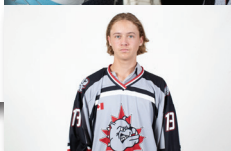
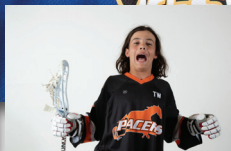




ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

2025 Invitational Tournament Handbook

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OLA TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR NOTES

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- 2025 TEAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT -

The maintenance of good order is a critical element of a successful event for everyone involved. There are a number of common behaviours that run counter to these principles. In order to ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone involved, each team is required to confirm their understanding of the following:

1. Bench staff receiving a GM28 (Abuse of Officials) will be suspended from all further participation and will be prohibited from entering any facility for the duration of the event. For bench staff who have received their second GM28 in the same season, the length of suspension will be automatically doubled.
2. Players that receive a GM45 (Fighting) will be suspended from all further participation for the duration of the event. For players who have received their second GM45 in the same season, the length of suspension may be doubled.
3. The consumption of alcohol, illicit drugs and tobacco (smoking or chewing) is expressly forbidden on the property of all facilities. Those suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol on-site inside an arena, or in the parking lot of any arena, will be asked to leave and will be prohibited from entering any facility for the duration of the event. Law enforcement will be called to proceed with the next steps, if required.
4. Any individual behaving in an unacceptable or disrespectful manner, including but not limited to the physical or verbal abuse of officials, spectators, volunteers, staff, or other participants, will be ejected and further prohibited from entering any facility for the duration of the event. Violations of the above may result in fines levied against the organization responsible, discipline hearings, the application of cooperation bonds, forfeiture of team participation from the event, or legal ramifications based on the severity of the violation.
5. Each member of the bench staff must present themselves and sign the electronic game sheet at the registration desk no less than 20 minutes prior to every game. If this is not completed prior to the start of each game, the team may be subject to a Delay of Game bench minor penalty at the sole discretion of the officials.

Signing this form is an acknowledgement that each team is fully responsible for the actions of their participants and spectators, and for the consequences of any adverse behaviours or actions. OLA volunteer representatives, game officials, facility staff and/or law enforcement reserve the right to remove anyone from a facility without warning in accordance with the standard expectation of behaviour.

Division: U7 U9 U11 U13 U15 U17 U22 U13G U15G U17G U22G

Team Name: Team Number: 1 2 3 4 NA

Representative's Name: Cell:

Email Address: Signature:



ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION SUBSTANCE MISUSE POLICY (2025)

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Ontario Lacrosse Association Substance Misuse Policy

Last Updated: February 2, 2025

The Ontario Lacrosse Association recognizes the detrimental effects of tobacco, drug and alcohol use as it relates to lacrosse. This policy identifies the standard of behaviour which is expected of all OLA members and participants, including players, guardians, parents, coaches, trainers, team managers, officials, volunteers, committee representatives and administrators. Under this policy, OLA participants must refrain from any activity or behaviour which may disrupt or interfere with competition, or endanger the safety of themselves or any other person. Violations of this policy may also be addressed under the OLA's Code of Conduct process.

- 1. Minor lacrosse.** The use of tobacco in any form, recreational and/or non-prescribed drugs, and alcohol by all members and participants before, during or following Ontario Lacrosse Association sanctioned minor lacrosse practices, games and events is strictly prohibited. Spectators, including parents of participating players, may be ejected from any venue where an administrator or event representative suspects or believes that this section of the policy may have been violated, and additional fines may be assessed to clubs for violations of this section by participants who belong to that club.
- 2. Direct participants in junior and senior lacrosse.** The use of tobacco in any form, recreational and/or non-prescribed drugs, and alcohol by all active participants (players, team personnel, officials, administrators and individuals in similar positions) before or during Ontario Lacrosse Association sanctioned junior and senior lacrosse practices and games is strictly prohibited.
- 3. Spectators in junior and senior lacrosse.** The responsible personal use of alcohol, legal recreational drugs and tobacco by all other attendees at OLA-sanctioned junior and senior lacrosse events is permitted only in areas which are designated, licensed and/or approved for such activities, and only in a manner which does not discredit or disgrace the OLA or the sport of lacrosse, or disrupt any game or event in progress. At the OLA's sole discretion, junior and senior lacrosse hosting teams may be ordered to arrange for adequate supervision or security.
- 4. Other OLA events.** The responsible use of alcohol, legal recreational drugs and tobacco for personal use by members of the Ontario Lacrosse Association at other OLA events, including the hospitality portions of the Annual General Meeting and Semi-Annual General Meeting, the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame Induction ceremony, the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame Golf Tournament and any similar event which is not explicitly stated in this section, is permitted only in areas which are designated, licensed and/or approved for such activities, and only in a manner which does not discredit or disgrace the OLA or the sport of lacrosse.
- 5. Know the rules.** The sale or provision of alcoholic beverages or spirits by the sponsoring club or hosting organization at any minor event sanctioned by the Ontario Lacrosse Association is prohibited. Disciplinary action will be taken by the Board of Directors on any violation of this regulation (MR 7.12[a]). Any player, coach, manager, club official or game official who is in charge of a team or comes into direct contact with a team during games in league or tournament play, whose actions appear to be caused by drugs or alcohol, may be given a minimum of one year's suspension and must apply for reinstatement upon termination of suspension (MR 10.11). No coach, manager, club official, player or game official shall be allowed to smoke or use any tobacco products in the player's bench, penalty box or dressing room (MR 10.12). Consumption of alcohol in unlicensed areas during minor lacrosse events, including the parking lot of a facility, is strictly prohibited.
- 6. Applying this policy.** Members of the Ontario Lacrosse Association are encouraged to contact police services or other appropriate authorities when individuals are involved in practices or behaviours that violate this policy. Administrators are not expected to directly engaging anyone suspected of infringing any section of this policy, as it may place them in danger. The Ontario Lacrosse Association is committed to fully cooperating with law enforcement in criminal investigations where the use or misuse of tobacco, drugs and alcohol are involved, including in situations that may result in civil and/or criminal liability for individuals who violate this policy. Notwithstanding any part of this section, game officials are authorized to remove and report any individual suspected of infringing any section of this policy, and the OLA will take action where participants are found to have violated this policy.
- 7. Consequences for identifiable individuals who violate this policy.** Where individuals can be independently identified as committing actions which discredit or disgrace the OLA or the sport of lacrosse, or disrupt any game or event, and for which alcohol use or misuse is found to be a factor, the OLA reserves the right to expel from or refuse entry into any facility or event for a period of time not exceeding two years, depending on the nature of the violation.

