

2025 PAGLA South, Tri-County and West Directives

For the purposes of this document, South Tri-County & West will be referred to as PAGLA STCW.

Annual PAGLA Dates

- PAGLA ALL Member Fall Meeting - Second Wednesday in November
- PAGLA ALL Player release due – January 31
- PAGLA ALL Region Member Winter Meeting - Second Wednesday in February
- Deadline: Registration of 5th/6th and 7th/8th teams – February 15, 2024
- Deadline: Registration 3rd/4th grade teams – February 22, 2024

PAGLA STW League Guidelines and Policies

- PAGLA regional directors serve a (2) year term.
- If there are no volunteers, a member from the club listed in the chart below must volunteer
- The new director will always be guided by the previous director for the first year to help with a smooth transition.

Term	Lead Program	Assistant Program
2023- 2024	Haverford	WC
2024-2025	WC	Upper Merion
2025-2026	Upper Merion	Rose Tree
2026-2027	Rose Tree	Drexel Hill
2027-2028	Drexel Hill	Quix Stix
2028-2029	Quix Stix	Aston
2029-2030	Aston	Haven
2030-2031	Haven	Ridley
2031-2032	Ridley	Eyekonz
2032-2033	Eyekonz	Lower Merion
2033-2034	Lower Merion	Interboro
2034-2035	Interboro	Radnor
2035-2036	Radnor	Great Valley
2036-2037	Great Valley	Marple Newtown

2037-2038	Marple Newtown	BYC
2038-2039	BYC	

- PAGLA STCW games must take precedence over other game/tournaments and summer club teams.
- You may not schedule games against other non-PAGLA teams.
- PAGLA STCW League follows USA Lacrosse youth rules unless otherwise noted.
- All Clubs must send their coaches and parents the code of conduct from PAGLA.
- PAGLA STCW recognizes third/fourth, fifth/sixth, and seventh/eighth grade teams. There are no formal teams for kindergarten through second grade in PAGLA STCW.

Conflict Resolution

- Any decisions regarding conflicts arising from the directives or any decisions regarding any other conflict that may arise during the season will be addressed and resolved by and between the PAGLA STCW President and the Conflict Resolution Committee.
- Conflict resolution Committee will be comprised of (1) representative from each region:
 - o South -
 - o West -
 - o Tri -
 - o East -

Registration

- Clubs must register teams on PAGLA website
 - o Correct format for naming teams: / 5/6 CRLA Blue
 - o Deadline: Registration of 5th/6th and 7th/8th teams – February 15, 2024
 - o Deadline: Registration 3rd/4th grade teams – February 22, 2024
- Club Dues
 - o Invoices for club dues will be sent on May 1st, Dues must be paid by: May 30th
 - o If dues are not paid by May 30th you will not be permitted to register for the following season
- Clubs must let the PAGLA STCW Scheduler know prior to the 2nd week in February the following:
 - 1) Turf or grass, lighted or not lighted
 - 2) What date home field(s) first available and what days/dates/times available during season (if township or school fields- check to see if conflicts on any dates)
 - 3) What dates won't work for your teams- spring break, etc. - this must be done BEFORE scheduling occurs and may or may not be able to be accommodated.

Club Boundaries

- PAGLA STCW RULE: Players play for the club in their township/school district
- If there isn't one, they may play for the closest bordering club
- Once an athlete participates with this club that is their home club going forward.
- They may not change clubs unless a new club opens in their school district.
- If their township program does not offer a K-2 program they can play in a neighboring township K-2 program but MUST return to their township where the age division starts.

An exception/waiver for any player requesting to play for a different club may be considered on a case by case basis, however only truly granted if there is an extenuating circumstance or hardship. Exceptions/Waivers will NOT be granted for reasons such as, her friends play there, a family member is a coach there, we live on the border of that township, etc. Club directors are RESPONSIBLE for monitoring all their registrations and enforcing this policy and must notify the PAGLA STCW President of any girl they have playing for them that does not live in their township/school. If it is determined that a violation of this rule has occurred, it is brought to the attention of the PAGLA STCW President, it will be reviewed by the Resolution Committee and could result in consequences such as playoff elimination at any Division level, etc.

