

North Texas Youth Lacrosse League

(NTYLL)

Organizational Manual

Rules and Guidelines

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I. NTYLL

A. Purpose:

The NTYLL is organized to encourage and promote the growth of youth lacrosse at the middle and grade school levels in North Texas by providing the structure for youth and bantam lacrosse teams to compete. The NTYLL coordinates and oversees league games, makes sure that qualified officials oversee games, and provide rules within which our teams operate.

B. Guiding Principles:

Through our rules and policies NTYLL seeks first to consider what is best for the kids playing lacrosse in NTYLL and second what is best for the orderly growth of lacrosse across North Texas. This process will be dynamic and policy will develop further over time to address and accommodate the continued growth of lacrosse across North Texas.

C. League Organization:

The North Texas Youth Lacrosse League ("NTYLL") merged with the North Texas Chapter of USL, and is now a league administered by the Chapter. NTYLL is the year-round governing body for youth lacrosse in North Texas.

The NTYLL is run by volunteers comprised of people from member teams/programs.

Each spring the NTYLL will seek nominations from member teams and programs for volunteers to serve on the NTYLL. All coordinators and at-large members are appointed by the president. The president of the league will be a member of the North Texas US Lacrosse Chapter and will be voted in by the board of the North Texas US Lacrosse Chapter.

D. Finances

Inspection of Accounts

Any member of the league may request an inspection of the records by submitting a request in writing to the President of the North Texas Chapter of US Lacrosse.

II. Code of Conduct:

A. Coaches' Code of Conduct

Objective

All North Texas Youth Lacrosse League coaches are in a position in which they are able to leave lasting impressions on their players. It is in the best interest of the NTYLL that there be a uniform code of conduct that all of our coaches are expected to uphold while they are in any NTYLL related event.

The Role of a Coach

Coaches are entrusted with a great responsibility every time a contest begins. Their professional and moral responsibility is to provide NTYLL participants quality coaching and a sense of safety and fair play at every NTYLL contest. Sensible, organized competition under proper control provides benefits for NTYLL participants.

Anything other than that distracts from the focus and purpose of youth athletics. All NTYLL coaches must keep in mind, at all times, that they are representing themselves, their teams and their Association/School/Club. A coach's words and actions come under close scrutiny from students, parents, faculty and the community and will reflect positively or negatively on the program and the Association.

Structure

There are two documents that outline the League's expectations of lacrosse coaches. These include:

- NCAA rulebook;
- North District Guidelines (also used at the High School level of play in Texas).

NCAA Rulebook

Rule 2-4/Game Personnel/Coaches

One of a team's coaches shall be designated the head coach. The head coach shall be responsible for making all decisions for that team not delegated specifically to the team's game captain. Additionally, it shall be the head coach's responsibility to see that players and substitutes are equipped properly to play. The head coach shall act in a courteous manner and also shall endeavor in every way to achieve the same from players and substitutes. The head coach also shall be in control of and responsible for all actions of all non-playing members of his squad, and any and all persons officially connected with his institution. Coaches shall assist the officials in keeping the game under control at all times. It shall be their duty, upon the request of an official, to control effectively actions of spectators not in conformity with standards of proper conduct. Officials will address questions from coaches only after the four-minute warning during half time. A representative from each team may be

present while these questions are discussed Officials should never entertain any questions until a representative of the other team is given the opportunity to be present.

North District Guidelines

Coaches are expected to win or lose with dignity and humility.

Coaches must refrain from the use of profanity and insist their players do likewise.

Coaches must be positive role models in terms of sportsmanship and fair play and set a flawless example regarding the use of drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

Coaches must be fair and unprejudiced with players, considering their individual differences, needs, interests, temperaments and aptitudes.

Coaches are expected to maintain self-control at all times, accept adverse decisions calmly and treat the officials professionally and with respect.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct and care of the team from the beginning to the end of the game or away trip. This includes the job of making sure that bench areas and dressing rooms are left in good condition.

League Actions

Should any coach fail to comply with the NTYLL Code of Conduct, Men's NCAA rule 2-4 or North District Guidelines, there will be immediate corrective action taken by the League and NTYLL Board of Directors (NTYLL President and two board members at a minimum). In the event a coach violates either of the conduct rules, the minimum corrective action will be as follows for the first offense:

At the Competitive level, the Head coach will earn automatic suspension from attending the next two regularly scheduled team games (not scrimmages).