8. **Consequences for clubs whose participants violate this policy at Minor Lacrosse Events.** The purpose of this policy is to encourage clubs to maintain control of their participants and spectators. The OLA will investigate breaches of this policy which, at its sole discretion, are found to be detrimental to its reputation, safety or obligation. Clubs are notified that they may be held accountable for violations, including by spectators who are responsible for minor lacrosse athletes, according to the following fine amounts.
- a. \$500.00/instance where individuals are found to be consuming alcohol in an unlicensed or undesignated area;
 - b. \$250.00/instance where such consumption takes place in near proximity to participants in U13 or below;
 - c. \$250.00/instance where such consumption takes place inside of a facility in an unlicensed or undesignated area;
 - d. \$250.00/instance where consumption occurs in large groups (defined as six or more adults);
 - e. \$250.00/instance where individuals fail to comply with directions given by OLA representatives;
 - f. Up to \$1,000 when law enforcement is requested to attend where alcohol has caused a disruption of an event;
 - g. Up to \$1,000 for any other behaviour not specified within this section, but which is determined by the OLA at its sole discretion to discredit or disgrace the OLA or the sport of lacrosse, or disrupt any game or event, for which alcohol use or misuse is found to be a factor.
9. **As times change.** No matter its legal status within Canada, marijuana/cannabis remains classified as a prohibited substance in sport under the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and World Anti-Doping Agency, both of which the OLA complies with. Separately, the provincial government of Ontario has begun permitting “tailgating” at semi-professional sporting events, which may include Junior-Senior games. In these instances, only parking lots or venues within a reasonable distance from a major sports complex would be eligible to apply for a [Special Occasion Event Tailgating Permit](#) for the date and time of the event. Without a Special Occasion Event Tailgating Permit, all applicable provincial laws and municipal bylaws surrounding public consumption and intoxication remain in effect. Minor Lacrosse events are ineligible for Special Occasion Event Tailgating Permits under this policy. Notwithstanding any of the above, OLA members and participants and attendees are required to act lawfully at all times.

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TOURNAMENT RESOURCES

The following OLA invitational tournament resources can be found at **bit.ly/OLAtournaments**

- Approved Vendors (Released April/May - Updated regularly)
- Automatic Discipline Policy (2025)
- Game Structure / Game Length
- Paperweight Playing Rules
- Referee Game Fees (2025)
- Team Registration
- Sample Arena Box Items List
- Sample Budget
- Sample Hearings Report
- Sample Special Incident Report (SIR)
- Sample Tournament Rules
- Sample Volunteer Schedule
- Tournament Checklists
- Tournament Committees

For assistance with these resources, contact **tournaments@ontariolacrosse.com**

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2025

1. Electronic Fine Summary Sheet Implemented
2. Paperweights (U7) are prohibited from affiliating unless rostered to the U7 team
3. No Interprovincial or International teams permitted
4. “House League Only” players are ineligible for invitational tournaments and provincial championships
5. A 2025 OLA-approved Trainer card is valid for all tournaments, across all sectors and divisions (OWFL, OMFL, Minor Box)

PRE-TOURNAMENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Confirm floor time contracts with municipality
- ☐ Prepare budget for Association Executive Approval
- ☐ Create a schedule template with the available floor time
- ☐ Establish a tournament committee
- ☐ Establish a discipline committee, which includes Official-in-Charge as a member
- ☐ Identify Official-in-Charge to assign on-floor officials
- ☐ Schedule arena convenors and additional volunteers
- ☐ Upload schedule into Game Sheet Inc and send invite link to participating teams
- ☐ Order awards and/or trophies
- ☐ Order OLA-approved game balls
- ☐ Provide tournament playing schedule to OIC, Timekeepers, teams **and Donalyn**
- ☐ Provide tournament playing rules to OIC, Timekeepers, teams **and Donalyn**
- ☐ Create tracking document for payment of on-floor and off-floor officials
- ☐ Ensure all arenas have proper floor markings and shot clocks

POST-TOURNAMENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ Fine Reporting: Record all fines using the **Fine Summary Jotform**. Use the Gamesheet Inc. Penalty Accumulation Report for reference.
- ☐ Hearing Reports Submission: within 24 hours of the final game, send completed hearing reports to **ournaments@ontariolacrosse.com** and **fiona@ontariolacrosse.com**. If a hearing occurs after the tournament, communicate the timeline in advance and submit the final report upon conclusion.
- ☐ Convenor's Report: Complete and submit the **Post-Tournament Report Jotform** within 48 hours of tournament conclusion.