The cutoff for any exceptions for the season per the PAGLA Board is January 31.

Team Composition

- 3rd/4th Grade - Teams must be divided into players of equal ability and a mix of 3rd and 4th grade
- 5th/6th
 - 5/6 may have a 5/6A and a 5/6B team based on the player's ability and commitment level.
 - If there are two B teams, they must be divided equally by ability and grade.
 - 5th/6th A teams are typically comprised of the majority of players who are on a club team
- 7th/8th
 - 7/8th may have a 7/8A and a 7/8B team based on the player's ability and commitment level.
 - If there are two B teams, they must be divided equally by ability and grade.
 - 7th/8th A teams are typically comprised of the majority of players who are on a club team

Game Scheduling and Rescheduling

- PAGLA STCW Scheduler will create the 3rd/4th, 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade schedules
- Google doc from Master PAGLA scheduler must be completed to show black out dates, number of teams and field availability for weekend games.
- The home coaches **must** email the opposing coach and each referee the week prior to each game in order to confirm attendance, time, officials payment and address.
 - Send email by Thursday evening
 - This email is important, because you can easily send a reply all if the game needs to be canceled Saturday morning
 - Cancellations can ONLY happen due to weather/field conditions

Sample email confirmation:

SUBJECT: May 5th 3rd/4th Games at Great Valley

Coaches/Officials,

This email is confirming the game this Saturday May 5th. Location: Great Valley Middle School Turf

255 Phoenixville Pike Malvern

(insert schedule from Arbiter)

Please note we have back to back games all day on our turf due so we need to start and end on time.

Officials:

Sofia Gagliardi - Radnor will pay \$30

Gia Boccio - Marple will pay \$30

Paige McKim - Ridley will pay \$30

GV will pay all (3) \$10 each

Payment will be discussed prior to the start of the game.

(Be sure to include the contact of who will be on site that day)

- Coach
- Phone Number

Arbiter

- www.arbitersports.com
- Sign in with your club's login
- Click on the number under the '**games**' column and this will bring you to a list of all of your games/
- If you look at the '**slots**' column you will see 0/2 if there are no refs who picked up the game, 1/2 if one ref... etc.
- Click on the 0/2, 1/2, 2/2... This will show you the names of the refs- you can click on their name to get in touch and see their info.
- Be sure to check Arbiter Friday night/Saturday morning as officials can change/be added

Game Rescheduling

- Weather is the **ONLY** reason a game can be rescheduled or canceled. If the field condition is unplayable and not safe, a game can be rescheduled.
- If there is a light rain games can be played. The only reasons to cancel are thunder/lightning or standing water (puddles) on the field.
- The home field team must make the decision to play or not play a game due to weather and field conditions **two hours prior to the start of the game**. You must physically check the field for playability. You can cancel on Friday night if you know the field will not be playable on Saturday morning.

If you do not cancel the game two hours prior by calling/texting/emailing the ref director and calling each ref - it will be your club's responsibility to pay the refs anyway.

Steps to cancel/reschedule your game:

1. If your township does not make a decision for you, you must go to the field yourself to check it more than 2 hours prior to the start of the game.
2. REPLY TO ALL AND ADD YOUR OFFICIALS ASSIGNOR on your confirmation email so coaches and officials are notified. Request a receipt for the email.
3. If coaches decide to reschedule for different day/time they must work out the new date and time based on field and player availability
4. The coach must inform their Club Director and the Club Director will communicate to both the Referee Director and STCW Scheduler the new date and time for the game. Refs will be assigned to the new game date.

*****Games may not be rescheduled for any other reason such as not enough players**

Coach/Spectator Behavior

All Coaches have total responsibility for the conduct of their players, substitutes, friends and spectators always. Coaching from the sideline (giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position) is permitted, provided:

- The tone of the voice is instructive and not derogatory
- Each coach or substitute remains on their own half of the field between the substitution area and the end line.
- No coach, substitute, or spectator makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the umpires, other coaches, players, substitutes, or spectators;
- No coach, substitute, or spectator uses profanity or incites, in any manner, disruptive behavior.
- PAGLA STCW will not tolerate any discrimination or harassment before, during, or after the games towards any player, official, spectator, or coach. If this is found to happen it will be taken to the Conflict Resolution Committee.