At the Championship level, the head coach will earn automatic suspension from attending the next regularly scheduled counter game (not scrimmage), and will be suspended from attending the team's first regularly scheduled playoff game (were the team to make the playoffs).

In both divisions, should the same Head coach earn a second conduct violation, immediate expulsion from the League will be the first order of consideration.

Any suspension will be reviewed by the League and the NTYLL Board of Directors (NTYLL President and two board members at a minimum)

Other Responsibilities

NCAA Rulebook

Rule 2-5/Game Personnel/Home Coach's Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of the home coach to see that the playing field is in proper condition for play; that a time-keeper and scorer are on hand with all equipment required by these rules to carry out their respective functions; that balls and ball retrievers are provided; and that the assigning authority has received timely, accurate and adequate information so that officials will be on hand for the game. When a contest is played at a neutral site, one team must be designated as the home team. This shall be done in writing, before the day of the game. The designated team and its coach assume all the responsibilities of the home team as outlined in the rules.

B. Parent Code of Conduct and Standards of Behavior

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION: The parents/guardians of every North Texas lacrosse player must read and sign the Parent Code of Conduct form, either electronically or on paper. Players will NOT be able to play or practice until this form is completed. Sportsmanship is paramount for programs in our area. We must make our lacrosse fields friendly, fun and full of competitive sportsmanship for all teams, parents, and the game officials. Violation of this code will not be tolerated.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Everyone in the game, including the parents and spectators, should have a sense of fair play. Satisfaction for players, coaches, parents and spectators should come from watching athletes playing their hardest and doing their best. We should applaud and enthusiastically cheer good plays on both sides.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Any parent or spectator violating the Code of Conduct and Standards of Behavior will be banned from attending games for a specified or indefinite period of time based on a review and ruling by the lacrosse coaches and administration of each North Texas affiliated league.

PARENTS' AND SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be respectful of and do not embarrass a participant by yelling at players, coaches, officials, or other parents. You are expected to treat all participants with respect and dignity. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, the player will benefit. Refrain from the use of abusive, obscene, or profane language and gestures.
- Know the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the field. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials hurts the game. Encourage players to play by the rules.
- Display good sportsmanship. Applaud good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together. Cheer and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive and will not be permitted.
- Help provide a safe and fun environment. Throwing any items on the field or in the stands can cause injury to players, coaches and officials. Be responsible for your own safety. Be alert to prevent accidents from flying lacrosse balls and other avoidable situations.
- Respect the field as private areas for players, coaches and officials.
- Be supportive after the game win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.
- Do not use tobacco products, alcohol or drugs while viewing the game.

ENFORCEMENT

It is the responsibility of the coaches and site/game administrators, with the assistance of the officials to enforce adherence to this Code. Understand that unsportsmanlike conduct such as taunting, the use of foul and abusive language, or fighting is grounds for your team to be penalized on the field. Just as players are penalized for misconduct, with penalties ranging from your team losing the ball to your team having a player put into the penalty box for up to three minutes and/or ejection from the game, parents and spectators can cause the same penalties to occur to the detriment of their team. Repeated offenses can result in suspension from the field of play for the next game, and any three such occurrences will result in expulsion for the rest of the year.

C. Player Code of Conduct

I promise to do the following as a member of the North Texas Youth Lacrosse League (NTYLL):

1. I promise to have a positive attitude and be responsible for my actions and participation in the NTYLL.
2. I understand that as a NTYLL lacrosse player, I am expected to "be the best" in terms of effort and my actions both on and off the field. This includes how hard I work in school and at home, not just on the lacrosse field.
3. I will respect my coaches and will listen to them at all times.
4. I will respect all aspects of the game, including coaches, referees, teammates, opponents and fans.
5. I will be a good sport, and will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, referees and fans at every game and practice. I will support my teammates and be a team player.
6. I will support the drug, alcohol and tobacco-free environment that is important for all youth sporting events.
7. I will be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
8. I will take responsibility for my own behavior, equipment and game uniforms.
9. I will do my best in school.
10. I will attend all practices and games. If I have a conflict I will notify my coach as soon as possible.
11. I will arrive at practice and games on time, with all of my equipment and ready to play and warm-up. I will make sure my parents know when practice will end so I am picked up on time.
12. I understand that ABSOLUTELY no language or attitude unbecoming a lacrosse player will be tolerated at practice or a game.
13. I will Honor the Game of lacrosse, and honor the Player Code of Conduct in my words and actions. I understand that if I don't live up to my promises, I can be suspended from practices, games, and even asked to leave the team.