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TEAM REGISTRATION

Each team manager is responsible for providing the **original OLA registration forms** for all participating players, coaches and trainers. **Incomplete registration forms will result in ineligibility** until the proper documentation is provided. **Digital copies are not accepted under any circumstances.** Tournaments that permit players or non-playing bench personnel to participate without proper registration will be subject to a **non-compliance fine**.

First Offense: \$500 (shared equally between the tournament host and the offending team)

Second Offense: \$800 (shared equally between the tournament host and the offending team)

The **Head Coach** is responsible for being the **last to sign in on Game Sheet Inc.** If any changes are made to the team's roster or bench personnel, the Head Coach must re-sign to acknowledge and confirm the updates.

Additionally, **House League Only players** are strictly prohibited from participating in rep lacrosse games, as outlined in **MR2.08(a)**. For full details on **Player Registration Requirements**, refer to **MR2.11**.

2025 Division	Division Breakdown	Birth Year
Soft Lacrosse	Soft Lacrosse	2022 -
Paperweight (U7)	1 st Year Paperweight	2020
	2 nd Year Paperweight	2019
U9	1 st Year U9	2018
	2 nd Year U9	2017
U11	1 st Year U11	2016
	2 nd Year U11	2015
U13	1 st Year U13	2014
	2 nd Year U13	2013
U15	1 st Year U15	2012
	2 nd Year U15	2011
U17	1 st Year U17	2010
	2 nd Year U17	2009
U22	1 st Year U22	2008
	2 nd Year U22	2007
	3 rd Year U22	2006
	4 th Year U22	2005
	5 th Year U22	2004

Pre-Tournament:

- GameSheet staff will set up the tournament and send an on-boarding email two weeks prior to the tournament
- Follow all instructions outlined in the onboarding email
- Input the playing schedule using the provided templates, available at bit.ly/GSItemplates.
- Embed the iFrame (including scores, schedules, and standings) onto your website.
- Ensure that all iPads are ready and charged (minimum two iPads for each arena floor)
- Install the latest version of the GameSheet Inc. Lacrosse Scoring app on all iPads.
- Share link to training videos with scorekeepers/referees
- Train tournament convenors on how to start games and upload completed games

During the Tournament:

- Treat each iPad as a digital scoresheet, assigning one game at a time per device.
- Load games from the schedule; rosters will automatically populate.
- Coaches/Managers must review and update rosters before signing off.
- Scorekeepers pick up the assigned iPad before each game. If multiple playing surfaces are in use, verify that the correct iPad is selected.
- After the game, return the iPad to the convenor's table for review.
- Convenors will ensure referees have checked for errors, and then signed off on the game
- Lock the game upon completion—uploads occur automatically when connected to Wi-Fi.
- Verify that the game results are posted to the dashboard and tournament website.



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U7 RULE MODIFICATIONS

The Long Term Player Development model sets out a vision for introductory levels of lacrosse that puts players first. LTAD provides age-appropriate opportunities for kids to participate in the game, by focusing on development and enjoyment to lay the foundation for local, national and international success long into the future.

The LTAD model has been developed based on the following principles:

- Doing the right thing for the player at the right stage in their development
- Adopting a player-centered approach and not treating the development of all players the same way
- The broader the foundation of players, the more successful the sport will be
- Viewing player development as a long-term process
- Learning the skills of running, scooping, cradling, passing, catching and shooting are primary, whereas stick-checking, cross-checking and body-checking are secondary
- A need to better educate parents on the lacrosse development of their child – it is okay for parents to want their kids to get to the highest levels but they need to know the best way to go about it

In U7 (Paperweight), the following rule modifications are in effect:

1. Inside the dotted line of the defensive zone, defending players are able to create contact by using the **Place & Push** mechanic on the ball-carrier. A defending player's stick must be placed on the opponent's arm before the defending player extends their own arms. This allows the defending player to accurately steer the attacking player away from the goal. Once the attacking ball-carrier is pushed outside of the dotted line, they can continue to be pushed until they no longer have the ball, but cannot be pushed into the boards.
2. Defending players cannot make contact with any attacking players who are not the ball-carrier (similar to field lacrosse) at any time, anywhere on the floor. There is no Place & Push or cross-checking allowed on a non-ball-carrier anywhere on the floor.
3. Any violation of the modified contact rules (either #1 or #2) will result in a stoppage of play. The offending player will be sent to the team bench for an immediate substitution. Play can be restarted immediately with possession to the non-offending team, but the substitute player cannot enter the playing surface until the offending player has reached the exchange box. This penalty is not recorded on the score sheet. To facilitate skill development, any body contact, stick-to-body or stick-to-stick contact that violates the modified rules is illegal.
4. Any actions of players which would result in a penalty under regulation box lacrosse rules will still result in a penalty being assessed as normal.