ZERO TOLERANCE OF UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR (USA LACROSSE)

- USA Lacrosse advocates the adoption of a zero-tolerance policy to ensure a more rewarding lacrosse experience for all participants. Zero tolerance disallows complacency regarding unsportsmanlike behavior for coaches, officials, spectators, or players.
- USA Lacrosse encourages officials to penalize unsportsmanlike conduct from any constituent ranging from arguing calls, threatening individuals, profane or obscene language, belittling individuals, teams other participants, or any other behavior which seeks to intimidate or degrade others.
- **YELLOW / RED CARDS FOR COACHING BEHAVIOR ON SIDELINES** - The official **MAY** give the coach / assistant coaches a warning before they receive a yellow card for behavior on the sidelines. A single yellow card is \$100 paid to PAGLA. If you receive 2 yellow cards in a game you have to pay \$200 to PAGLA and you **CANNOT** coach the rest of the game and have to leave the confines of the field; the team will play short for 2 minutes per yellow card and 4 minutes for a red card. **If a coach receives a yellow/red card, they are NOT permitted to coach in the next game, and the card issue will be brought to the CR committee for discussion.**
- **YELLOW/RED CARDS FOR PARENT SIDELINE BEHAVIOR**--The official **MAY** give the sideline/coach a warning. If a coach receives a yellow card for a parent's behavior from the sideline- the club is fined \$100 paid to PAGLA. If two yellow cards resulted in one game from parent behavior, the coach and parent have to leave the confines of the field and their club is fined \$200. The team will play short for 2 minutes for a yellow card, 4 minutes for a red card. If a parent receives a card they will not be allowed at the venue or on the field for the next game.
- **If a coach receives two red cards in one season they are not allowed to coach in PAGLA STCW.** Coaches- tell your director about cards in your games and refs will tell Melissa.
- Sportsmanship is paramount at PAGLA along with the development of all players. As such, no team should win a game by more than 10 points as it is (i) demoralizing to the losing team and (ii) there are always skills for youth players to work on outside of running up the score. When a team wins by more than 10 points: The coach of the losing team can report the score and involved teams to PAGLA's board.

Uniforms/NOCSAE Balls:

- Follow current USA Lacrosse rules for uniforms.
- Numbers must be on the front and back of uniform
 - **Color:** Numbers must be a single solid color that contrasts with the jersey body.
 - **Size:** Numbers must be at least 8 inches tall on the front and 12 inches tall on the back.
 - **Placement:** Numbers must be centered vertically and horizontally.
- If uniform colors are the same for both teams, the home team must wear pinnies for the entire game
- ** USA Lacrosse mandate: Officials are not to start a game unless there is a NOCSAE certified ball. If a ball comes into play and officials see that it doesn't have the NOCSAE certified stamp on the ball then they toss it out of play and wait until we get a new one.

Referees

- The Referee Director coordinates scheduling for all referees, for all games, scrimmages and regular season. A fee will be collected from each club for the Referee Director.
- The schedule will be confirmed prior to the start of the season
- Arbiter will be utilized to schedule the refs
- Club Directors are expected to check Arbiter prior to each game and inform their coaches of the refs assigned
- Club Directors are not permitted to schedule referees on their own at any level.
- All PAGLA STCW refs must have the correct training as stipulated by USA LACROSSE.
- Coaches are not permitted to contact referee director- only director may do so

2025 PAGLA STCW Ref Fees

EACH TEAM SPLITS THE OFFICIALS FEE FOR EACH GAME WITH THEIR OPPONENT. You are responsible for HALF of the fee.

Please meet with ref (and hopefully other coach at same time) before the game- ask about rules being emphasized and pay ref through Venmo, Cash or Check

7/8A Games must have two adult officials

7/8B Games will have either 1 or 2 Adult officials if possible

5/6A Games will have 1 Adult and 1 Jr. ref or 2 Jr. refs if no adult ref is available.

