



Rules & Regulations 2025

ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

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ONTARIO LACROSSE RULES & REGULATIONS**(OR refers to Ontario Regulations)****OR2.01 - HARASSMENT**

OR2.01(a) The OLA is committed to promoting a sport environment in which the terms and conditions of participation are equitable and non-discriminatory. Every participant has the right to be treated with dignity and respect and to work, train and compete in a environment conducive to productivity, self-development and performance advancement based upon individual interest and ability. The OLA will foster a sport environment free of harassment on the basis of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital/family status or an offence for which a pardon has been granted.

OR2.01(b) Harassment means any behaviour by a person engaged in any paid or volunteer role or function with the OLA that is offensive to any person, group of people, and is a violation of the issues covered in Article OR2.01(a) of OLA Rules and Regulations.

OR2.01(c) It is the overall objective of the OLA Policy on Harassment to create and maintain a work and sport environment free from harassment. Individuals who experience harassment are encouraged to take the appropriate actions to put an end to the harassment and seek adequate redress. Harassment which is unintentional may be stopped by informing the harasser(s) that the behavior is offensive. If the behavior continues, the individual should file a complaint in the manner described in the OLA Discipline Policy.

OR2.01(d) If an individual feels uncomfortable or threatened about confronting the harasser(s) on their own, a complaint should be filed directly in accordance with the OLA Code of Conduct. The OLA takes any complaint seriously, and will investigate and respond in a sensitive, effective and timely manner.

OR2.01(e) The OLA believes that harassment is a serious offence. It is also a serious offence to falsely accuse someone of harassment. If the results of the investigation find that there has been harassment or that there has been an intentional false accusation of harassment, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with the OLA Discipline Policy.

OR3.01 – CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK (CRC) (Vulnerable Sector)

OR3.01(a) All OLA bench personnel (coaches, staff, trainers, etc.) and all OLA certified officials (box and field) who are 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year must submit a current Criminal Record Check (Vulnerable Criminal Record Check) (CRC) upon registering for the current year. For previously approved individuals, an Offense Declaration must be submitted as per OR3.01(b). It is the position of the OLA that all OLA member clubs with additional registered volunteers who have direct contact with persons 17 years of age or younger, or any vulnerable persons, also submit a CRC. All OLA employees and Staff must submit a CRC.

OR3.01(b) All OLA players who are 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year are required to self-declare if they have been charged or convicted of an indictable offense under the Criminal Code of Canada upon registering for the current year. The Ontario Lacrosse Association will not knowingly offer the opportunity for new or continued involvement to any person with a record of criminal charges or convictions for any criminal offense committed against a person under 18 years old or any offense which may pose a risk to the well-being of the association's vulnerable sector, volunteers and/or staff. Individuals may appeal a decision related to their involvement by following the OLA's Appeals Process.

NOTE: Self-declaration should not include: absolute/conditional discharges, convictions for which an individual has received a pardon, Youth Convictions under the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), offenses where there were no convictions, provincial/municipal offenses, any charges for which the individual received a stay of proceedings.

OR3.01(c) A current CRC must be submitted by all prospective volunteers to the club's Privacy Officer for the current year. The CRC must be date stamped no later than the previous calendar year. The CRC will be valid for consecutive years supported by an annual OLA Offense Declaration.

OR3.01(d) Individuals as outlined in OR4.01 (a) who do not submit a CRC will not be approved or eligible to participate in OLA programs until a valid CRC is submitted.

OR3.01(e) It is the position of the OLA that all OLA member clubs with athletes 17 years of age or younger institute a policy which states that no adult will be alone with a child.

OR3.01(f) It is the responsibility of all OLA Member Clubs to ensure that all coaches, trainers, therapists, volunteers and management personnel, including but not limited to volunteers who have direct contact with minor-aged players 17 years old or younger, have a current CRC or an OLA Offense Declaration Form on file. It is the specific responsibility of the OLA to ensure that all OLA Registered officials (Box and Field), Provincial Teams and OLA Staff have a current CRC or an OLA Offense Declaration Form on file.

OR3.01(g) Any appeals relating to CRC will be handled as per the "CRC Operating Policy and Procedures Handbook."

OR3.01(h) Should an individual be charged with a Level 3 offense, that individual's membership with the OLA may be immediately suspended from participation pending the final outcome of all criminal proceedings (that would allow for the legal appeal process to be exhausted). Reinstatement of membership privileges shall be considered upon a written request being submitted by the suspended member to the OLA Privacy Officer.

Refer to the "CRC Operating Policy" for instructions, definitions and supporting documentation.

OR4.01 - CONFIDENTIAL FILE

OR4.01(a) Each OLA member clubs Local Privacy Officer shall create and maintain a confidential file which shall contain all Criminal Record Checks (CRC), OLA Criminal Record Check Reports and Offense Declarations. The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) Privacy Officer shall create and maintain a confidential file which shall contain Criminal Record Checks (CRC) and OLA Criminal Record Check Reports that the OLA Privacy Officer was required to adjudicate.

OR4.01(b) The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) and the Local Privacy Officer shall protect the personal information contained in the confidential files by making reasonable security arrangements against such risks as unauthorized access, collection, use, disclosure or disposal.

OR4.01(c) The Local Privacy Officer shall disclose the contents of its confidential file to the OLA Privacy Officer only with the specific permission of the prospective volunteer and only in regard to the specific content of the offence, omitting personal info that would reveal the identity of the prospective volunteer.

OR4.01(d) The Local Privacy Officer will submit their files of all Level 2 and Level 3 CRC's and supporting documentation in their possession annually by forwarding these documents to the OLA designated Officer/Lawyer. The Local Privacy Officer shall destroy all Level 1 marked CRC's and supporting documentation whenever an individual provides new documentation or said individual terminates their affiliation with that OLA member club.

*please refer to the “CRC Operating Policy and Procedures Handbook” for instructions, definitions and supporting documentation related to this amendment.

ARTICLE OR-V: LIFE MEMBERSHIP

OR5.01 Nomination Process:

Nominations for Life Membership must be made in writing, on the prescribed Ontario Lacrosse Association form, and must be in the office of the Executive Director of the Ontario Lacrosse Association no later than 5PM of the last business day preceding September 30th of each year. All nominations received by the Executive Director must be date-stamped and hand signed on the date they were received by the Executive Director or his/her designate. The Executive Director must confirm receipt of all nominations by return email.

After the submission deadline, as stated above, the Executive Director will present all of the nominations for Life Membership that have been received during the current year and those that have been retained in the Library file, to the Chairperson of the Life Membership Screening Committee.

The Chairperson will then call a meeting of the elected Screening Committee members. They will examine all of the nominations, to ensure that they all meet the required criteria. A majority vote of two-thirds by the Screening Committee must be reached for an application to go forward to the Board of Governors.

The Committee will send up to a maximum of two (2) nominations (with the Screening Committee having the ability, in exceptional circumstances, to bring any additional nominees to the Board of Directors) forward to the Board of Governors of the Ontario Lacrosse Association for their ratification if they feel there are any worthy of Life Membership consideration. If the Committee feels that none of the nominations meet the criteria for Life Membership distinction they will advise the Executive Director of that fact.

Non-approved nominations will be handled in one of the following two ways;

1. Non-selected nominations, that have been reviewed by the Committee, which have met the criteria, for possible approval, will go into the Library file, controlled by the Executive Director, and will be reviewed in subsequent years, along with any new nominations submitted that meet the criteria. A nomination in the Library file may be updated by the nominator and re-submitted as per the time-lines above.
2. Nominations that are rejected by the Committee because they don't meet the required criteria will be returned to the nominator, by the Executive Director with reason(s) why the nomination didn't meet the criteria. Future applications for a rejected nomination must address the reason(s) why the nomination was rejected and cannot be re-submitted until one cycle has passed after the year of rejection. A second time a nomination is rejected it must miss two more cycles before it can be re-submitted.

The Screening Committee's selected nomination(s), if there are any, will then be placed in front of the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Board of Governors at the Friday Board of Governors meeting at the Ontario Lacrosse Association's, Annual General Meeting.

At the Board of Governors meeting, the Chairperson of the Screening Committee will be asked to speak for the nomination(s) being presented for consideration for Life Membership. After hearing the Chairperson's presentation, the Board of Governors will vote, by secret ballot, on the nomination(s) presented to them to go forward to the General Membership for their vote. For a nomination to be successful and go forward to the General Membership, there must be a two-

thirds majority vote by the Board of Governors. If the Board of Governors don't approve a nomination it will go back into the Library file.

The Chairperson of the Screening Committee will detail the nominee's bio to the General Membership at the Ontario Lacrosse Association, Annual General Meeting. The General Membership will then vote by secret ballot. To receive Life Membership to the Ontario Lacrosse Association, a nominee must receive a two-thirds majority vote of the General Membership present at the Annual General Meeting.

If there is a newly elected Life Member, he or she will be notified by letter from the Ontario Lacrosse Association immediately following the Annual General Meeting. If the newly elected Life Member is in attendance, at the time of the vote, he or she will be notified publicly by the Chairman of the Screening Committee.

A newly elected Life Member will be presented to the General Membership of the Ontario Lacrosse Association at one of the following; at the Awards Banquet of the Ontario Lacrosse Association or the Semi-Annual General Meeting's luncheon. At the presentation, the new Life Member will be presented with their Life Membership Award as stated in OR6.03 below. They will also receive 4 banquet or luncheon tickets for their use.

Nominations for Life Membership must be sponsored by all of the following:

- the local association's president or league commissioner that the nominee worked with
- one member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Governors
- one member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors
- one existing Ontario Lacrosse Association Life Member

OR5.02 The criteria for Life Membership will be as follows:

1. service to the game of lacrosse must be at the highest standard of dedication at all levels that has brought dignity to the Ontario Lacrosse Association.
2. a minimum of 25 years of active service to the game of lacrosse, as a builder, in/or benefitting the Ontario Lacrosse Association and its membership.
3. service must include participation in 2 out of 4 of the following; Local, Provincial, National, International levels.
4. does not have to be currently working in the game of lacrosse.
5. a builder is defined as anyone that contributes to the game in a non-playing capacity.
6. Any remuneration shall be weighed against volunteerism.

OR5.03 Entitlements of a Life Member

When an individual is elected as a Life Member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association the inductee will receive the following:

- a Certificate of OLA Life Membership, (duly signed by the OLA President, OLA Executive Director and the Chairperson of the OLA Life Membership Screening Committee),
- an OLA Life Membership lapel pin,
- an OLA Life Member golf shirt,
- a Life Member game pass to all OLA sanctioned games. This pass entitles the Life Member, plus one guest, free admission to all OLA events being hosted in Ontario (regular season and playoff games at all levels of lacrosse), and

- one vote at each OLA Annual General Meeting they attend

OR5.04 Screening Committee

A Screening Committee will be appointed for a three-year term at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, as outlined in B7.04(b). After a Committee member has served their three-year term, that person can be re-elected again for another three-year term. The Committee will consist of a Chairperson and two other members. The Screening Committee will always have two Life Members sitting on it, one of which must be the Chairperson. Their duty will be to receive all nominations for Life Membership, from the Executive Director of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, scrutinize them to determine that they all meet the required criteria and the Committee will bring the nomination(s) forward to the Board of Governors of the Ontario Lacrosse Association for their ratification. All non-approved nominations will be sent back to the Executive Director to be handled as stated in OR5.01 above.

OR5.05 Special Note

Elections for the three-person Life Member Screening Committee will be as follows:

three-year term	non-life member	2019 to 2021
three-year term	life member	2020 to 2025
three-year term	life member	2021 to 2025

After the first three-year term of the non-life member, there will be an election each year and each elected committee member will sit for a three-year term. This program will give the Screening Committee continued continuity going forward.

ARTICLE OR-VI: MEMBERSHIP

OR6.01

In order to be a member, the individual must be registered in the current playing season, prior to any participation

OR6.02 - FAIRPLAY CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, PLAYERS AND PARENTS

A safe environment is one that encourages fair play, dignity and respect. Having a code of conduct for everyone involved - the organization, the parents and the children themselves - goes a long way to making it safer. It's a coach's responsibility to lay the ground rules and set the standards.

Players have the right to protection and support. They also have a responsibility (according to their age and experience) to do their part to build protective and support environments. Talk to your players about their role within their code of conduct - not just once, but throughout the season. Perhaps you could focus on one section at each practice. Point out examples of when the code is not being respected, and remember to emphasize when it is!

Parents, as every coach knows, are key to the success of a team and a season. Work with parents in helping them understand the part they play in promoting a safe and healthy sporting atmosphere. Their involvement is the first step.

Here are some suggested codes of conduct that will go a long way to promoting an atmosphere of respect and responsibility and encouraging safe sport.

Coaches Code:

As a coach I will:**Respect others, in victory and defeat by:**

- Treating players, parents, opponents, coaches and other officials fairly, regardless of gender, ethnic background, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- Directing all comments at the performance rather than the person.
- Never criticizing other coaches.

Put the health and wellbeing of my athletes first by:

- Co-operating with the parents or legal guardians of my athletes, involving them in their child's development.
- Conducting practices and games in ways that are mindful of the academic pressures placed on my student athletes and promote their academic success.
- Ensuring that the activity being undertaken is suitable to the age, experience, ability, and fitness level of the athletes.
- Co-operating with registered medical practitioners in the overall management of my athletes' medical and psychological health.

Be a good role model by:

- Displaying high personal standards.
- Abstaining from and not tolerating use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products in conjunction with sport and discourage their use and that of other banned performance enhancing drugs by athletes at all times.
- Not using profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language.

Stand on guard against abuse and promote a safe environment by:

- Reporting any suspicion of sexual abuse (and other situations when a child may be in need of protection, such as neglect) to the authorities and advising the board of executive.
- Refraining from verbal or physical behaviours that constitute harassment or abuse.
- Educating athletes about their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.

Player's Code**As a player I will:**

- Play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- Respect my fellow players, my coaches, the officials, my opponents and the game.
- Do my best to be a true team player.
- Remember that winning isn't everything, that having fun, improving my skills and making friends and doing my best are just as important.
- Acknowledge all good plays or performances, both those of my team and my opponents
- Participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- Control my temper- fighting and mouthing off spoil the game for everyone.
- Remember that my coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

Parent's Code**As a parent I will:**

- Remember that my child plays sport for their enjoyment, not for mine.
- Encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel severely defeated by the outcome of a game or event.

- Make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- Never ridicule or yell at my child, or another child, for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- Never force my child to participate in sports.
- Never question the official's judgement or honesty in public - I will take concerns to the proper officials.
- Respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches and other team leaders who give their time and energy to provide sport activities that help my child grow and develop.

OR6.03(b)

Each year, the Board of Directors shall establish Operating Councils for the various aspects of lacrosse, including a Combined Box Operating Council and a Combined Field Operating Council. The Combined Box Operating Council shall divide itself into a Junior-Major Operating Council (for the Junior C, Junior B, Junior A, Senior C, Senior B, Major Series and Women's Major Series divisions) and a Minor Operating Council (for the U7 through U22 divisions, including all corresponding girls' and women's divisions). The Combined Field Operating Council shall divide itself into Minor and Men's Field Operating Council (for the Ontario Minor Field, Ontario Junior Men's Field and Ontario Senior Men's Field divisions) and a Women's Field Operating Council.

The Combined Operating Councils of all Sectors together shall be known as the Council of Governors and shall have joint meetings of all Governors at least two times per year, in conjunction with the AGM and SAGM. Additional meetings may be scheduled in May to discuss the beginning of the season, and/or in September to review the most recent season.

OR6.03(b)

Membership on Sector operating councils shall consist of each of the League Commissioners and Zone Directors, from the respective areas that the relevant Council represents. A member of the Board of Directors, as appointed by the President, shall act as Chairperson on each of the Councils. Ex-Officio members of the Councils shall consist of the OLA Staff and the members of the Board of Directors.

OR6.03(c)

Each Operating Council (Major, Minor, Men's and Women's) shall have jurisdiction over the operations (i.e. player movement discipline, registrations, etc.) of its constituent bodies. Matters that overlap jurisdiction of an individual operating council shall be dealt with by the Combined Operating Council. However, each Council shall be accountable to the Board of Directors.

OR6.03(d)

(i) Each Operating Council(s) shall meet at least two (2) times a year. Special meetings may be called if requested by a majority of its members or at the direction of the Chairperson.

(ii) Two (2) cross-sector meetings of Operating council chairs and up to 3 other council members will be held annually. The first will be held in conjunction with the SAGM, and the other will be determined by the Operating Council chairs in consultation with VP Development.

OR6.03(e)

Officials shall have an Operating Council (known as the Ontario Lacrosse Officials Association) and shall have first right of jurisdiction over the operations (i.e. discipline) of its members. They shall be bound by the Bylaws of the OLA and accountable to both the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors. On either a two-year or three-year basis, representatives from the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Board of Directors and the Ontario Lacrosse Officials Association's Executive shall agree in writing to the terms of the officiating program, and shall communicate the

relevant information to the Board of Governors. This process will be finalized prior to December 15th of the calendar year prior to the season which the terms will come into effect.

ARTICLE OR-IV: TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

OR7.01

Any club or minor association in the Corporation which shall knowingly admit or retain as a player, coach, manager, trainer, or team executive, any person under suspension or expulsion from this association or knowingly play against a Club, Minor Association or players under suspension or expulsion shall forfeit membership in the Corporation.

OR7.02

Any Club, Minor Association player or group of individuals refusing to abide by the decision of the Board of Directors shall automatically forfeit membership in the Corporation.

OR7.03

If any member fails to fulfill its obligations to the Corporation, to the Board of Directors or to any other member; fails to abide by the rulings of the board of Directors or fails or neglects to pay fines or assessments levied by the Corporation, the Board of Directors may direct the treasurer to deduct from the performance bond such fines or assessments, the amount of any obligations and all legitimate expenses incurred because of such fault. Upon being notified of such deduction, the offending member shall restore the bond to its normal level within seven days. The Board of Directors shall have authority to suspend any team or member which fails to restore its bond to the required level, and may require any team to post such additional bond as the Directors may deem necessary from time to time.

