

Sand Storm 2019 – what a way to start the New Year!

TOURNAMENT PAGE: <http://www.sandstormlacrosse.com>

SCORING RULES: • [Girls Tournament Rules](#) • [Boys Tournament Rules](#)

SCHEDULE: [Girls Schedule](#) [Boys Schedule](#)

Under your team's division click on "standings" then find your team name

To view your individual team schedule, click on your team name

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MOBILE SITE: *Check out schedules and results! New cell tower recently erected for better onsite coverage!*

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Click on Boys/Girls Schedule & Results

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VENUE: Empire Polo Club - 81/800 Avenue 51, Indio, CA 92201 - www.empirepoloevents.com

SAND STORM SITE MAP: [Site Map Sand Storm 2019](#)

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- **NO DOGS** - please leave them at home!
- **NO COOLERS** - of any kind!
- **NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINK** - plenty of onsite concession options!
- **NO PERSONAL USE GOLF CARTS** - not permitted unless tournament issued and insured

NO KIDDING! *These are rules of the venue that we are required to enforce! Signs will be posted and entrances from parking lots will be manned - anyone with a cooler or a dog will be turned away. If you somehow make it into the venue, our staff will kindly escort you back to your vehicle with prohibited item. Saying you were unaware of policy won't fly!*

PARKING: Lots Open at 6:00 AM and close at 6:00 PM!! Complimentary parking!

Look for **Lax Tournament Parking** signs & corresponding colored balloons up in the sky denoting specific lots!

****AVENUE 50 WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC****

Please see routes below to get around! [Directions to Parking Lots](#) **

BEST ROUTES into each lot to **AVOID TRAFFIC:**

WHITE Lot • MAIN LOT - ALL FIELDS; Oversized vehicles/RV's

FROM North: Avenue 48 EAST, RIGHT Monroe SOUTH, RIGHT Avenue 49 / LEFT into White Lot

BLUE Lot • Best for Fields 1-8

FROM West/ South: Jefferson SOUTH, LEFT Ave. 52 EAST, LEFT Monroe NORTH-LEFT into Blue Lot

FROM North/ East: Monroe SOUTH – Right into Blue Lot

RED Lot • ONLY FOR FIELDS 55-59!

Avenue 48 EAST, RIGH Hjorth St., RIGHT into Red Lot

PLAYER DROP-OFF • WHITE & BLUE Lots. Monitored drop-off only – no parking.

ADA PARKING • All lots, including ORANGE LOT off Monroe St. Must have ADA placard & ID!

*** With 59 fields, be sure to give yourself ample time to park & get to your field. Look at the venue map ahead of time and know where your first & last daily games are. Once parked, use the trams to traverse the venue!**

ONSITE TRAMS: Trams will run continuously to move you easily around the venue. Look for designated stops on the site map & the 20' tall signs marking each tram stop. The green line runs between stops A-F while the orange line runs between X-Z; switch lines at stops Y & B. For your safety & that of others, please obey the tram policies & procedures. **NO FOOD/DRINK** on trams.

Tram Hours: Saturday 6:30 AM – 5:15 PM / Sunday 6:30 AM – 4:30 PM

BALLOONS: While they are awesome, 59 field marker balloons make for a crowded sky! As such, balloons will only be used to mark Medic tents, parking lots and a few select fields throughout the venue - enough to help you navigate within the vicinity of any given field. All fields will be marked with black teardrop flags. Always check the venue map though as consecutively numbered fields may not necessarily be adjacent to one another.

FRIDAY PRACTICE: Only teams that have **pre-registered** with **Synapse Sports** to practice will be allowed on the fields on Friday. All other teams will be escorted off the fields.

TEAM COACH CHECK-IN: MANDATORY at Sand Storm! Pick up your team bag and Gatorade sports drink bottles. Check in for **TEAM COACH ONLY!**

SATURDAY: Prior to your 1st game. Check in at the black tented Synapse booth within the LAX MALL Main Registration/Vending Tent (large white peaked tents, near fields 16/23/30)

-OR-

PRE-EVENT/FRIDAY: 3 - 5 PM; Field 8 Black Star Tent - enter venue from Monroe Ave, park in adjacent BLUE Lot.

The coach of each team/club **MUST FORMALLY CHECK-IN** prior to your first game to check the status of the team and get any last-minute information/directions. If coach doesn't check-in, team will not play!

