

OLA Junior – Major Automatic Discipline Policy: 2019 Review

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The Ontario Lacrosse Association's Junior – Major Automatic Discipline Policy is in effect for all participants of the following leagues, whether or not the team's participants are "dressed" for the game or event:

1. Major Series Lacrosse (MSL)
2. Ontario Senior "B" Lacrosse League (OSBLL)
3. Ontario Senior "C" Lacrosse League (OSCLL)
4. Ontario Women's Box Lacrosse League (OWBLL)
5. Ontario Junior "A" Lacrosse League (OJALL)
6. Ontario Junior "B" Lacrosse League (OJBLL)
7. Ontario Junior "C" Lacrosse League (OJCLL)

All fines and suspensions are automatic once they have been recorded on the OLA game sheet and signed off by the referees. While a "Notice of Offense" will be prepared by the OLA Office, it is the sole responsibility of the team to adhere to the OLA's Junior – Major Automatic Discipline Policy during the season and throughout playoffs. Escalating penalties are assessed according to the attached chart, using the following guidelines:

1. Each participant's suspension record is maintained by the OLA for the duration of the calendar year, and reset once at the beginning of each league's playoffs (pre-season, exhibition or non-league-play discipline is subject to the discretion of OLA's VP of Junior – Major in consultation with the league's commissioner);
2. Each participant's suspension is served in subsequent OLA-sanctioned regular season, playoff and/or championship games until the suspension has been served in full, regardless of which calendar year the infraction occurred. Suspensions that are not served in the calendar year (by reason of injury, trade, release, reclassification, transfer, roster allocations or any other cause) will be carried over to any subsequent season of involvement, regardless in which league the suspension was assessed;
3. Each participant's suspension history is infraction-specific (escalating penalties are only assessed for the same infraction committed by the same player, regardless of the league the infraction was committed in, except for Match Penalties and Gross Misconducts which are cumulative regardless of the nature of the infraction);
4. For suspensions assessed to an affiliated player competing for a higher category team, the suspension may be served in the division in which it was assessed or in the division in which the player is registered.
5. Suspensions may be served only in one division, and the participant may not compete in any division (in any capacity) until the suspension is served in its entirety;
6. Suspended participants may not compete while a suspension is under protest/appeal/review;
7. Escalating penalties above and beyond the scope of the attached chart will be subject to automatic OLA Review at the discretion of the OLA's VP of Junior – Major.

Teams failing to adhere to this Automatic Discipline Policy may be subject to additional sanctions, based on the nature of the violation and any other mitigating circumstances deemed relevant by the Ontario Lacrosse Association, which may include one or a combination of:

- a. Additional suspensions assessed;
- b. Additional fines assessed;
- c. Forfeiture of the team's points;
- d. Forfeiture of the team's playoff series;
- e. Forfeiture of the team's performance bond;
- f. Any other discipline as deemed appropriate at the discretion of the OLA's VP of Junior – Major, in consultation with the league's commissioner (referred to as "OLA Review").

In addition to these guidelines, participants are governed by the OLA's policies, procedures, bylaws, rules, regulations and league documents, including the discipline guidelines on the following pages. Protests/appeals of any OLA Automatic Discipline or any other policy are subject to the guidelines of the OLA Appeals Process. Protests/appeals may not be lodged on behalf of a team for suspensions of four games or less, or for fines of \$500 or less. Only the OLA's VP of Junior – Major reserves the right, at the request of the league's commissioner, to intervene in discipline matters based on the best interest of the game.

Additional OLA Discipline Measures Not Covered by the CLA Rulebook:

1. The home team in each game is required to enter the game statistics into their league-specified statistics software by midnight on game day, and to email a copy of the game sheet to the OLA Office by the following calendar day by noon. The Ontario Women's Box Lacrosse League will be exempt from entering game statistics.
2. Participants who confront or engage with spectators off the playing surface will be subject to a fine of \$500 plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic four-game suspension, provided an official report is submitted to the OLA by the referees.
3. Participants who return to competition prior to serving their suspension will be subject to a fine of \$250 plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic three-game suspension in addition to the balance of the original suspension. If any team personnel are determined to have been involved in directing the participant to return to competition prior to serving their suspension, an automatic OLA Review will be scheduled to determine the appropriate discipline.
4. Teams involved in any "bench clearing" situation (defined as two or more players leaving either team's bench and/or penalty box in order to engage in an altercation on or off the floor) will be subject to a fine of \$1000 plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed. An automatic OLA Review will determine the appropriate discipline for the bench personnel if either team can be clearly identified as being responsible as the first team to leave the bench.
5. Teams involved in any pre-game or post-game altercations (defined as actions which would result in penalties being assessed during the course of the game, whether on or off the floor) will be subject to a fine of \$1000 plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic OLA Review to determine the appropriate discipline for the bench personnel.
6. Suspended participants may not be at any arena during OLA games until their suspension has been served in its entirety. For violation of this section, Automatic OLA Review will result.
7. A \$50 fine will be assessed for games beginning more than fifteen minutes after the scheduled start time (except in extenuating circumstances with the approval of the OLA VP Junior – Major).
8. Fines will be assessed for teams dressing less than twelve players at the scheduled start time. For Major Series Lacrosse, Senior "B" and Junior "A" division teams dressing less than twelve players, the team will be fined at a rate of \$100 per player short of twelve. For Senior "C", Senior Women's, Junior "B" and Junior "C" division teams dressing less than twelve players, the team will be fined at a rate of \$50 per player short of twelve.
9. Fines will be assessed for teams dressing less than two goaltenders at the scheduled start time. For Major Series Lacrosse, Senior "B" and Junior "A" division teams dressing only one goaltender, the team will be fined at a rate of \$100. Senior "C", Junior "B" and Junior "C" division teams dressing only one goaltender, the team will be fined at a rate of \$50. The Ontario Women's Box Lacrosse League will be exempt from this rule.
10. Teams are given thirty days from the date of receipt of the OLA invoice to ensure that payment for any fine has been received in full. Failure to adhere may result in the fine being doubled in value.
11. League commissioners may not, under any circumstances, intervene in a discipline matter to modify, reduce, vacate or otherwise alter the suspension guidelines without written permission of the OLA VP of Junior – Major.