OR7.04

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to enforce any policy, agreement, financial or other, entered into by members of the Corporation. Any member association of the Corporation including zones and councils, refusing or failing to abide by the decision of the board of directors in such matters, shall be liable to forfeit its membership in the Corporation, and shall be eligible for reinstatement only upon compliance with the directive of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall be empowered to collect such defaulted obligations by deductions from performance bonds or any legal means.

OR7.05

Any Club, Minor Association, person, or player who shall knowingly insert or cause any false information to be entered on a playing certificate, game report sheet, or any document, book or record which relates to the affairs of the Club, Minor Association or the Corporation may be expelled from the Corporation by the Board of Directors.

OR7.07

Any Club or Minor Association shall forfeit its bond or a portion thereof, and may forfeit its membership if it fails to complete its scheduled playing commitment or if the Club or Minor Association is suspended for any reason.

OR7.08

Each member association of the Corporation, including zones and councils must keep a set of books consisting of cash book and ledger, showing separately all receipts and expenditures for each season it operates. The cash book and ledger must be available at all times for inspection by the Board of Directors. Failure to produce books, within ten days after receiving written notice from the Corporation Executive Director shall constitute automatic expulsion from the Corporation.

OR7.09

The Corporation books shall be available at all times for inspection by a Membership Association upon request by said Member Association.

ARTICLE OR-VIII: MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS**OR8.01**

Any person eighteen years of age or over who is a resident of the Province of Ontario and whom a Governor, Life Member, Member Club or a Minor Association has nominated is eligible for election to the Board of Directors.

OR8.02(b)

Matters that affect only Major, Senior or Junior teams will be voted upon by those delegates in good standing from Major, Senior and Junior teams plus Governors and Life Members. Matters that affect only Minor Associations will be voted upon only by those delegates in good standing from Minor Associations plus Governors and Life Members. The presiding officer shall direct who is eligible to vote on a matter, unless a majority of all eligible voters shall direct otherwise.

OR8.03

The presiding officer shall not vote except in the case of a tie, and then shall cast the deciding vote.

OR8.04

There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put to the convention meeting for a vote by the presiding officer.

OR8.05

When a vote is called, it shall be in the manner prescribed by the presiding officer unless two or more delegates call for a standing vote or a vote by ballot, which shall be taken in such a manner as the presiding officer directs. Votes shall be counted on a standing vote or vote by ballot as requested by the membership and results of each vote shall be noted in the meeting minutes.

OR8.06(a)

No club or minor association shall be entitled to vote at an annual meeting unless its membership has been certified by the Directors and its bond, entry fee and any other obligations to the Corporation have been paid by October 31st. Nor shall any club or minor association be entitled to vote if it is under suspension or if it did not participate in the Corporation the previous season.

OR8.06(b)

All outstanding accounts from the previous season must be paid in full by December 31st.

OR8.06(c)

Any club or minor association that fails to settle their account by December 31st, will be suspended from participation until paid or arrangements for payment of all overdue accounts has been agreed upon by the Board of Directors.

OR8.07

If requested by the registrar, no delegate shall be permitted to participate in the annual meeting unless a certificate of authority has been submitted on his behalf signed by the President and Secretary of the club or Minor Association which he represents.

OR8.08

No delegate shall represent more than one team or Minor Association.

OR8.09

It shall be the duty of the Executive Director to prepare the agenda for the annual meeting. The agenda will be circulated 30 days prior to the day of the annual meeting, and any changes will be announced immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting.

OR8.11

A copy of the minutes of each meeting shall be sent to each club and minor association within fourteen days of said meeting.

OR8.12

No proxy votes are to be recognized at the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE OR-IX FINANCES**OR9.01**

The Treasurer(s), before receiving possession of the funds of the Corporation shall file with the President proof of being bondable.

OR9.02

Fidelity Bonds: The Board may require such officers, employees or agents of the Corporation as the Board deems advisable to furnish bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties, in such form and with such surety as the Board from time to time prescribes.

OR9.03

All cheques shall be signed by any two of the President, Treasurer and Executive Director.

OR9.04

At the annual meeting the Treasurer shall present to the Membership an audited statement of the financial standing of the Corporation accompanied by the bank statement which shall be returned to him immediately. The Bank statement will always be available to the auditor on request.

OR9.05

The books shall be audited annually by a recognized auditor. The appointment of the auditor shall be approved by a majority of the eligible voting Members of the Corporation at the AGM.

OR9.06

Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, the fiscal year of the Corporation shall terminate on the 30th day of September in each year.

OR9.07

No director or member may make financial decisions on behalf of the Corporation unilaterally.

ARTICLE OR-X HEARINGS**OR10.1****Hearings**

- a) The format of any hearing, whether in-person or virtual, will be made at the discretion of the Chair and communicated in the hearing notice. All related parties must be invited to attend the hearing.
- b) If the party in question does not attend the hearing, a decision will be made in absentia. Any party who does not attend a hearing is ineligible to appeal the decision.

OR10.2**Club / Association Release Hearings**

- a) Release requests must be acknowledged within three business days, and any hearings must be held within 10 business days of the Club / Association receiving the request from the Applicant. If the release request hearing is not held within ten (10) business days, the applicant shall automatically have their release request granted and the Club / Association will be considered to have no grounds for an appeal.
- b) All related parties must be invited to attend the hearing.
- c) The hearing will be heard by a minimum of 3 people, one of whom will act as the Chair.
- d) Within 5 business days of the conclusion of the hearing, all parties must receive a written decision which includes the following:
 - i. Issue in question
 - ii. Statement of the facts
 - iii. Date of request
 - iv. Date of acknowledgement
 - v. Hearing date
 - i. vi. Club affiliation(s)
 - ii. Decision
 - iii. Reasons for the decision
 - iv. Appeal process information
- e) If the written decision is not received within 5 business days of the conclusion of the hearing, the applicant shall automatically have their request granted and the Club / Association will be considered to have no grounds for an appeal.

ARTICLE OR-XI HEARING PROCESS

OR11.1

- a) All appeals must be filed within 5 business days of receipt of a written notification of the decision made by the club.
- b) The non-refundable fee for the appeal may not exceed \$100. Payment must be received prior to scheduling the Merit review determination.
- c) The merit review determination will be conducted by a minimum of 3 people, one of whom will act as the Chair. The committee will include the OLA Case manager, the OLA Executive Director (or a designate) and a League Commissioner or Zone Director who is not in conflict. The panel will only consider written submissions and responses which are received as part of the appeal request, but may request further information in writing if necessary.
- d) Within 5 business days of submissions, all parties must receive a written decision which includes the following:
 - i. Issue in question
 - ii. Date of request
 - iii. Date of acknowledgement
 - iv. Review date
 - v. Names of the Panel Members
 - vi. Decision
 - vii. Reason(s) for the decision
 - viii. Appeal Process information, if applicable
- e) If the written decision is not received within 5 business days of the conclusion of the merit review, the appellant shall automatically have their request for Player Movement appeal granted.

- f) The decision of the Merit Review Committee is final. If the committee deems that there is “No Merit” to the request, the player will return to their home centre. This decision is not appealable any further.
- g) If the Merit Review Committee deems that the request does have merit, the appeal process proceeds to the OLA appeal level to be heard by the panel.

OR11.2**OLA Hearings Case Manager**

- a) Shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors.
- b) Shall liaise with all parties to clarify the contents of both OR 10 and OR 11.
- c) Shall help to ensure timelines are met by all parties and communicate with the President and Executive Director.
- d) Shall ensure OR 10 and OR 11 are being followed and recommend amendments, as necessary over time.

OR11.3**OLA Appeal Evaluation Process**

- a) All appeal documentation must be filed with the President or Designate, Executive Director and OLA Hearings Case Manager, within 5 business days of a written notification of the decision of the first appeal hearing.
- b) In an exceptional circumstance, the Appellant may request an extension beyond the 5 business days. To do so, they must submit the request with all supporting documentation to the President or designate Executive Director and the OLA Hearings Case Manager, who will then notify the Respondent. The President shall make a final ruling on the extension. This decision is non-appealable.
- c) The President or Designate, in consultation with the OLA Hearings Case Manager and/or OLA staff, shall make a determination if the appeal request has the merits to proceed to a hearing. The determination shall be issued in writing and is non-appealable.
- d) In making the determination, the President or Designate shall consider the following factors as cause to grant an appeal;
 - i. Making a decision for which the Respondent did not have authority or jurisdiction as set out in the applicable governing documents
 - ii. New facts that were not available when the decision was made
 - iii. Failing to consider the relevant Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or approved policies of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
 - iv. Failing to follow procedures as laid out in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or approved policies of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
 - v. Making a decision that was influenced by conflict of interest or bias, where bias is defined as a lack of neutrality to such an extent that the decision maker is unable to consider other views, or make a decision that was influenced by factors unrelated to the merits of the decision
 - vi. Whether an appeal is expressly forbidden by any clause in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or approved policies of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.
- e) In certain circumstances, an appeal may be held via videoconferencing. This request, and the rationale for it, must be made at the time the appeal is filed. The final decision on videoconferencing will be made by the President or Designate as part of their determination. This decision is not appealable.
- f) The determination must be made within 7 business days of receipt of the appeal request and documentation. If the determination is not made within 7 business days, the hearing will automatically be scheduled.

OR11.4**OLA 1st Level & OLA Final Level Player Movement Hearings**

- a) Where it is determined that a hearing will be scheduled, the following procedure will be utilized;
- b) All hearings will be held within 10 business days of the appeal being granted.
- c) The fee for a first level appeal shall be \$100. The fee for a Final level appeal shall be \$300. Payment must be received by the OLA within 5 business days of the appeal being granted. Appeal fees are non-refundable.
- d) All parties will be given a minimum of 7 business day's written notice of the date, time and location of the hearing, unless all parties agree in writing to an earlier notification and hearing date.
- e) 5 Business days prior to the hearing, all documentation shall be provided to the OLA Hearing Case Manager by the Respondent. It will then be disbursed to both parties, within 5 business days and to the Committee who will be hearing the appeal. Any information not provided prior to the hearing, will be determined to be inadmissible.
- f) All first-level hearings will consist of a 3-member panel which may be made up from members of the following categories, provided they have no conflict of interest in the hearing;
 - i. OLA Life Members
 - ii. Board of Directors (Past or Present)
 - iii. Mr. Lacrosse Award Winners
 - iv. Members of the Governors Class
- g) All final-level hearings will consist of a 3-member panel which may be made up from members of the following categories, provided they have no conflict of interest in the hearing;
 - i. OLA Life Members
 - ii. Board of Directors (Past or Present)
 - iii. Mr. Lacrosse Award Winners
 - iv. Members of the Governors Class
- h) Should a legal advisor accompany any of the parties, they may not participate. Legal advisors are to be reminded that the hearings are not a legal proceeding and will be conducted per OLA Policies and Procedures.
- i) No voice or video recorders may be used during the hearing.
- j) Failure to attend a hearing without sufficient reason will result in the following;
 - i. An appellant will lose their appeal
 - ii. A respondent will lose the right to argue the decision being appealed. The hearing will proceed based on the documentation pertaining to the respondents' original decision.
- k) Witnesses, who have given written statements as part of the submission, may attend the hearing. Witnesses may only speak if called upon by the Chair of the Hearing.
- l) Any parties under the age of 18 must bring an adult to act as an advisor.

- m) Within 7 business days of the conclusion of the hearing, all parties must receive a written decision which includes the following:
- i. Issue in question
 - ii. Date of request
 - iii. Date of acknowledgement
 - iv. Review date
 - v. Names of the Panel Members
 - vi. Statement of facts
 - vii. Decision
 - viii. Reason(s) for the decision
 - ix. Appeal Process information, if applicable
- n) If the written decision is not rendered within the timeframe specified, the appellant may request an automatic hearing be granted at the next highest level. If the hearing is already at the highest level, they may request a new hearing be set up with a panel consisting of 3 new members. This hearing will be at no additional charge to the appellant.

OR11.5

If any information provided by any parties, is determined at a later date to be false, misleading or knowingly inaccurate, it may result in a reversal of decision, suspension and /or fines. A determination will be made within 7 business days after the report of the inaccurate information by the President or Designate. The decision will be final and not appealable.

OR12.0

OLA Appeal Hearings for Participant Discipline

Where it is determined that an appeal of discipline hearing will be scheduled, the following procedure will be utilized;

The President or Designate, in consultation with the OLA Hearings Case Manager and/or OLA staff, shall make a determination if the appeal request has the merits to proceed to a hearing.

- a) The determination shall be issued in writing and is non-appealable. In making the determination, the President or Designate shall consider the following factors as cause to grant an appeal;
 - i. New facts that were not available when the decision was made
 - ii. Failing to consider the relevant Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or approved policies of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
 - iii. Failing to follow procedures as laid out in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or approved policies of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
 - iv. Making a decision that is grossly unreasonable or unfair
 - v. Alleged excessive fine, fee penalty, bond or suspension
- b) The determination must be made within 5 business days of receipt of the appeal request and documentation. If the determination is not made within 5 business days, the hearing will automatically be scheduled.
- c) Players / Bench Personnel may not participate during the appeal period. If a final appeal, to the OLA, of the committee decision is filed, the individual may not participate until a final decision is rendered.
- d) Recorded evidence is acceptable, provided that it substantiates verbal evidence given by any party. Videotape evidence that shows possible errors in identification by officials shall be allowed.
- e) At the appeals level, the use of videotape evidence will not be used for supplemental discipline or to show errors or "missed calls" by officials.

The OLA will maintain an automatic discipline policy that is reviewed annually by the Commissioner of the Leagues for which the policy is in effect. Suspensions of four (4) games or

less, or fines of \$500 or less, are not appealable. Appeals may only be requested on behalf of the suspended individual. Junior to Major initial hearings shall be conducted using three Commissioners (Board of Governor members), with no conflict. Minor hearings shall be conducted using three OLA members with current or recent Minor experience.

OR13.0

OLA Code of Conduct

This code of conduct identifies the standard behaviour which is expected of all OLA members and participants, which for purpose of this policy shall include all players, guardians, parents, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, committee members, convenors, team managers, trainers, administrators and employees involved in OLA activities and events.

Section I – All individuals affiliated with the OLA shall:

- I. Attempt at all times to work toward the goals and objectives of the OLA and the game of Lacrosse, and towards the betterment of its members.
- II. Strive to heighten the image and dignity of the Association and the sport of Lacrosse as a whole, and to refrain from behavior which may discredit or embarrass the Association or the game.
- III. Always be courteous and objective in dealing with other members.
- IV. Strive to achieve excellence in the sport while supporting the concepts of Fair Play and Drug free sport.
- V. Show respect for the culture, social and political values of all participants in the sport.
- VI. As a guest in another province or foreign country, abide by the laws of the host jurisdiction and adhere to any social customs concerning conduct.
- VII. Members of the OLA shall refrain from actions, comments or behaviours, which are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist. In particular, behaviour, which constitutes harassment or abuse will not be tolerated and will be dealt with under the OLA's Harassment Policy & Code of Conduct.

Section II – An Individual's conduct shall be in question when they:

- I. Breach any of the above Section 1.
- II. Use their position within the OLA for unauthorized personal and/or material gains.
- III. Willfully circulate false, malicious statements, derogatory to any other member of the Association.
- IV. Willfully ignore or break the Bylaws, policies and/or rules and regulations of the OLA.
- V. Counsel others to ignore or break the bylaws, policies, and/or rules and regulations of the OLA.

Section III – General:

- I. The OLA endorses the principles of natural justice and due process which allows any individual the right to a hearing and an appeal of any action which affects their rights.
- II. The OLA and its member governing bodies agree to honor and enforce disciplinary action taken by those governing bodies upon the completion of due process.

Section IV – Discipline Procedures:

- I. Any report alleging a breach of Member obligation under this Code of Conduct shall be submitted in writing, along with a completed Code of Conduct reporting form signed by the complainant and an executive member of their club, association, league or council, to the OLA Executive Director and the OLA office within 14 days of the event/occurrence.

- II. Upon receiving a report, the OLA Executive Director shall immediately notify the OLA Executive who shall determine the merit of the complaint and determine if action is necessary.
- III. When a Code of Conduct report is received, a response from the OLA Executive Director is required to the complainant as to the determined merit of the complaint and the timeline for further action within 14 days. If a response is not received within the aforementioned timeline, then the code of conduct will proceed to the next step.
- IV. If action is determined to be necessary, the event/occurrence will be dealt with under normal OLA Discipline and Appeals procedures. An OLA hearing must be held within 28 days of the initial report being submitted to the OLA.

ARTICLE C-I: AFFILIATIONS**C1.01**

The Corporation may be a member of the Canadian Lacrosse Association, the governing body of lacrosse in Canada, or any successor or similar governing body.

C1.02

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to seek entry into or affiliate this Corporation with any other sports organization.

ARTICLE C-II: PURPOSES AND OBJECTS**C2.02**

To arrange and supervise competitions for the Corporation championships.

C2.03

To determine by such elimination competition as its' Board of Directors may decide, teams for entry into inter-provincial or international competitions that may be provided by the Canadian Lacrosse Association.

C2.04

To provide for the affiliation of other lacrosse organizations within its territory.

C2.05

To make grants out of the funds of the Corporation for patriotic, educational and charitable purposes.

C2.06

To carry on the business of the Corporation without the purpose of gain for its members and to use any profits or other acquisitions to the Corporation for the purpose of promoting its objects.

