



NATIONAL SCHOOLS LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

RULES AND PROCEDURES – U19A/U19B/U19C

1. Each squad is composed of a maximum of 18 players. No girl is allowed to play in more than one team during the 2019 National Schools Tournament. Each school must submit an online team sheet(s) prior to the tournament. Any amended team sheet(s) should be handed into the event office at the beginning of the Championships.

2. Schools may not enter the U19B tournament unless they have also entered a team into the U19A tournament and likewise an U19C team cannot enter unless the school has already entered an U19A and U19B team. Schools may be invited to enter a minor team into a higher competition if space is available.

3. U19A teams will pay an umpiring fee as part of their tournament entry fee. All umpiring will be arranged centrally; schools are not required to supply individual umpires.

U19B teams will be responsible for ensuring that all umpiring games allocated to them are covered. **No School may leave the tournament until the umpires for the Last 16 and ¼ Final rounds have been announced. Schools' not involved in the Last 16 and ¼ Finals may be required to umpire. Schools' who fail to fulfil their umpiring requirements may be subject to a financial penalty and/or have restrictions placed on them for entries into future tournaments.**

U19C teams will be responsible for ensuring that all umpiring games allocated to them are covered. **No School may leave the tournament until the umpires for the ¼ Final rounds have been announced. Schools' not involved in the ¼ Finals may be required to umpire. Schools' who fail to fulfil their umpiring requirements may be subject to a financial penalty and/or have restrictions placed on them for entries into future tournaments.**

3a. In order to umpire any game in the U19 B and C competitions, a person must at the date of the tournament, be registered with England Lacrosse and hold a current EL umpiring qualification at Level 1 or above. You are encouraged to use at least a Level 2 rated official wherever possible.

4. To qualify to play at the NSLC19, all team members must meet the stipulated age for the age group they are competing in (See Appendix 1), and be registered for the 2018-19 academic year, at the school they are representing in the tournament.

5. If one team has not arrived on its designated pitch by the time the horn sounds to start the game, play will start with a free position at the centre line for the other team. Play will continue in this way with a free position after each goal until 5 goals have been scored or until the missing team arrives and is ready to play, whichever is the sooner. Once 5 goals have been scored and the missing team has not arrived the game is forfeit and the team who was present and playing is deemed to have won 5-0. The missing team will be allocated -1 point (minus 1).

If neither team has arrived on the designated pitch and satisfied the umpires that it is ready to play before the horn sounds to change ends at half time, the game is deemed to have resulted in a 0-0 draw and both teams will record a score of -1 (minus 1)

6. All teams must wear shirts/ bibs with clear numbers on the front and back. A player may be sent from the field if this is not the case. Each player must have their own visible number and may not exchange shirts or bibs during the game. Numbers cannot be repeated within the squad. The goalkeeper must also be wearing a shirt/bib in the same colour as the rest of her team, and must wear it over the top of her pads. This does not need to be numbered. Please also bring with you a complete set of numbered bibs of a different colour to your usual shirts/bibs for your team to



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wear in the event that the opposing team's colours are similar to your own. If team colours clash in the opinion of the umpires, the first named team on the schedule must wear contrasting coloured numbered bibs. Schools who fail to adhere to these requirements will forfeit the game.

7. All FIL 2015-2018 Women's Official Rules apply except:

- i. those relating to timing insofar as they are inconsistent with these Rules and Procedures
- ii. the tournament rules set out in Rule 25
- iii. provision for teams to take timeouts
- iv. any of the new rules or amendments in the 2018/19 rule book

8. Warning Cards

Green, yellow and red cards will be used in this tournament as usual. The FIL tournament rule about penalty points for cards does not apply. However, any player who receives a straight red card will not be able to play during her team's next game. Should she attempt to do so, she will be removed from the pitch and must sit out the remainder of that game and the whole of the next one.

9. Timings of matches.

DAY 1 & 2

U19A&B 19-minute games, straight change at 9 minutes, 1 minute between matches. All games will be centrally timed.

If, when the hooter sounds for the **end of the game only**, the umpire's whistle has already blown for a foul which would result in a major foul free position for the attack on the 11m hash mark, the attack player shall be permitted to take the free position and, if she scores, the goal shall count. Only that attack player and the goalkeeper may participate, and on the umpire's whistle the attack player must shoot without delay. She may take not more than one step as part of that shot. If she takes more than one step or otherwise delays the shot the play is over, and the umpire shall blow the whistle to end the game.

