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— TEAM GUIDE —

DATES MAY 2–3 2026	WHERE WORTON PARK	NCLL FREDERICK CUP
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VENUE UPDATE ◆ **READ CAREFULLY**

The 2026 NCLL National Tournament has changed locations.

Due to updated security protocols and access restrictions at the United States Naval Academy, the tournament will now be held at Worton Park in Chestertown, Maryland.

NEW VENUE: Worton Park, Chestertown, MD ◆ **DATES:** May 2–3, 2026

01 **PARKING & TRAVEL**

Worton Park is located in Chestertown, Maryland — approximately 60 minutes from Annapolis. Plan travel accordingly and allow ample time to reach the venue. The NCLL encourages all teams to travel together. **Law enforcement is extremely visible on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.** Please obey local speed laws.

Directions to Worton Park: [Open in Google Maps](#) →

Travel Notes

- ▶ Drive safely and responsibly as a guest and representative of the NCLL and your institution, as well as a guest of Chestertown, one of Maryland historic towns.
- ▶ Chestertown is approximately 60 minutes from Annapolis — factor this into your travel plan. Plan for the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and weekend travel to the shore and beaches.
- ▶ Parking is free to the event as well as admission.

02 **TOURNAMENT STAFF**

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VENUE GUIDELINES — WORTON PARK

All teams are requested to check in upon arrival at Worton Park. Please provide ample time for transportation as all games will begin on time. All teams should pick up their shirts before games begin. Every player, coach and traveling member will receive a tournament t-shirt via coupons given to the team. Each team will also receive 5 additional coupons if the roster is below 50 players/coaches.

▶ **Weather & Updates**

In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Director will provide updates via:

- ▶ Instagram: @NCLLAX
- ▶ Twitter: @NCLLax
- ▶ Online: www.ncllax.com
- ▶ Through each team representative.

▶ **Spectators**

All spectators are encouraged to watch safely on the opposite sideline of the team bench. Please refrain from standing near corners of the field, behind the goal, or along the team benches. The NCLL and its staff are not responsible for loss of equipment or other items.

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HOTELS & LODGING

The best option is to use a web-based booking agent such as Expedia, Booking.com, or Priceline for your lodging needs. Annapolis, BWI Airport and the surrounding areas offer accommodations in various price ranges. Please consider Air BNB's too.

▶ **Recommended Areas**

- ▶ **Chestertown, MD/Kent Island— closest to venue**
- ▶ Annapolis, MD
- ▶ BWI Airport, MD

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FIELD INFORMATION

► **Playing Surface**

All contests will be held at Worton Park in Chestertown, Maryland. All fields are grass and in great condition.

SEATING IS LIMITED — the NCLL recommends bringing chairs for spectators.

► **Team Bench Supplies**

Each team bench area will be supplied with the following:

SEATING 20 People	SCORER'S TABLE 8-foot + 2 chairs	ICE Provided
WATER Provided	SPONSORED PRODUCTS Bottles, cups, etc.	ATHLETIC TRAINER On Site

► **Sideline Security**

Securing the sidelines and ensuring that only authorized personnel have access to the field area and team areas will be a priority for the NCLL and host staff. Event staff will be stationed at all field entrances. Only properly credentialed staff and properly dressed team members will be allowed in team areas.

► **Student-Athlete Identification & Check-In**

The NCLL may check ALL student-athlete identification cards before Elite Eight games, and randomly during games thereafter. All teams must submit their official rosters by Tuesday April 28 at 5:00 pm. Players must carry a photo ID with them while at the tournament.

⚠ The NCLL reserves the right to deny tournament access to any student-athlete who does not comply, and may subject the team to expulsion from the tournament.

► **Medical**

The NCLL will provide a certified Athletic Trainer beginning each day one hour before competition begins and then throughout play.

► **Locker Rooms**

There will be extremely limited access to any changing areas. The NCLL recommends that all players arrive dressed and ready for competition. Restrooms will be available at the site. Water will be provided on each bench. It is encouraged that teams also bring their own water.

► **Uniforms**

Please ensure all players are appropriately dressed for competition and that both sets of jerseys (home and away) are on hand and available. The highest seed in each game wears light colors.

06 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The schedule has been adjusted for 2026 to accommodate the approximately 60-minute travel time difference between Annapolis and Chestertown.

SATURDAY — DAY 1 May 2, 2026			
TIME	ROUND	DIVISION	FIELD
11:00 AM	Elite Eight	Division II	Fields #1-4
1:00 PM	Elite Eight	Division I	Fields #1-4
3:00 PM	Final Four	Division II	Fields #1 & #2
5:00 PM	Final Four	Division I	Fields #1 & #2

SUNDAY — CHAMPIONSHIP DAY May 3, 2026			
TIME	ROUND	DIVISION	FIELD
11:00 AM	National Championship	Division II	Field #1
1:00 PM	National Championship	Division I	Field #1

07 NCLL RULES

Please review the 2026 NCAA Lacrosse rule book. NCLL rules will be in force during the National Tournament. NCLL Rules are modified 2026 NCAA Rules with the exceptions noted below:

RULE	DETAILS
Quarters	Four 20-minute running periods except for stop/start for penalties. Clock will be stop/start with under 3:00 in the 4th quarter regardless of score.
Clearing	Teams have 20 seconds to advance past midline. “No touching it in.”

RULE	DETAILS
Stick Checks	Each team receives one stick check and keeps the stick check if the stick is illegal. If the stick is legal, the team cannot use a stick check again.
Penalty Time	Stop/start
Dive	No diving.
Modified Shot Clock	Officials announce "timer on": 20 seconds to create a shot.
Timeouts	2 per half as per NCAA: in offensive third of field below box line or stop/start.
All Other Rules	2026 NCAA rules apply in absence of above-mentioned rules.

It is expected that all coaches, players, and staff will have detailed knowledge of these rules. Questions regarding rule interpretation should be directed to the Head Referee or Tournament Director. All coaches and teams must remain on their sideline and away from the field of play unless in competition, and must exhibit good sportsmanship toward opponents, fans, officials, and staff at all times. ALL PLAYERS MUST ADHERE TO 2026 NCAA SAFETY PROTOCOL.

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