C2.08(a)

The Ontario Lacrosse Association condemns and refuses to ignore or tolerate any expression of racial, cultural or religious bias by all involved in the game of lacrosse, and furthermore will discipline any league, zone, association, team coach, player or official found to be involved in an incident of a racial, cultural or religious nature. The severity of the incident is to determine the level of disciplinary action taken. This may include suspensions, fines and/or removal of association membership effectively banning those responsible from league play for a determined period of time.

ARTICLE C-III: COMPOSITION**C3.01**

The Corporation shall be composed of Club, Minor Associations, and individuals who have been accepted as members and who agree to abide by and comply with the Corporation.

ARTICLE C-IV: LACROSSE WEEK IN ONTARIO**C4.00**

The Corporation composed of all clubs and minor associations shall foster and promote the game of lacrosse by officially recognizing Lacrosse Week across the Province of Ontario. Lacrosse Week shall commence the Friday prior to the long weekend in August and run for 10 full days, coinciding with the Ontario Lacrosse Festival.

REGULATIONS
(APPLICABLE ONLY TO: MAJOR, SENIOR, OR JUNIOR CLUBS)
R1.01 to R25.05 inclusive

ARTICLE R-I: PLAYOFFS

R1.01

The championship of the Corporation shall consist of Major, Senior, Junior and Female lacrosse in any classification and any other series deemed desirable by the Board of Directors.

R1.02

The winners of the play-offs in each series shall be declared Ontario champions and may represent the OLA in Lacrosse Canada playoffs.

R1.03

At the schedule meeting the clubs may decide the number of teams to enter the playoffs, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Playoffs shall be directly under the control of the Board of Directors.

R1.04

All games following the completion of the regular league schedule shall be defined and interpreted as playoffs.

R1.05

All clubs in the Corporation shall be grouped by the Board of Directors for the purpose of playing for the Major Series, Women's Major Series, Senior "B", Senior "C", Junior "A", Junior "B", and Junior "C" championships. The Board of Directors, at their discretion, may create a "D" series.

R1.06

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

- I. The team that won the greater number of points in games played, during the regular schedule, between the teams tied shall be declared the winner of the higher position.
- II. If tie still exists, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. Only goals scored in the games between the teams tied in points shall be used in the goal average computation. (See Goal Average Formula below).
- III. If tie still exists the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. All goals scored in all games during entire schedule shall be used in the goal average computation. (See Goal Average Formula below).
- IV. If tie still exists, the team with the greater number of assists on goals during entire schedule shall be declared the winner.

The Goal Average Formula is defined as follows:

$$\frac{GF}{GF + GA} = \text{GOAL AVERAGE}$$

R1.07(a)

In the event of a tie score at the end of regulation time of a regularly scheduled game, the teams will remain on the floor for a two minute rest period, which shall be followed by a ten minute overtime period. If the score remains tied, each team will be awarded one point.

R1.07(b)

In the event of a tie score at the end of regulation time of an OLA Playoff Game, the teams will retire to the dressing rooms for a ten minute rest period which shall be followed by a ten minute overtime period.

R1.07(c)

In playoff games, if the score remains tied at the end of the first overtime period, the teams may rest for five minutes. When play resumes, the first goal scored will terminate the contest. Sudden victory overtime will be played in ten minute periods and the teams may rest five minutes at the end of each period.

R1.08

In the quarter-final, semi-final and final series, the team finishing highest at the completion of the group schedule shall have the right of choice, as long as said team remains in the running, to the choice of opening game, home or away. If a final and deciding game is required, said team shall have the right to play this game on their home floor, unless otherwise agreed in writing by all parties.

R1.09

All games in which another team or the Corporation shares in the gate receipts must be played in an enclosed stadium or arena and an admission fee charged.

R1.10

Teams may have a maximum of six bench personnel on the bench during a game, one of which must be a certified trainer. All approved and carded Bench Personnel must meet the following requirements to participate in OLA sanctioned games:

- I. A first year Jr. to Major coach/bench personnel must have successfully completed the **Competitive Introduction** clinic. This grants the level of 'in training.'
- II. A second year Jr. to Major coach/bench personnel must have completed and submitted the clinic workbook prior to March 31st of the year following the clinic. This grants the level of 'trained.'
- III. A third year coach must have completed the balance of the requirements and be a fully 'certified' Competitive Introduction level coach.

NOTE: Trainers may be approved and carded to participate in OLA sanctioned games as Bench Personnel upon (1) completing and submitting an approved trainers course or (2) approved first aid program in the current or previous two years (as required by the certifying organization).

R1.11

The Commissioner shall contact the interested clubs to assist in arranging semi-final or final games with a view to having them agree upon places and dates for home and home games or a sudden victory game. Failing such agreement the Commissioner has the authority to notify teams when games shall be played and such games shall be played without appeal or further delay. If the decision of the Commissioner is not carried out, then the offending party(s) shall forfeit the games(s) in question by default and the attendant penalties shall be enforced (see R-XIV).

ARTICLE R-II: TROPHIES

R2.01

A club must be responsible for the care and safekeeping of any trophy won by the team of any of its players. If any trophy is lost or damaged while in the care of any team, or any of its players, the cost of repair or replacement may be charged to that club.

R2.02(a)

All trophies shall be returned to the Executive Director or commissioner of the series by the clubs responsible for them on or before July 15th in the current year. Such delivery in good condition shall relieve the team of any further responsibility for the care and safekeeping of the trophy or trophies so delivered.

R2.02(b)

Failure by any club to deliver any trophy or trophies in its care to the Commissioner before July 15th shall make that club liable to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

R2.02(c)

Failure by any club to deliver any national trophies into the care of the CLA before May 1st will be liable to a club fine of \$200.00.

ARTICLE R-III: FACILITIES**R3.01**

All clubs must advise the Commissioner of the location of their home games prior to drawing up the schedule or receiving permission to operate. Before being granted approval, every team must satisfy the Board of Directors that suitable accommodation is provided.

R3.05

The home team shall be held responsible for assuring that the playing area is suitable for all games to the satisfaction of the officials, and that police protection be provided if the Commissioner or President deems it necessary.

R3.06(a)

No club shall establish or arrange their games or home arena (or box) within a five mile radius of the home arena (or box) of a resident club in the same municipality unless written permission is provided by the said resident club and is filed with the corporation's Executive Director.

R3.06(b)

No team may change its home games from one arena to another without prior permission of the series Commissioner and the Executive Director. Such permission may be granted only if the move complies with the regulations.

ARTICLE R-IV: FEES AND BONDS**R4.01**

The annual membership fee shall be adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index for the period covering the preceding twelve (12) months ending August 31st in the current year, and published annually as part of the OLA Fee Schedule. Payment of the annual membership fees and any other obligation to the Corporation paid by the October 30th deadline for the current playing season shall entitle a team to two votes at the Annual General Meeting. The AGM Registration Fee (a portion of which counts towards the annual membership fee) is set through agreement between the Junior-Major Operating Council and the Board of Directors, with the balance due no later than April 1st of the playing season.

R4.02

All fees shall be paid to the Corporation by negotiable money order, certified cheque or cash. Cheques must be signed by the signing officers of the club and received by the Corporation Treasurer prior to the year end September 30th.

R4.03

All clubs must deposit at the Annual General Meeting a negotiable bond, payable to the Corporation, for the due playing of their games and playoffs and the fulfillment of their financial and other obligations to the Corporation, its officials and other members. The amounts of the penalties secured by such bonds shall be:

Major Series Lacrosse	\$1,000.00
Senior "B"	\$ 500.00
Senior "C"	\$ 500.00
Women's Major Series	\$ 500.00
Junior "A"	\$1,000.00
Junior "B"	\$ 500.00
Junior "C"	\$ 500.00

R4.04

In the event of the bond conditions not being fulfilled, the Executive Director shall collect the amount secured by same, and all legitimate expenses incurred by any other club in consequence of such non-fulfillment shall be paid out of the money forfeited and the balance, if any, shall be handed over to the Treasurer of the Corporation.

R4.05

Special bond arrangement involving mileage of clubs over 250 miles, one way, must be sanctioned by the Board of Directors.

R4.06

All bonding money shall be invested in trust. Interest accumulated on bonds held by the Corporation will be transferred to the Corporation Promotion and Development fund at the end of each session; and noted in the final financial statement.

R4.07

Bonds are to remain in the hands of the Corporation for thirteen (13) months after the club ceases to operate.

R4.08

Any team that enters any other league or association within thirteen months after ceasing to operate in the OLA shall forfeit its bond and any funds on deposit with the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

R4.09

If any other group, league or association accepted by the Ontario Lacrosse Association demands a bonding from its own clubs, such bonds shall be in addition to those required by the Corporation and set out in the Bylaws or Regulations.

R4.10

It is agreed and understood that all bonds, cash or otherwise, are a guarantee of clubs for the due playing of their games and playoffs and the fulfillment of their financial and other obligations to the Corporation, its officers, other teams and the carrying out of all orders of the Directors including fines for lateness.

R4.11(a)

At each Annual General Meeting, a member may present a promotional project for approval of the membership. To be eligible for presentation to the membership, each promotional project must be presented in the prescribed form as designated by the Board of Governors.

R4.11(b)

Each association shall be levied a per capita fee (Junior C to Major double per capita fee) for approved promotional projects (see MR 1.11).

R4.11(c)

All members eligible for voting purposes at the Annual General Meeting be levied a \$100.00 per one Association/Club fee. This money will go directly to the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum and in turn they will submit a Financial Statement yearly.

ARTICLE R-V: CLASSIFICATION & GROUPING**R5.01**

All clubs in the Corporation shall be grouped by the Board of Directors for the purpose of playing for the Major, Senior, Junior "A" and Junior "B" championships. The Board of Directors, at their discretion, may create a "C" or "D" series.

R5.02

The Corporation through its Board of Directors, recognized that all series may function better by establishing particular rules for each series. Therefore, following each Annual General Meeting a council will be established under Ontario Lacrosse Association jurisdiction for each series. These councils will consist of two representatives of each club in that series and a Commissioner approved by the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors as its Chairman. It will be the function of each council to operate its own affairs within the jurisdiction and sanction of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors. All such councils must hold a meeting after the close of the season prior to the Annual General Meeting.

R5.03

The Corporation, through its Board of Directors, reserves to itself the right to place teams in whatever series it may deem best in the interest of the Corporation but in all series, no team shall be admitted except with the consent of the Ontario Lacrosse Board of Directors.

R5.04

Any club having a team in another association must accept the schedule allotted to it as the Ontario Lacrosse Association district meetings.

R5.05

Where there are not more than six clubs in the Major or Senior series, only one group will be established.

R5.06

Any team entering from a township, county or other geographic area encompassing more than one municipality may play in an approved arena in that area but must name its "home municipality" and this shall be considered its home base for the application of all regulations including residence rule.

ARTICLE R-VI: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**R6.01**

Players must provide proof of online registration prior to any physical participation with any OLA teams. Those who have provided proof of online registration may be assigned to team rosters and reviewed, at the discretion of the Corporation, for all teams having fulfilled their financial obligations. Any Club or League found to have permitted a player to participate prior to properly completing their online registration will be subject to a fine no exceeding \$1000.00 per player. Such player will also be automatically ineligible to continue participating until their registration is reviewed by the OLA.

R6.03

No registrations or rostering to teams can take place until such time as the OLA provides the

Junior to Major 'Registration Portal' on the current registration platform.

R6.04

Each team will be allowed to roster registered players to their teams (and release as necessary), a maximum of 40 players. Junior teams may have no more than 23 players at any one time, and Senior teams may have no more than 25 players rostered at any one time (see R6.09).

R6.06

All players who register and those assigned to team rosters, as well as all teams accepted into the Corporation, do so with the understanding that they agree to come under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Lacrosse Association until properly released by the Corporation.

R6.07(a)

Players who are registered, protected, or rostered with any team in the Corporation shall not play or sign with any other team in any other competing league without the written permission of the OLA VP of Junior to Major. The leagues of recognized academic institutions are exempt.

R6.07(b)

Players who sign or play in another league or association without authorization shall be suspended for the balance of that season and for the entire season following, and are deemed to be not in good standing with the Corporation.

R6.08(a)

All Junior, Senior, and Major Teams must have a minimum of twelve players properly rostered to their team prior to the start of their first league game and throughout the regular season. Women's Major Series Lacrosse is exempt.

R6.08(b)

By July 1st of each season, a minimum of eighteen players must be properly rostered to Junior, Senior, and Major teams. Women's Major Series Lacrosse is exempt.

R6.08(c)

The penalty for breaches of the above rules will be \$500.00 for each player less than the minimum and loss of games.

R6.09

No Junior team shall have more than twenty-three players rostered at any one time. Major and Senior teams shall be allowed to roster twenty-five players at any one time. When the maximum number of players has been rostered, one must be released and removed from the roster before an additional player can be added in their place.

NOTE: When Junior B and Junior C teams have been eliminated from their league playoffs, Junior A teams may roster players from those teams a maximum of 25 rostered players, for participation in Junior A. Players must be returned to their Junior B or Junior C team at the end of the season. The fee to be charged to the Junior A teams for the use of players is limited to \$300 per player.

R6.10

A player may be eligible to play in a game provided that they have been registered and approved in the current year. In the case of players brought up on a per game basis, they must be registered and approved by the Ontario Lacrosse Association and be given permission by their respective clubs. Teams are required to keep authorization records of all affiliate teams, non-affiliate teams, or Minor association approved e-mailed game releases, until the conclusion of their current season, in case of any dispute.

R6.11(a)

The Corporation will not approve a Junior team rostering a player who has not attained their 16th birthday prior to the first day of January in the season in which the player intends to compete, unless a request for an exception is accompanied by a formal release signed by the authorized officials of their former team, a letter from the parents/legal guardian, and approved by the Board of Directors. Infractions of the above will be subject to the penalties defined in Regulation R6.21 (see regulation MR5.01(a)).

R6.11(b)

The Corporation will not approve a Senior or Major team rostering a player who has not attained their 21st birthday prior to the first day of January in the season the player intends to compete in.

NOTE: For Women's Major Series Lacrosse teams, the maximum number of rostered players at any given time is twenty-five (25), of which no more than two (2) can be under-aged (the player must have attained their 19th birthday prior to the first day of January in the season the player intends to compete in).

R6.12(a)

A player over the age of sixteen (16) may not be rostered to a Junior team from outside their own residential boundaries per residence rules unless accompanied by a release signed by officials of their residence Junior team (see Regulation MR5.01 (b)).

R6.12(b)

A Junior-aged player residing in a municipality that does not have a Junior team for them to play on must play for the Junior team closest to their residence. The distance shall be measured from the player's residence to the two or more municipalities concerned, by the shortest route and by mileage shown on the search engine dictated for OLA registrations for the current playing season. If the distance between the two nearest municipalities with a Junior team is 8km or less, the player has the right to choose between the two teams. (see R6.29 (a))

R6.13(a)

No player who is eligible by age for U15 competition may play in any Junior, Senior or Major exhibition or league or playoff games (see Regulation MR5.02 (a)).

R6.13(b)

No player who is eligible by age for U17 competition may play in any Senior or Major exhibition or league or playoff games (see Regulation MR5.02 (a)).

R6.14(a)

July 1st shall be the final date for rostering or releasing player, except that players previously released from any team on or before July 1st may be rostered in the same category (Junior A to Junior A, Junior B to Junior B, Junior C to Junior C), on or before July 15th, provided the team has an available roster spot. No further releases shall be allowed after July 1st, until January 15th of the following year.

R6.14(b)

Up to July 15th, Junior players released on or before July 1st may be rostered again with the same team, or if that team has its limit of twenty-three rostered, the player may go to the next nearest team which has an opening on their roster, and for which they are eligible. All players being rostered to a new team under this rule would remain the property of that team and could not be released or traded back to the releasing team the following year.

NOTE: Players released prior to June 1st would be exempt from this rule and, if released conditionally, would be eligible to return to their previous team in the following season.

R6.14(c)

U17 or U22-aged players who are rostered to a Junior team but who are going to be released back to their Minor team, must be released by that Junior team prior to June 1st of the playing year, (or earlier, as dictated by the Junior League's Policy Paper), in order to apply to be reclassified to play for their Minor team. Players who are not released from Junior teams prior to June 1st will be ineligible to return to their Minor clubs (see MR2.02).

R6.14(d)

Junior players who are going to be reclassified to a lower category Junior team must be released by that Junior team holding the player's playing rights, and reclassified prior to June 15th of the current playing season, or as dictated by the lower category Policy Paper (for Junior B – second Monday in June, and players from Junior A or Junior B being released to Junior C must be reclassified by May 22nd).

NOTE: Players being released after this date will be ineligible to move to the lower Junior team in that season.

NOTE: The higher level team retains the player's rights for their category at no cost, if the player returns.

R6.14(e)

When a player wishes to be reclassified to the next lower category, they must e-mail the request to the recognized contact for the team with which they are currently rostered, with copies to the VP Junior to Major and the League Commissioner. Once the OLA Reclassification form is fully completed, it must be sent to the team and the VP Junior to Major for approval. If the team does not respond with a decision within 10 business days, the reclassification becomes automatic.

R6.15

If a club rosters a player or players from a centre which has no team entered but which at a later date does enter a team, all players affected will have the choice of playing with the club with which they have been rostered or with the later entry. The players must notify the VP Junior to Major of their decision, by e-mail, before being rostered to the new club.

R6.16

If a club or team withdraws during the season, the players are frozen and become the property of OLA and the league, pending a decision regarding dispersal.

R6.17(a)

Any player refused a release by the club of which he is a member may appeal to the Corporation to be granted such release.

R6.17(b)

When a player requests to be released, they must do so in writing on the approved form and sent by e-mail to the recognized contact for the team with which they are currently rostered. They must also send a copy of this request to the VP Junior to Major and the League Commissioner. If the team does not respond with a decision within 10 business days, the release becomes automatic.