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DISCIPLINE

Participants who receive game misconduct penalties are disciplined according to the Automatic Discipline Policy. Participants who receive gross misconduct and/or match penalties must attend a discipline hearing following the game. The Discipline Committee should conduct the discipline hearing and render a decision as to the length of a suspension. Participants who have been suspended may not be at any arena until their suspension is complete. A suspension removes the participant from all aspects of their lacrosse involvement.

The OLA Fine Summary Form:

The Electronic Fine Summary Sheet (illustrated on the next page) must be completed whenever a game misconduct, gross misconduct, or match penalty occurs. Suspension lengths must be recorded using **Fine Summary Jotform** only. Additionally, a team representative's email address must be provided. Upon successful submission, an email notification of the suspension and fine will be sent to both the team representative and the Tournament Directors.

Payment of fines is not required at invitational tournaments; the OLA will invoice clubs for any outstanding fines following the tournament.

Accepted payment methods include e-transfer to fiona@ontariolacrosse.com (include name, club, and division in the description), Peloton or send a cheque payable to Ontario Lacrosse Association. Cash is not accepted.

Scheduling Discipline Hearings:

Discipline hearings should be scheduled by the tournament convenor, in consultation with the tournament OIC, following the game where the penalty was assessed. A general rule of thumb is to schedule the hearing 2-3 hours after the game, or in the case of a night game, the following morning, as opposed to holding a hearing immediately following the game. The penalized participant should be notified of the hearing time and location within a reasonable amount of time in order to make arrangements to attend. All discipline hearings must be held prior to the conclusion of the tournament; and the penalized participant may not be in an arena for any purpose except to attend their hearing.

Officiating Reports:


Officiating incident reports are not circulated to team or club representatives under any circumstances. **Tournament Directors are the only representatives who have access to officiating reports in GameSheet Inc, and are not permitted to be shared with teams or clubs under any circumstances. Any individual or hosting club who is found to have shared an officiating report will be fined \$1,000.00.**

FINE SUMMARY JOTFORM

The Fine Summary Jotform is used in all instances where a player or bench personnel receives a game misconduct, gross misconduct or match penalty. Tournament Coordinators must track participant discipline after each game and input the details of an GM, GRM or MP into the Fine Summary Jotform for tracking. This should be done on an ongoing basis throughout the tournament to ensure that these infractions are not missed.

Do not record major penalties, 10-minute misconducts or expulsions on this form.

For assistance with using this form, contact tournaments@ontariolacrosse.com



FINE SUMMARY SHEET

This form is to be used to record all infractions resulting in fines/suspensions at tournaments and provincial games. The form will replace the 4 page fine summary sheets previously used. Please ensure the information is correct and complete before submitting.

Date *

MM-DD-YYYY

Date

NAME OF TOURNAMENT *

Please Select

GAME #

SUMMARY FOR TEAM (Club Name) *

DIVISION *

Please Select

FINE SHEET IS FOR? *

PLAYER

COACH

TRAINER

PLAYER # (if applicable)

NAME OF PLAYER/COACH/TRAINER *

First Name

Last Name

Please fill in for each infraction.

NOTE: All GM45A, GM45C, GM45D and GM28 (non playing personnel) assessed in Tournaments, "A" Qualifiers or Provincial Championships will be disqualified from any further play in that Tournament, Qualifier or Provincial Championship in any division.

1ST INFRACTION & PENALTY CODE

Please Select

GAME SUSPENSION AS PER THE ADP

BALANCE OF GAME

1 GAME SUSPENSION

2 GAME SUSPENSION

3 GAME SUSPENSION

4 GAME SUSPENSION

5 GAME SUSPENSION

2ND INFRACTION & PENALTY CODE

Please Select

GAME SUSPENSION AS PER THE ADP

BALANCE OF GAME

1 GAME SUSPENSION

2 GAME SUSPENSION

3 GAME SUSPENSION

4 GAME SUSPENSION

3RD INFRACTION & PENALTY CODE

Please Select

GAME SUSPENSION AS PER THE ADP

BALANCE OF GAME

1 GAME SUSPENSION

2 GAME SUSPENSION

3 GAME SUSPENSION

4 GAME SUSPENSION

Total Fine Amount Owed

0

Additional information (ie. Hearing dates being scheduled outside of the tournament weekend)

Email of Team Representative to acknowledge receipt. Please note - payment is not due at the tournament, qualifier or provincial championships. The Ontario Lacrosse Association will invoice the club.

example@example.com

Submit





ONTARIO LACROSSE AUTOMATIC MINOR BOX DISCIPLINE POLICY (2025)

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The Ontario Lacrosse Association's Automatic Discipline Policy is in effect for all participants (players, bench personnel, volunteers) of the U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17, U22 and corresponding girls' and womens' divisions of OLA box lacrosse, whether or not the team's participants are "dressed" for the game or event, when attending any OLA-sanctioned events. All fines and suspensions are automatic once they have been recorded on the OLA game sheet and signed off by the officials. It is the sole responsibility of the penalized team to adhere to the OLA's Automatic Minor Discipline Policy throughout the entire season; regardless of whether or not the team has been formally notified by zone or tournament representatives.

