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2026 Proposed Amendments Package

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 - **Deletions**
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 4.13**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor Box**
DATE: **September 9, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

- 4.13 **Voting Rights:** Members in Good Standing by the Record Date of the Meeting of the Members will have the following voting rights:
- (a) Each Director is entitled to one vote;
 - (b) Each League Member, through its Designated Representative, is entitled to one vote;
 - (c) Each Club Member, through its Designated Representative as recognized by the Corporation, is entitled to two vote(s) for each sector in which it is registered to participate in the upcoming season, provided it entered at least one team into participation in that sector in the previous season and has fully entered one team into participation for the upcoming season.
 - (d) Each Honourary Life Member is entitled to one vote.
 - (e) Membership may not be held simultaneously in multiple classes, except when the second class is Honourary Life Member. Where a Director or Designated Representative holds membership in multiple classes, only one vote will be recognized in the order in which it is presented within this article, and the other vote may not be transferred or reassigned.
 - (f) Each Member in Good Standing is entitled to vote on every issue, unless an advance request is made by a Member in writing to the Chair by September 15 (or 30 days in advance, in the case of a Special Meeting) with rationale, who is solely responsible to determine if the scope of a particular vote requires consideration by a specific segment of the Membership. Any decision to restrict such voting entitlement is limited only to proposed amendments of sector-specific Regulations that do not have any financial implications to the Corporation or its Members, and not ever to the Corporation's By-Laws.
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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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- (a) Each Director is entitled to one vote;
 - (b) Each League Member, through its Designated Representative, is entitled to one vote;
 - (c) **Each Club Member, through its Designated Representative as recognized by the Corporation, is entitled to one vote in each of the following categories, provided the Club Member is in Good Standing and was properly registered to participate in that sector or division in the immediately previous season:**

- (i) Junior-Major Box (by division)
- (ii) Minor Box
- (iii) Junior-Senior Field (by division)
- (iv) Minor & Men's Field
- (v) Women's Field
- (vi) Sixes

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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The existing By-Law could be interpreted as only providing voting privileges by sector, as opposed to by sector and where appropriate, also by division. Addressing this is a critical requirement for accuracy that could otherwise be challenged.

By providing two votes per sector, each voting club is required to send two individuals to exercise those votes. For clubs outside of the geographic GTA, this can become incredibly cost prohibitive to fulfill, thus limiting their voting capacity and representation at the Meeting of the Members. Rather than duplicating everyone's votes, the ability to ensure that those clubs who have earned the right to be represented at the AGM by their participation are able to do so. This doesn't limit a second individual from the same sector of the club attending the Meeting of the Members; it only ensures that clubs are properly represented comparative to everyone else, in a financially affordable way.

Removing the requirement for each team to be fully registered for the following year in order to participate, which isn't current practice (Junior/Senior clubs are able to pay the minor team rate in order to attend, with the balance owing to be paid prior to the beginning of the following season).

Overall, this makes participation at Annual Members Meetings more equitable and affordable for everyone.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 5.33**

PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Minor Lacrosse Association**

DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

5.33 Any decision made by the Board or Corporation that conflicts with a By-Law, Rule or Regulation, or Policies can be appealed.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

We are all trying to follow rules and operate according to what is documented. Members should be able to appeal if the Board and/or Corporation make a decision that goes against documented rules and policy. The Board and/or Corporation should not be able to use 5.31 and 5.32 as “god mode” without allowing us to have a voice.

Chairperson’s note: the current appeals process includes the following clause:

In making the determination [on whether to grant an appeal], the President or Designate shall consider the following factors as cause to grant an appeal:

[...]

iii. Failing to consider the relevant Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or approved policies of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

[OR 11.3(d) § 3]

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OR

PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 1 – OR 11**
PROPOSED BY: **Sean O’Callaghan, OLA President**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

MOTION:

“To adopt the revised Operating Regulations, as separately presented, and in doing so, repeal the existing OR Section and C Section of the OLA’s Regulations.”

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The current OR section contains several articles that are policies and procedures, not regulations (Harrassment, Criminal Record Checks, Confidential File, Life Membership, Hearing Process) and areas that are now part of the OLA’s revised By-Laws (Membership, Meetings of the Members, Finances, Termination/Suspension of Membership). Several of these sections have already been converted into policies and procedures.

The existing C section also contains several sections that are part of the OLA’s Revised By-Laws (Affiliations, Purpose and Objects, Composition).

This revised OR section, as presented, covers the areas of lacrosse that are applicable to all sectors and divisions, including standing councils, financials, declaration of membership, team composition, maintenance of order, postponements, officials and registration - many of which are missing from our current governance documentation and could put the organization at risk.