R6.18

If the player has been denied a release to transfer to another club within the Corporation and is now appealing the decision, the appeal shall be heard by the President, Commissioner and the VP Junior to Major. At the hearing of such appeal, the player and the clubs concerned, including affiliates, will have the right to be represented and heard. The decision of the Committee is final and the concerned parties will be notified by email or in other written form within three days of the hearing. A player granted such a release cannot practice, play or be rostered to a new team until written notification is received and any conditions of the release are fulfilled.

R6.19

Under no circumstances shall the Board of Directors, release a player from a club, if said player and club have not been invited to attend the meeting at which such releases are being considered.

R6.20(a)

No team may contact, influence, practice or play in league or exhibition games players who do not come under their jurisdiction in conformity with the above rules, the residential rule and the affiliation rule.

R6.20(b)

Prior to contacting a player, the club requires approval from the team to which they are rostered, along with all higher category teams, when the player resides in an area having other teams (Junior A, Junior B, Junior C, U22 or U17 for which that player is eligible). Players must be permitted to tryout with a higher category team, providing that the player continues to maintain their tryout obligations to their current team.

R6.20(c)

Undrafted players, of any age, whose Junior rights belong to a Junior team by residence, may not be rostered to a higher category Junior team without the agreement of the team holding the player's rights. If the Junior team holding the player's rights agrees to allow the player the opportunity to move up to play at the higher level, fees will be paid to the lower category team in the following amounts:

- \$300.00 in the player's first year of Junior eligibility (which, if the player is graduating from the U17 division, which would be split equally so that \$150.00 is paid to the Minor organization and \$150 is paid to the Junior team, prior to the first game of the season; and
- \$300.00 in each of the player's subsequent years of eligibility, to be paid annually to the Junior team, prior to the first game of the season.

NOTE: Teams may only lose a maximum of two players (drafted or undrafted), in one season and only one goaltender in five years, except by mutual agreement of both parties (in which case, fees may be negotiated).

R6.21

The penalty for breaches of the above rules will be \$1000.00 for the first offence and loss of game (if applicable). Further offences in the same year will result in a \$2000.00 fine and possible suspension of the team personnel involved.

APPLICABLE TO MAJOR AND SENIOR SERIES ONLY**R6.23(a)**

By January 15th, each club in the Major Series must submit a list of players (to a maximum of twenty-five) who may be rostered to no other team while their names remain on the list, to the Major Commissioner and the VP Junior to Major. This list shall be known as the "Protected List" and will include only:

1. Rostered players from their previous season
2. Graduates of their affiliate teams
3. Protected, but non-rostered players from the previous season
4. Drafted players as per 6.23(d)
5. Senior "B" players that are rostered to Senior "B" but a Major team other than their affiliate holds their Major rights.

R6.23(b)

Not earlier than January 15th and not later than February 1st, each club in the Senior B League must submit a "Protected List" which may include the names of players rostered by the same team the previous year, rostered by one of its affiliates and those eligible as in R6.23(a).

R6.23(c)

On the 15th of February, the Commissioners will circulate copies of the various 'Protected Lists' to all clubs.

R6.23(d)

Major Series Lacrosse will hold an annual draft of graduating Junior players no later than the Semi-Annual Meeting of the current playing season. Each team will be allowed to draft up to five (5) players. Teams acquiring draft choices from other teams through trades or other approved arrangements will be allowed more than five choices provided that such arrangements are approved by the Commissioner.

1. Players drafted in the first and second round in their graduating year will see their junior club compensated a \$300.00 development fee. Payment will be issued by MSL and MSL will collect payment from the drafting teams. The Major Series Commissioner will send the accumulated payments to the respective Junior Commissioners to arrive within 15 days of the date of the draft.
2. Players drafted in the third round of their graduating year would see their previous junior team compensated \$200.00 if rostered on the Major Series teams protected list by July 1st and players drafted in the 4th and 5th rounds of their graduating year would be compensated \$100.00 if rostered on the Major Series teams protected list by July 1st. The Major Series Commissioner will send the accumulated payments to the respective Junior Commissioners to arrive no later than July 15th.
3. Players protected by Major Series Lacrosse clubs in their graduating year and rostered on their protected list by July 1st will also see their junior club compensated a \$300.00 development fee unless covered by the respective affiliation agreements they have with those teams. MSL clubs will issue this compensation to their affiliate in a timely manner and no later than July 15th of the current playing season.
4. Funds not paid by the above due dates will result in player(s) becoming a free agent and the \$300.00 will still be payable.

R6.23(e)

No team shall be permitted to have more than a total of twenty-five players rostered or protected at any time.

R6.23(f)

All players rostered in the previous season and playing in the current season, or who appear on the "Protected List" must be reclassified by the VP Junior to Major prior to being rostered to a Senior "B" or Senior "C" team.

R6.23(h)

Players refusing to be rostered to the team that has their rights and has protected them may be suspended. A player suspended under this rule may request a review of the suspension by the Commissioner. If the player is reinstated, the suspending team may place the player on their Protected List. If the player's situation is not resolved, they may request the Major Operating Council to review the matter under section R6.17.

R6.23(i)

Players eligible to be placed on the Protected List who move out of province to play box lacrosse shall be placed on an Out of Province List until they return to the Ontario Lacrosse jurisdiction. Returning players must register with the Commissioners who will advise the protecting team to place the player on their Protected List. If the team doesn't wish to add the player's name to their

list, the player will become a free agent. If the player is a graduating Junior player, the transferring club shall be invoiced the \$300 draft fee prior to the VP Junior to Major approving the transfer.

R6.23(j)

Major Series Lacrosse will issue payment to the Junior leagues no earlier than conclusion of season and no later than October 1.

R6.23(k)

By March 1st, each club in the Women's Major Series Lacrosse must submit a list of players (to a maximum of twenty-five) who may be rostered to no other team while their names remain on the list, to the Women's Major Series Lacrosse Commissioner and the VP Junior to Major. This list shall be known as the "Protected List" and will include only:

- i. Rostered players from their previous season
- ii. Graduates of their natural affiliate teams and affiliate by agreement teams from the previous season, up to a maximum of five graduate players
- iii. Protected, but non-rostered players from the previous season

APPLICABLE TO THE JUNIOR SERIES ONLY**R6.24**

Only players who have not yet turned 21 prior to January 1st of the playing season shall be eligible to play in the Junior series. Proof of age shall be in the form of a birth certificate issued by the appropriate Registrar of Births or his equivalent. Alternative proof of age may be accepted by the Board of Directors (i.e. Native Band Card, Driver's Licence, Health Card, etc.).

R6.24(b)

If they are playing in a non-residence Minor Association, graduating U17 players revert to their residence centre for the purpose of their Junior eligibility.

NOTE: If the player has participated in a Minor Association which has a Junior B or Junior C team, for three years or more, they are protected from the draft as per R6.43(a) and R6.43(b), but must return to their residence centre for the purpose of registering for Junior competition and being rostered to a Junior team.

R6.25(b)

Any Junior team may have on their playing roster/lineup, for any given game, a maximum of five (5) players who have been rostered as "inter-provincial transfers, as per the Lacrosse Canada inter-provincial regulations. These players will be known as "rostered from out-of-province".

Any Junior team may roster up to two (2) "out-of-country" players each year and may not have more than four (4) "out-of-country" players on their roster. Teams may not have more than two (2) "out-of-country" players in their lineup for any given game, who were rostered by their organization in any given year. "Out-of-country" players are players who have come to Canada from the USA (or elsewhere) for the purpose of playing Junior lacrosse and have been rostered to an OLA team. A bona-fide family move will not be considered as coming to Ontario for the purpose of playing lacrosse.

Any player who has been rostered to an OLA Minor team and has an "out-of-province" or "out-of-country" residence, and has played Minor lacrosse in the OLA for three years (must have played their last three years of Minor lacrosse in Ontario before their draft eligibility year, i.e. played their last year of U15 and two years of U17), will then be classified as a registered OLA player when drafted. The player will no longer have the "out-of-province" or "out-of-country" status attached to their name when drafted. Traded or directly released players who have been rostered to an OLA Junior team as "rostered from out-of-province" (inter-provincial) or "rostered from out-of-country"

will carry this status with them to their new Junior team.

Any player that is rostered from “out-of-province” or rostered from “out of country” must be identified by the player’s club, and all supporting documents to verify that the player is eligible to be rostered shall be placed on file with the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

The player’s club must, within seven (7) days of being rostered, identify to all Junior series clubs that the player has been rostered.

R6.26

No player shall be allowed to be rostered to, or compete for, any club where they have not established residence in the centre to which this club belongs, and this must be established before the qualification date for residence in any playing season (exceptions are as noted below).

R6.27

The qualification date for residence must be as of January 1st in the current playing season.

R6.28

A player resident in a community represented by a club with a team entered in a category for which he is eligible to play must register with that club except where such player’s services are released by the club and subject to the Regulations and By-laws herein printed.

R6.29(a)

An over-age U17 player (17 years old), who is eligible for Junior but who is resident in a municipality or area with no Junior club entered in any series for which they are eligible shall be given the choice of where to play when the difference between their residence to the two or more of the next closest centre’s municipal boundaries does not exceed eight kilometers. The distance shall be measured from the player’s residence to the boundaries of the two or more municipalities concerned, by the shortest route and by mileage shown on the search engine dictated for OLA registrations for the current playing season. If a player is rostered by a team which is not the closest to their residence, a fee of \$300.00 is payable to the developing Minor Association. Junior teams will be limited to rostering one player each year on this basis. If the player plays with the nearest Junior team, there are no restrictions on numbers and no fee is payable.

R6.29(b)

Having made their choice, such player shall remain a member of the club for which they are rostered until properly released, or until the municipality in which they live operates a team for which they are eligible, when they shall have the choice of transferring to the new team in their own municipality or remaining with the team with which they have been playing.

R6.30

Players of Junior age or under must play for the club nearest to their place of residence having a team entered in a series for which they are eligible to play, providing that there is no team in their residence centre for which they are also eligible to play. Once having registered in a category, the player shall remain in that category until they become overage or are released by the club.

R6.32(a)

Once a player has been rostered and it has been approved by the Ontario Lacrosse Association, the team will retain the rights to that player’s services until they are released, unless they are transferred to a team on a conditional release recognized by the Corporation, or if the player was released to Junior while still a U17 aged player.

R6.32(b)

Although any club may attach conditions to a release of a player bound to it by the residence rule (subject to R6.33) no conditions may be attached to the release of a player passing through a municipality to sign for another team.

R6.33

No player may be conditionally released more than once by any club to a lower or equal classification. If any club releases any player to the same or lower classification a second time it must be an unconditional release.

R6.33(b)

Players released after June 1st must remain with the team to which they were released, for the balance of that season plus the following season as well. (Players in their final Junior year, are not affected by this ruling)

R6.34

If a player makes a legitimate residential change and upon requesting a release is refused, the player will have the right to appeal to the Corporation.

R6.35(a)

Any player rostered by a lower category club, including U22 but excluding U17 age or lower, when released by the club, may be rostered to a higher category club without releases needed by any other Junior clubs closer to their releasing category club. Such player movement will be known as direct releases and each club within the Corporation will be allowed three players to be rostered each year by means of direct releases. Direct releases only affect the movement of players to a higher category club. Players residing in Junior centres may not be released under this section without the consent of the Junior team in their municipality.

NOTE: Players released by Junior "A" teams under this section will be considered a trade for the receiving Junior "A" team (See R6.35 (c)).

R6.35(b)

Each Junior club in each series (Junior A, Junior B, Junior C, etc.) will be allowed to trade players to other clubs within their own series (i.e. Junior A to Junior A, Junior B to Junior B, Junior C to Junior C). The terms and conditions of intra-league trading are as follows:

Until the second last Saturday of June, trades may be made between Junior teams of the same classification. There may or may not be conditions attached. A team may roster a maximum of 3 players acquired as trades each year. If a team exercises their 3 trade option, one of these trades must be made on or prior to May 15th of the current year.

Note: Traded player(s) cannot be traded back to the trading team the following year under any circumstance by the receiving team or by any other means, unless they had been released prior to June 1st on the privilege of a conditional release recognized by the Corporation (see 6.14(b) Note).

R6.35(c)

If a resident player in a centre with two or more Junior teams is traded by a higher series team, the player's rights will be retained by the team(s) in any lower series.

Note: Non-resident players, who have previously played for the lower category team, would also be covered under this rule.

R6.35(d)

Any player rostered by a higher category club in a centre with only one Junior team, when released by the club, may be rostered to an affiliated lower category club from outside their residence centre without releases needed by any other Junior clubs closer to their releasing category club. Such player movement will be known as affiliated releases and each club in the Corporation will be allowed three players to be rostered each year by means of affiliated releases.

Players residing in Junior centres may not be released under this section without the consent of the Junior team in their municipality.

APPLICABLE TO THE JUNIOR 'A' SERIES DRAFT ONLY
R6.37 – R6.46 Inclusive

PURPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

To provide freedom of movement for players to progress to the highest level of play which they are capable.

PROCEDURES:

R6.37

The team which finished with the fewest number of points in the previous year shall draft first, followed by each team in the reverse order of finish in the previous season. The drafting position of any new team will be assigned by the Junior "A" teams of that drafting year.

R6.38(a)

Each year, representatives of those Junior "A" teams in good standing with the OLA will meet for the purpose of drafting overage U17 players (those players in their 17th year). This draft will be known as "The U17 Entry Draft."

These players will be drafted from OLA Minor organizations operating outside of Junior "A" centres. These players will have participated in the OLA U17 Series in at least one of the past two seasons. Players participating in Junior "B" or Junior "C" or U22 in the previous season and meeting the age and participation requirements, will also be eligible for the draft.

Each team eligible to draft will be allowed two draft selections.

NOTE: Centres that have a Junior "B" or Junior "C" club may only have one player selected in each year. Only one goalie can be drafted from a Junior "B" or Junior "C" centre in a 5-year period. If players are drafted and later found to be ineligible for any reason, the draft pick will be declared null and void, and that draft pick is lost to the drafting club.

R6.38(b)

Having drafted a player, the drafting team must advise the player and their former team by email within fourteen (14) days, with a copy to the OLA office and the Junior "A" League Commissioner(s). If contact is not made in this way, the draft of that player is cancelled, and the player reverts to being a member of the organization for which they were rostered in the previous year. Once a player's name appears in the minutes of a Junior "A" meeting as having been drafted, then the organization from which they were drafted is considered to have lost that player.

R6.39(a)

When a player is drafted, their Junior "A" playing rights shall remain the property of the drafting team regardless of whether the player is rostered to that team that year or not. If the drafted player has not been rostered to their drafting team prior to the start of the third regular season, then they shall become a free agent subject to the residence rule, but will always retain the right to be rostered to their drafting team at any time during their Junior career.

R6.39(b)

If a player or players choose in the next year (or future years) to be rostered with their drafting club, then it is possible for a municipality to lose the service of two or more players in that season.

R6.39(c)

If a drafted player (not rostered to a Junior "A" card) resides in a municipality, that after their draft, enters a team in the Junior "A" League, said player or players will have the same rights accorded to them under R6.15. If they choose to move to their home municipality (new team), the new team will give their next available year's draft as compensation on a first to apply basis. The next available year's draft will be the next available second round pick for players drafted in the second round or entering their last year of Junior eligibility. The original draft fee will be paid to the drafting team by the new team.

R6.39(d)

A drafted player who chooses to be rostered to their lower category team may play up with their drafting team as an affiliated player.

R6.39(e)

The drafted player has the right to choose whether they stay with their drafting Junior "A" team or return to the team in a lower category for which they are residentially bound.

R6.39(f)

If drafted player is not rostered with their Junior "A" team and is subsequently released to a lower category team, their playing rights will revert to the lower category team from which they were drafted. The drafting Junior "A" team cannot send the released player(s) to the Junior "A" club's affiliated team(s). The players must go to their residential Junior team, or to the next closest Junior team from their residence, if they are not rostered with the team that drafted them.

R6.39(g)

If a drafting team releases a non-residential player to their residential lower category team, that player will be considered an affiliated player with the drafting team and therefore may play up as an affiliated player with their drafting team. These players will not be allowed to play up with any other higher category team affiliated with the lower category team that they are rostered to. This will also allow these player(s) to play with their drafting team as an affiliated player in the playoffs.

R6.40

Each Junior "A" team may roster one or more drafted players without having to obtain a release for said players, from their team or any other team which may have territorial rights to them. The player drafted must have been rostered and must reside outside the recognized boundaries of a Junior "A" club.

R6.41

When a player is drafted, payment (cheque, e-transfer, etc.) for three hundred (\$300.00) dollars must accompany the draft choice. The OLA's copy of the letter sent to the team (Association) from which the player was drafted must be submitted within seven (7) days to the VP Junior to Major. The Junior "A" Commissioner will send the \$300.00 payment to the appropriate Minor Associations to arrive within 15 days of the draft. Photocopies of these payment records may accompany the OLA's copy of the draft letter.

R6.42

Being drafted does not affect the Senior or Major rights to this drafted player in any way. If they are drafted by a Junior club which is affiliated with a Senior or Major club, the player is exempt from that affiliation when their home municipality has a Senior or Major team.

R6.43(a)

If a lower category player resides in a municipality that does not have a Minor organization, and plays elsewhere for a Minor organization that has a Junior "A" franchise within its municipality and has played there for the three consecutive seasons prior to their draft eligibility, the player is then exempt from the draft and will become the property of that Junior "A" team.

R6.43(b)

If a player resides in a municipality that does not have a Minor organization, and plays elsewhere for a Minor organization that has a Junior “B” or Junior “C” franchise within its municipality and has played there for the past three consecutive seasons prior to their draft eligibility, the player shall be treated as a resident of the Junior “B” or Junior “C” municipality and subject to the conditions outlined in R6.38(a) Note.

R6.44

Any player who is rostered to a Junior “A” team while not being of Junior age, will revert to their Minor Association for the purpose of the draft.