Discipline is assessed according to the appropriate division charts, using the following guidelines:

1. For U7, U9, U11 and U13 participants, discipline will be assessed according to the attached chart on Page 4. For U15, U17 and U22 participants, discipline will be assessed according to the attached chart on Page 5. For U13 players who are competing as Affiliated Players in the U15 Division, discipline will be assessed according to the U15, U17 and U22 chart.
2. Each participant's suspension record is maintained by the Zone Statistician (or designated zone executive) for the duration of the season.
3. Each participant's suspension is served in subsequent OLA-sanctioned previously scheduled exhibition, 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, release, transfer, roster allocations or any other case) will be carried over to any subsequent season of involvement, regardless in which division the suspension was assessed.
4. Automatic indefinite suspension until a hearing chaired by the appropriate representative will be in effect for any Gross Misconducts and/or Match Penalty.
5. For suspensions assessed to an affiliated player competing for a higher category team, the suspension will be served in the division in which the player is registered, and the player is ineligible to participate in any capacity at any level until the suspension is served in its entirety.
6. With the exception of Clause 10, any non-playing bench personnel who are disciplined under this policy must serve their suspension with the team with which they received their suspension, and the individual is ineligible to participate in any capacity at any level until the suspension is served in its entirety.
7. Suspended participants may not compete while a suspension is under protest/appeal/review.
8. 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.
9. Discipline assessed in zone play that will result in a Zone/IT Hearing will be chaired by the Zone Director (or appointed representative). Discipline assessed in exhibition play or non-zone play that will result in a Zone/IT Hearing will be chaired by the Zone Director (or appointed representative)

in which the game took place. Discipline assessed in an invitational tournament that will result in a Zone/IT Hearing will be chaired by the Tournament Convener (or appointed representative). Discipline assessed in an “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship that will result in a Zone/IT Hearing will be chaired by the appropriate event chairperson (or appointed representative).

10. The head coach of any team who accumulates 26 penalty minutes in U11 or below, or 36 penalty minutes in U13 or above, will receive an automatic game misconduct in accordance with the OLA’s Total Penalty Minutes Policy. Zone Directors and Tournament Convenors are responsible for administering this policy. Where the teams’s head coach is improperly listed as an assistant coach to circumvent this rule, the game will be forfeited and a fine will be assessed.
11. Discipline that results in fines incurred at tournaments, “A” Qualifiers and Provincial Championships will be payable to the Ontario Lacrosse Association. Discipline that results in fines incurred in exhibition, zone or non-zone play will be payable to the zone in which the infraction occurred in. Associations have 30 days from the date of receipt of the OLA invoice to ensure that payment for any fine has been received in full.
12. Players assessed GM45A (Fighting), GM45C (Restarting a Fight) or GM45D (Fighting Off the Playing Surface) during any Tournament, “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship will be subject to the discipline as outlined in the appropriate chart, in addition to being disqualified from any further play in that Invitational Tournament, “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship in any division.
13. Non-playing team personnel who are assessed a game misconduct for verbal abuse directed towards an official (GM28) during any Tournament, “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship will be subject to the discipline as outlined in the appropriate chart, in addition to being disqualified from any further play in that Invitational Tournament, “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship in any division.
14. Participants who confront or engage with spectators off the playing surface will be subject to a fine of up to \$1000 dollars, plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic five-game suspension, provided an official report is submitted to the OLA.
15. 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 up to \$1000 dollars plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic OLA Review to determine the appropriate discipline for the bench staff.
16. Teams involved in any pre-game or post-game altercations (defined as actions which would result in penalties being assessed during the game, whether on or off the floor) will be subject to a fine of up to \$1000 dollars plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic OLA Review to determine the appropriate discipline for the bench personnel.
17. Participants who return to competition prior to serving their suspension will be subject to a fine of up to \$1000 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 OLA Review will be scheduled to determine the appropriate discipline, including forfeiture of the game at the discretion of the OLA.

18. Zone Directors, Tournament Directors or other representatives may not, under any circumstances, intervene in a discipline matter to modify, reduce, vacate or otherwise alter the discipline policy without the written permission of the OLA VP of Minor Box (or appointed designate).
19. Associations and/or teams failing to adhere to the Ontario Lacrosse Association Automatic Minor 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 additional suspensions assessed; additional fines assessed; forfeiture of the team's games; forfeiture of the team's provincial championship series; forfeiture of the association's performance bond; any other discipline as deemed appropriate at the discretion of the OLA's VP of Minor Box (or appointed designate), in consultation with the appropriate Zone Director (referred to as "OLA Review").
20. In addition to these guidelines, participants are governed by the OLA's policies, procedures, bylaws, rules, regulations, including the specified discipline charts on the following pages. Protests/appeals of any OLA Automatic Minor Discipline or any other policy are subject the guidelines of the OLA Appeals Process. Protests/appeals may not be lodged on behalf of a team for suspensions of five games or less, or for fines of \$100 or less. Only the OLA's VP of Minor (or appointed designate) reserves the right to intervene in discipline matters based on the best interest of the game.

Notwithstanding any of these guidelines, the OLA's Board of Directors may fine a club or team in any sum not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), or may suspend or expel a club, team, member or player for notorious and continued foul play, or unfair, unsportsmanlike, ungentlemanly conduct, individually or collectively, on the field or at any place where a lacrosse match is being played, or at any meeting or gathering in the interest of the game, for neglecting to pay assessments made by the Board of Directors or for rules of the Corporation, for neglecting to obey or carry out any persistent infringement of the laws of the game, or the rules of the Corporation, for neglecting to obey or carry out any order of the Board of Directors transmitted by the President or Executive Director. (MR10.01)

Note 1: Automatic OLA Review is defined as an indefinite suspension to the participant until a ruling has been issued by the chair of the discipline committee, which may include a hearing.

