



OLA SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th, 2017

Hilton Meadowvale Conference Centre at 6750 Mississauga Road in Mississauga, Ontario
Room reservations by calling 905-821-1981 / Mention: "OLA Rate" or "Ontario Lacrosse Rate"

Hotel Reservation Deadline: February 17th, 2017

OLA Registration Deadline: February 24th, 2017

2017 AGENDA PACKAGE

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LEAGUE, COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd

| TIME | GROUP | LOCATION |
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| 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse League Meeting | South Studio 3 |
| 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM | OLA Junior “B” Executive Committee Meeting | Maestro North |
| 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM | Competitive Introduction Coaching Clinic: Box/Men’s Field Combined (Part 1) | Britannia Room |
| 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM | OLA Junior “C” League Meeting | Patio Studio 1 |
| 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM | OLA Junior Men’s Field Lacrosse League Meeting | South Studio 2 |

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th

| TIME | GROUP | LOCATION |
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| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Provincial Field Referee Certification Clinic | Patio Studio 1 |
| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Provincial Field Referee Certification Clinic | Patio Studio 2 |
| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | National Field Referee Certification Clinic | North Studio 3 |
| 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | OLA Women’s Field Meeting | Hazel McCallion C |
| 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Competitive Introduction Coaching Clinic: Box/Men’s Field Combined (Part 2) | Britannia Room |
| 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Community Development Coaching Clinic: Box | Greenwich Room |
| 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | OLA Senior Men’s Field League Meeting | Hazel McCallion D |
| 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | OLA Junior “B” League Meeting | South Studio 1 |
| 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | OLA Junior “A” League Meeting | North Studio 2 |
| 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Major Series Lacrosse Governors Meeting | North Studio 13 |
| 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM | Zone RIC / VP Officiating Meeting | South Studio 1 |

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th

| TIME | GROUP | LOCATION |
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| 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM | Box Referee Clinic Registration | Registration: South Tower Hallway – Lunch: Britannia |
| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Box Entry Level Referee Certification Clinic | South Studio 1 + South Studio 2 |
| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Box Level 1 Referee Certification Clinic | Club Studio 3 |
| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Box Level 2 Referee Certification Clinic | Patio Studio 1 |
| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Box Level 3 Referee Certification Clinic | North Studio 1 – North Studio 2 |
| 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Box 3Q Referee Certification Clinic | North Studio 3 |
| 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Community Development Coaching Clinic: Field | Hazel McCallion D |
| 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM | OLA Board of Governors Meeting | South Studio 3 |
| 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM | Team Ontario Management Meeting | South Studio 3 |

PM AGENDA: FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd

| TIME | BALLROOM FOYER | |
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| 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM | Semi-Annual General Meeting Delegate Registration | |
| TIME | Graydon A | Hazel McCallion A/B |
| 6:50 PM – 7:40 PM | <p>Session: Interlocking House League Presenter: Michael Varanesi (VP Development) Description: Discussion on options for supporting the promotion of house league programs in areas where local league registrations are a challenge.</p> | <p>Session: 2017 Box Sector Playing Rule Changes Presenter: Frank Lawrence (VP Officiating) Description: 2017 is a rule change year. This year's changes include: coach-referee interaction during games, restrictions on communication from the player's bench, the definition of taunting, teams who withdraw from play, face-masking and team penalty minute caps. The new rules will be illustrated with examples, and there will be an opportunity for discussion.</p> |
| 7:40 PM – 8:30 PM | <p>Session: Open Forum Facilitators: Marion Ladouceur (President) & Laurie Hansen (VP Minor) Description: A town-hall style meeting where the floor is open for discussion.</p> | <p>Session: Supporting Your HL/Rep Referees Presenters: OLRA Referee Development Team Description: Best practices for associations to recruit, support and retain their house league and rep referees. This session includes simple strategies that association executives can use to ensure that referees feel like they are part of the lacrosse community.</p> |
| TIME | Graydon B/C/D Ballroom | |
| 8:30 PM – 1:00 AM | <p>2017 OLA Member Appreciation Hospitality & Social <i>Featuring OLA Approved Vendor Booths</i></p> | |