R6.45

A player drafted by a Junior “A” team may be traded and then rostered to another Junior “A” team. When traded, the player retains their drafted status.

ARTICLE R-VII: AFFILIATION**R7.01(a)**

Major, Senior and Junior clubs will have an automatic affiliation with all teams in a lower classification in its resident centre.

R7.01(b)

All Junior to Major teams may have affiliated with it one additional lower-ranked team from outside their residence centre which is currently unaffiliated. If the lower category team is affiliated by residence, then it must have the permission of the higher category team(s) to which it is residentially affiliated.

NOTE:

Junior A to: Junior B, Junior C, U22, or U17 Minor Box
 Junior B to: Junior C, U22, or U17 Minor Box
 Junior C to: U22, or U17 Minor Box
 Senior A to: Senior B, Junior A or Junior B
 Senior B to: Senior C, Junior B, or Junior C
 Senior C to: Junior C or U22 Minor Box
 Women’s Major Series Lacrosse to: U22 (Junior) Women

NOTE:

Affiliation is an opportunity for the lower-ranked players to play up with the higher-ranked team in a greater number of games than if they were unaffiliated, as long as they don’t exceed the percentage ruling (R7.07[d]). Affiliated players cannot play for any other unaffiliated teams.

Affiliation does not imply ownership. If a player for the lower-ranked team has an opportunity to sign with an unaffiliated higher ranked team, either during the season or after, for the “Rent-a-Player” program (see R6.09 note), the higher ranked affiliated team has no input in the decision to permit the move.

NOTE:

For WMSL, an affiliated player may request consent from the affiliated WMSL club to play for an unaffiliated club. Any affiliated player can only play for one WMSL club in a single season.

R7.01(c)

A Junior “A” team can assign an unlimited number of resident players to their affiliate prior to June 15th.

R7.01(d)

A Junior ‘A’ team can affiliate with two Junior ‘B’ teams.

R7.01(e)

Any Senior "A" team without a residential affiliate may affiliate with both a Senior "B" and a Junior "A" or Junior "B" team, which are not currently affiliated to another team.

R7.01(f)

Any Senior "B" team without a residential affiliate may affiliate with both a Senior "C" and a Junior "B" or Junior "C" team, which are not currently affiliated to another team.

R7.01(g)

Any WMSL team without a natural affiliate may affiliate with 2 lower-ranked teams from outside their residence centre, which are not currently affiliated to another team.

R7.02(a)

A copy of the Affiliation Agreement involving the teams concerned, signed by the representatives of the teams involved, must be received by the OLA VP Junior to Major on or before May 1st of the playing season, and then approved by the Board of Directors.

NOTE: Teams in the same community are not required to submit this information as their affiliation is automatic.

R7.02(b)

If an affiliation is not approved by the OLA, both clubs involved will have two weeks in which to arrange another affiliation agreement. Players used prior to the affiliation rejection will be deemed to have played in the higher series on a non-affiliated basis. (See Regulation MR5.03(b)).

R7.04

Two Junior teams (Junior "A", Junior "B" or Junior "C") located in the next nearest centre can share an affiliation with a lower ranked team if both clubs are supply players to that team. Players from the two Junior teams could only play up with the team from which they came.

R7.06

No player may play for a higher category team on a one-game release unless they are a rostered member of an age-appropriate OLA team (See Regulation MR5.12).

NOTE: The lower-level team must have played a minimum of one (1) OLA sanctioned game by June 1st during the current season and paid the current year's team registration fee to the OLA in order to qualify all players as eligible players.

R7.07(a)

Providing they have the written consent of their team, a player rostered with a U22 or U17 team may play in a higher series with a team affiliated with their own. They may play an unlimited number of games during the higher category team's regular season (see regulation MR 5.05).

R7.07(b)

A player rostered with an OLA Junior team or a U22 Girls team (in the absence of a Junior Women's Division) may play in an unlimited number of playoff games in higher series with their affiliated club or clubs providing that the team to which they were rostered has been eliminated. If the player's team has not been eliminated, they continue to be governed by Regulation R7.07(c).

R7.07(c)

A player may play in up to fifteen playoff games in total with any of their affiliate team(s). (See regulation MR5.06).

R7.07(d)

Where it is found that, at the end of a team's regular season, a rostered player has played in a higher percentage of games with their higher ranked affiliated team, than with the team to which they are rostered, the player will be declared ineligible to participate in playoffs with the lower ranked team. The Corporation will act only upon written complaint and under the same terms as an official protest (see Regulation R15.01 to R15.04).

Notes:

Players in their 17th and 18th birth years will be exempt from this rule.

Players who are injured may have their games count as played, only if they provide a Physician's note stating that they were injured and unable to play for those games.

Players under suspension are ineligible to play for either team and games will only count in the League in which the suspensions were served.

R7.08

No player may participate in any playoff game with any team with which they are not a rostered member, except with a team affiliated with their own, and only then with the written permission of the authorized representative of their team (See Regulation MR5.07).

R7.09(a)

An OLA team desiring to use a player or players rostered with clubs in a lower series must first obtain written permission from the authorized representative of the lower series team. An email from the President (or their designate) of the lower ranked team will be sufficient authorization, but the email must be retained in case there is any question of authenticity. Escalating fines will be applied in cases where appropriate approvals have not been obtained.

R7.09(b)

Players living in centres without a Junior team belong residentially to the next nearest Junior centre in all three categories: Junior A, Junior B and Junior C. The player has the right to select in which category they wish to be rostered, but can play on a one-game affiliated basis (with the approval of the team to which they are rostered), with any higher category team which holds their rights for that specific category.

R7.10(a)

No team may move up more than four players (not including a designated goalie) for any one game at any time during playoffs.

R7.10(b)

A team moving up more than four (4) players (not including a designated goalie) in a playoff game will forfeit the game and pay a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, per occurrence.

Note: A maximum of 4 players and only 1 goalie can move up. An extra goalie cannot be considered as one of the 4 players.

ARTICLE R-VIII: NON-AFFILIATED PLAYERS**R8.01(a)**

A player who is a rostered member of a Senior, Junior, U22 or U17 team not affiliated with a club in a higher category may play exhibition games and not more than seven league (not playoff) games for a team higher in category, providing they have written permission from the authorized representative of the team for which they are rostered. All protests of player's ineligibility must be lodged within 24 hours of the completion of the game to the commissioner with appropriate documentation and protest fee. Use of an ineligible player means the game is forfeited and the

two (2) points awarded to the non-offending team (see Regulation MR5.08).

R8.01(b)

A player rostered with an unaffiliated team who does have the written permission of the team for which they are rostered may play in as many higher categories as they wish but shall not play for more than one team in any one higher category, and shall not play more than a total of seven league games in each of the higher categories, nor shall they play in any playoff game for any team other than the one with which they are rostered (see Regulation MR5.09).

R8.02

No player shall be permitted to return to the team with which they are rostered in the lower series if they play more than seven league games in the higher category; nor shall they be permitted to be rostered in the higher series unless unconditionally released: the player becomes subject to all other regulations applicable to rostering or qualifying to play for a team (see Regulation MR5.10).

R8.03

No team shall use more than four players in total from unaffiliated teams in any one league game.

R8.04

It is the responsibility of the lower series team with which the player is rostered to notify the player when they have played seven league games in the higher series, and to refuse to issue further releases.

Note: If the higher ranked team is making use of "blanket" (one game) releases, it is their responsibility to notify the player that their seven game limit has been reached, and that they may no longer play up. At this point the player becomes an ineligible player and any further games in which they play will be forfeited.

ARTICLE R-IX: TAMPERING**R9.01**

Any team using another club's players in exhibition, regularly scheduled, or playoff games, without proper releases, shall be fined a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and up to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).

R9.02

Any lacrosse team judged to be tampering with a player of another club shall be fined a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) by the Corporation. The Corporation must be the final judge of the above charge.

A second offence during the same season shall result in a minimum suspension of one year for the person(s) deemed responsible plus any additional fines.

NOTE: Tampering shall be defined as contacting a player who "belongs" to another OLA Club without first receiving permission from that team to which he already "belongs" by residence or affiliation.

ARTICLE R-X: GAME REGULATIONS**R10.01**

It shall be the duty of each club Secretary as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting to notify the Commissioner of the series as to the colours of its jerseys.

R10.02

In the case of two sets of jerseys being similar, the home team must change.

R10.03

Where two teams, using similarly coloured jerseys, are ordered to meet at a neutral point, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the series to order one of the teams to wear different coloured jerseys for that game.

R10.04

All home clubs must supply the officials with approved balls for commencement of the game and keep them supplied with approved balls during the course of the game. (see Regulation MR8.10).

R10.05(a)

No player shall take part in any Corporation game unless his name is included in a complete list of players which shall be given to the officials, signed by an official of the club.

R10.05(b)

Any coach or manager found guilty of playing an ineligible player or players in the series in which they are participating shall be automatically suspended indefinitely. The team should be allowed to continue under new management. All games played with said player(s) shall be zero (0) and the score of the other team shall be attained during the game.

R10.06(a)

The Official Scorer shall submit the line-up of the competing teams to the officials prior to the start of the game and shall draw to their attention any areas they feel may not comply with rules. Only the names of players who are present and ready to play shall be included in the list.

R10.06(b)

Any player may enter the game at any time provided they are properly rostered to that team (or is a properly affiliated player for the game) and their name is added to the game sheet prior to their entry into the game. The game officials and opposing team must be notified of their entry prior to participation.

R10.06(c)

If a player is to be credited with a goal or an assist and is not on the game sheet, the goal is allowed and the team is assessed a two minute penalty. If a player receives a penalty and is not on the game sheet the team shall receive an additional two minute minor penalty.

R10.07

The official shall proceed to the centre of the arena precisely at the time at which the match is advertised to commence, and he shall immediately commence play by facing off the ball.

R10.08

Teams must have a minimum of twelve players dressed for any game.

Note: This rule does not apply to the WMSL.

R10.09

If a minimum of twelve players are not dressed, Major, Senior and Junior "A" teams shall be fined one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per player, and Junior "B" and Junior "C" teams fifty (\$50.00) dollars per player short of the twelve.

Note: This rule does not apply to the WMSL.

R10.10

If a Major, Senior or Junior "A" series game starts later than the advertised starting time, the club responsible shall be fined two dollars per minute to a maximum of fifty dollars.

R10.11

If a game in any other series (Junior "B" or Junior "C") starts later than the advertised starting time, the club responsible shall be fined one dollar per minute to a maximum of thirty dollars.

R10.12

If a game is delayed more than thirty minutes from the scheduled game time, the officials shall call the game if requested to do so by the non-offending team. The Board of Directors will award the game to the non-offending team, and the offending team may be suspended and required to appear before the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE R-XI: MAINTENANCE OF ORDER**R11.01**

Previous to the start of any game, the officials shall ensure that what they deem to be proper provision for the maintenance of order has been provided.

R11.02

The home club in all matches shall be responsible for keeping the area clear of spectators and for the maintenance of good order.

R11.03

In cases where the spectators in any way interfere with the players or officials so as to delay the progress or affect the result of the match, the officials shall declare the match off and report the circumstances to the Executive Director immediately.

R11.04

The Corporation reserves the right, through officials, to order the removal from all or any grounds, stadiums or arenas (including the parts reserved for spectators paying admission) of any person guilty of ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike conduct and if a home club fails to carry out the official's orders, it may be fined. (See Regulation MR8.04)

R11.05

All persons, including those who pay admission fees or receive passes, who attend matches under the jurisdiction of the Corporation, shall be deemed to have agreed that they were admitted to the grounds on condition that they would subject themselves to and abide by the provision of the Constitution and rules of the Corporation, even to the extent that they may be subjected to the necessary force to insure their expulsion by the Police, the official, or the officers of the home club.

ARTICLE R-XII: EXHIBITION GAMES**R12.01**

All team or players intending to take part in exhibition games must secure permission of the Corporation through the Executive Director before playing such games, otherwise they shall be subject to a penalty deemed suitable by the Board of Directors.

R12.02

Names of officials appointed to handle exhibition games must be submitted to the Executive Director of the Corporation and must be approved.

R12.03

No player may participate in any exhibition game unless he is eligible for that team except that: (a) he has permission from the OLA, (b) if he is a member of another team, or has obligations (by agreement or regulation) to the team for which he was last signed he has written permission from that team.

ARTICLE R-XIII: POSTPONEMENTS**R13.01**

No game may be postponed without the approval of the Commissioner, otherwise such games will be considered defaults.

R13.02

Except where emergencies make it impossible, all postponed league games must be rescheduled as per League policy.

R13.04

If the playing area is unplayable and cannot be remedied by game time, the home club shall immediately call the Commissioner to report the situation. The home club must immediately contact the visiting club. If the visiting club is contacted before departure, no expenses will be involved.

R13.05

If, however, the visiting club has left for the game, if conditions make the playing area unplayable after the visiting club is in transit, the game may be postponed by the home club providing they first pay the visiting club and officials travelling expenses or reach mutual agreement and advise the VP Junior to Major in writing. The Commissioner must be notified immediately and has the authority to reschedule the game. Legitimate travelling expenses to the visiting club must be paid prior to the rescheduled game or within 15 days, whichever comes first. Failure to remit the expenses within the allotted time will result in the funds being taken from the home team's bond.

R13.06

In the event that the playing area becomes unfit after the game has started, the officials shall have the authority to stop the game. If forty minutes have been played, it will constitute a regulation game. If forty minutes have not been played, then the game would be resumed at a later date starting with the score and time being the same at the point that play was suspended.

In playoffs, each game must be completed in its entirety. If the officials have to stop the game because of the playing area being unfit, the game would be resumed at a later date starting with the score and time being the same at the point that play was suspended.

R13.07

In the event that conditions make play impossible before the completion of forty minutes play, the official may cancel the game. In the event of a replay, the home team must pay the visiting club's travelling expenses for the return game.

ARTICLE R-XIV: DEFAULTS**R14.01**

In the event of a team defaulting a game, the Executive Director shall collect the amount secured by the bond. All legitimate expenses incurred by any club in consequence of such non-fulfillment shall be paid out of the money forfeited and the balance, if any, shall be handed over to the Corporation Treasurer.

R14.02

A team defaulting any match in the series shall be barred from further competition in the series. All scheduled matches played by such teams shall be counted as played. In the event of defaulted games, all division standings will be determined by winning percentages. A team so defaulting shall forfeit the value of its bond to the Corporation.

R14.03

Any team intending to default shall notify the VP Junior to Major, the League Commissioner and the team they are scheduled to play against, of such intention at least five days before the scheduled date. If notification has not taken place, the defaulting club and its sureties shall pay to the other club affected and the Corporation, such sums as the President of the Corporation shall find to be owing. In default of such payment, the Executive Director of the Corporation may bring action in any court for the recovery of the amount.

R14.04

The defaulting Club shall pay any and all monies owing to the other club within 30 days of the date of the defaulted game.

R14.05

In the event of a game commenced but awarded to one team before completion, the scoring records at the time the award is made shall be considered official.

ARTICLE R-XV: PROTESTS**R15.01**

Protests and all evidence in support thereof, signed by the President and Secretary of the club protesting, must be sent by e-mail to the VP Junior to Major, the League Commissioner and to the Secretary of the club protested against, within forty eight (48) hours (excluding Sunday) from the date of the match. The club protested against shall be allowed 48 hours (excluding Sunday) to file its defense, duplicates of which must be sent to the VP Junior to Major, the League Commissioner and to the Secretary of the club protesting. A decision shall be rendered by the Board of Directors or President as covered by the Bylaws, within ten days of date of match protest.

R15.02

Protests based on technicalities which do not affect the actual result of the match will not be entertained.

R15.03

Clubs which play against ineligible players and who willfully conceal knowledge from the league until it suits their convenience to use it in any protest which arises, shall be considered equally guilty with the offending club and shall be judged accordingly.

R15.04

A protesting club must send to the Executive Director of the Corporation, along with the protest, a money order, cash, or certified cheque, payable at par at Toronto to the Ontario Lacrosse Association, for one hundred dollars.

R15.05

The club protested against must send the same amount with its defense.

R15.06

The winner's deposit shall be returned. The deposit of the losing club, plus any additional costs incurred above \$100.00 shall be paid to the Treasury of the Corporation.

R15.07

The club protested against shall furnish all necessary information demanded by the club protesting.

R15.08

If no defense is received, the Executive Director shall notify the President of the Corporation, who will deal with the matter without convening a meeting of the Directors.

R15.09

Members of the Board of Directors sitting at the hearing of protest shall be paid their necessary hotel and travelling expenses.

R15.10

In the event a protest results in expenses in excess of the protest fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) being incurred by members of the Board of Directors attending the hearings, the club losing the protest shall pay the extra cost.

R15.11

No member of the Board of Directors shall be eligible to serve at a hearing in connection with any protest involving either directly or indirectly a club with which they are connected.

ARTICLE R-XVI: SUSPENSIONS**R16.01**

The Corporation will issue a special permit to every manager, coach and trainer on application by the team for which they will act.

R16.02(a)

Player's certificates, manager's, coach's and trainers permits may be suspended by the President of the Corporation for any period which the President may deem appropriate.

R16.02(b)

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.

Penalty: removal from the game plus subject to additional Corporation discipline. (see MR10.12)

R16.02(c)

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 re-instatement upon termination of suspension. (see MR10.11)

R16.03

The President shall have the right to appoint a suspension hearing committee, whose duty it will be to recommend what disciplinary action is to be taken by the president, who shall have the right to accept, reject or change this recommendation. All suspensions imposed by the President must be announced within ten days of the infraction or be declared invalid.

R16.04

If the officials have occasion to write a report on a team official, a copy of that report must be furnished to that team official and the team for which they will act.

R16.05

Any person suspended may appeal his suspension but must do so in writing to the Executive Director.

R16.06

Appeals must be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order to cover the cost of the meeting. This deposit will be returned if the President's ruling is not sustained. The Executive Director shall determine the amount required and advise the appellant if requested.