Note 2: Protests/appeals may not be lodged on behalf of an individual or team for suspensions of five games or less, or for fines of \$100 or less.

Note 3: For second offense players and non-playing bench staff in the same calendar year under the same infraction category, the suspension length and fine amount will be automatically doubled.

Note 4: For GM28 penalties assessed during zone play, the Zone Discipline Committee has latitude to determine the length of suspension based on the following conditions: the age division of the players, the experience of the official(s), the nature of the infraction, or any other objective factor that may influence the decision.

Note 5: For GM28 penalties assessed during tournaments, the Tournament Discipline Committee has latitude to determine the length of suspension based on the following conditions: the age division of the players, the experience of the official(s), the nature of the infraction, or any other objective factor that may influence the decision. The reason for the decision must be included in the convenor's tournament report for on issues of significance.

OLA U7, U9, U11 AND U13 DISCIPLINE

Game Misconducts			
Infraction	Penalty Code	Suspension	Fine
Infractions within the Exchange Box	GM3	1 Game	\$20
Illegal Helmet	GM11	Balance of Game	\$20
Illegal Equipment	GM13	Balance of Game	\$20
Verbal Contact at Intermission	GM17	1 Game	\$20
Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Reviewable)	GM28	1–5 Game(s)	\$20/Game
Attempt to Butt-End	GM35	1 Game	\$20
Checking from Behind	GM38	1 Game	\$20
Fighting	GM45A	2 Games	\$40
Fighting: Restarting Fight	GM45C	2 Games	\$40
Fighting: Off the Playing Surface	GM45D	3 Games	\$60
Fighting: Failure to Clear the Area	GM45E	1 Game	\$20
High-Sticking	GM50	2 Games	\$40
Attempt to Kick	GM57	1 Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: End of Period	GM60B	Balance of Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: Altercation	GM60C	2 Games	\$40
Attempt to Spear	GM65	1 Game	\$20
Third Player into an Altercation	GM67	1 Game	\$20
Second Major Penalty	GM77	1 Game	\$20
Second Misconduct Penalty	GM78	1 Game	\$20

Gross Misconducts (Automatic Hearing Required)			
Infraction	Penalty Code	Suspension	Fine
Derogatory Comments	GRM48 i	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Obscene Gestures	GRM48 ii	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Persists in USC Behaviour	GRM48 iii	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Making a Travesty of the Game	GRM48 iv	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game

Match Penalties (Automatic Hearing Required)			
Infraction	Penalty Code	Suspension	Fine
Boarding	MP33	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Butt-Ending	MP35	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Charging	MP37	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Checking from Behind	MP38	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Cross-Checking	MP40	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Elbowing	MP42	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Fighting	MP45	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
High-Sticking	MP50	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Kicking	MP57	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Kneeing	MP59	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Abuse of Officials	MP62	OLA Review	\$500
Slashing	MP64	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Spearing	MP65	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Throwing the Stick	MP69	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Unnecessary Roughness	MP72	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game

OLA U15, U17 AND U22 DISCIPLINE

Game Misconducts			
Infraction	Penalty Code	Suspension	Fine
Infractions within the Exchange Box	GM3	1 Game	\$20
Illegal Helmet	GM11	Balance of Game	\$20
Illegal Equipment	GM13	Balance of Game	\$20
Verbal Contact at Intermission	GM17	1 Game	\$20
Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Reviewable)	GM28	1–5 Game(s)	\$20/Game
Attempt to Butt-End	GM35	1 Game	\$20
Checking from Behind	GM38	1 Game	\$20
Fighting	GM45A	2 Games	\$40
Fighting: Restarting Fight	GM45C	2 Games	\$40
Fighting: Off the Playing Surface	GM45D	4 Games	\$80
Fighting: Failure to Clear the Area	GM45E	1 Game	\$20
High-Sticking	GM50	2 Games	\$40
Attempt to Kick	GM57	1 Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: End of Period	GM60B	Balance of Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: Altercation	GM60C	4 Games	\$80
Attempt to Spear	GM65	1 Game	\$20
Third Player into an Altercation	GM67	2 Games	\$40
Second Major Penalty	GM77	1 Game	\$20
Second Misconduct Penalty	GM78	1 Game	\$20

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OLA TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

OIC APPOINTMENT & RESPONSIBILITIES

Qualifications & Selection:

1. Must be a currently certified official in good standing, and is recommended to have at least three years of lacrosse officiating experience at the level of play of the tournament.
2. OIC's are appointed by the Host Club, and approved by the OLA Tournament Committee.

