

## **Tri City Masters Field Lacrosse Policies**

### **Team Size:**

- 1) Each TCM team shall include 18 players, including the team leader.
- 2) Each team will draft 1 designated goalie and 5 designated big sticks.
- 3) If each team in the draft has drafted all of its designated goalies and defenders, any extra goalies or defenders can be picked by any team.

### **Use of Spares:**

- 1) At the annual draft, the team leaders will collectively agree on a spares list comprised of any undrafted players that have been approved for admission to the club by the TCM executive.
- 2) During regular season play, any team leader may call any spare to play in a game if he has received notice of an expected absence from a regular member.
- 3) Team leaders are responsible for communicating their own expectations around notification to their teammates at the beginning of the season.
- 4) Team leaders should make an effort to replace an absent player with a player of similar skill and position when picking from the spares list. The intent is to ensure that we are not “high-grading” or always calling out the same individuals.
- 5) Team leaders should attempt to call spares prior to picking up regular players from other teams, but it is understood that this will still be necessary in many circumstances.
- 6) Spares will not be asked to pay a registration fee, but they must complete a card and pay a drop-in fee of \$10. (This fee is roughly equal to the per-game fee for regular players.)
- 7) Spares may not be used in any play-off game except where allowed by a vote of the club executive.
- 8) New players may be added to the spares list during the course of the season by a vote of the executive.
- 9) Should a regular player need to quit the club for the remainder of the season, a player from the spares list can be asked to replace the missing player for the remainder of the season based on a vote by the TCM executive. In the event a player is added to a roster in this way, the cost of his registration shall be \$8 x the number of games remaining in the season.
- 10) Any person who quits the club mid-season and then returns will be added to the spares list for that year, but will be included in the regular draft the next year. If a player quits the club for any reason other than injury, work or family commitments, that individual will only be admitted back into the club if so voted by a majority of the executive.

### **Use of Sideline Spares:**

- 1) During regular season play, a team leader may pick up a spare player from another team if he has fewer than 13 players dressed or if he has no goalie or if he lacks three big sticks.
- 2) A team leader may add spares until he has 13 (or 14 if replacing a goalie or big stick).

- 3) Both team leaders must agree on the players selected and the spare selected should be similar in skill and position to the player(s) absent. The intention is to avoid loading a team with more talent than usual.
- 4) A team leader may elect not to add spares, provided he has 10 dressed players.
- 5) With the exception of replacing an absent goalie, spares may not be used in play-off games.

**Notice and Absences:**

- 1) Except in extenuating circumstances, players should give at least 24 hours notice to their team leaders of an expected absence.
- 2) Players who are absent 4 or more times during a season WITHOUT notifying their team leaders may be asked to leave the club by a majority vote of the TCM executive. As an alternative, a player may also be allowed to complete a season but not re-admitted the following year if 4 or more absences without notice have occurred.
- 3) Players who miss 5 or more games (with notice), except due to injury, may not be re-admitted to the club in the following year, based on majority vote of the executive.
- 4) Players who miss 50% or more of the games prior to the Christmas Break may be replaced by a player on the spares list by a majority vote of the executive.
- 5) An exception shall be made to the policies 2-4 above if a player has advised TC Masters PRIOR to the draft of his limited availability.