



Interstate Box Lacrosse Association COVID- 19 Action Plan

The Interstate Box Lacrosse Association is committed to the health and safety of all players, coaches, officials, and fans. At this time, there are no changes to the game schedule in any region. However, the IBLA has outlined backup contingency plans in the event that social gatherings are not allowed longer than expected. The IBLA recognizes the excitement and eagerness by players to get back to playing lacrosse. Therefore, this planning system below insures that games will be played in 2020 while being aware that adjustments may need to be made, to achieve our ultimate goal of having lacrosse games this year when it is safe to play. The IBLA asks that everyone is understanding for any adjustments that are made to the season, as the league plans accordingly to make sure that there is lacrosse this year.

Current first day of 2020 games: 6/6 (most regions start second or third week of June)
Current final regional playoff date: 8/9 (8/16 in Ohio and New England)
Current Nationals Weekend: 8/28-30

Plan A:

Keep the dates and schedule the same as it stands **IF:**

- Every state in your region where IBLA games occur, allows social gatherings before 5/23.

Plan B:

Start all games no earlier than **6/27 IF:**

- Every state in your region where IBLA games occur, allows social gatherings before 6/13.

* Most regions will see very minor schedule adjustments. This may include one doubleheader, or an extra 1-2 weeknight games. The July 4th weekend which was previously left as a bye, may be used only if absolutely necessary.

Plan C:

Start all games no earlier than **7/11 IF:**

- Every state in your region where IBLA games occur, allows social gatherings before 6/27.

* Most regions will have all teams play in tournament style games each weekend until the 8/9 or 8/16 weekend. Each team will host one mini tournament in their region. This will allow all

teams to be present at the same location each weekend. Exact tournament formats will be outlined if Plan C occurs.

- * Regions with only two teams will not change their format. Expect less bye weeks or 1 doubleheader.

Plan D:

Start all games no earlier than **7/25**. Nationals date is moved to **Sept 19-20 or 10/2-4 IF:**

- Every state in your region where IBLA games occur, allows social gatherings before 7/11.

*Normal home/away format. Teams relying on no ice at their arena will have home games front loaded. If all teams are relying on ice, a neutral site will be used to finish remainder of the season.

*If the nationals date change forces a venue change, RBLL- New England will still host if a suitable location is found. If not, the next closest region that has available arena time will host.

Plan E:

Start all games no earlier than **8/15**. Nationals date is moved to **10/23-25 IF:**

- Every state in your region where IBLA games occur, allows social gatherings before 8/1.

*If the nationals date change forces a venue change, RBLL- New England will still host if a suitable location is found. If not, the next closest region that has available arena time will host.

*By this time, most ice facilities will not be available. Neutral sites will be used if there are no ice arena available. Normal home/away style format or tournament style neutral site weekends may be used.

Plan F:

Start all games no earlier than **9/14**. Nationals date is moved to **11/13-15 IF:**

- Every state in your region where IBLA games occur, allows social gatherings before 9/1.

*If the nationals date change forces a venue change, RBLL- New England will still host if a suitable location is found. If not, the next closest region that has available arena time will host.

*By this time, most ice facilities will not be available. Neutral sites will be used if there are no ice arena available. Normal home/away style format or tournament style neutral site weekends may be used.

2020 Exceptions from the normal league policy

- In the event that it becomes too short of notice to order/ship jerseys through Uncommonfit to have uniforms by the team's first game, reversible pinnies will be allowed for game use during the 2020 season. This is not encouraged, unless it is the only feasible option.
- In the event that no indoor facilities are available after schedule changes occur, outdoor box rinks may be used, **only** when there are no other feasible options for game sites.

- In the event of neutral site games, each team will take turns evenly to be the designated home team when possible.

Player Drafts

- Games start at a minimum of two weeks after social gatherings are acceptable, to allow two weeks for teams to meet/practice with new players after they have registered.
- All drafts will now take place on or after **5/1**. Drafts must be held at least 2 weeks before the first game.

New and Returning Protected Players

- Protected players must be registered at least 24 hours before the first game on their team's schedule.

Payment Plan Players

- Players on the two part payment plan will pay their second payment before the midpoint in their team's regular season. If the midpoint occurs in between a doubleheader on the same day, proof of payment on site before the second game will be required, if it was not paid before the first game. The officials will be given a list of names if this situation occurs.

Refunds

- If any of plans A-F occur, there will be no change to the refund policy. If none of plans A-F occur, a registration credit will be issued to players for the 2021 season, unless the player directly contacts the league requesting a direct refund within 30 days after an official league announcement stating that there will be no games anytime during 2020. If plans D-F occur, players with proof of fall semester college relocation, that is over 60 miles away from their team's arena will be eligible for a pro-rated registration fee, if they will be away at school for at least a third or more of their team's regional games.

Fans

- If social gatherings are allowed with no limitations, there will be no change to the fan policy. If there are certain limitations, the league will follow the government's protocol accordingly.

Note

- Reminder, many new players have recently expressed a high level of interest in playing in the IBLA this year especially since these athletes were not allowed to play lacrosse this spring, and they will be excited to play lacrosse as soon as possible. Returning players should be encouraged to register early, due to the high interest from new players to secure their spot.