AM AGENDA: SATURDAY, MARCH 4th

| TIME | BALLROOM FOYER | | |
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| 8:15 AM – 8:45 AM | Semi-Annual General Meeting Delegate Registration | | |
| TIME | Hazel McCallion A/B | Graydon A | South Studio 3 |
| 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM | <p>Session: Growing the Game in Your Community Presenter: Danielle Carroll (Clarington Gaels) Description: Strategies, tips and helpful hints on the fun of growing the game in your town.</p> | <p>Session: Understanding MyLaxRankings Presenter: Neil Lodin (MxLax) Description: A detailed review of the provincial ranking system used in OWFL and OLA minor lacrosse competition. Neil explains the background and logistics of the MyLax system, and shares insight and learned lessons on how the software performs.</p> | <p>Session: OLA School Program Presenter: Bruce Codd Description: The mission, mandate, benefits, application process, program deliverables and outcomes of the OLA's rebranded in-school lacrosse promotion program.</p> |
| TIME | Hazel McCallion A/B | Graydon A | South Studio 3 |
| 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM | <p>Session: Hardcopy Registration Q&A Presenter: Fiona Clevely & Ron MacSpadyen Description: Q&A opportunity for clubs who are currently utilizing paper registration for players and coaches. This session includes processes and timelines for the movement of paperwork, and an overview of the coaching certification process (including a review of the coach's point system and coaching database).</p> | <p>Session: Cultural Sensitivity Presenter: Peter Garrow (Past Director of Education for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne) Description: The subject of sports team names, logos and mascots became headline news during the 2016 season. This session will facilitate discussion on some of the issues and cultural sensitivities surrounding the connection between sports and culture.</p> | <p>Session: The OLA Insurance Program Presenters: Youngs Insurance Brokers Description: Overview and clarification of the Ontario Lacrosse Association's insurance program, coverage and the process for submitting claims. This session will also focus on the benefits of Club Directors' Liability Insurance.</p> |
| TIME | Hazel McCallion A/B | Graydon A | South Studio 3 |
| 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM | <p>Session: Online Registration Q & A Presenters: Shannon Stephenson & Ron MacSpadyen Description: Q&A opportunity for clubs who are currently utilizing online registration for players and coaches. This session includes processes, timelines, movement of finances through Peloton, and an overview of the coaching certification process (including a review of the coach's point system and coaching database).</p> | <p>Session: Operating a Successful House League Program Within Your Community Presenter: Doug Luey (former WMLA President) Description: Strategies, tips and helpful hints to plan, operate and celebrate a successful house league program within your town. This session includes a checklist of best practices for house league development.</p> | <p>Session: Using Online Tools to Calculate Player Eligibility Presenters: Janet Murphy & Ron MacSpadyen Description: This session focuses on using online tools to calculate residence-to-municipal boundary questions where player eligibility is concerned, and will include a list of all OLA-recognized boundaries for clubs within the province.</p> |

PM AGENDA: SATURDAY, MARCH 4th

| TIME | BALLROOM FOYER | | |
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| 12:00 PM – 12:40 PM | Semi-Annual General Meeting Luncheon | | |
| 12:50 – 1:50 PM | <i>Roundtable Discussion: “Growing the Game” – Key Areas and Opportunities to Galvanize Growth Across the Province</i> | | |
| TIME | Hazel McCallion A/B | Graydon A | South Studio 3 |
| 2:00 PM – 2:50 PM | <p>Session: OLA Invitational Tournaments Presenter: Cheryl Laplante (Brampton Excelsiors) Description: This session defines the roles and responsibilities for clubs for hosting an invitational tournament. <i>This module is mandatory for all clubs who have been approved to host a tournament in 2017, and is strongly recommended to clubs who are considering hosting a tournament in 2018.</i></p> | <p>Session: OLA Concussion Management Strategy Presenter: Bruce Codd (Technical Director) Description: An introduction to the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s Concussion Management Strategy. This presentation will include the application and scope of the program, along with the responsibilities of the OLA, the hosts of OLA-sanctioned events, and the teams who participate in OLA-sanctioned events.</p> | <p>Session: Introducing an OWFL Women’s Field Lacrosse Program to Your Association Presenters: John Mayo & Yvonne Harding Description: Strategies, tips and helpful hints to plan, introduce and celebrate a successful women’s field lacrosse program within your town. This session includes a review of all of the necessary components, including players, coaches, officials and volunteers.</p> |
| TIME | Hazel McCallion A/B | Graydon A | South Studio 3 |
| 3:00 PM – 3:50 PM | <p>Session: OLA Fee Schedules & Deadlines Presenter: Fiona Clevely Description: Information for OLA clubs on the process and timelines for submitting payment for provincial participation, tournament hosting and association voter eligibility. This session will also include tips to help clubs prepare annual budgets.</p> | <p>Session: Implementation of the LTAD Lacrosse “MiniGame” Format Presenter: Ron MacSpadyen Description: Introduction to the pilot implementation of the Long Term Athlete Development model for local entry level recreational player recruitment and development.</p> | <p>Session: Adaptive Lacrosse Program Presenters: Chris Juniper, Tammy Schuetzkowski and Karen Smart (KW) Description: Proposals geared toward providing developmentally disabled youth and adults the opportunity to play lacrosse.</p> |