5/6B Games will have 2 Jr. refs assigned

3/4 Round Robin games: Most will have two jr. refs. See table

Teams:	7/8	5/6	3/4 and K/2	
Official	Fee	Fee	Fee	
2 Adult Official (18 or older)	\$75/each ref	\$75/each ref	N/A	
1 Adult Official (alone)	\$90	\$90	\$85	
1 Adult + one Jr.	\$75/\$30	\$75/Adult \$30/Jr.	\$65/Adult \$30/Jr.	Coaches split the fee for each ref
2 Junior Officials	\$30/each	\$30/each ref	See breakdown on next sheet of how to pay the youth officials for the 3/4 games per team per game.	

For 3rd/4th Grade Games:

If there are **4 clubs** at the Round Robin at a site that has **4 officials** each club picks one ref and pays her **\$40**. This is the correct ref fee for the officials for 4 teams at the Round Robin.

	Ref 1	Ref 2	Ref 3	Ref 4	Total
Team 1	\$40	0	0	0	\$40
Team 2	0	\$40	0	0	\$40
Team 3	0	0	\$40	0	\$40
Team 4	0	0	0	\$40	\$40
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Total	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$160 for day

If there are **5 clubs** at the Round Robin at a site that has **4 officials** the hosting club pays each official \$10 and the visiting 4 clubs all pick a different official and pay her \$40. This way all 4 officials are walking away with the correct **\$50** for the 5 team Round Robin.

	Ref 1	Ref 2	Ref 3	Ref 4	Total
Team 1	\$40	0	0	0	\$40
Team 2	0	\$40	0	0	\$40
Team 3	0	0	\$40	0	\$40
Team 4	0	0	0	\$40	\$40
Team 5	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$40
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Total	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$200 for day

If by chance there is a Round Robin that has **4 clubs** but only has **3 officials** each club should pay according to chart below:

	Ref 1	Ref 2	Ref 3	Total
Team 1	\$33.75	0	0	\$33.75
Team 2	0	\$33.75	0	\$33.75
Team 3	0	0	\$33.75	\$33.75
Team 4	\$11.25	\$11.25	\$11.25	\$33.75
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Total	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$135 for day

If by chance there is a Round Robin that has **5 clubs** but only has **3 officials** each club should pay according to chart below:

	Ref 1	Ref 2	Ref 3	Total
Team 1	\$33	0	0	\$33
Team 2	0	\$33	0	\$33
Team 3	0	0	\$33	\$33
Team 4	\$22	\$11	0	\$33
Team 5	0	\$11	\$22	\$33
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Total	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$165 total for day

If by chance there is a Round Robin that has **4 clubs** but only has **2 officials** each club should pay according to chart below:

	Ref 1	Ref 2	Total
Team 1	\$25	0	\$25
Team 2	\$25	0	\$25
Team 3	0	\$25	\$25
Team 4	0	\$25	\$25
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Total	\$50	\$50	\$100 for day

If by chance there is a Round Robin that has **5 clubs** but only has **2 officials** each club should pay according to chart below:

	Ref 1	Ref 2	Total
Team 1	\$24	0	\$24
Team 2	\$24	0	\$24
Team 3	\$12	\$12	\$24
Team 4	0	\$24	\$24
Team 5	0	\$24	\$24
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Total	\$60	\$60	\$120 total for day

Goalie rules that apply to all grades:

- Goalies at all levels must wear:
 - NOCSAE certified helmet (with stamp) designed for lacrosse with facemask and secured with chinstrap
 - Separate throat protector
 - NOCSAE ND200 chest protector, came into effect in 2021
 - abdominal & pelvic protection
 - goalkeeper gloves
 - **leg pads must protect shins and thighs**
 - **mouth guard that is any color.**
- Goalie must have a **team jersey on OVER her equipment**. It must have a number on the front and back of the jersey.
- Goalies may not: shoot, draw, score, or be between restraining lines during the draw.
- Please remember that the goalies must wear leg protection on their shins and that this protection must be larger than 6 inches and must be lacrosse pads. If they are in the game with improper equipment, this is a foul for illegal equipment and a change of possession, and the goalie must leave the field to get proper equipment. Ball goes to the dot; the goalie stays in the goal circle.