From time to time, it is necessary to fully revise specific sections to ensure that our organization’s current needs are being met. This reorganization allows for critical information to be found more easily, with terminology that is currently in use, and ensuring that information which is not specific to a certain sector or league can be grouped together for convenience.

Chairperson’s note: if necessary, prepared debate will be permitted on specified articles prior to adoption at the Membership’s Discretion. The full process for consideration of this document will be explained at the Meeting of the Members.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 1.07(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 14, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R1.07(a)

In the event of a tie score at the end of regulation time of a **regular season** game, the teams will remain on the floor for a two minute rest period, which will be followed by a ten minute overtime period. **When play resumes, the first goal scored during the overtime period will terminate the contest. If the score remains tied after the ten minute overtime period,** each team will be awarded one point.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Will unify overtime procedures among leagues, creating consistency.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 1.07(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 14, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R1.07(b)

In the event of a tie score at the end of regulation time of an OLA Playoff game, the teams will remain on the floor for a two minute rest period, which will be followed by a ten minute overtime period.
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 two minutes at the end of each overtime period until the first goal is scored to terminate the game.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Will unify overtime procedures among leagues, creating consistency between regular season and playoffs.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 1.07(c)**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 14, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R1.07(c)

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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Redundant with changes made to R 1.07(b)

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 5.03**

PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Minor Lacrosse Association**

DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

R 5.03

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R 5.03

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.

Note: This rule is not applicable for Minor Lacrosse.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This rule was referenced by the Corporation for a reason why they could make adjustments mid-tournament to the Lacrosse Festival. We recommend adding this note so this isn't done again.

Chairperson's Note: All regulations in the "R" Section, including R5.03, apply to the Junior-Major box sector only.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.14(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Jeff Lankowski, Cambridge Junior “B” Highlanders**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.14(a)

July 1st shall be the final date for rostering or releasing **a** 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 **the first Monday after Labour Day in the same year.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This is to allow General Managers and Coaches to be able to get potential players in their system before tryouts take place as teams are starting up earlier and earlier each year.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.25(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Sean O'Callaghan, OLA President**
DATE: **September 4, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.25(a)

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 **(other than those acquired via an interprovincial transfer)**. 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.

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The player’s club must, within seven (7) days of being rostered, identify to all Junior series clubs that the player has been rostered, **and under which status they belong. Note: The OLA and the applicable Junior Commissioner will have final approval as to which status a player will fall under.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Over the last couple of seasons, there has been a lot of confusion as to player’s addresses that are required to clarify which status a player will fall under. The OLA and the Junior Series Leagues need to have final say on player’s classification in order that there will be no issues going forward.

NOTE: There is one Lacrosse Canada Member Association (MA) that is not a province. The First Nations Lacrosse Association (FNLA) has a Junior “B” league, and in the transfer of a US-based player from the FNLA to the OLA, their status remains as ‘out-of-Province,’ not “out-of-Country” provided they competed with the FNLA in the immediately previous season.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.25(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Mike Soulliere, Windsor Junior “B” Clippers**
DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.25(b)

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

- 1. The rule is discriminatory as it only applies to Junior.
- 2. It levels the playing field for border teams who cannot benefit from “next closest centre” status.
- 3. If the shoe was on the other foot, and US schools said we will limit the amount of Canadian players who can play in the US, we would cry foul.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.33**
PROPOSED BY: **Dave Vernon, OJBLL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 14, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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.

If the player is released to a lower category team for the second time, the releasing team will retain the player’s rights for that higher category, until such time as they may release or trade those rights to another team in their same category.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Clarification

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.33**
PROPOSED BY: **Jeff Lankowski, Cambridge Junior “B” Highlanders**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.33

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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, **the player becomes available to sign with no compensation to the releasing team. If the player fails to sign a card with another team, he reverts back to his home center the next season.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

If players are released 2 years in a row by their residential team at any level they need to be signed that second year by a team or revert back.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.35(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Dave Vernon, OJBLL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 14, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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)).

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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)).

NOTE: After a team has utilized its three player direct release, the only other way a player can be eligible to play for that team is by a trade (see R6.35b), or the player would have to be waived through every Junior team in that category which is closer to his home centre than the centre for which he wishes to play.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Clarification of the process.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.35(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Sean O'Callaghan, OLA President**
DATE: **September 12, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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).

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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).

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Teams that are in areas where there are not a lot of graduating players may need help to acquire

sufficient players, in trades from other clubs with an excess of players. Other teams in rebuilding years may also need to pick up more than 3 players in a given year.

This line needs to be removed as it becomes a tool in playoffs when some teams are looking for an edge. Currently the 3 Junior Leagues allow extra trades through their policy papers, in order that teams remain competitive.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.35(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Jeff Lankowski, Cambridge Junior “B” Highlanders**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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).