Responsibilities

1. Familiarity with:
 - a. The Lacrosse Canada (LC) Rule and Situation Handbook
 - b. Applicable LC and OLA memos and technical bulletins (Equipment Examinations)
 - c. The Invitational Tournament Guidelines in this booklet
 - d. The OLA's Automatic Discipline Policy
2. Attend tournament committee meetings (as requested) in the lead-up to the tournament
3. In conjunction with the Tournament Director, determine a process for distributing game fees to officials.
4. Inquire with the Tournament Director if specific amenities will be provided to referees, including water, meals, accommodations for out-of-town officials, etc.
5. Recruit referees a minimum of 30 days prior to the start of the tournament to ensure sufficient referees are acquired. To determine the number of referees necessary, ask for an estimate of the number of games expected to be scheduled from the Tournament Director.
6. Distribute the officiating schedule to officials a minimum of seven days prior to the first day of the event. All assignments must be confirmed, at least 72 hours before the start of the tournament. The completed schedule is to be shared with the Tournament Director.
7. Ensure the referees have, 5 days prior to the start of the tournament, the following:
 - a. Tournament referee schedule
 - b. Tournament-specific rules
 - c. Information on payment and amenities
8. Provide each arena tournament convenor a copy of the officiating assignment schedule (not to be displayed or shared with any attendees).
9. Instruct each official to check in with the arena tournament convenor upon arrival.
10. Be on-site for the duration of the tournament to oversee and manage issues that may arise. If multiple arenas are used, inform the arena convenors of your arrival & departure from the facility. If you are required to be elsewhere at any point during the tournament, this must be communicated in advance to the Tournament Director. You are responsible for arranging a qualified substitute to cover for you.
11. Attend all scheduled hearings.
12. Within 3 days of the completion of the tournament, provide the tournament convenor with a final copy of your schedule, a document detailing the fees paid to each referee, copies of any SIRs completed, and any other document requested.

MINOR BOX OFFICIATING AGREEMENT 2025 TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATIONS & GAME FEES



2025 On-Floor Officiating Fees:

1. Minor and Girls' Box Lacrosse Invitational Tournament & Provincials Officiating Fees

Division	Game Length	2025 Season
Team Ontario Selection Camps	per hour basis	\$35/hour
Paperweight	per hour basis	\$26/official/game
U9 and U11	3 x 15 min periods	\$32/official/game
U13 and U15	3 x 15 min periods	\$34/official/game
U17*	3 x 15 min periods	\$38/official/game
U22*	3 x 15 min periods	\$40/official/game

**Three on-floor officials may be assigned in certain circumstances, as determined by the VP Officiating*

- House leagues are permitted to set their own game rates in consultation with their Association OIC and/or Zone OIC;
- Zones are permitted to set their own game rates in consultation with their Zone OIC;
- House leagues and Zones are permitted to set their own kilometer allowances, if applicable, but it is encouraged for zones and tournaments to provide compensation at \$0.55/km return trip to offset expenses;
- In the event of dispute, the final decision will be made by OLA VP Officiating;
- All box lacrosse games between competing clubs require a minimum of two certified officials, regardless of the status of the game. The only exception is the OLA 3-on-3 Mini Game program in which the playing rules are modified to reduce contact between players, where one of the two on-floor officials may be substituted with coaches from both teams for the purpose of instruction and development of players.



OLA TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

TIE-BREAKER FORMAT (TWO TEAMS)

In the event of a tie in points between two teams, the final standings shall be determined as follows:

1. The team that won the greater number of points in games played, during the competition, between the teams tied shall be declared the winner of the higher position. (HEAD TO HEAD)
2. If tie still exists, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. **All goals scored in the games during the competition** shall be used in the goal average computation. The Goal Average Formula is defined as Goals For divided by Goals For plus Goals Against.

GOALS FOR GOALS FOR + GOALS AGAINST

The team with the closest goal average to 1.0 is declared the winner

3. If a tie still exists, the team with least penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games played shall be declared the winner. In the case where the teams have not played the same number of games, the lowest average of the penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games shall be used to declare the winner.
4. If a tie still exists, then a coin toss will decide the winner.



OLA TIE-BREAKER FORMAT (THREE OR MORE TEAMS)

In the event of a tie in points between more than two teams, the final standings shall be determined as follows:

1. The team(s) that won the greater number of points in games played during the competition, between the team(s), tied shall be declared the winner of the higher position (HEAD TO HEAD TO HEAD).
2. If tie still exists, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. **All goals scored in the games played between the tied teams** during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation. The Goal Average Formula is defined as Goals For divided by Goals For Plus Goals Against.

$$\frac{\text{GOALS FOR}}{\text{GOALS FOR} + \text{GOALS AGAINST}}$$

The team with the closest goal average to 1.0 is declared the winner

3. If tie still exists, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. **All goals scored in all games played during the competition** shall be used in the goal average computation. The Goal Average Formula is defined as Goals For divided by Goals For plus Goals Against.

$$\frac{\text{GOALS FOR}}{\text{GOALS FOR} + \text{GOALS AGAINST}}$$

The team with the closest goal average to 1.0 is declared the winner

4. If a tie still exists, the team with least penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games played shall be declared the winner. In the case where the teams have not played the same number of games, the lowest average of the penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games shall be used to declare the winner.
5. If a tie still exists, then a coin toss will decide the winner.

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COMMON MINOR REGULATIONS FOR REFERENCE

These rules and regulations are included because they are commonly referenced during tournament play. When in doubt about applying a rule or regulation to a unique situation, or for more information, contact tournaments@ontariolacrosse.com.