Notwithstanding any of the guidelines above, participants may be required at the direction of the OLA's VP of Junior–Major to attend a discipline hearing to discuss any infringement of the OLA's rules or policies. The OLA's Board of Directors may fine any team or team member any amount not exceeding one thousand dollars for any infraction of the Rules & Regulations as defined in the Constitution, Bylaws or Regulations of the Corporation (R17.01). A team or a team may appeal against the levying of a fine by submitting a written appeal to the Executive Director within ten days, accompanied by payment of the fine and an additional fee of twenty-five dollars as deposit against the costs of the meeting (R17.03).

2019 Ontario Lacrosse Association Graduated Discipline Chart

Game Misconducts

Infraction	Penalty Code	First Game Misconduct Suspension	Fine	Second Game Misconduct Suspension	Fine	Third Game Misconduct Suspension	Fine
Infractions within the Exchange Box	GM3	Balance of Game	\$50	Infraction + 1 Game	\$50	Infraction + 2 Games	\$100
Illegal Helmet	GM11	Balance of Game	\$0	Balance of Game	\$50	1 Game	\$100
Illegal Equipment	GM13	Balance of Game	\$0	Balance of Game	\$50	1 Game	\$100
Verbal Contact at Intermission	GM17	1 Game	\$50	2 Games	\$100	4 Games	\$100
Abuse of Officials	GM28	3 Games	\$50	5 Games	\$100	OLA Review	\$250
Checking from Behind	GM38	1 Game	\$50	3 Games	\$100	4 Games	\$250
Fighting	GM45A	Balance of Game	\$0	1 Game	\$50	2 Games	\$100
Fighting: Restarting Fight	GM45C	1 Game	\$50	2 Games	\$100	4 Games	\$100
Fighting: Off the Playing Surface	GM45D	2 Games	\$100	4 Games	\$200	6 Games	\$250
Fighting: Failure to Clear the Area	GM45E	Balance of Game	\$0	Balance of Game	\$50	1 Game	\$100
High-Sticking	GM50	1 Game	\$50	3 Games	\$100	4 Games	\$250
Leaving the Bench: End of Period	GM60B	1 Game	\$0	1 Game	\$50	2 Games	\$100
Leaving the Bench: Altercation	GM60C	2 Games	\$100	4 Games	\$100	6 Games	\$200
Third Player into an Altercation	GM67	1 Game	\$50	2 Games	\$100	4 Games	\$100
Second Major Penalty	GM77	Infraction + 1 Game	\$50	Infraction + 1 Game	\$100	Infraction + 2 Games	\$100
Second Misconduct Penalty	GM78	Infraction + 1 Game	\$50	Infraction + 1 Game	\$100	Infraction + 2 Games	\$100

Gross Misconducts & Match Penalties

Infraction	Penalty Code	First GRM or MP Suspension	Fine	Second GRM or MP Suspension	Fine	Third GRM or MP Suspension	Fine
Derogatory Comments	GRM48 i	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Obscene Gestures	GRM48 ii	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Persists in USC Behaviour	GRM48 iii	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Making a Travesty of the Game	GRM48 iv	OLA Review	\$150	OLA Review	\$300	OLA Review	\$750
Boarding	MP33	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Butt-Ending	MP35	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Charging	MP37	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Checking from Behind	MP38	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Cross-Checking	MP40	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Elbowing	MP42	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Fighting	MP45	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
High-Sticking	MP50	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Kicking	MP57	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Kneeing	MP59	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Abuse of Officials	MP62	OLA Review	\$850	OLA Review**	\$1000	OLA Review	\$1000
Slashing	MP64	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Spearing	MP65	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Throwing the Stick	MP69	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500
Unnecessary Roughness	MP72	OLA Review	\$100	OLA Review	\$250	OLA Review	\$500

Note 1: Automatic OLA Review is defined as an indefinite suspension to the participant until a ruling has been issued by the OLA VP of Junior – Major.

Note 2: Fourth and subsequent game misconducts for the same infraction will be subject to automatic OLA Review.

Note 3: Protests/appeals may not be lodged on behalf of a team for suspensions of four games or less, or for fines of \$500 or less.