R16.07

When a player, coach, manager or trainer is suspended by the President, the suspension will become effective immediately his club is notified.

R16.08

Players, coaches, managers, training staff, club management or executive will be suspended indefinitely for striking or any other physical attack on an official or OLA official and/or other bench personnel in any manner. Any person suspended under this regulation shall be ordered to appear before the OLA Discipline Committee to state his/her case. The officials' written report shall be forwarded to the OLA immediately following such an incident. A copy of the official's report would be forwarded to the team by the office within 24 hours. Based on the written report, the OLA Discipline Committee will decide on the official appearing at the hearing.

R16.9

No fixed suspension can be given by the Directors unless the offending party has been duly notified of the hearing. After being duly notified and having the opportunity to appear, if the offending party chooses not to do so, the OLA Discipline Committee may rule on the suspension.

R16.10

All suspensions by the OLA shall be recognized by all OLA teams. Such suspensions that players and/or officials incur may be lifted only after appearance before the President of the OLA

R16.11

In any case where anyone is suspended and ordered to appear before the next regular meeting, the time that has elapsed between the date of such suspension and the date of the meeting may be credited to any further suspension if the Board of Directors desires, providing the suspended person or his representative appear at the meeting.

R16.12(a)

Any team found guilty of playing a player over the age limit permitted in the series in which it is participating, shall be automatically suspended for the balance of the season. If this occurs during the playing of the original schedule, all games won by the team with the ineligible player on its lineup shall count as wins to the teams formerly credited with defeats. If however, a player is not found to be over the age limit until the semi-final or final series is reached, then only the game or games in which he participated in such semi-final or final series shall be awarded to the opposing side.

R16.12(b)

If a team is found to be using any ineligible (uncertified) bench personnel during a game, the individual will be removed from the bench and the team shall be fined between a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for the first offense. Further offenses will result in the suspension of the Head Coach and General Manager.

R16.13

Suspension of an individual by the corporation shall cover his or her activities in all phases of lacrosse unless specifically stated otherwise at the time of suspension by governing body.

R16.14

Per league policy, each Commissioner may review game video footage for the purposes of supplemental discipline. The Commissioner will consult with the VP Junior-Major, and any other appropriate parties, before making any decisions on supplemental discipline. Any fines and/or suspensions resulting from supplemental discipline will remain subject to the OLA appeals process.

ARTICLE R-XVII: RIGHT TO IMPOSE FINES

R17.01

The Board of Directors may fine any club, team or member any amount not exceeding one thousand dollars for any infraction of the Rules and Regulations as defined in the Constitution, Bylaws or Regulations of the Corporation.

R17.02

Clubs must pay fines assessed against them within ten (10) days of notification by the Executive Director or be liable to further fines and/or penalties for non-payment.

R17.03

A club 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 cheque for twenty-five dollars as deposit against the costs of the meeting.

ARTICLE R-XVIII: OFFICIALS**R18.01**

The Officiating Assignor shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. He/she shall be responsible to the Technical Director and the Vice President Technical (Officiating) who in turn are responsible to the Board of Directors.

R18.02

A Board of Officiating shall be appointed by the Technical Director and the Vice President Technical (Officiating) each year for the approval of the Board of Directors. The officiating assignor shall appoint officials from the Board of Officials.

R18.03

The list of members of the Board of Officiating and their municipalities shall be submitted to each club or association in each series; to each member of the Board of Directors and to the Ontario Lacrosse Official's Association.

R18.04

Players registered by the OLA, coaches, managers, trainers, team executive members, or any individual connected with Junior, Senior or Major OLA teams shall not be allowed to officiate Junior, Senior or Major OLA games, without the permission of the Board of Directors.

R18.05

No officiate shall be assigned to any games until his application is received and approved by the Technical Director of the Corporation.

R18.06

The officiating uniform shall be as specified by the Board of Directors.

R18.07

The officiating assignor, in consultation with the Vice President Technical (Officiating), shall appoint a minimum of two officials for all games in the Major, Senior and Junior leagues. The officiating assignor, Vice President Technical (Officiating) and the Officiating Development & Oversight Committee, with opinion from the commissioners for the Major, Senior and Junior leagues, shall appoint officials to attend National Championships.

R18.08

The first named of the two officials shall be the senior official and in case of dispute or disagreement, his decision shall be final.

R18.09

The senior official shall make the original opening face-off.

R18.10

In the event that an official does not appear in time to officiate at a game, the home club shall immediately notify one of the following: The officiating assignor, the series Commissioner or the OLA President.

R18.11

If an official is late, he shall be fined one dollar per minute to a maximum of thirty dollars. The fine shall commence fifteen minutes before the scheduled starting time of the game. The fine may be waived due to extenuating circumstances.

R18.12

Traveling expenses allowed in addition to the officiating fee shall be as set by the Board of Directors. Officials shall travel together when from the same vicinity.

R18.13

The competing clubs shall each pay half the total fees and mileage of the officials before the game commences. The officials are responsible for the enforcement of this ruling.

R18.14

Officials will be paid travelling expenses in the form of a mileage fee which is to be calculated as the shortest distance on all weather roads between the official's home and the game site. Officials shall travel together when from the same vicinity. Conflicts between teams and officials in regard to mileage charges shall be settled by the Technical Director of the OLA

ARTICLE R-XIX: PLAYOFF REVENUE AND EXPENSES**R19.01**

The Corporation shall receive 15% of the net gate receipts after officials and floor-time have been paid (up to the cap for each league), from all group playoff games, replays of protested playoff games, sudden victory games to decide final league standings, all league playoff games, all round robin and all playoffs, quarter final, semi-final and final rounds in all series.

R19.02

Returns shall be forwarded to the Corporation office by the home club Treasurer or arena commission within seven days and shall be accompanied by the playoff revenue report form and a completed official box office statement certified and signed by the arena manager.

R19.03

The Corporation reserves the right to check any playoff gate. Failure to permit such check shall leave the club or clubs subject to suspensions and to a further fine not to exceed one hundred dollars.

R19.04

At all district and final games, except sudden death games on neutral floor or unless otherwise agreed, the home club shall pay all game related expenses.

R19.04(a)

Clubs agree to take care of their own mileage schedules.

R19.04(b)

Clubs shall pay their own hotel expenses.

R19.05

A neutral arena or stadium between teams in playoffs of games shall mean an arena or stadium other than the one used for home games of the club involved unless otherwise agreed.

ARTICLE R-XX: CLA COMPETITION**R20.01**

No OLA player who is recruited as a replacement player by a club entering C.L.A. competition shall be eligible for OLA competition, current or pending, until such C.L.A. series has terminated.

ARTICLE R-XXI – MEDIA AND BROADCASTING**R21.01(a)**

Any club may arrange for the live broadcasting or telecasting of any of its home games. Clubs may arrange for the live broadcasting or telecasting of its away games by its local radio or television station, providing the broadcast is restricted to the station within or nearest to the team's home municipality unless otherwise agreed upon by the two competing teams.

R21.01(b)

The OLA and League in which the teams compete shall be consulted, and may set an appropriate fee to be shared equally by the parties before any arrangements are made for the televising of any game where the broadcast is available in two or more municipalities as defined by the OLA. Contracts for such network broadcasting or televising must be approved by the OLA and then signed by the authorized officers of the OLA and each team involved.

ARTICLE R-XXII – FRANCHISES**R22.01**

Each member team in good standing which has been accepted by the Board of Directors shall be entitled to a franchise certificate signed by the President and Executive Director of the Corporation certifying that the member holds a franchise in the series or group for which it is issued. Such certificates shall be non-transferable and non-assignable except as provided in Article R22.03.

R25.02

To qualify for a franchise certificate, a club must submit a complete "Franchise Application Form" signed by the owner(s) of the team and their agents and must submit annually to Executive Director a completed "Franchise Information Form."

R25.03

The franchise of a member team may be sold, assigned or otherwise transferred if the club is to continue to operate in the same city, town, police village or rural district, subject to the approval of a majority of the group council and the Board of Directors. If, however the purchaser of the franchise or the present holder desires to move the club from its location to another city, town, police village or rural district, approval of a majority of the members of the group and the Board of Directors shall be required.

R25.04

Application for approval of a franchise transfer must be made by the franchise holder, signed by the owner(s) or their agent(s) and submitted to the Executive Director in writing prior to January 1st. In case of emergency this date may be waived by the Board of Directors.

R25.05

Any club which fails for two successive years to operate a team in any series in which it had entered shall forfeit any right to prior consideration for membership in that series.

REGULATIONS MRI – MRXII

Applicable only to the following:

BOX (Minor): Soft Lacrosse, Paperweight, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 and U22

FIELD (Minor): U9, U11, U13, U15, U17

FALL FIELD (Minor): U13, U16

WOMEN'S FIELD (Minor): U11, U13, U15, U19

ARTICLE MR-I – FINANCE**MR1.01(a)**

Each year, the preceding year's Annual Membership fees for OLA Minor Box and Field teams shall be indexed to the change in the Consumer Price Index for the period covering the preceding twelve (12) months ending August 31st in the current year, and are payable upon registration at the Annual Meeting or by the date indicated by the league that is being participated in. (Refer also to MR2.02)

Each year, the preceding year's Annual Membership fees for OLA Paperweight teams shall be indexed to the change in the Consumer Price Index for the period covering the preceding twelve (12) months ending August 31st in the current year, and are payable upon registration at the Annual Meeting or by June 1st. (Refer also to MR2.02)

MR1.01(b)

In any year, the Annual Membership Fee (the "Fee") for new Associations operating on a house league basis only shall be the preceding year's Fee indexed to the change in the Consumer Price Index for the period covering the preceding twelve (12) months ending August 31st in the current year. Such status entitles these associations to OLA/AGM voting rights.

MR1.02

A performance bond must accompany each entry. Performance bonds shall be invested in trust by the Corporation.

MR1.03

Interest accumulated on bonds held by the Corporation will be transferred to the Corporation Promotion and Development fund at the end of each season; and noted in the final financial statement.

MR1.04

Performance bonds will either be returned to the clubs or retained on deposit by the Corporation at the club's discretion following the fulfillment of the club's obligations during the season, and in Provincial playoffs or in Corporation Tournaments. (See Article MR1.06)

MR1.05

Performance bonds will be five hundred (\$500.00) total per Minor Association, regardless of the number of sectors that association is participating in.

MR1.06

Invitational Tournament fees will be reviewed annually. The Invitational Tournament fee will be included on the Invitational Tournament Application form, which will be available on OLA website by November 1st annually.

NOTE:

See MR 7.05 (a) for all Tournament Host obligations
Hosting requirements for Qualifiers and Final Six are available from the OLA office.

MR1.07

Officiating fees will be set prior to the season, and will be circulated annually.

MR1.08

December 31st will be the cut-off date for all Association contact listings in the Annual OLA Directory.

MR1.09

Teams attending the Ontario Lacrosse Festival must complete the signed declaration form of intent to participate in the Provincial Championships, as well as submitting their final roster list, to the OLA Office on or before June 15th of the current year. The OLA will then distribute a final listing of Provincial team entries for the current season to all associations (titled "Final Team Entries for Minor Lacrosse"), which will form the basis of the division categories. Only those teams which have submitted their final roster list, fulfilled their obligations, and paid their membership fees and provincial team entry fees, will be permitted to participate in the Ontario Lacrosse Festival.

MR1.10

Organization Development clinics (i.e. volunteer recruitment, fundraising, organization structure, promotion) will be made available by the Ontario Lacrosse Association, at cost, to club organizations.

MR1.11(a)

At each Annual General Meeting, a member may present a promotional project for approval of the membership. To be eligible for presentation to the membership, each promotional project must be presented in the prescribed form as designated by the Board of Governors.

MR1.11(b)

Each association shall be levied a per capita fee for approved promotional projects (see R 4.11).

MR1.11(c)

All members eligible for voting purposes at the Annual General Meeting be levied a \$100.00 per one Association/Club fee. This money will go directly to the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum.

ARTICLE MR-II – REGISTRATIONS**MR2.01**

No team may have more than twenty-five (25) players registered for competition in any sector, except for Sixes where no team may have more than fifteen (15) players registered for competition.

MR2.02

All team entries must be registered and OLA approved for the current season prior to any participation. The final date for submission of team entries to the OLA office for approval is:

Rep Box Non-Playing Bench Personnel: June 1st;

Box Players: June 1st;

Field: April 15th;

Women's Field: May 24th.

Non-Playing bench personnel registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received. Clubs must allow 7 business days for approval of bench cards submitted with full documentation. Player registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received. Clubs must allow 14 business days for approval of registration cards submitted with full documentation.

No registrations will be accepted beyond the final date as indicated above in each sector.

MR2.03

To facilitate the checking and approval of playing certificates, each club is required to submit an official municipality boundary map, as approved by their Zone/League and the OLA Board of Directors, to the Executive Director. Maps must be resubmitted when a change in municipal boundaries occurs. Playing certificates will not be returned until this has been done.

MR2.04

Membership will be affected by the submission of a duly completed online registration form and/or other material as required by the registration procedure presently in effect.

MR2.04(a)

All players and non-playing bench personnel must have completed online registration for the appropriate sector and be club and OLA approved for the current season prior to any physical participation.

Any Club or League found to have permitted a player or any non-playing bench personnel to participate prior to having completed online registration and have club and OLA approval will be subject to a fine that does not exceed \$1000.00 per player or non-playing bench personnel. Such player or non-playing bench personnel will be ineligible to participate until their registration is reviewed.

For clubs which offer combined box and field teams or programs, all players and non-playing bench personnel must register for both sectors prior to any participation. The final date for submitting completed membership certificates for all personnel for approval is:

Box – June 1st;

Field – The Friday immediately preceding the start of Week 3 at 11:59pm EST,

Women's Field – June 15th.

NOTE: Completed membership certificates for coaches/trainers must include proof of NCCP/trainer certification, as per MR2.12(b).

MR2.05

No player who has changed his residence or club since January 1st of the current year shall be certified unless he has satisfied the Board of Directors of such change with bona fide complete and definite information regarding same.

MR2.06

All persons signing player registration/waiver certificates do so on the understanding that they come under the jurisdiction of the OLA, CLA, and Zone/League (OWFL/OMFLL).

MR2.07

Any coach or manager found guilty of playing an ineligible player or players in the series in which they are participating shall be automatically suspended indefinitely. The team should then be allowed to continue under new management. All games played with said player shall be zero (0) and the score of the other team shall be as attained during the game.

MR2.08

Any player wishing to play house-league only may register anywhere he/she wishes to play. No club shall require a release for a player to play house-league only. Players playing under this provision may not attend a rep tryout or play in any rep game as an alternate for a team for which they would not be eligible to play under current residency rules. Clubs will keep a list and update current registration software with annotation of players house-league only status to ensure adherence to this rule.

MR2.08(a)

A player resident in a community represented by a rep club entered in a category for which he is eligible to play, must register with that club except where such player's services are waived by that club subject to the provisions of MR3.11.

NOTE: Any player who has not registered with their resident association by the following dates will be ineligible for a rep release. If a club folds a team for which the player would have been eligible, the player will not be eligible for a release under MR2.08(b).

Box: 3rd Sunday in March

Field: February 15

Women's Field: 3rd Sunday in March

Fall Field: 3rd Sunday in August

MR2.08(b)

A rep player who is eligible but resident in a municipality with no minor team in any group for which they are eligible, shall sign with the club which is the next closest centre. The distance shall be measured from the player's residence to the two or more municipalities concerned, by the shortest route (excluding toll roads) and by mileage shown on the search engine dictated for OLA registrations for the current playing season. Such player must return to their resident municipality the next year of play; at which time, should the club have no team for which they are eligible, the player returns to the association with which they are previously signed and is considered unconditionally released.

MR2.08(c)

A player who is a resident in a municipality where no minor club had previously existed and was directed to play in the next closest association, may be given the option to stay with their current association or return to their resident municipality in the first year only of operation of their resident association. Once that choice has been made the player cannot change associations without obtaining a release.

MR2.08(d)

All signed players must have their residence only placed on all OLA Registration Forms. Mailing addresses used in rural areas will not be accepted (i.e. – R. R. #8). Rural players must give their lot, concession number as well as the village, town(ship) or city which they reside.

NOTE: Paperweight players must return to their own resident association once attaining U9 age. Soft lacrosse players must return to their own resident association once attaining U9 age.

MR2.09(a) Residence Rule:

This shall be an area in which he/she has been living with his family as of January 1st of the playing year. If a player makes a bona fide change of residence after January 1st and has qualified with a club, such a change of residence must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors and OLA Program Director for Player Movement before such a player is entitled to play with the club he first qualified with. Any member claiming to have moved but cannot substantiate it as bona fide within the established timeline will be suspended for the remainder of the current season and for the entirety of the following season from all sectors of Ontario Lacrosse. Any games played by a player under a false address will be considered to be played by an ineligible player resulting in the application of MR 2.07 in which coach suspensions can be applied and games scores being adjusted to 0 for the team the offending player is rostered. Any club found sponsoring the actions of a player playing illegally in their centre shall be fined \$1000.00. Any club officials (Board members, bench staff, other club level volunteers) sponsoring the actions of a player playing illegally in their centre will be immediately suspended and may not take part in any OLA sanctioned activities until an OLA level hearing is held and a ruling will be handed down. No appeals will be allowed until bona fide documentation is provided to the Program Director. Bona fide residency documentation is at the sole discretion of the Program Director and is not subject to appeal. The list of documentation required to prove a bona fide move will be provided by the OLA Program Director.

These rules of residency will also apply in situations where the family/player moves out of a centre and into the boundaries of another centre and does not identify the residency change.

MR2.09(b)

Any certified OLA player who has played for five (5) consecutive years (with bona fide proof of residency) with the same club or association shall have the option upon changing residence to remain with his previous club or association for the remainder of his minor eligibility. Having made his choice, such player shall remain a member of the club for which he has signed until properly released (see MR3.01, MR3.12).