III. League Structure:

Beginning in 2008, NTYLL will organize and administer youth league play into two separate competitive divisions, a Championship Division and a Competitive Division, and the two divisions will be divided further into grade-specific levels.

STRUCTURE OF LEAGUE

	Competitive Division	Championship Division
Boys Bantam – Grade 1/2	YES	NO
Boys Bantam – Grade 3/4	YES	NO
Boys Grade 5/6	YES	YES (Play-offs)
Boys Grade 7/8	YES	YES (Play-offs and All Star Game)
Girls 3/4	YES	NO
Girls 5/6	YES	NO
Girls 7/8	YES	NO

A. Bantam Level (1st thru 4th Grade)

There is only one division for Bantam play. The Bantam level is designed to be instructional and focuses on fun and fundamentals. We do not post standings, keep score or promote competitiveness.

The Bantam Level will play in the Competitive Division. Please see Competitive Division section below for details.

B. Youth Level (Grades 5-8th)

The two separate youth divisions are defined as follows:

1. **Championship Division** – This division is for boys teams that play at a high-competitive level, have experienced coaches (all coaches on the sidelines of games will be a "Qualified Coach") and have a strong administrative organization administering their teams (this will be considered a select division in the future similar to what exists in other sports).

a) *Games vs. Scrimmage:*

If you play a team twice in the Championship division, one of those games needs to be designated as the “counter” game that goes towards your standings. The “counter” game must be agreed upon during the scheduling meeting. When the home team enters their game on the NTYLL site, please label the “counter” game as a game and the “non-counter” game as a scrimmage. This will be very important for your grade level coordinators to help keep track of the standings. Any “counter” game that is cancelled due to any reason **MUST** be made up to determine your standings. Any “non-counter” game or scrimmage that is cancelled does not have to be made up. Additionally, it is a good idea to email

your grade level coordinator a word document with your schedule labeling games and scrimmages before the season starts. This will be kept on file should any issues arise during the season that might affect your seeding.

b) Playoffs:

Playoffs will be played at the end of the spring season at each level and a "champion" will be crowned for each within this Championship Division. **Playoff format will be determined based on team registration numbers.**

The NTYLL will determine when and where the playoff and championship games shall take place.

c) All-star Games (7/8th only)

The 7/8 All-Star teams are made up of players in the Championship level. Two (2) equal teams of players will be picked depending on the number of Championship teams registered during any given spring season. Coaches will be asked to nominate (X) number of players from their team to be on the All-Star team. Two (2) coaches per team will be selected for each team, a head coach and an assistant coach. Coaches of a Championship team that wish to be a coach for an All Star team will need to submit in writing their interest to the 7/8 grade coordinator. If more than four (4) coaches would like to coach, the NTYLL will determine the coaches selected. We hope to hold the All-Star game at the site of a THSLL Playoff or State Championships event.

As girls' lacrosse continues to grow and develop, the NTYLL will evaluate the need for a championship level for girls programs and teams.

2. **Competitive Division** - This division is for teams that play at a competitive level, but aims to help players build skills, learn the game and raise their overall level of ability around a community (at least the head coach of each community-based team will be a "Qualified Coach").

IV. Eligibility

A. PLAYERS

Teams playing in the NTYLL will be "community" based, which will often mean geographically-based, however, the term "community" is not limited to geographic regions. For example, a religious-based program may define a valid community within division play (e.g., a community team may be a "common religious belief"-based team or a "home-schooled" team). It is the desire of the NTYLL to create a funnel-up type program in which a player would play for the NTYLL program that would play for the THSLL program to where they live or attend school, and mirror the THSLL eligibility rules as closely as possible. Teams cannot use players that live outside of or are not part of the community in which the team was formed without a NTYLL approved waiver.

First: A player shall play for his or her school if that school has a program.

Second: If the player's school does not have a team, the player will play for the nearest community or school based team assuming the player meets the eligibility requirements of the nearest program. (Private schools may require you to attend the school to participate on a team. With the rapid growth of the sport, HP and some other programs may require players to physically reside within certain boundaries.)

Third: If a player lives in a community without a NTYLL lacrosse program they may play for the nearest program to where they live.

