



# 2009 Thunderbolt Tournament

## Tournament Rules:

- Awards will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places teams.
- Parents must remain on side of field opposite player benches
- Each team must bring a set of pinnies or reversible jerseys. Many teams have the same colors.
- Games will consist of two 20 minute running-time halves, a 3 minute halftime, and no overtime. 5 minutes between games.
- Game clock will be controlled by a central horn
  - One blast to start & end each half
  - Two blasts at the final 2 minutes of each half and 2 minutes before each game and half.
- Penalty time begins on the whistle after player enters the penalty box.
  - Penalty time stops during time-outs.
- Substitutions will be “on the fly” through the box - no horn.
- **One 30 second timeout per game** can be called by each team.
  - The timeout can not be called in or run into in the last 2 min. of the game or half. (If the 2 min horn sounds the timeout is over immediately)
  - The main clock will not stop on any timeout.
- 20 second (past midfield) & 10 second (in the box) delay of game counts will be in affect in the last 2 min. of every 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade game only.
- If a team has a 4 goal lead the other team will be offered the option of having a Free Clear rather than a face off.
- Playoffs
  - Winner (total points after first 3 games) of each bracket will meet in the Gold Game.
  - First runner-up of each bracket will meet in the Bronze Game.
  - Everyone else will play in a consolation 4<sup>th</sup> game.
    - Teams will be paired with an equally strong opponent to ensure a competitive game.
    - We will try not to schedule 2 teams that played each other already.
- Points and Tiebreakers:
  - 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie
  - Tiebreakers to determine bracket winner and runner-up (if necessary):
    1. The head-to-head result involving the teams tied (two-way ties only).
    2. The team with the most wins during three preliminary games.
    3. The team with the best record against common opponents in the three preliminary games.
    4. The team with the least goals scored against them in the three preliminary games.
    5. The team with the best ratio of Goals Differential (GF-GA). To discourage “blow-outs” and maximum of a 6 goal differential (+or-) will be assessed for each game.
    6. A toss of a coin by the tournament coordinator.
  - If a tied game occurs in a Gold & Bronze game:
    1. The team with the lowest number of penalty minutes wins the game.
    2. If the penalty minutes are equal then a coin toss will decide the game.
  - All Consolation games will remain a tie.



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## General Information:

- **PLEASE CARPOOL!!!** We have ample room at West Windsor Community Park for our boys to play lacrosse games; unfortunately there is very little parking in the park. Since parking is the single item that may negatively impact the quality of this tournament I urge everyone to adhere to below items so everyone can enjoy the day. I don't want to have to raise the price of the tournament to cover bus service from an off site parking location.
  - Please double-up in the cars you are bringing to the park. We can only handle about **10 cars per team.**
  - Please park your vehicles as neatly and as space efficient as possible to allow everyone to get into the park.
  - The lot to the right (by the pool) as you enter the park is the largest lot in the park. It will be designated as parking for fields 4, 5, and 6. If you play any of your games on those fields please park in that lot.
  - If your team is playing its first game on Fields 1, 2, or 3 the parking for these fields fills up quickly. You may have to park in another lot and walk 5 or 10 min. to your field. No field is more than a 10 min walk from any lot.
  - Please allow ample time for parking.
- Directions to West Windsor Community Park are on our web-site <http://www.leaguelineup.com/location.asp?cmenuid=13&url=lightninglacrosse&sid=955988194>.
- Teams are encouraged to bring a tent or suitable substitute for shade and team location on the site.
- Our Concession Stand will be open the entire day. They will be serving hot food, beverages, and snacks. Your patronage of the concession stand allows us to keep your registration fees low.
  - **Please refrain from bringing catered food into the park or tailgating.**
  - **No Barbeques or cooking devices of any type are permitted in the park.**
- Please help clean-up your own site. This is a volunteer tournament.
  - Trash bags are available from the Field Marshalls or at the Main Tent.
- Park in designated areas only.
  - **DO NOT park along the road. The police will ticket and/or tow the vehicles.**
- Tents, Chairs, Tables...etc. should not be positioned behind an end line of any field during the course of the tournament. We don't want to see anyone injured.
- Ewing Sports will be at the tournament selling lacrosse merchandise.
- Thunderbolt Tournament tee shirts will also be available for sale in the main tent.
- A Tournament photographer will also be roaming the fields taking pictures of the different teams. Please contact him for pictures.