



## **Sticks & Stones Invitational**

March 23-24, 2012

Trabuco Hills HS, Mission Viejo, CA

Dear coaches and team supporters:

Thanks for making it possible for your school to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Sticks & Stones Junior Varsity Invitational. We anticipate a fun two days of lacrosse for our 21 participating schools coming from all over Southern California.

The 2012 Sticks & Stones will be broken into three divisions: Blue, Gray and Orange. Each will have its own champion and runner-up – trophies for both!

### **Some Small Items**

We would appreciate cell phone numbers for the coach and/or lead parent booster who will be at Sticks & Stones for emergency contact needs. Please email that information to our Team Secretary, Sabrina Low-Dumond, at [zackman99@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zackman99@sbcglobal.net) as soon as possible.

In addition, if you have not already sent us your roster, please send one to Sabrina, as well.

### **What to Expect**

All coaches are required to check-in at the tournament check-in/headquarters tent one (1) hour prior to their first scheduled game. There is no player check-in.

Please bring a copy of this letter to Sticks & Stones to serve as your guide to any question that may come up during the day!

Every school has been scheduled for three games and we've tried to match up teams of somewhat like skills. We know that's never a perfect endeavor,

especially at the JV level. There will be three divisions of competition – named Blue, Gray and Orange -- each with their own champion.

Please note we have four Friday night games scheduled:

5 pm – Trabuco vs. Mater Dei

6 pm -- Laguna Hills vs. Dana Hills

7 pm -- Mission Viejo vs. Rosary

8 pm – Foothill vs. El Toro

Other teams' opening matches on Saturday:

8 am -- Los Alamitos vs. Santa Margarita

8 am -- Temecula Valley vs. Glendale

855 am – Esperanza vs. Redondo Union

855 am – Tesoro vs. Corona del Mar

855 am -- La Canada vs. Loser of Friday's 7 PM match

950 am -- Carlsbad vs. Newport Harbor

950 am -- Aliso Niguel vs. El Dorado

Reminder, this is a **Junior Varsity** tournament. We know some programs have challenges with player numbers, but please do your best to respect the spirit of the competition in terms of your roster choices for the weekend.

All participating teams are guaranteed and committed to play a minimum of three (3) games. Please honor your school's commitment, win or lose.

Abuse of the umpires will not be tolerated, and flagrant violations may result in team disqualification. Teams and individuals that are abusive, destructive, or in any other manner reflect negatively on the tournament both on and off the field will be disqualified at the discretion of the Tournament Director and prohibited from returning in the future.

Any problems or complaints shall be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director. Trabuco Hills contacts:

Head Coach Scott Leong: 949-374-6413

Assistant Coach Rich Ransom: 949-275-8350

"Team Dad" Jon Lansner: 949-922-3100

A trainer will be onsite all day, but teams must provide their own supplies.

## Tournament Rules and Information

Umpire rulings are final and there is no protesting.

**Schedule:** Please remember to check the official tournament scoreboard near the registration tent to see when and where your team will play next!

**Upper Fields:** “Far” field is the one furthest from the school facilities; “Near” is closest.

**Weather:** All games will be played rain or shine unless otherwise decided by the umpires. If weather is inclement and we are prevented from using our grass Upper Field, the entire tournament will be played on the turf Stadium. Due to time constraints, teams will play just two games with a rain schedule.

**Fans:** On the Upper Fields, no one but players and coaches should be in the alley between the two fields.

**Uniforms:** Home team will be the team with school name first in alphabetical order. They will wear white/lighter uniform colors.

All CIF rules will apply with the following exceptions.

**Game times:** Each game will consist of two 20-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime. All halves will be running clock. There will be no timeouts in this tournament.

**Game starts:** Each field will have a separate air horn for all pool play games so teams must be ready to play at their assigned time. **Stick checks are at the umpires’ discretion.** Teams are responsible for being ready to play before the scheduled time for each game and it is possible for games to start even without the entire team on the field.

**Ties:** Since time is tight, in the case of games outside of the Sticks & Stones division championship game, ties will be broken using a “shootout” format immediately after the game’s regulation-time conclusion using only players on the field at that time. NO SUBSTITUTIONS. NO HUDDLES. How it will work:

1. Both goalies will go to the end of field of the “home” team wearing the lighter uniforms. Visitors will shoot first.
2. Each team will get 1 free position shot from the top hash in each shootout inning until the tie is broken.
3. In each inning, a different player – chosen by the coach – will shoot from until all players on the field at game’s end have participated in the

shootout.

4. "Defensive" team gets to have 2 players on the nearby hash marks, like a regular free position. Yes, fouls can be called – and shots retaken.
5. Shooter must go forward and shoot! Any pullback or the like will be called a "No Goal"
6. For standings purposes, the shootout win will be recorded as one goal added to the tie score for the winner.

If needed, the three division championship games will go to Sudden Death overtime IMMEDIATELY after the whistle. NO SUBSTITUTIONS. NO HUDDLES. NO CHANGE OF FIELDS.