Four: If a player attends a school without a championship team at their grade level or lives in a community without a championship level team at their grade level, in addition to playing for your community competitive team or school competitive team, the player may also play for the nearest championship level school or community based program if they meet their eligibility rules. These situations need to be managed by the two programs to the satisfaction of both programs.

Grandfather Clause:

NTYLL will grandfather players that were on championship level teams as of Feb. 15, 2011 per their grade level program.

For instance,

If on Feb 15, 2011, a 5th grader that lives in Community A and played for a Community B championship team, that 5th grader may stay with the Community B Championship team through the 8th grade, the end of his youth playing days.

If on Feb. 15, 2011, a 6th grader lived in Community A, but played for Community B on a Championship level team, he may stay with Community B for 7th and 8th grade, the term of his playing days in 7/8 division.

If on Feb 15, 2011, a 7th grader lived in Community A and played on an Community B championship team, that player may stay with his Community B team for his 8th grade season.

All 4th graders in 2011 (5th graders in 2012) are expected to be properly registered with their school or community.

B. Recruiting

NTYLL prohibits youth player recruitment **outside of their community**, and will take appropriate action, including suspension of coaches and/or forfeiture of games, if a program is found to be recruiting individual players. NTYLL notes that simple advertisement of program registration, signing of coaches, offering of camps and clinics, as well as other forms of program promotion, are not in and of themselves "player recruitment."

C. Coach's Children

The child of a coach engaged by a community-based program that is not otherwise a member of that community may, with that engaging community's permission, play for that community-based program (e.g., if a coach living in Highland Park is hired to coach a team in the Allen Lacrosse program then that coach's child may play for the Allen with the club's permission **as long as the parent is a coach in that program**). A team will have no more than three registered coaches.

D. Waivers

All waivers must be submitted to the NTYLL President or Division coordinator 30 days prior to the first official season start date in writing. Before a player is able to obtain a free and clear waiver, the parents must attempt to obtain a written release from the player's current program. The reason for a waiver must be compelling and outside the scope of NTYLL eligibility rules. The NTYLL will not grant a waiver to follow a coach.

Grievances or complaints will be addressed by NTYLL **and should be submitted in writing to the NTYLL President or the appropriate grade level coordinator.**

V. Team Formation:

A. Multiple Community Programs

From time to time, new programs may startup within a community already offering lacrosse playing opportunities. These new programs/teams may apply to play in the Competitive Division and the President of NTYLL will decide to accept or reject this application; as development of lacrosse across North Texas is the Chapter's second stated goal, the President is encouraged to accept all viable new programs/teams and, in the case of a rejected application, to provide cogent direction as to how this new program/team will attain acceptance in the future (e.g., a local YMCA can start to offer lacrosse and when they feel capable of competing within the division, they may apply to NTYLL).

B. Grade Level Divisions

The four separate grade-specific levels are defined as follows:

First and Second Grade (Bantam)
Competitive Level Only

Third and Fourth Grade (Bantam)
Competitive Level Only

Fifth and Sixth Grade
Championship Level (Boys Only)
Competitive Level

Seventh and Eighth Grade
Championship Level (Boys Only)
Competitive Level

C. Roster Minimum

Boys 1st/2nd grade - the minimum number of players on a roster is eight (8).

Girls 3rd/4th - the minimum number of players on a roster is eight (8).

Boys Bantam 3/4 and Boys and Girls Youth 5th/6th and 7th/8th Teams-the minimum number of players on a roster is fourteen (14). Must be unique player names – same name can't show up on two rosters from same program unless one is competitive and one is championship.

D. Playing Up (Individual Players)

Younger players are allowed to play in an older age division with the consent of their coach and parents. Approval of the NTYLL board is required and parent should submit request in writing to the president of NTYLL. No team may carry more than 4 players playing up. No player may play up more than one school grade.

All teams must participate in their proper age division. No team will be allowed to "play up" during the season.

VI. Qualified Coach

A. Championship

"Qualified Coach": All coaches regardless of division must be members of US Lacrosse in good standing.

In the "Championship Division", all sideline coaches must also complete at least an online USL coaching clinic (or its equivalent) training session annually.

B. Competitive

In the "Competitive Division", at least the head coach must also complete at least an online USL coaching clinic (or its equivalent) training session annually.