MR2.10 – Residence Rule:

In the event a club signs a player from a city, town or village that does not have an entry in box by May 1st, in Field by March 9th, in Women's Field by May 1st, and in Fall Field by August 30th, and at a later date, city, town or village so affected enters a team, the player will remain with the team holding their signed certificate until released.

NOTE: Any player who has not registered with their resident association by the following dates will be ineligible for a rep release.

Box: 3rd Sunday in March

Field: February 15th

Women's Field: 3rd Sunday in March

Fall Field: 3rd Sunday in August

MR2.11

Before a playing certificate is issued, it must be proven that the player's age will fall within the age eligible years for the following divisions in the current playing year (January 1 to December 31)

Minor Box:

U22 – 17 to 21 years of age

U17 – 15 and 16 years of age

U15 – 13 and 14 years of age

U13 – 11 and 12 years of age

U11 – 9 and 10 years of age
U9 – 7 and 8 years of age
Paperweight – 6 years of age and younger

Minor Field:

U17 – 15 and 16 years of age
U15 – 13 and 14 years of age
U13 – 11 and 12 years of age
U11 – 9 and 10 years of age
U9 – 8 years of age and younger

Women's Field:

U19 – 15 to 18 years of age
U15 – 13 and 14 years of age
U13 – 11 and 12 years of age
U11 – 10 years of age and younger

MR2.11(a)

A Soft Lacrosse Division is a developmental box program, with no formal games and no tournaments. Players eligible will not have attained their 5th birthday prior to the first day of January in the season the players wish to participate and must also turn 3 years of age by December 31st of the season the players wish to participate.

NOTE: Players participating in a Soft Lacrosse division may participate in a non-contact paperweight division (ie. player movement is allowed between two non-contact divisions). There shall be no affiliation between Soft Lacrosse and contact paperweight divisions.

MR2.11(b)

Prima facie proof for all of the above can only be established by filing with the approved registrars an official document issued by the Register-General's Department or a certified true copy of the original showing the stamp and signature of a notary public.

MR2.12(a)

No one but the player in uniform, coach and suitable attired trainers shall be permitted to occupy the bench so provided. A maximum of five (5) non-playing box / field personnel allowed on the bench, one of whom must be a certified trainer. A maximum of six (6) non-playing women's field personnel are allowed on the bench, one of whom must be a certified trainer.

MR2.12(b) BOX AND FIELD COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

All approved and carded bench box and field personnel must meet the requirements outlined in the OLA Coaching Pathway to participate in OLA sanctioned games.

NOTE: All rep teams must have a certified coach and a certified trainer on their bench (however only one certified trainer is allowed on the bench at any one time). In case of emergency, a team may agree to have the opposition team's trainer act as their own.

MR2.12(c) TRAINERS' CERTIFICATION

Upon Provincial Governing Body approval, team trainers will be considered approved and permitted for all minor lacrosse sectors in the current year (box, field, women's field and SIXES).

MR2.12(d) VOLUNTEER'S REGISTRATION

Upon Provincial Governing Body approval, team managers and other club volunteer representatives will be considered approved and permitted for all minor lacrosse sectors in the current year (box, field, women's field and SIXES).

MR2.12 (e)

Access to to the OLA's registration platform will be granted only to those clubs who have settled their accounts from the previous season (or agreed to an approved repayment plan) and who have submitted their completed Executive Contact list to the OLA Office for the upcoming season. A completed Executive Contact list includes, at minimum, all required contact information for the positions of President, Treasurer, Registrar and Privacy Officer.

MR2.12 (f)

The OLA Technical Director will establish and maintain a database for all bench staff.

NOTE: All box coaching clinics must be completed two weeks prior to the Victoria Day holiday. All field coaching clinics must be completed one week prior to the first weekend of the field season.

MR2.13

In the event of two teams appearing for a tournament game in team colours that are conflicting, in the opinion of the officials, the "home" team must make the change in jerseys. The host organization must supply alternate jerseys.

MR2.14

An ineligible player and/or bench personnel who is found to have participated in Corporation sanctioned competition shall forfeit the game and be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1000.00, and is suspended until dealt with. (see MR10.10)

MR2.15

Any U17 or U22 player who had already signed an OLA Junior certificate, and who had not played any more than the allowed seven (7) games, will be allowed to return to U17 or U22 providing he has a necessary release from the Junior club he signed with and is signed with a U17 or U22 club prior to the final release date of June 1st.

MR2.16

The OLA will provide at the A.G.M. the total number of participants playing minor lacrosse, be they (OLA registered or club house league registered player) for each registered club in that playing season the OLA will provide the previous years' registration and its total in brackets beside the present figure.

ARTICLE MR-III – RELEASES**MR3.01**

A player must apply for a release from his/her club/association to play for the next closest club/association by the following dates of the current playing season.

Box: April 15th,

Women's Field: May 15th,

Field: March 1st,

Fall Field: August 30th.

A player may not apply for a release prior to February 1st for Field, March 1th of the current year for Box and Women's Field and August 15th for Fall Field. All players must be registered and OLA approved for the current season prior to applying for a release. A player will be eligible for one rep release request per playing season, per sector. Such release shall become official immediately upon Zone / League and OLA approval.

MR3.02

Any player who has been turning out regularly to practice with his team, but who is not given a chance to play in more than one (1) of six (6) games which with said team, may apply to the

Board of Directors for consideration as a free agent and eligible to play for another team. (Subject to regulations of residence rule and to signing date.)

MR3.03

If a release is desired the player must apply for such a release and, if the release is approved, have the release portion of the certificate signed by his proper club officials. A copy of the release must be forwarded to the Corporation for consideration within seven (7) days from the date of receipt. The player will not play until Corporation approval has been given.

MR3.04(a)

Any OLA member and/or club found tampering with players or obtaining releases for players or not otherwise complying with intent of the residence rule regarding releases shall be suspended until dealt with and/or forfeit their bond and be fined one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars. The player(s) will not be eligible to sign with the team with which he (she) participated without permission.

Tampering shall be defined as follows: Inviting or allowing to participate in camps, clinics, practices, or to play in any scheduled or exhibition games, a member of another club, without first having obtained written permission from that club.

MR3.04(b)

Prior to the Club Registrar approving any registrations at the club level, where residency is in doubt, it is the responsibility of the Club Registrar to promptly verify, in writing, with the Provincial Registrar to ensure the rights of said player(s) would belong to that club.

MR3.04(c)

If a player is found to be incorrectly registered it is the responsibility of the Club Registrar to immediately advise the player, in writing, with a copy to the correct association and the Provincial Registrar.

MR3.04(d)

Any association found to have registered player(s) that are not residentially bound to, or previously released to, that association, without Zone / League approval will be fined \$500.00 per occurrence.

MR3.05

In the case of a dispute over a player by two or more clubs, the dispute will be settled by the Board of Directors after a hearing involving all parties. The player shall not play until the dispute is settled.

MR3.06

When a release is granted the caliber of the player, team or centre shall not enter the decision.

MR3.07

All agreements with the OLA regarding releases will be honored provided that such releases are made according to the regulations.

MR3.08

A U17 or U22 player may not be moved up to the Junior category without their proper release from their club and in accordance with Regulations. (See Regulations MR-V, R-VI, RVII)

MR3.09(a)

Where it is found that a registered minor player eligible for a Junior team has played in a higher percentage of Junior games than minor games, the player will be declared ineligible to participate in U17 or U22 playoffs. The Corporation will act only upon written complaint and under the same terms as an official protest. (MR10.06)

MR3.09(b)

Irrespective of where any player is registered, signed or rostered, a player participating in more than one age division and/or Junior series is only eligible to participate in playoffs in the division and/or series in which they have played the higher percentage of regular season games. This eligibility is determined at the first playoff date in any division and/or series in which the player has participated.

Any player found to be playing illegally under this rule, shall automatically be suspended indefinitely. Any coach or manager found guilty of playing an ineligible player or players under this rule will be fined and automatically suspended indefinitely. The fine will not exceed \$1000.00.

Notes: Players in their 17th and 18th birth years will be exempt from this rule.

Players who are injured may have their games count as played, only if they provide a Physician's note stating that they were injured and unable to play for those games.

Players under suspension are ineligible to play for either team and games will only count in the League in which the suspensions were served.

MR3.10

No rep player may be conditionally released more than once to the same club. If a club releases a rep player to the same club a second time in consecutive years, that player is unconditionally released to that club. A House League player registered outside their residential association may not play Rep for that Club, either as an AP or otherwise, without following the OLA's release process. Any player registered outside their residential association more than once may do so without becoming unconditionally released from their residential association.

BOX NOTE: Paperweight players must register with their own resident association and obtain a release in order to play for another association. Soft Lacrosse players must return to their own resident association once attaining Paperweight age.

FIELD NOTE: All players must register with their own resident association and obtain a release in order to play for another association.

WOMEN'S FIELD NOTE: U9 players must register with their own resident association and obtain a release in order to play for another association.

U9 players must return to their own resident association once attaining U11 division play.

U11 players must return to their own resident association once attaining U13 division play.

MR3.11

Under no circumstances shall the Board of Directors, release a player from a club, if said player and club have not been invited to attend the meeting at which such releases are being considered.

MR3.12

U17 or U22 box players who are signed to a Junior box team but who are going to be released back to their Minor team, must be released by that Junior team prior to June 1st of the playing year, in order to apply to be reclassified to play for his/her Minor team (players being released after June 1st will be ineligible to return to their Minor clubs).

MR3.13

Applications for new minor organizations must be presented to the Zone / League in which they are applying for membership before January 1st. Once membership is accepted, as per the Zone / League Operating Policy, and OLA approved, the applicant shall remain a member of the Zone / League until properly released. Requests for a release must be submitted by the Club President,

in writing, to the Zone / League Secretary by October 31st. The caliber of play shall not enter in the decision when a release is requested.

ARTICLE MR-IV – TEAMS AND MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS

MR4.01

Box – A minimum of six players, one of which must be a goalkeeper, must be dressed at a game time.

Field – A minimum of 10 players, one of which must be a goalkeeper, must be dressed at a game time. Fall Field – As per the OMFLL Policy Paper. Women’s Field – As per OWFL Policy Paper. Penalty is the forfeiture of the game. Only players present at the start of the game may be listed on the game sheet, but additional players may be added as they arrive at any time during the game – but must not play until their names have been added.

MR4.02

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

		HIGHER AGE DIVISION TEAM RATING				
		Skill Category	A	B	C	D
LOWER AGE DIVISION TEAM RATING	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

NOTE 1: Any player of a minor lacrosse team, whose name appeared on the game sheet for the winning team in a minor lacrosse provincial championship game, will not be eligible to participate in any other minor lacrosse provincial championship tournament in that sector in the current year.

NOTE 2: (Box and Field) If the next lower age category shall cover an age difference of more than two years, prior approval of the OLA shall be required prior to participation.

The Corporation will permit movement of field and women’s field players as per their League Policy papers.

NOTE 1:

Any player of a minor lacrosse team, whose name appeared on the game sheet for the winning team in a minor lacrosse provincial championship game, will not be eligible to participate in any other minor lacrosse provincial championship tournament in that sector in the current year.

NOTE 2: Box and Field

If the next lower age category shall cover an age difference of more than two years, prior approval of the OLA shall be required prior to participation.

MR4.03

A club may not use more than the number of players as designated under Regulation MR4.02. Penalty shall be forfeit of game and a five (\$5.00) dollar fine per player over the limit.

MR4.04

If a team plays a player up in a higher age group (e.g. U17 to U22), this shall be indicated on the game sheet (e.g. M beside his name). Failure to indicate a player’s registered category will result in a fine of five (\$5.00) per occurrence.

ARTICLE MR-V – MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS AND AFFILIATIONS
(Box Only)

MR5.01(a)

The Corporation will not approve a Junior playing certificate involving a player who has not attained his 16th birthday prior to the first day of January in the season the player intends competing, unless said Ontario Lacrosse Association playing certificate is accompanied by a formal release signed by the authorized officials of his former team and signed by the Board of Directors. Infraction of the above will be subject to the penalties defined in Regulation R6.21. (See Regulation R6.11)

MR5.01(b)

A player over the age of sixteen (16) may not be signed by a Junior team from outside his own residential boundaries per the residence rule unless accompanied by a release signed by the authorized officials of his former Junior team. (See Regulation R6.12)

MR5.02(a)

No player who is eligible by age for U15 competition may play in any Junior, Senior or Major competition (exhibition or league games). (See Regulation R6.13)

MR5.02(b)

A U17 age player may not play on a Major or Senior team.

MR5.03(a)**Affiliations:**

If a higher classification team in Junior is affiliated with a lower classification team, a copy of the registered affiliation agreement involving the clubs concerned must be in the hands of the Executive Director by May 31st, signed by the Presidents and Secretaries of the teams involved. (See Regulation R7.02(a).)

MR5.03(b)

If an affiliation is not approved by the OLA both clubs involved will have two (2) weeks in which to arrange another affiliation agreement. Players used prior to the affiliation rejection will be deemed to have played in the series on a non-affiliated basis. (See Regulation R7.02(b).)

MR5.04

A Junior team may affiliate with one U22 or one U17 team.

1 Game Release-Affiliated Team**MR5.05**

Providing he has the written consent of his team, a player signed with an U22 or U17 team may play in a higher series with a team affiliated with his own. He may play unlimited number of games during the higher category team's regular season. (see Regulation R7.07(a).)

Note: MR 3.10 must also be taken into consideration in the number of games played.

MR5.06

If the affiliated team is in the same municipality (as recognized by the OLA) or if the team is the closest such team, a player may play in **FIFTEEN** playoff games. (See Regulation R7.07(c))

MR5.07

No player may play in any playoff game with any team with which he is not a signed member, except with a team affiliated with his own, and only then, with the written permission of his team signed by the authorized officer. (See Regulation R7.08)

1 Game Release Unaffiliated Team**MR5.08**

A player who is signed member of an U17 or U22 team not affiliated with a club in a higher category may play exhibition games prior to June 1st, and not more than seven league (not playoff) games for teams in higher categories providing he has the written permission from the authorized officer of the team for which he has signed. (See Regulation R8.01(a).)

MR 5.09

A player signed with an unaffiliated team who does have the written permission of the team for which he has signed may play in as many higher categories as he wishes, but shall not play for more than one team in any one higher category, and shall not play more than a total of seven league games in the higher categories, nor shall he play in any playoff games for any other team other than the one with which he is signed. (See Regulation R8.01(b).)

MR5.10

If an unaffiliated U17 or U22 team uses a player who has played more than seven (7) Junior games, any points won by that team will be forfeited and awarded to the opposition team or teams. (See Regulation R8.02 and R8.04)

1 Game Release Form**MR5.11**

A Junior team desiring to use a player or players signed with a U17 or U22 team must first obtain written permission from the authorized officer of the U17 or U22 team and must attached two (2) copies of the "one game" release from to the official's report. (See Regulation R7.09)

MR5.12

No player may play for a Junior team on a one game release unless he is a registered member of a U17 or U22 team entered in the OLA.

ARTICLE MR-VI – EXHIBITION GAMES**MR6.01**

Teams in the Corporation shall not be allowed to play matches with teams or players who have been suspended or expelled from the Corporation during the period of such suspension or expulsion. Clubs so doing knowingly shall be suspended automatically, subject to ruling by the Board of Directors.

MR6.02

All box teams intending to take part in non-zone games must submit completed OLA Non-Zone Game Form to both Zone Directors at least one week prior to scheduled game for authorization. All participants, players, bench personnel and game officials, must be in good standing. Game sheets for the games must be forwarded by the home club to the appropriate Zone designate within 48 hours. Any discipline matters resulting from the game will be dealt with under the direction of the home team's Zone Director.

NOTE: OLA Non-Zone Game Form is available on the OLA website. The OLA will establish a policy on Non-Zone exhibition games two calendar months from any applicable team entry deadline listed in MR3.01. Any exhibition games, regardless if the game(s) were approved by Zone(s) and/or the OLA, that violate the yearly established policy shall not be considered for any official results used to establish team standings, rankings, tournament entries, qualification, provincials, team statistics or player statistics.

MR6.03

A player shall not play in an exhibition game or tournament unless as a member of the association with which he/she is signed.

ARTICLE MR-VII – PLAYOFFS AND TOURNAMENTS**MR7.01**

The Box championships of this Corporation shall consist of: Girls, U22, U17, U15, U13, U11 and U9. At the annual meeting, the OLA will announce dates for the U13 to U17 'A' Provincial Qualifiers and Provincial Championships for the upcoming season.

The Field championships of this Corporation shall consist of: U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17.

The Women's Field championships of this Corporation shall consist of: U11, U13, U15 and U19.

MR7.02 (a)

Prior to the OLA Provincial Championships, the Corporation shall rank all clubs and place them into ratings (A, B, C, etc.) using the rankings that are calculated by MyLAXrankings.com. To receive an accurate ranking and qualify for Provincial Championship Play, all teams must play a minimum of ten (10) games, which must include one (1) tournament. For teams applying to attend more than one tournament, at least one of their tournaments must be outside of their Zone.

These games may be a combination of Zone play, tournament games and/or approved non-Zone games (house league games excluded). Additionally, all teams must fulfill their Zone commitment and be members in good standing.

These games must be completed by the following:

1. 'A' Qualifier teams – 11 days prior to the first day of Qualifier play; and
2. Teams competing in the Provincial Festival (U9 through U22) – 18 days prior to the first day of Festival play

Any team who has played less than six (6) games will not be eligible to participate in the Provincial Championships. Any team who has played between six (6) and ten (10) games may be considered for approval to participate in the Provincial Championships by the OLA's Invitational Tournament Committee. The OLA's Invitational Tournament Committee will consist of a minimum of the following persons: OLA VP Minor (or their delegate), two Zone Directors and two Members At Large, as well as one OLA Staff Member.

