5 goals, the losing team will be awarded the ball at midfield.

**Roster Rules**

1. No player may compete, or be rostered, on more than one team during the tournament.
2. The division placement of each team will be based on the graduation year of the player on the team in the highest grade.
3. Any team in violation of the above roster rules will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player has participated and forfeit any opportunity to advance in the playoffs.

 **Scoring**

Points will be awarded after each game in the following manner:

* 5 points for a win
* 2 points for a tie
* 0 points for a loss

Divisional ties will be broken in the following manner and sequence:

1. Head to head play
2. Most wins
3. Fewest goals allowed
4. Total point differential in games (not to exceed +5 or -5 per game)
5. Coin Toss (Team coming in second in the alphabet will call)

 All scores will be recorded at the Registration Tent and on our Tourney Machine app [www.tourneymachine.com/R13757](http://www.tourneymachine.com/R13757)

**Weather Policy**

 In the event of adverse weather or unplayable field conditions, the tournament directors reserve the right to:

A) Reduce game times in order to catch up with schedule.

B) Finish game before inclement weather arrives, or to preserve field conditions.

C) Reschedule games, if possible.

D) Convert tournament to a 'Festival' format without playoffs or championships to provide the majority of the teams the opportunity to play as many games as possible.

Every attempt will be made to update cancellations at the site and on our Tourney Machine app.  However, weather conditions can change rapidly and all teams should be prepared to play as soon as weather clears and fields are playable.

Our facilities have the most updated lightning detection systems in place.  If thunder or lightning is observed at any location, play will be suspended immediately, and players and fans will be required to leave the field.  Play will be allowed to resume 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder or sighting of lightning is observed.  If a game is in progress, the period will end immediately.  If it is the second half, the game will be considered final and the score at that point will be recorded.  If it is the first half, when play resumes it will be the start of the second half.  Every attempt will be made to begin subsequent games on time.  If the start of the second half of the suspended game delays the onset of the subsequent game the following actions will occur:

A) The game suspended will play one 20 minute running time second half

B) Subsequent games will begin immediately after preceding games (teams will warm up on the sideline prior to the game).  These games will consist of one 35 minute running time period until games are back on schedule.  Teams will have one 30 second timeout per game (during which time the clock will not stop) not to be used in the last two minutes.

C) Once games are back on schedule they will revert to two 25 minute running time periods.

**We will make every attempt to play every minute of every game, but we will not jeopardize the safety of any player.**

**Inclement Weather Refund Policy**

1. No refunds will be issued for games canceled for reasons other than weather (forfeits, no shows, etc.).
2. No refunds will be issued for games shortened due to weather.
3. If one game is canceled due to weather, there will be no refund.
4. If a second game is canceled due to weather, the team will receive a $250.00 refund, and an additional $250.00 refund for each game canceled thereafter.
5. No refunds will be issued for championship games canceled due to weather.
6. Since teams register, and are paid for, under a lot of different names, teams will be required to complete a Weather Refund Request Form that will be available on the tournament website.  This will indicate the team requesting the refund, to whom the check should be made payable and where the check should be mailed.   No refunds will be issued if a Weather Refund Request Form is not submitted within 30 days of the tournament.