



## ONTARIO LACROSSE AUTOMATIC MINOR DISCIPLINE POLICY (2020)

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The Ontario Lacrosse Association's Automatic Discipline Policy is in effect for all participants (players, bench personnel, volunteers) of the Tyke, Novice, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget, Intermediate and corresponding girls' divisions of OLA box lacrosse, whether or not the team's participants are "dressed" for the game or event, when competing in all sanctioned events. All fines and suspensions are automatic once they have been recorded on the OLA game sheet and signed off by the referees. It is the sole responsibility of the penalized team to adhere to the OLA's Automatic Minor Discipline Policy throughout the entire season. Discipline is assessed according to the appropriate charts, using the following guidelines:

1. For Tyke, Novice and Pee Wee participants, discipline will be assessed according to the attached chart. For Bantam, Midget and Intermediate participants, discipline will be assessed according to the attached chart. For Pee Wee players who are competing as Affiliated Players in the Bantam Division, discipline will be assessed according to the Bantam, Midget and Intermediate 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 may be served in the division in which it was assessed or in the division in which the player is registered (but only in one division at a time);
6. 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;
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 Pee Wee or below, or 36 penalty minutes in Bantam or above, will receive an automatic game misconduct at the conclusion of the game in accordance with the OLA's Total Penalty Minutes Policy. For the first and second occurrences in the same season, a one game suspension and a fine of \$20 will result. For the third occurrence in the same season, a two-game suspension and a fine of \$40 will result.
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-ii) during the Ontario Lacrosse Festival Provincial Championships will be subject to the discipline as outlined in the appropriate chart, in addition to being disqualified from any further participation, in any division.
14. Participants who confront or engage with spectators off the playing surface will be subject to a fine of \$200 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 by the referees.
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 \$200 dollars plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic OLA Review to determine the appropriate discipline for the bench personnel.
16. 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 \$200 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 \$200 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.
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.

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, 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 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 coaches in the same calendar year under GM28 i, an automatic 3-game suspension and a \$50 fine will be ordered. For second offense trainers under GM28 i, an automatic 5-game suspension and a \$50 fine will be ordered. For third offense players and bench personnel under GM 28 i, Automatic OLA Review will result.

**Note 4:** \*\* For second offense players and coaches in the same calendar year under GM28 ii, an automatic 5-game suspension and a \$100 fine will be ordered. For second offense trainers under GM28 ii, an automatic 10-game suspension and a \$100 fine will be ordered. For third offense players and bench personnel under GM 28 ii, Automatic OLA Review will result.

# OLA TYKE, NOVICE & PEE WEE 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 *           | GM28 i       | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| Abuse of Officials **               | GM28 ii      | 3 Games         | \$50 |
| Attempt to Butt-End                 | GM35         | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| Checking from Behind                | GM38         | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| Fighting                            | GM45A        | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| Fighting: Restarting Fight          | GM45C        | 1 Game          | \$40 |
| Fighting: Off the Playing Surface   | GM45D        | 3 Games         | \$40 |
| Fighting: Failure to Clear the Area | GM45E        | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| High-Sticking                       | GM50         | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| 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 | \$40 |
| Obscene Gestures              | GRM48 ii     | Minimum 2 Games | \$40 |
| Persists in USC Behaviour     | GRM48 iii    | Minimum 2 Games | \$40 |
| Making a Travesty of the Game | GRM48 iv     | Minimum 2 Games | \$40 |

## Match Penalties (Automatic Hearing Required)

| Infraction            | Penalty Code | Suspension      | Fine  |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------|
| Boarding              | MP33         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Butt-Ending           | MP35         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Charging              | MP37         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Checking from Behind  | MP38         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Cross-Checking        | MP40         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Elbowing              | MP42         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Fighting              | MP45         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| High-Sticking         | MP50         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Kicking               | MP57         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Kneeing               | MP59         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Abuse of Officials    | MP62         | OLA Review      | \$500 |
| Slashing              | MP64         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Spearing              | MP65         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Throwing the Stick    | MP69         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Unnecessary Roughness | MP72         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |

# OLA BANTAM, MIDGET AND INTERMEDIATE 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 *           | GM28 i       | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| Abuse of Officials **               | GM28 ii      | 3 Games         | \$50 |
| Attempt to Butt-End                 | GM35         | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| Checking from Behind                | GM38         | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| Fighting                            | GM45A        | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| Fighting: Restarting Fight          | GM45C        | 2 Games         | \$40 |
| Fighting: Off the Playing Surface   | GM45D        | 4 Games         | \$40 |
| Fighting: Failure to Clear the Area | GM45E        | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| High-Sticking                       | GM50         | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| 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         | \$40 |
| Attempt to Spear                    | GM65         | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| Third Player into an Altercation    | GM67         | 2 Games         | \$20 |
| Second Major Penalty                | GM77         | 1 Game          | \$20 |
| Second Misconduct Penalty           | GM78         | 1 Game          | \$20 |

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| Infraction                    | Penalty Code | Suspension      | Fine |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|------|
| Derogatory Comments           | GRM48 i      | Minimum 2 Games | \$40 |
| Obscene Gestures              | GRM48 ii     | Minimum 2 Games | \$40 |
| Persists in USC Behaviour     | GRM48 iii    | Minimum 2 Games | \$40 |
| Making a Travesty of the Game | GRM48 iv     | Minimum 2 Games | \$40 |

## Match Penalties (Automatic Hearing Required)

| Infraction            | Penalty Code | Suspension      | Fine  |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------|
| Boarding              | MP33         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Butt-Ending           | MP35         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Charging              | MP37         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Checking from Behind  | MP38         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Cross-Checking        | MP40         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Elbowing              | MP42         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Fighting              | MP45         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| High-Sticking         | MP50         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Kicking               | MP57         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Kneeing               | MP59         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Abuse of Officials    | MP62         | OLA Review      | \$500 |
| Slashing              | MP64         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Spearing              | MP65         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Throwing the Stick    | MP69         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |
| Unnecessary Roughness | MP72         | Minimum 2 Games | \$40  |