SI and SII Girls Lacrosse-Playoff Determination:

Playoff games will be created based on:

******Any team that forfeits more than twice will be ineligible for the playoffs.******
******Additionally, a team that gives less than 24 hours' notice more than once will also be removed from playoff eligibility.******
****** Any team that shows up to play without a goalie and did not request a goalie sub on the goalie request sheet, will receive a forfeit and this will be considered a cancellation with less than 24 hours notice.******

1) **Wins and losses (win percentage)**
   (The website does not account for ties in the standings those are calculated manually - see point 2 for tie breakers)
2) **If tied from win percentage, then goes head to head (forfeits do not count in head to head), if still tied goes to Goals Against.**
3) **If two teams are tied in the standings (and placed next to each other in the rankings i.e. 3 and 4) and one team forfeited against the other, the team that forfeited will be ranked lower. (In this scenario, the forfeit counts).**
4) **Goals Against is calculated as the average number of goals allowed per game and does not include forfeited games.**
5) **If Goals Against cannot be used, rankings will be determined by results against common opponents. Forfeit wins will not be counted when evaluating common opponents.**
6) **If common opponents cannot be used, the higher-ranked team will be the one with fewer forfeits and/or the most wins that were not earned by forfeit.**
7) **After that, we flip a coin.**
8) **The top four teams in each division will compete for the championship. All remaining teams will participate in consolation games during the final two games of the session.**
9) **For Middle School leagues with more than eight teams, the top four teams (1st–4th place) will compete in the Division I tournament, while teams finishing 5th–8th will compete in the Division II tournament. Any remaining teams will play consolation games during both weeks of tournament play, unless a bye is required.**

- The first game of the session does not count towards tournament play. That is division placement day.

- **Teams that play without a goalie will play the game**. However, it counts as a forfeit towards tournament play and the team that played with a goalie wins 1-0. We are doing our best to get a goalie sub for teams that put in the document.

As stated in regular game rules:

> **7v7 (plus a goalie) 5 players over the midline and 2 players back.** If both teams are comfortable and agree, games may be played 6v6 (plus a goalie) and still count as a playoff game and/or count towards playoff standings. THIS MUST BE COMMUNICATED TO THE REF BY BOTH TEAMS, If one team has enough players. That team may also choose to play 6v6 and be awarded the win, causing the team without enough players to forfeit. **Any decision to adjust numbers must be discussed and agreed upon by all coaches involved and communicated to the referee before the game.** If the referee is not informed and the game is played as scheduled, it will be recorded as a regular playoff game or count towards playoff standings.

- If a team cancels, they forfeit. The team that cancels loses 0 - 1.

- Out of division play does not count towards tournament wins or losses. We will do our best to not cross divisions. If we play cross divisions, it is a last resort to not have to cancel a game. Therefore it is not fair for it to count towards playoffs.

- We are following these rules and will do our very best to make playoffs fair and competitive for all.

- All teams must get approval by Kristen at sportsworldlacrosse@gmail.com to cross roster on any given Sunday and during tournament play. If Kristen approves, you may only use players from teams that are in a lower or same division of your team (see exception below) to play the game. All teams taking subs from other teams will automatically take a loss. All players must be registered. During tournament play, no teams may use players that are not a part of the league.

  Exception to the above: Any player that is rostered and paid for two teams, may play with both teams (regardless of the brackets their teams are playing in).

TIE BREAKERS FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY

- If there is a tie in a semifinal game. We will do the below in order of what sportsworld is able to do.

  -Any tiebreaker for the semifinal or final games-results in a braveheart (2v2 plus a goalie- five minute game). If it is still tied at that point. Sportsworld will adjust next games with the time and takes away from halftime in the next game. The next game will play

straight through with a one minute water break. Note that any team that did not play with a goalie will not do a braveheart.

- Breaking rules can jeopardize your spot in the league.

Sportsworld reserves the right to review and adjust rules on a case-by-case basis to ensure fair playoff competition

Lastly, the purpose of having playoffs for the last two days of the session is to create the most competitive and fun playing environment at the end of the session.

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