VII. Registration

A. Requirements

Any team desiring to participate in the NTYLL league must be properly formed and registered

All lacrosse players must be members of US Lacrosse and sign the NTYLL waiver

B. Registration Fees

Boys Bantam 1st/2nd - \$100

Boys Bantam 3rd/4th - \$100

Boys Youth 5th/6th Competitive Division - \$250

Boys Youth 5th/6th Championship Division - \$300

Boys Youth 7th/8th Competitive Division - \$250

Boys Youth 7th/8th Championship Division - \$300

Girls Bantam 3rd/4th - \$100

Girls Youth 5th/6th - \$250

Girls Youth 7th/8th - \$250

The fees are used to cover the cost of an official's assignor for both girls and boys, game scheduling, playoffs, all-star games and modest general business expenses.

C. Number of Teams a program may register

There is no limit to the number of teams a program may register for spring per age group division.

NTYLL wants to encourage and promote the growth of youth lacrosse in North Texas and if there is enough interest from boys and/or girls at a particular age group in a community, a program should certainly have the option to form as many teams as needed to meet that demand. We want everyone interested in the sport to be able to participate.

If by adding teams, the development and orderly growth of lacrosse is negatively impacted, this policy would need to re-evaluated.

D. Rostered Adults

The NTYLL rules permit no more than three (3) adults on the players' side of the field (the coach and two other team officials). Each and every adult on the players' side of the field must be registered on the team's official roster through the NTYLL. In the case where the coach of record is unable to be at the game and the team desires to have a substitute coach present at the game, the substitute coach may be one of the three (3) adults

Registration of Players Required. No team will be allowed to participate with players, coaches, assistant coaches or managers that have not been properly registered to that team through the NTYLL website.

E. Playing-Up (Teams)

All teams must participate in their proper age division. No team will be allowed to "play up" during the lacrosse season.

VIII. Scheduling of Games

A. Scheduling Meeting:

Each year, the NTYLL will hold a scheduling meeting in which all coaches or program administrators gather to schedule all games for the season.

Games should not be scheduled prior to the official scheduling meeting.

Please schedule double headers as often as possible and please avoid days when high school teams play (typically Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Friday)

The official season will run from February xxth thru April xxth. If you are ready to play games earlier, that can be accommodated. If a team plays in the competitive division, games may extend into the first week in May. Championship teams must finish on the official end of season date in order to accommodate Championship Playoffs.

Maximum number of games allowed in the spring season is xx

In order for officials to be assigned to a game, both a home team and visiting team must be specified on the game request form. Additionally a location must be specified. No TBDs will be allowed.

B. Schedule Changes

Championship Division

If you play a team twice in the Championship division, one of those games needs to be designated as the “counter” game that goes towards your standings. The “counter” game must be agreed upon during the scheduling meeting. When the home team enters their game on the NTYLL site, please label the “counter” game as a game and the “non-counter” game as a scrimmage. This will be very important for your grade level coordinators to help keep track of the standings. Any “counter” game that is cancelled due to any reason MUST be made up to determine your standings. Any “non-counter” game or scrimmage that is cancelled does not have to be made up.

IX. Site Administration

The Site Administrator (SA) shall be an individual affiliated with the lacrosse team hosting the event (i.e. home team) and appointed by the President of the respective organization. All SA names and contact information must be forwarded to NTYLL and the North Texas Lacrosse Officials Association (NTLOA) Assignor prior to the start of the season. A Site Administrator will be assigned for each home game and will be responsible for the following:

1. The SA will identify themselves to the officials prior to the start of all games, coordinate any issues or needs they may have prior to the start of the game and at any time thereafter should they require the SA’s assistance. Failure to introduce or have SA present will result in a 30 second penalty at start of the game.

2. The SA will assure the field set-up is in playing order, the scorer's table is in place and a First Aid Kit is available.
3. The SA will have the "Permission to Treat/Medical Release/Player Insurance forms on hand for the home team.
4. The SA will see that the officials are paid at the field before the game, either by check or with a voucher. Each team is responsible for paying one of official at games.
5. The SA will monitor fan conduct, assist with controlling un-sportsmanlike behavior off the field and take appropriate actions if there is a problem. The SA has the authority to speak to the fan(s) causing the problem, escort them from the grounds if necessary, request the referee to stop the game to get the stand under control, and/or call the police.
6. The SA will have a working cell phone available for emergency contacts.
7. The SA, when necessary, will arrange an escort for referees to the parking lot after the game.
8. At least one SA is required at all youth games. When playing at a neutral site, the designated home team is responsible for providing the SA. All parents selected as a SA will meet the respective program's President prior to the season to review the responsibilities and duties. The designated SA for each game should always seek assistance from the other team's SA at the game when needed. All SA's in attendance should be aware of the SA for each game and offer assistance.

