

YOUTH GIRLS' LACROSSE

SCORER AND TIMER PROCEDURES

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- The **officials** are responsible for ensuring the timers and scorers understand their responsibilities.
- Home team provides the official scorer and official timer.
- USAL Rules book requires home team to record starting line-ups, substitutes, **goals**, assessment of **cards**, and time when **cards** are assessed.
- **WSLA** requires home Youth League teams to record and report game scores.
- The scorers and timekeepers have official status. They are neutral and should not cheer, call **fouls** or make comments from the **table area**.

TABLE AREA PERSONNEL:

- Official Scorer and Official Timer- home team (required)
- Spotter - home team (optional)
- Statistician – visiting team (optional)

EQUIPMENT:

- Scorer & Timer Equipment:
 - 2 air horns (a primary horn and back-up horn) or scoreboard horn
 - 4 countdown digital clocks or master clock plus extra batteries
 - Official scorebook form
 - Pencils and eraser
 - Scorer's table and 2 chairs
 - Scoreboard or Flip-A-Score
 - Rain canopy
 - Alternate possession indicator (sign, cone or designated item)
- Home Team Equipment:
 - 4 balls, smooth or slightly textured, yellow, lime green or bright orange color and **must be NOCSAE stamped**.
 - 6 soft or flexible cones, pylons or flags

PRE-GAME SET UP:

- Arrive at least 20 minutes before start of game.
- Confirm the **Table Area**, **Substitution Area** and **Team Bench Area** boundaries are marked on the field.
- Set up table at least 4 meters back from sideline at midfield.
- Set out 4 cones, pylons or flags at corners of field outside of the boundary lines and 2 at the front edge of the substitution box each 5 yards from the centerline and outside of the boundary line.
- Record the starting line-ups of both teams in official scorebook at least 10 minutes prior to the game. Identify by name and number.
- If official scoring or timing is not handled at field level, confirm direct two-way communications are provided between press box and scorer's table.
- Meet with **officials** to:
 - Introduce scorer and timer
 - Introduce **Sideline Manager** for youth games.
 - Review scorer and timer duties.
 - Confirm length of game and length of halftime and which team will get the first alternate possession.
 - Confirm amount of time and method officials want to be notified before the end of each half.
 - Confirm if officials want the horn to sound when a 10-goal differential occurs in high school games, for substitutions after goals, and when illegal substitutions have occurred.

TIMER DUTIES:

Official Timer Duties required by the Rules book:

- Sit at the scorer and timer's table at field level opposite the center circle.
- Keep game time using **running-clock** procedures.
- Keep time during a **team time out**.
 - Use a separate clock to time the 2-minute time-out period.

- If desired by officials, sound the horn when there are 15-seconds remaining in the time out and again at the end of the 2-minute time out.
- Notify the scorer of the time on the clock when a player is issued a green/yellow card for delay of game and time the 2-minute playing time penalty.
- Notify the coach when the 2-minute delay of game **penalty time** has ended.
- Notify the scorer of the time on the clock when a player is issued a yellow or red **card** and time the 2-minute playing time penalty.
- Notify the coach when the 2-minute yellow or 4-minute red card **penalty time** has expired.
- Sound horn during the first **stoppage of play**:
 - To notify official of **illegal substitution**.
 - When clock has malfunctioned.
- Notify the nearest **official** when there are 2 minutes remaining in all quarters.
- Sound the horn when the countdown clock reaches zero at the end of the quarters.
- Keep time between quarters and notify officials when time has elapsed.

SCORER DUTIES:

Official Scorer Duties required by the Rules book:

- Sit at the scorer and timer's table at field level opposite the center circle/
- Record scorebook information pertaining to both teams.
- Record the starting line-ups for both teams in the score book at least 10 minutes prior to the game.
 - Coaches are required to provide table with roster prior to game.
 - Starting lineup changes cannot be made within 10 minutes prior to the game except for changes due to injury.
- Confirm the numbers of the players on the field match the numbers recorded in the score book.
- Record the names and numbers of substitutes when they enter the game.
- Record **goals** (G) scored.
 - Under the Player section, record **goals** for players.
 - Identify the number of the player who scored the **goal** and record the time remaining in the game when the **goal** was scored.
 - Notify official when a 4-goal differential occurs. (12U and below)
- Record the issuance of **cards** assessed to players, coaches, and other team personnel.
 - Record the type of **card** issued next to the individual's name.
 - Record time remaining in half when a yellow or red **card** is issued.
 - If a separate penalty clock is not used, record the time when the 2-minute **penalty time** expires.
 - Notify official when a second yellow **card** is given to same player.
 - Notify the official when a team receives its fourth **card**.
- Notify the official during the first stoppage of play when an **illegal substitution** occurs.
- Continuously display an accurate score.
- Record all team **timeouts**.
- Maintain an accurate record for **alternate possession**.
- Ask **official** to sign scorebook at end of game to make the game official.

Scorer Duties Required by WSLA:

- Youth League home teams shall report game scores and comments via the online game report found on www.wslax.org (Required for 14U, 12U, recommended for 10U.)