



SAND STORM 2022 – THE WHOLE SCOOP!

TOURNAMENT PAGE: <https://sandstormlacrosse.com/>

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

SCHEDULE & RESULTS: • [Girls Schedule](#) • [Boys Schedule](#)

VENUE: Empire Polo Club - 81/800 Avenue 51, Indio, CA 92201

VENUE MAP: [Venue Map Sand Storm 2022](#)

QR CODE: You'll see this code  printed all over the facility - scan for easy access to all the info you need!

COVID: While we do not anticipate major issues hosting outdoor competition on the sprawling grounds of Empire Polo Club, we are preparing for anything and everything considering the current COVID situation. Our goal is for teams to play as much lacrosse as possible however please understand if rosters, rules, staffing, etc. have to be modified. We ask for your grace, tolerance and flexibility knowing that things could change at any time. Our staff is working hard to ensure another fabulous experience and we appreciate your patience as we navigate any curve balls as they are thrown!

California currently has an indoor mask mandate - please plan accordingly. Per Federal & State mandates, masks are required on transit buses. All onsite activities are outdoors. While there is no limit on spectators, we recommend spreading out around the fields and wearing a mask when in higher traffic areas where social distancing is more difficult. The retail and concession areas have been expanded with all sides removed from the large open-air LAX MALL & HACIENDA tents.

For 2022 we will allow for roster flexibility among teams affected by COVID with official approval by Tournament Directors. Club players can play for multiple teams, as long as they don't play down. Tournament Directors will also assist in connecting teams with free agents.

• [Palm Springs Covid Resources](#) • [Riverside County Covid Resources](#)

PROHIBITED ITEMS: Please respect Empire Polo Club's Rules & Regulations which prohibit these items on their grounds:

- **NO PETS** - Pets are not allowed at the venue and will be turned away. **PLEASE LEAVE PETS AT HOME/HOTEL!** Only legitimate and properly trained service animals (with all legally required vaccinations) will be permitted. No emotional support, therapy or companion animals. Service animals must remain by handler's side, under their proper care and be harnessed, leashed or tethered. Anyone bringing an animal will be responsible for and liable for damage or injury caused by the animal.
- **NO COOLERS / OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINK** - Plenty of great onsite concession options!
- **NO PERSONAL MOTORIZED VEHICLES (golf carts, electric bikes, electric scooters, ATVs, etc.)** - Not permitted unless tournament issued and insured.
- **NO DRONES** - Due to safety and liability issues, the operation or use of unmanned aerial systems/drones is prohibited at Sand Storm without prior written authorization from event organizer.

We are required by Venue to enforce these rules and will do so appropriately with Police assistance as needed.

PARKING: Lots Open at 6:00 AM and close at 6:00 PM. All parking is complimentary!

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

AVE 50 CLOSED TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC! See [Directions to Parking Lots](#) for best routes to avoid traffic.

PLAYER DROP-OFF • in designated areas only = **WHITE LOT, BLUE LOT** - Monitored drop-off only – no parking!

ADA PARKING • available in **ALL LOTS**. Must have ADA placard & ID!

OVERSIZED VEHICLES/RV's • in designated spots only = **WHITE LOT**, no overnight parking

*** With 65+ fields, give yourself ample time to park & get to your field prior to your 1st game. Look at the venue map ahead of time and follow directions to Parking Lots! Smaller lots fill up first - after 8 AM go straight to WHITE LOT! Once parked, use the trams and pedicabs to traverse the venue!**

TRAMS & PEDI-CABS: Transit buses will run continuously to move you easily around the venue. Look for designated stops on site map & the 20' tall signs marking each tram stop. 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.**

*****Per Federal & State mandates, all passengers must wear a mask covering their mouth and nose while entering, exiting and riding trams.*****

While the transit buses will quickly move you around the venue, Pedi-Cabs will also be available for hire onsite.

BALLOONS & FIELD MARKERS: Balloons will be used to mark parking lots, medic stations and select fields throughout the venue to help you navigate within the vicinity of any given field. *Always check the venue map as consecutively numbered fields may not necessarily be adjacent to one another.* All fields will be marked with black teardrop banners. All staff have a copy of the map.

FRIDAY HAPPENINGS:

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.

WHIRLWIND TRAINING CAMP - Only pre-registered players will be able to participate. Limited spots available; not open to walk-ups. See tournament website for details and registration. [Girls Registration](#) • [Boys Registration](#)

TEAM GATORADE SPORTS DRINK BOTTLES: Gatorade provides sports drink bottles for all participating athletes. Coaches can stop by the nearest black registration/info tent on Saturday to pick up a bag of bottles to distribute to your team!