ATHLETE WAIVERS: Individual electronic Athlete Waivers must be completed **ONLINE** by **ALL rostered players or the team will not be permitted to take the field**. If you have any outstanding issues please contact us at waivers@synapsesports.com immediately! NO paper waivers will be available onsite!

WOMEN'S COLLEGE COACHES: [GIRLS COLLEGE COACH LIST](#)

MEN'S COLLEGE COACHES: [BOYS COLLEGE COACH LIST](#)

SPORTSMANSHIP: Sportsmanship RULES at Synapse Sports events. Anyone violating the good sportsmanship expected of all players, coaches, fans and parents will be promptly presented with a Purple Card and escorted from the venue.

SAFETY & CONVENIENCES:

- A field marshal will be on EACH field and can communicate with event staff, security and trainers in cases of emergency. Please feel free to ask any questions or request emergency assistance.
- Toilets & hand washing stations are plentiful and strategically located near the fields.
- Trash cans will be everywhere – please use them! Be sure to pick up gear & trash from sidelines when changing fields.
- Trainers are on the field for first aid only- NOT FOR TAPING.
- **ATTENDEES VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISK AND DANGER OF PERSONAL INJURY AND ANY HAZARDS ARISING FROM OR RELATED IN ANY WAY TO ATTENDING THE EVENT. WARNING: ERRANT BALLS FLYING INTO SPECTATOR AREAS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY. BE ALERT IN THESE AREAS & SHOT ZONES.**
- Team Tents will only be permitted on the perimeter of the venue, away from all fields, buildings & walkways, as directed by Tournament Officials. No Tents may be erected between fields or in high traffic areas. **ALL TENTS MUST BE STAKED DOWN or they will be removed.**
- **NO DRONES!** Due to safety and liability issues, Synapse Sports and Empire Polo Club (collectively referred to as "Tournament Organizer") expressly prohibit the operation or use of unmanned aerial systems, or drones, by the general public without prior written authorization from Tournament Organizer during the Sand Storm Lacrosse Festival, to be held January 19-20, 2019 ("Event"). This prohibition includes drones used for filming or videotaping of any kind during the Event, including media outlet coverage, operating above or within Event boundaries as determined by Tournament Organizer. This prohibition on drone operation or use extends to any drones launched or operated from within Event boundaries set by Tournament Organizer or drones launched from private property outside of said Event boundaries.
- Don't forget the sunscreen!

ADVERSE WEATHER: *While we are expecting glorious weather in the desert, understand that there is NO PLAN B in the event of adverse weather.*

- As with any outdoor event, competition at Sand Storm is subject to the elements. Tournament play may be suspended or cancelled as a result of adverse weather or field safety conditions.
- Games will re-start, **in real time, 30 minutes** after the last bolt was sighted or sooner if the sky clears.
- Games will not be re-scheduled.

In the event of adverse weather that causes complete or significant cancellation of tournament play, Synapse Sports will endeavor to offer either partial or full refunds (excluding deposits) to participating teams dependent on when the cancellation occurs. There shall be no refunds for individual games or playoff games lost to weather delays or unsafe field conditions. Clubs will be notified if any adverse weather refund shall be provided within 30 days following event. In no event shall Synapse Sports

be responsible for refunding individual player fees paid to any given Club to attend Sand Storm. Please contact your Club Administrator for information on how any adverse weather-related team refunds might be applied at the Club level.

ELECTRONIC PROGRAM: [Electronic Program](#)

FOOD / ENTERTAINMENT: Food or drinks may NOT be brought to the fields, but will be available for purchase in the LAX MALL Main Registration/Vending Tent as well as several food courts throughout the venue, as designated on site map. Check the electronic program for offerings at each concession area. **NO COOLERS or OUTSIDE FOOD & BEVERAGE PERMITTED on the Polo Club grounds – no kidding!**

Onsite restaurants -**The Tack Room Tavern & Polo Pizza** - will also be open for lunch & dinner each day.