This Site Administrator Plan was discussed at the September 2006 meeting of the North Texas Youth Lacrosse Association and is mandatory for all lacrosse programs participating in the North Texas Youth Lacrosse League

Additionally, the NTYLL highly recommends that each field has a working lightening meter and AED. You should also have a medical emergency plan in place.

NTYLL adheres to the Positive Coaching Alliance philosophy and sportsmanship

X. Duties and Responsibilities of Home Management

Home Team is responsible for contrasting jersey colors and will wear pinnies if needed.

Game Equipment: The Home team is responsible for supplying the game equipment (i.e. balls (at least 4 balls at each end line), goals, scorebook (if applicable), time clocks (2), horns, scorer's table and game timekeeper. A violation will result in delay of game penalty being called on the team that the violator is affiliated with.

Coaching box, Team Bench Area: NTYLL permits a maximum of 3 coaches/assistants/trainers per team in the bench area or coaching box. Any violation of this rule will result in a delay of game penalty.

NTYLL will provide badges to all registered coaches/assistants/trainers that will have the coaches' names and rules printed on the card. All coaches/assistants/trainers must wear their badge. Referees will report non-compliance to NTYLL.

XI. Game Officiating Fees

A. Fees Schedule

Each team pays one official. If only one official then each team pays half of the one officials fees.

The fees to assigned officials are as follows:

Bantam Games – \$xx per official

(Boys - One official will be assigned for 1st/2nd grade level and two officials if available will be scheduled for 3rd/4th grade level)

Youth 5/6 and 7/8 - \$xx per official. We will always attempt to schedule two officials to each game

Payment – Officials must be paid within 20 days of the game, but paying at the time of the game is even better.

Notification must be made at least two (2) hours before scheduled game time to avoid payment of officials' fees. Cancellations made less than two hours prior to scheduled game time result in hosting team paying the officials their regular fee.

Referees are paid for no shows (i.e. if you are the Home team and your opponent does not show up for the game both you and the opponent must pay the officials the regular fees)

B. Game Report Requirements.

The coach or program administrator of both teams should fill out a game evaluation form available online on NTYLL website. Officials will report the game final game score.

The official standings for Championship level team will be maintained by the Grade Level Coordinator.

XII. Game Cancellation Procedures and Policy

The Home team is responsible for calling or text messaging Referee Umpire when cancelling a game. Referee's contact information is provided by assigning system (via email to the coach/administrator) and is on the website

Notification must be made at least two (2) hours before scheduled game time to avoid payment of officials' fees. Cancellations made less than two hours prior to scheduled game time result in hosting team paying the officials their regular fee.

Inclement Weather Procedures- In the event weather conditions are such that it would be dangerous to play or fields have been officially closed, the home team administration shall have the responsibility of cancelling the game. The home team shall notify the coach or program administrator of the visiting team and the officials at least two hours before the scheduled game time. Contact numbers are available on the NTYLL website.

XIII. Complaint Procedure

Any complaints concerning NTYLL rules, code of conduct, policy by anyone participating in or attending a NTYLL league event should be reported to the appropriate grade level coordinator. The grade level coordinator will then notify the League Board as to the nature of the complaint.

Complaint Procedure

Step I:

Report to Grade Level Coordinator - A) Grade level coordinator will notify the President of the NTYLL B) Grade level coordinator head will contact the following week's opposing coaches and scheduled referee, asking them to observe if the action in the complaint repeats itself.

Step II:

Report received from coach & referee - A) If no problem is detected, no further action is required. B) If a problem is detected, the NTYLL contacts program representative to address the issue and the necessary corrections. C) Opposing coaches & the assigned referee for the next game are again notified. If the problem is not detected, no further action is required. D) If a problem is detected, the President of the NTYLL is notified.

Step III:

The NTYLL (President and a minimum of two board members) will determine necessary sanctions up to and including suspension or expulsion from the league or a team.

XIV. LoneStar

LoneStar is a separate committee of the North Texas Chapter of US Lacrosse and is not part of NTYLL and as such will provide information to coaches and administrators as the season progresses.

LoneStar is a Chapter trademarked entity which exists to provide our players with a selection of tournaments and festivals.