ATHLETE WAIVERS: **Individual Athlete Waivers must be completed ONLINE by ALL rostered players or team will not be permitted to take the field.** Complete the [Waiver Google](#) form – so easy!
Contact waivers@synapsesports.com if you have any issues/questions! NO paper waivers available onsite!

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

SPORTSMANSHIP: Sportsmanship RULES at Sand Storm. 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:

- Field marshals, who can communicate with event staff, security and trainers, will be spread amongst fields under Orange Gatorade tents. Please feel free to ask questions or request emergency assistance.
- Indoor restrooms as well as portable units with handwashing stations placed throughout venue and continually serviced.
- Trash cans will be everywhere – please use them! Be sure to pick up gear & trash from sidelines when changing fields.
- Certified athletic trainers are located throughout the venue at Medic stations designated on the venue map. Trainers are on the field for first aid and emergencies only – **they do not offer taping.**
- Team Tents only permitted on perimeter of venue, away from all fields, buildings & walkways, as directed by Event Staff. No Tents may be erected between fields or in high traffic areas. **ALL TENTS MUST BE STAKED DOWN or they will be removed.**

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.

ADVERSE WEATHER: *While we expect good weather, understand 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.

If tournament is cancelled due to adverse weather: Depending on when the cancellation occurs, Sand Storm will endeavor to offer partial refunds of balance fees paid (excluding deposits and CC fees). 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 Sand Storm be responsible for refunding individual player fees paid to Club to attend. Please contact your Club Administrator for info on how any weather-related team refunds might be applied at the Club level.

DIGITAL PROGRAM: [Digital Program](#)

Check out ads for onsite vendors, service providers, charity initiatives and local business sponsors. See what special discounts are being offered to Sand Storm attendees.

VENDORS & CONCESSIONS: [Retail Vendors and Sponsors](#)

All retailers centrally located at LAX MALL under the white peaked tents near fields 16/23/30. Satellite vending areas featuring tournament apparel also located at the **HACIENDA white tent near fields 11/13/14, as well as near fields 8, 11, 50, and 61.** **FOOD concessions also located at LAX MALL, HACIENDA and the above noted satellite locations.** Check the digital program for concession offerings by location.

Onsite restaurants -**The Tack Room Tavern & Polo Pizza** - will be open daily for breakfast, lunch & dinner with NFL coverage!

REMEMBER...NO COOLERS OR OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINK PERMITTED ON THE FIELDS!

SHOPLIFTING is a CRIME and will not be tolerated at Sand Storm. NO excuses . . . NO exceptions. Anyone caught shoplifting will be immediately expelled from the tournament and the continued participation of shoplifter's team may 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.*

OFFICIAL PARTNERS / RETAIL SERVICES:

SPORTS FUEL: GATORADE - Official Sports Fuel Provider! Keeping athletes and fans hydrated all weekend long! Athletes will receive a Gatorade squeeze bottle – be sure to fill up from sideline coolers!

TOURNAMENT APPAREL: FINE DESIGNS - Official Event Merchandiser! Offering an array of customized Sand Storm apparel onsite. Visit LAX MALL booth or satellite sites near fields 8/11/50/61 or online store: [2022 Official Event Apparel](#)

VIDEO: NLV - exclusive Official Video Partner! Filming onsite aerial game video on designated video fields. See website for video package details: [2022 Official Video Partner](#). Visit their LAX MALL booth for onsite assistance. Questions? info@nlvproductions.com / 610-660-9980

PHOTOGRAPHY: HARBOR PHOTOGRAPHY - Official Photographer! Snapping team photos (Saturday, with team proofs provided early Sun morning) and individual photos (Sunday only). [2022 Official Photography Partner](#) Find a roaming photographer onsite or visit their LAX MALL booth or satellite photography stations in the black star tents near fields 7 and 50. Questions? amy@harborphoto.co

RECRUITING: EVEREST RECRUITING – Are you unclear about the college recruiting process? You're not alone. [Everest Recruiting](#) will be offering free consult services with the experts onsite.

DESTINATION INFORMATION: [Palm Springs Area Visitor Info](#) • [City of Indio](#)
Temperature during competition will likely be a balmy 70 degrees. Once the sun sets however the temperature quickly drops 20+ degrees...be prepared!

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