OFFICIAL SPORTS FUEL SPONSOR: GATORADE, the official sports fuel provider, will be providing each athlete with a Gatorade squeeze bottle to refill all your hydration needs throughout the event! Coolers filled with Gatorade will also be on the sideline for athletes & fans alike to replenish throughout the tournament.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT APPAREL PARTNER: FINE DESIGNS, the official Sand Storm apparel partner, will be offering an array of customized Sand Storm apparel onsite. Visit their main booth in LAX MALL Main Registration/Vending Tent & satellite sites near fields 7/11/50 or through online store link. [2019 Official Event Apparel](#)

OFFICIAL VIDEO PARTNER: TOUCHLINE VIDEO, the exclusive official video partner for Sand Storm, will be onsite filming aerial game video. See website for video package details: <http://touchlinevideo.com/2019-sandstorm>. Availability is limited, so order **NOW** to ensure your games are recorded. **Take 10% off with Code SANDSTORM19 – expires 1/17!** Questions? info@touchlinevideo.com

ONSITE VENDORS: [Tournament Vendors 2019](#)

All retailers will be in LAX MALL Main Registration/Vending Tent under the white peaked tents near fields 16/23/30. Satellite vending areas featuring tournament apparel will be located near fields 7, 11 (within Hacienda tent) and 50.

- [Everest Recruiting Consulting's](#) Ken Miller will be holding informational recruiting sessions for players & parents on **Sat (12pm & 4pm) and Sun (10am & 12pm) in LAX MALL**. Ken has worked with 500+ student athletes over the last decade, guiding families through the complexities of the recruiting process. He'll discuss leveraging lacrosse to take advantage of the preferred admission standards often afforded recruited athletes with the end game of getting the best education possible!
- [Harbor Photography](#), the official tournament photographer, will be onsite shooting team (Saturday) and individual (Sunday) photos. Individual photos must be scheduled; to do so in advance, [click here](#) or find a photographer onsite. Visit their main booth at the Sand Storm Event Step & Repeat in front of LAX MALL or at one of their designated satellite photography stations located at the black star tent near **fields 7, 50 & 59**. Questions? Email Amy@harborphotoco.com
- Brave Enterprises is here for teens, parents, women and men – helping them do hard things **Fear. Anxiety. Self-doubt. Worry. Insecurity. Low self-esteem. Disengagement. Depression**. These things don't have to run or ruin us. Brave will be running 2 formal 15-minute sessions at their LAX MALL booth if you want to practice your bravery and "play" outside of your comfort zone - Sat 2pm & Sun 11am.
- Harlem Lacrosse, Sand Storm's Official Charity Partner, serves over 1,000 youth in five cities: New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles. There are many ways to support Harlem Lacrosse, find out how at www.harlemlacrosse.org. Challenge yourself and your teammates by visiting the **Harlem Lacrosse FASTEST SHOT** booth located in LAXMALL. \$5 or donated lacrosse gear in good condition per entry. Prizes for fastest shots per age group! #AimHighShootLow

SHOPLIFTING is a CRIME and will not be tolerated at Synapse Sports events. NO excuses . . . NO exceptions. Anyone caught shoplifting will be immediately expelled from the tournament and will not be allowed to participate in any future Synapse Sports sponsored events. The continued participation of the shoplifter's team may also be jeopardized. Vendors are encouraged to prosecute shoplifters under the full extent of the law. *We strongly suggest that parents and coaches reiterate this policy to players in advance, as a preventative measure.*

LOCKS of LOVE: Synapse Sports annually supports the Locks of Love charity initiative that provides hairpieces to children with medical hair loss. Countless hair donations have been made over the years at Sand Storm. We encourage athletes and fans alike to donate their locks to this worthy cause!

Stylists from DG Studio 15 in Palm Desert will be onsite conducting cuts at LAX MALL on Saturday from 11AM – 2 PM

LOCAL BUSINESS SPONSORS: [Local Business Sponsors 2019](#)

DESTINATION INFORMATION: [Palm Springs Area Visitor Info: Click Here](#) • [City of Indio](#)

WEATHER: Temperature during competition will be a balmy 70 degrees while the surrounding mountains are snow-capped! What's not to love about that?!! Once the sun sets however the temperature drops 20+ degrees...be prepared!

FOLLOW SYNAPSE: Be sure to follow our Instagram and snapchat accounts **@laxstorms** to stay updated throughout the tournament. We will be posting contest rules, opportunities for giveaways and tournament updates. Use hashtag **#sandstorm19** for the opportunity to get reposted on our Instagram, snapchat or Facebook. Good luck!

Looking forward to seeing you next weekend in the desert!

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