10. Seedings and Transfers

U19A

Combinations of 2017/2018 RNSLC results have been used to inform the sections.

The Macoocoo Electronic Scoring System will automatically calculate the Divisions for Day 2.

The top 2 teams in each section will progress to the Championship Division

The 3rd placed teams and the 4th placed teams in each section will progress to Div 1

The 5th placed teams and the 6th placed teams in each section will progress to Div 2.

The 7th placed teams in each section will form Division 3

In the event of a tie on points in any of the sections, the International Goal Formula will determine placings.



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U19B

Where possible the 2018 RNSLC results have been used to inform the sections

The Macoocoo Electronic Scoring System will automatically calculate the divisions for Day 2.
The top 3 teams from each section and the highest ranked fourth placed team will form Division 1.
The 4 lowest ranked 4th placed teams, the 4 highest ranked 5th placed teams will form Division 2
The lowest ranked 5th placed team and the 6th placed teams will form Division 3
In the event of a tie on points in any of the sections, placings will be determined by the International Goal Formula.

U19C

Where possible the 2018 results have been used to inform the sections

The Macoocoo Electronic Scoring System will automatically calculate the 1/4 Final teams and their position in the draw.
The 1st and 2nd placed teams in each section and the 2 highest ranked 3rd placed teams will proceed to the 1/4 Finals

In the event of a tie on points in any of the sections, the International Goal Formula will determine placings.

11. Tournament Scoring

Win = 5 points

Tie = 3 points

Loss = 1 point if losing team scores 50% or more of the winning team's goals (eg 4-2)

Loss = 0 points if losing team fails to score at least 50% of winning team's goals (eg 5-2)

No-show = -1 point (-minus 1)

In any of the age groups should there be one or more section where there are fewer teams and it is necessary to seed the results across the sections to determine the last 16, each team must have the same number of results scored. This ensures that the opportunity for points to be awarded for a result is fair to all teams. The Macoocoo Electronic Scoring System will therefore record a score of 3-0 for all missing games in a section. This score has been determined from Data Analysis of previous tournaments.

12. Overtime procedures for tied matches in the knock out phase.

There will be no overtime played in the first round of knockout (Last 16) matches.

There will be no overtime played in the ¼ finals of U19A Division 3, or U19B Division 2.

U19A&B If at the end of the quarter-finals and semi-finals the result should be a tie, the teams change ends and immediately begin 'sudden victory' overtime. This is played in 2 periods of 3 minutes with a straight change of ends after the first period. The first team to score wins the game. If there is still no score after 6 minutes of sudden victory overtime, then the team with the highest international goal formula from their pool play on Day 1 will go through to the next stage.



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U19C If at the end of the quarterfinals and semi-finals the result should be a tie, the teams change ends and immediately begin 'sudden victory' overtime. This is played in 2 periods of 3 minutes with a straight change of ends after the first period. The first team to score wins the game. If there is still no score after 6 minutes of sudden victory overtime, then the team with the highest international goal formula from their section play, will go through to the next stage.

U19A&B&C If at the end of a final the result should be a draw, teams will change ends and after a 2 minute break, begin 'sudden victory' overtime. This is played in periods of 3 minutes with a straight change of ends after each period. The first team to score wins the game.

13. Resolution procedure for umpiring disputes

Umpire decisions on the pitch are final and must be respected. If a coach is unhappy with a decision made by an umpire they may attempt to resolve their dispute via the following procedure

Stage 1. The coach may speak to the lead official umpiring the game to clarify decisions made by any of the umpires on the pitch

Stage 2. If the pitch officials do not satisfy the dispute, it may be referred to the appointed O.I.C (Official In Charge) who may consult with the tournament directors if necessary.

It is the responsibility of each teacher/coach/manager to make sure that they are aware of these rules and procedures, and the applicable FIL Rules in readiness for the tournament.



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Appendix 1:

Teams must adhere to the following age categories for the National Schools Lacrosse Championships 2019

JUNIOR

U13 = Year 8; players turn 13 years old between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019

U14 = Year 9; players turn 14 years old between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019

U15 = Year 10; players turn 15 years old between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019

SENIOR

U19 = Year 11, Year 12, Year 13; players turn 16, 17 or 18 between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019

Players must meet the age restrictions for the competition they will be playing in. If a school requires special dispensation they may apply to the tournament directors.

Teams in junior age categories may play in 1 age category above, at the discretion and invitation of the tournament directors.

No junior team is allowed to participate in a senior competition.

Teams fielding ineligible player(s) will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player(s) have competed.