

# ELLCOTTVILLE LACROSSE FESTIVAL

September 22 -September 24, 2017

## **Hazardous Weather / Evacuation Policy & Procedures**

- *In the interest of ensuring participant safety and the appropriate use of the fields and facilities, the Ellicottville Lacrosse Festival reserves the rights to postpone, cancel, or shorten games due to inclement weather, especially lightning. If lightning or other hazardous weather is detected, the following mandatory procedures will be implemented:*
- *A horn will sound three short blasts to indicate the need for all participants to evacuate the playing fields and return to their vehicles for approximately 30 minutes from when the last lightning or other hazardous condition is detected;*
- *Tents and equipment can be left at the fields until the storm delay is completed;*
- *Once the storm clears, five short horn blasts will denote 15 minutes until resumption of play;*
- *If evacuation occurs during the 1st half of a game, the teams will return to play the 2nd half of the game and the entire schedule will be delayed by the duration of the delay*
- *If the evacuation occurs during the second half of a game, that game may be terminated and the score at the time that play was suspended will be the final score; the next round of games will be played when play resumes and the remaining schedule will be played on a delayed basis in its entirety.*

*Please be advised that for all issues effecting game play (e.g.- field/goal conditions, schedules, seeding/reseeding, playoffs, weather-related play halts/restarts, etc.), official information and decisions can only be obtained from the tournament Directors, who are located at the tournament headquarters. Please do not request or expect formal information from scorekeepers, referees, grounds keepers, or security personnel. In addition to being available at the tournament headquarters, tournament Directors will first and foremost utilize the tournament website, using email/mobile phones in an emergency, to communicate information pertinent to game play. However, it is ultimately the team's on-site representative's responsibility to seek out and obtain correct and timely information that affects their team's play from the tournament Directors. This above signifies the need for teams to COMPLETELY fill out the registration forms, including contact information for on-site team representatives.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO AND COMPLIANCE WITH OUR  
SAFETY POLICY AND PROCEDURES!**