### **Championship Rounds**

After the opening game, the remaining schedule of the Blue and Gray Divisions will be determined by your wins or losses.

The Orange Division will have two pool-play games, followed by one playoff game with seeding determined by the following point system: three points per traditional win, two points for an shootout win; one point per shootout loss; and zero points per loss.

In the case of a pool play tie, the following tie breakers will be used:

- #1 head-to-head record
- #2 fewest goals against (all games played within the pool)
- #3 fewest cards (1 point for a yellow card, 2 points for a red card)
- #5 most goals scored (all games, 10 maximum per game)
- #6 coin toss.

### **Schedule**

Games will begin as scheduled, so coaches need to pay attention to the schedule. A copy is on the last page of this letter!

Please be ready to play at the scheduled time and please leave the field quickly after a game. (Post-game handshakes can be done off-field, if necessary!)

Coaches will be asked to sign each games scorecard. Make sure that scorecard is correct; it's the official record!

The scorecard for your second-round will also ask you to nominate two players for All-Tournament team. Please do so, win or lose!

## **Additional Items**

Food (traditional tournament snacks, lunch items, and beverages) will be available for purchase at the tournament snack bar.

**NOTE: When a team is scheduled to play on the Stadium Field, all food and beverages are prohibited (excluding water) inside the track fence.**

Additionally, a limited number of tournament t-shirts will also be offered for sale.

Dogs or other pets, with the exception of licensed service dogs, ARE NOT allowed on the fields, the school grounds and tournament grounds. Owners with their pets will be advised of this policy and asked to leave the premises.

Teams are encouraged to bring canopies, folding chairs, and blankets to form their own team headquarters at the tournament. The area around the Upper Field is best suited for such gatherings. Parents and fans are also encouraged to bring folding chairs and umbrellas.

Please be considerate not to litter the fields and please use the trash receptacles provided. Only teams (players and coaches) are allowed on the Stadium Field itself. All fans should sit in the stadium stands

We hope you enjoy yourselves and please provide us with any feedback so we may improve as Trabuco Hills continues to host the Sticks & Stones Invitational.

Thanks for attending the Sticks & Stones Invitational and please do not hesitate to ask any questions.

# 2012 STICKS & STONES

All games 20 minutes running halves, no timeouts, 5 minute halftime, 10-minute break TBD

BLUE DIVISION	
ROYAL POOL	
Los Alamitos	Trabuco Hills
Mater Dei	Fri 5 @ Stadium
Santa Margarita	Mater Dei
Trabuco Hills	1045 @ Stadium
Winner	Winner
Loser	1045 @ Stadium
Los Alamitos	Los Alamitos
8 @ Stadium	8 @ Stadium
Winner	Winner
Loser	Santa Margarita
SKY POOL	
Corona del Mar	El Toro
El Toro	Fri 8 @ Stadium
Foothill	Foothill
1140 @ Stadium	1140 @ Stadium
Winner	Winner
Loser	Tesoro
855 @ Upper Far	855 @ Upper Far
Winner	Corona del Mar
Loser	Corona del Mar

Playoffs	
Championship	1st
320 @ Stadium	1st
3rd Place	2nd
320 @ Upper Far	2nd
5th Place	3rd
225 @ Upper Far	3rd
7th Place	4th
225 @ Upper Near	4th

GRAY DIVISION	
SILVER POOL	
Carlsbad	Laguna Hills
Dana Hills	Fri 6 @ Stadium
Laguna Hills	Dana Hills
Newport Harbor	Newport Harbor
950 @ Stadium	950 @ Stadium
Winner	Winner
Loser	Carlsbad
BATTLESHIP POOL	
Aliso Niguel	Esperanza
El Dorado	855 @ Stadium
Esperanza	Redondo Union
130 @ Stadium	130 @ Stadium
Winner	Winner
Loser	Aliso Niguel
950 @ Upper Far	950 @ Upper Near
Winner	El Dorado
Loser	El Dorado

Playoffs	
Championship	1st
415 @ Stadium	1st
3rd Place	2nd
320 @ Upper Near	2nd
5th Place	3rd
415 @ Upper Far	3rd
7th Place	4th
415 @ Upper Near	4th

ORANGE DIVISION	
Pool Play	
Glendale	Mission Viejo
Mission Viejo	8 @ Upper Far
La Canada	855 @ Upper Near
Rosary	950 @ Upper Far
Temecula Valley	1045 @ Upper Near
Glendale	Glendale
1235 @ Upper Near	130 @ Upper Near
5th	4th
El Toro	Championship
3rd	1st
225 @ Stadium	2nd

Playoffs	
Championship	1st
1235 @ Upper Near	5th
130 @ Upper Near	4th
225 @ Stadium	2nd

Playoff seeding determined by TBD point-based system

All games Saturday March 24 other than those in yellow (Friday March 23)