1. Each team consists of a minimum of 6 players (5 runners and 1 goaltender) and a maximum of 20 players (18 runners and 2 goaltenders). *MR4.01, LC Rule 14*
2. Each team will consist of a minimum of 2 bench staff (one certified coach and one certified trainer) and a maximum of 5 bench staff (four certified coaches and one certified trainer). *MR2.12*
3. In the event that a Box game must be called due to floor conditions or unforeseen circumstances the game shall be considered 'final' if two (2) complete periods of play have transpired. If two periods have not been completed the remainder of the game must be rescheduled and played. *MR7.07(b)*
4. The sale or provision of alcoholic beverages or spirits by the sponsoring club or hosting organization at any minor event sanctioned by the Corporation is prohibited. Disciplinary action will be taken by the Board of Directors on any violation of this regulation. *MR7.12(a)*
5. Whenever possible, the Corporation shall arrange the schedule in playoffs and championship tournaments so that every team will be allowed three (3) hours rest between games. *MR7.05(b)*
6. OLA Player Movement for Invitational Tournaments and Provincial Championships:

		HIGHER AGE DIVISION TEAM RATING				
LOWER AGE DIVISION TEAM RATING	Skill Category	A	B	C	D	E
	A ↑	5	3	0	0	0
	B ↑	5	5	3	0	0
	C ↑	5	5	5	3	0
	D ↑	5	5	5	5	3
	E ↑	5	5	5	5	5

MR4.02

The Corporation will permit the movement of box players from the next lower age category team in the same organization in the following sequence:

From an equal or lower division, up to 5 players may move up.

From the next higher division, up to 3 players may move down.

No movement is permitted downward from any higher than one division.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE SAMPLES

8 Team - 4 Game Guarantee (Single Pads)

Division	Game #	Arena	Date	Day	Start	End	Home	Away	Details
U15	U15-1	Howard Darwin	07-Jun-24	Fri	14:00	15:00	West Durham	Oakville Hawks	U15 RR
U15	U15-2	Howard Darwin	07-Jun-24	Fri	15:00	16:00	Orangeville Northmen	Akwesasne Storm	U15 RR
U15	U15-3	Howard Darwin	07-Jun-24	Fri	17:00	18:00	Whitby Warriors	Northumberland Nemesis	U15 RR
U15	U15-4	Howard Darwin	07-Jun-24	Fri	18:00	19:00	Nepean Knights	Halton Hills Bulldogs	U15 RR
U15	U15-5	Johnny Leroux	08-Jun-24	Sat	9:00	10:00	Nepean Knights	West Durham	U15 RR
U15	U15-6	Johnny Leroux	08-Jun-24	Sat	10:00	11:00	Halton Hills Bulldogs	Oakville Hawks	U15 RR
U15	U15-7	Johnny Leroux	08-Jun-24	Sat	11:00	12:00	Whitby Warriors	Orangeville Northmen	U15 RR
U15	U15-8	Johnny Leroux	08-Jun-24	Sat	12:00	13:00	Northumberland Nemesis	Akwesasne Storm	U15 RR
U15	U15-9	Johnny Leroux	08-Jun-24	Sat	14:00	15:00	Halton Hills Bulldogs	West Durham	U15 RR
U15	U15-10	Johnny Leroux	08-Jun-24	Sat	16:00	17:00	Oakville Hawks	Nepean Knights	U15 RR
U15	U15-11	Johnny Leroux	08-Jun-24	Sat	18:00	19:00	Northumberland Nemesis	Orangeville Northmen	U15 RR
U15	U15-12	Johnny Leroux	08-Jun-24	Sat	19:00	20:00	Akwesasne Storm	Whitby Warriors	U15 RR
U15	U15-13	Howard Darwin	09-Jun-24	Sun	9:30	10:30	4th U15A	4th U15B	U15 Con
U15	U15-14	Howard Darwin	09-Jun-24	Sun	10:30	11:30	3rd U15A	3rd U15B	U15 Con
U15	U15-15	Bell	09-Jun-24	Sun	11:00	12:00	1st U15A	2nd U15B	U15 SF 1
U15	U15-16	Jack Charron	09-Jun-24	Sun	11:00	12:00	1st U15B	2nd U15A	U15 SF 2
U15	U15-17	Bell	09-Jun-24	Sun	16:00	17:00	Winner U15-15	Winner U15-16	U15 F

7 Team - 4 Game Guarantee (Single Pads)

Division	Day	Start	End	Home	Away
U13	Fri	16:00	17:00	Wallaceburg	Arthur
U13	Fri	16:00	17:00	Hamilton	Stayner
U13	Fri	19:00	20:00	Six Nations	Akwesasne
U13	Fri	19:30	20:30	Hamilton	Kitchener
U13	Sat	10:00	11:00	Akwesasne	Arthur
U13	Sat	10:00	11:00	Kitchener	Six Nations
U13	Sat	11:00	12:00	Wallaceburg	Stayner
U13	Sat	13:30	14:30	Hamilton	Arthur
U13	Sat	15:00	16:00	Six Nations	Wallaceburg
U13	Sat	15:30	16:30	Stayner	Kitchener
U13	Sat	16:30	17:30	Hamilton	Akwesasne
U13	Sun	9:30	10:30	Six Nations	Arthur
U13	Sun	9:30	10:30	Kitchener	Wallaceburg
U13	Sun	10:30	11:30	Stayner	Akwesasne
U13	Sun	14:30	15:30	1st	2nd

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