MR7.02(b)

Any club, having entered more than one team in any division and which later finds it necessary to withdraw one (or more) team(s) in that division must withdraw its lowest rated team(s) first.

MR7.02(c)

Box clubs will perform a detailed review of each of their team's electronic Game Sheet Inc. roster no later than June 15th. Rosters will be gathered electronically and submitted to OLA Office. Clubs must gather all of their "Women's Field Provincial Team Roster" and "Field Provincial Team Roster" forms and submit electronically to their respective League prior to the first week of scheduled games. Clubs must gather all of their "Fall Field Team Roster" forms and submit electronically to the League prior to the start of the third week of scheduled games. Any club that fails to perform a detailed review and is found to have players listed in multiple teams in same division will be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100.00. If entering more than one team in any group, representatives must denote the number of the team. (e.g. #1, #2 etc.)

Definition Note: After June 15th no further player movement is allowed in Box or Women's Field. After the player's first game of play no further player movement is allowed in Field or Fall Field.

The above rule does not apply to any club's play in a National Tournament or National Championship.

MR7.02(d)

Teams will be notified of their playoff schedule one week prior to commencement of their Provincial Championships.

NOTE: Schedules for box will be prepared in sixteen team groupings within each division, (U9 to U22 and including Qualifiers), with the last category in any division being no less than four teams.

NOTE: Divisions having less than four teams will not be permitted to participate in Provincial Championships for that year.

MR7.03(a)

All Corporation playoffs and championships shall be administered by the Corporation and OLA appointee shall be present at all such playoffs and championships.

MR7.03(b)

Players selected for any elite OLA sanctioned team (including but not limited to Team Ontario, Select, All-Star) must be registered and fulfill all club team commitments in order to be eligible to tryout for said team. Players are responsible first, to their Minor team for previously scheduled Zone / League or Tournament games, without fear of reprisal. Participants may be excused from games to attend Team Ontario / 'Select' / 'All-Star' practices at the Club's option and their commitment to Team Ontario / 'Select' / 'All-Star' must be fulfilled at all other times. All players must have the approval of their resident club prior to any participation.

To be eligible to try out and/or play for any Team Ontario team or any team representing/sanctioned by the Ontario Lacrosse Association (all sectors), the player must be a currently registered member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association and a member in good standing in the division appropriate to his/her age. A Copy of their registration form will be required prior to any participation.

Applicants for bench staff for any Team Ontario team (all sectors) or any team representing/sanctioned by the Ontario Lacrosse Association must be a currently registered member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, be in good standing and fully certified for the position for which they are applying. A copy of their registration form will be required prior to any participation.

Notification of dates and location for all Team Ontario team's tryouts must be sent out to the Zone Directors and League Commissioners, with sufficient time to notify their member clubs prior to the tryout. Information must be posted on OLA and Team Ontario websites and other social media sites currently in use.

NOTE: MR7.03(c) does not apply to Fall Field Lacrosse.

MR7.04(a)

All tournaments or inter-league playdowns must be sanctioned by the Corporation and must use approved rules of play as supplied by the Corporation.

MR7.04(b)

Any association **using non-certified OLOA** officials will be fined **up to a maximum of \$1000.00**. The association will not be allowed to host a sanctioned tournament the following year.

MR7.05(a)

Tournament hosts must submit, within 7 days of last day of tournament, electronic copies of Discipline Committee Report, Fine Summary Sheet and Convenor Report and any other report as request in annual IT Handbook. A five hundred (\$500.00) dollar fine will be assessed for late or incomplete submissions and future hosting may be revoked for the following year.

MR7.05(b)

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.

Definition Note: Between the end of one game and the start of the next.

MR7.05(c)

The Corporation will provide one pass to each club which will admit the holder to all Corporation playdowns and championships and Corporation sanctioned tournaments.

MR7.06

Corporation registered teams or players cannot take part in any tournaments or inter-league play that has not received the sanction of the Board of Directors. Penalty: Suspension until dealt with by the Board of Directors. Member clubs may not play with or against non-member clubs unless prior permission is sought and received from the Board of Directors.

MR7.07(a)

In all Corporation box tournaments, festivals and qualifiers, games will consist of three (3) equal periods with a minimum rest period of three (3) minutes between periods and overtime play as per Corporation rules of play. The length of the periods is to be determined by the Corporation at the time of the drafting of the schedule.

In all Corporation Field championship tournaments and/or playoff series, games will consist of four (4) equal quarters or two (2) equal halves with a minimum rest period of three (3) minutes between quarters and overtime play as per Corporation rules of play. The length of the quarters or halves is to be determined by the Corporation at the time of the drafting of the schedule.

In all Corporation Women's Field championship tournaments and/or playoff series, games will consist of four (4) equal quarters with a minimum rest period of three (3) minutes between quarters and overtime play as per Corporation rules of play. The length of the quarters is to be determined by the Corporation at the time of the drafting of the schedule.

MR7.07(b)

In the event that a Box game must be called due to floor conditions or unforeseen circumstances the game score shall be considered "final" if two complete periods of play have transpired. If two periods have not been completed the remainder of the game must be rescheduled and played.

In the event that a Field game must be called due to field conditions, weather or unforeseen circumstances the game score shall be considered "final" if the prescribed percentage of play has transpired. If the prescribed percentage has not been completed the remainder of the game must be rescheduled and played.

MR7.08

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

TIE BREAKER FOR 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. (See Goal Average Formula below)
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.

The Goal Average Formula is defined as follows:

$$\frac{\text{GF}}{\text{GF} + \text{GA}} = \text{GOAL AVERAGE}$$

The team with goal average closest to 1.0 shall be declared the winner

TIE BREAKER FOR THREE OR MORE TEAMS

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. Only goals scored in games between the tied teams during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation. (See Goal Average Formula)
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5. If a tie still exists then a coin toss will decide the winner.

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The team with goal average closest to 1.0 shall be declared the winner

MR7.09

Job duties, direction and authority for all Conveners will be supplied by the Corporation.

MR7.10

All sanctioned Corporation tournaments (including invitational) must have a Corporation approved registrar to check players' registration for proof of age. Proof of eligibility at any invitational tournament shall be by Corporation registration list or player registration certificate. (See Regulation MR2.15)

MR7.11(a)

All tournaments sanctioned by the Corporation shall be staffed by Corporation carded officials. These shall be appointed by the tournament official-in-charge in conjunction with the Corporation's VP Officiating.

MR7.11(b)

Corporation approved tournament procedures will be provided to the tournament hosts.

MR7.12(a)

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(b)

No disciplinary action shall be undertaken at sanctioned Corporation tournaments without all the affected parties being present, together with any Corporation personnel present at the tournament. The results of the disciplinary action shall be forwarded to the Corporation office within forty-eight (48) hours of the close of the tournament.

MR7.13

1. Any team who, scheduled to play in invitational tournaments, appears with less than six players, or fails to put in an appearance, shall lose its bond, and its club shall be further assessed a fine of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

NOTE – Any team registered to play in an invitational tournament who withdraws with less than 45 days' notice or fails to show, will forfeit the application fee, be assessed a fine of \$250.00 and may be ineligible to participate in that years' Provincial Championship Tournament.

2. Any team that withdraws from Provincial play after July 1st, shall forfeit their bond and the association shall be assessed a fine of seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars.

3. When any team appears with fewer than twelve (12) players and more than five (5), its club shall be assessed a ten (\$10) dollar fine for each player under the required number per tournament.

4. Any team who withdraws from a game at any point in invitational or provincial tournaments must default the remainder of their scheduled games

5. Any team who shows up with less than six players to a game at any point in invitational or provincial tournaments may default the remainder of their scheduled games

ARTICLE MR-VIII – PLAYING RULES**MR8.01**

CLA rules and rule interpretations will apply for all Corporation competition and sanctioned events except for:

- I. any changes previously approved by the Corporation
- II. changes approved annually by the Corporation at the Annual General Meeting to promote participation and skill development in the U9 and U11 groups.

MR8.02

Member clubs will be asked to submit proposed rule changes to the OLA in writing by March 1st so that they may be considered and recommended to the CLA Semi Annual Meeting.

MR8.03

The President has the power to make a decision regarding questions arising out of the regulation or rules of the game, this decision to be confirmed or changed at the next Board of Directors meeting.

MR 8.04(a)

Prior to the start of any game, the officials shall ensure that what they deem to be proper provision for the maintenance of order has been provided.

MR 8.04(b)

The host/home club in all matches shall be responsible for keeping players benches, penalty box and dressing rooms area clear of spectators and for the maintenance of good order throughout the facility.

MR 8.04(c)

In cases where the spectators in any way interfere with the players or officials so as to delay the progress or affect the result of the match, the officials shall declare the match off and report the circumstances to the Zone Director or League Commissioner and sector VP immediately.

MR8.04(d)

The Corporation reserves the right through its officials to order the removal from all or any grounds, stadium or arena (including the parts reserved for spectators paying/admission) of any person guilty of ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike conduct, and if the club fails to carry out the officials' orders in this connection, it may be fined.

MR8.04 (e)

All persons, including those who pay admission fees or receive passes, who attend matches under the jurisdiction of the Corporation, shall be deemed to have agreed that they were admitted to the grounds on condition that they would subject themselves to and abide by the provision of the Constitution and rules of the Corporation, even to the extent that they may be subjected to the necessary force to insure their expulsion by the Police, the officials or the officers of the home club.

MR8.05

Conduct of coaches, managers, trainers or other club officials detrimental to lacrosse shall be reported by the officials or Association Executives to the Board of Directors who will investigate and will have the right to either fine or suspend the offenders if they are found guilty.

MR8.06

In any Corporation competition should it be necessary to stop play in order to allow for a trainer to attend to an injured player, except for a goaltender, then that player must leave the floor / field before play resumes.

MR8.07

The host team shall be held responsible for seeing that the playing area is suitable for all games, to the satisfaction of the officials.

MR8.08

The host club shall be responsible for the keeping of the area clear of spectators and for the maintenance of good order, and shall provide a noise-making device for the timekeeper, and it shall be the duty of the officials to ensure, prior to the start of the game, that what he deems proper provision for the maintenance of order has been provided. In the case where the spectators interfere with the players or the officials so as to delay the progress of, or affect the result of the match, the officials shall declare the circumstances to the Executive Director immediately. (See Regulation R-XI)

MR8.09

The host club shall provide adequate police or other protection for all players and officials at all times. (See Regulation R11.04)

MR8.10

The host club will supply the box officials with official lacrosse balls for commencement of the game and keep him supplied with extra balls.

MR8.11

Stick length as follows:

Minor Box - from U15 up, minimum forty inches (40") – maximum forty-six inches (46"). Paperweight to U13 minimum thirty-four inches (34") – maximum forty-six inches (46"). Maximum width eight inches (8"), and minimum width – four and one-half (4.5). The measurements for width to be the inside frame measurements.

Minor Field - from U15 up, minimum forty inches (40") – maximum forty-six inches (46"). U9 – U13 minimum thirty-four inches (34") – maximum forty-six inches (46"). Maximum width eight inches (8"), and minimum width – four and one-half (4.5). The measurements for width are to be the inside frame measurements. Long Pole Measurements refer to OMFLL Field Rules

Minor Women's Field - The overall length of the field crosse will be 0.9 m / 90cm minimum to 1.1 m / 110cm maximum. End caps are included when measuring the overall length of a crosse. Junior players who are under the age of 15 may use a crosse shorter than 0.9 m to allow it to fit comfortably along the length of the player's arm. All other specifications refer to FIL Rule Book.

MR8.12

All players under the jurisdiction of the Corporation must wear the required and approved equipment for their sector. Goalies must wear approved helmet and mask with attached protective throat guard (See MR8.01).

MR8.13

All minor box and minor field players must wear a facial mask as approved by the CLA and the Canadian Standards Association.

MR8.14

Effective for the 2026 season, the size for U17 and U22 Minor Box playing nets will be 4'6" X 4'.

ARTICLE MR-IX – OFFICIALS**MR9.01**

The Corporation Official-in-Charge will be appointed by the Board of Directors and be responsible for the carding of the officiating staff.

MR9.02

The Corporation Official-in-Charge shall be responsible for the appointment of all officials for corporation sanctioned tournaments.

MR9.03

Subject to the decision of the Corporation Official-in-Charge, no official shall officiate in a tournament game in which a team from his residential club is a participant.

MR9.04

All officials must be certified by the NOCP (National Officiating Certification Program) in the current calendar year prior to officiating any games. Officials may be required to undergo a re-evaluation at any time as designated by the Corporation Official-in-Charge for the purpose of promoting or demoting their classification.

NOTE: Officiating certification is valid from the date of the official's clinic until May 31st of the following year, provided that the official is registered to attend a recertification clinic with the Ontario Lacrosse Association in the following calendar year prior to any participation.

MR9.05(a)

The approved officiating assignor shall appoint two officials for all games in Minor Lacrosse, rep and house league.

The first named of the two officials shall be the senior official and in case of dispute or disagreement, his decision shall be final.

MR9.06(b)

Officials consistently refusing assignments to games will be disciplined by the appropriate Official-in-Charge.

MR9.06

In those instances, where a Corporation official does not appear for a scheduled game, the costs involved for the floor time and travelling time shall be paid by the Corporation. Disciplinary action will be taken if the official is at fault.

MR9.07

The official shall proceed to the centre of the arena precisely as the time at which the match is advertised to commence and commence the play by facing-off the ball. Prior to the start of the game he should see the names of all players participating are recorded on the official form and inspect said players and their certificates recorded on the game sheet, if requested.

MR9.08

Officials shall be required to indicate, in writing, on the game sheet their name and assigned number.

MR9.09

Officiating fees will be set in accordance with the budget, annually, before the season by the Corporation, and will be communicated to the membership annually.

ARTICLE MR-X – SUSPENSIONS, FINES AND PROTESTS**MR10.01**

The 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. Any club, player or

member suspended by the Board of Directors can be re-admitted only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. A general meeting or the annual meeting of the Corporation may request the Board of Directors to re-open and to reconsider any such suspension.

MR10.02

A player, coach, trainer or manager may be suspended by the discipline committee, President or in his absence a vice president of the Corporation for just cause, for any period which the discipline committee, president (or in his absence, a vice president) may consider proper under the circumstances.

MR10.03

Suspensions longer than five (5) games may be appealed by notifying the OLA office within 15 days of the suspension. The hearing may include the suspended party and/or a team official.

MR10.04

Any person who participates in an OLA sanctioned event (Zone, Tournament, Provincial) who does so under an assumed name shall be suspended from the corporation until dealt with by the Board of Directors. In the event that the assumed name was used by a player, all bench personnel and team managers shall also be suspended from the corporation until dealt with by the Board of Directors. (See MR 2.07)

MR10.05

Protests, signed by the President and Secretary of the club protesting (or the Acting President and one other Executive member in their absence) with a copy to the other club involved "postmarked" within forty-eight (48) hours from the date of the match (Sunday excluded), must be sent by registered mail to the OLA office.

MR10.06(a)

A club protesting must send to the OLA office, along with the protest a money order or certified cheque for fifty (\$50.00) dollars payable to the OLA. Deposit to be returned only if the protest is upheld.

MR10.07

Protests on technicalities which do not affect the actual results of the game will not be accepted by the Corporation.

MR10.08

A protest of any game result due to a official's, timekeeper's or any game official's conduct, decision and/or rulings, will not be entertained by the Board of Directors. However, a letter of complaint regarding any game official shall be thoroughly investigated by the Corporation.

MR10.09

Any coach, manager or club official withdrawing a team from any sanctioned contest will be suspended until the next OLA Discipline Committee meeting and a team fine will be levied by the Board of Directors.

MR10.10

Any coach, manager or other official who acts in an unsportsmanlike manner or in a manner detrimental to lacrosse or who acts in an insulting manner to Corporation officials shall be suspended until dealt with.

MR10.11

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 re-instatement upon termination of suspension.

MR10.12

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.

Penalty – removal from the game plus subject to additional Corporation discipline.

MR10.13

Suspension of an individual by the Corporation shall cover his or her activities in all phases of lacrosse unless specifically stated otherwise at the time of suspension.

ARTICLE MR-XI – TROPHIES AND AWARDS**MR11.01**

An Association or Club which wins one (1) or more trophies in one (1) year must post a bond of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for each trophy.

MR11.02 a

All of the said trophies shall be delivered to the Corporation by the clubs or players holding them on or before the Semi-Annual Meeting of the current year, at which time they shall be examined and if found damaged while in the possession of the holders, the Corporation shall inform the Treasurer to retain the bond(s).

MR11.02 b

Failure by any club to deliver any national trophy or national trophies in its care to the CLA before May 1st will be liable to a club fine of \$200.00.

MR11.03

A trophy may be returned by the Corporation to a club or player for proper display purposes after the Annual Meeting if so desired. It must, however, be returned again to the Corporation by May 1st at which time it will be examined and the bond returned to the club if everything is in proper order. When trophy or trophies are not returned by May 1st, the respective bond(s) will be surrendered by the respective club or member.

ARTICLE MR-XII – PERFORMANCE BONDS**MR12.01(a)**

A performance bond must accompany each entry.

MR12.02

Any club with a team in a category not fulfilling their Corporation commitments and therefore defaulting their performance bond, must post a second performance bond for all its teams in the defaulting category with the Corporation in an amount not less than the first performance bond (MR1.04) or a larger amount which may be established by the Corporation on entry in the following year. Any club with team(s) in the category which is defaulting a second performance bond will not be allowed participation in the corporation championships in the following year. This disqualification is subject to appeal. (See MR10.06(b).)

NOTE: Example – A club with 3 U11 teams enters the first year but team 3 does not fulfill commitments, therefore, in the second year the club must post a first and second performance bond for all of its teams in the U11 category.