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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:

Unlimited trades between teams can occur in the same level between the first Monday after Labor Day until May 1st of the next year.

Until the third 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).

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This allows for team to continue making plans for the upcoming season and be ready for tryouts the next season.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.01(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor**
DATE: **September 9, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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.~~

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Regulations surrounding affiliation from minor to JR-M need to be standardized.

For the 2025 playing season, all Girls Box U22 teams had **two** WMSL team affiliations which provides ample playing opportunity for these players, while addressing the need for WMSL teams who may have been forced to play short.

In just one season, this rule has created unintended consequences: teams have exploited the original reason behind its adoption to create competitive advantages.

With this additional league specific note, an entire team players could request consent from their affiliated club to play for any unaffiliated club, negating the intent of the affiliation agreement. All formal affiliations between teams are approved at OLA Board of Directors level, side deals are not permitted anywhere else and shouldn’t be happening here.

Chairperson’s Note: WMSL teams without residential affiliate programs are currently entitled to affiliate with two U22 Girls Box teams (outlined in R 7.01g). U22 Girls Box teams may only officially affiliate upwards with one WMSL team, and affiliations beyond that limit require consent of the affiliated team.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.01(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Victoria Clark, Peterborough WMSL Lakers**
DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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 team to play for an unaffiliated team. **If permission is granted, R.8.01(a) and R.8.01(b) are in effect for the player, as they are not considered an affiliate of the higher-ranked team. Any lower-ranked player can only play for one WMSL team in a single season.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This current note is purposefully vague and can be interpreted in many different ways. This change in wording will clearly outline which rules a player must follow if they do have permission to play for a WMSL team that is not affiliated with their current U22 team. This also clarifies that any lower-ranked (U22 player) can only play for one WMSL team in a single season.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.01(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Reg Holinshead, Arthur Aces WMSL**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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. **This player is now recognized as an affiliated player for the team they were given permission to play for.** Any affiliated player can only play for one WMSL club in a single season. **Said affiliated player is eligible for all regular season games as well as playoffs/ Provincials if they play in the required number of games as set out by the WMSL.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The proposed amendment is to confirm the intent of the rule. That is, to allow as many young women as possible to be able to play up in the WMSL when they have permission to do so. f a WMSL team who is affiliated with a U22 team doesn’t have room to bring up more U22 players, then the player may have the opportunity to join another WMSL team who needs players. This helps both the U22 player as they can gain more experience at the higher level, as well as the WMSL team who may need more players rather than playing shorthanded in regular season and/or Provincials which are our playoffs. This is how the WMSL has dealt with this situation in the past.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.01(h)**
PROPOSED BY: **Jeff Lankowski, Cambridge Junior “B” Highlanders**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R7.01(h)

When a Junior “A” team moves a player to their affiliated team, that team must inform the player of his right of choice if there are closer, lower-ranked centers than where the affiliated team is located. The Junior “A” team can not only direct the player to the affiliated team without giving the player the right of choice. If it is found that this has not been followed by the Junior “A” representative, the team shall be fined \$1000.00 after the first offence. If a 2nd offence takes place, the Junior “A” team’s President and General Manager shall be suspended for 1 year and be classified as Not in Good Standing with the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

There have been too many instances where teams are forcing players to go to teams where they do not want to play for due to distance, and they’re being told if they do not attend the team, they will not play Junior “A” in a specific center. Players ultimately should have the choice of where they want to play without being threatened if they don’t abide by what they are being told.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 10.10**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R10.10

<DELETE>

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Lacks clarity; there are a number of reasons why a game may start 2-3 minutes late, none of which are worthy of issuing a \$6 fine for. Teams should endeavour to start each game on time, and where a situation occurs where a game starts late for a reason that is within a team’s control, the officials should penalize that team with a delay of game penalty.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 10.11**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R10.11

<DELETE>

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Lacks clarity; there are a number of reasons why a game may start 2-3 minutes late, none of which are worthy of issuing a \$3 fine for. Teams should endeavour to start each game on time, and where a situation occurs where a game starts late for a reason that is within a team’s control, the officials should penalize that team with a delay of game penalty.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 10.12**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R10.12

<DELETE>

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This clause is very general and ignores circumstances such as floor conditions, traffic, etc. The commissioner, the officials’ assignors and team executives have worked together collectively solve this matter. We have a protocol in place and this does not need to be in the Regulations.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 12.02**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

R12.02

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R12.02

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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Addressed under other Rules and Regulations with great detail and alignment with current practice.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN

PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 16.04**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R16.04

If the officials have occasion to write a report on a team official, **a copy of that report must be completed and attached to the gamesheet. A copy of the report will be made available to the commissioner, as part of the established disciplinary process.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Aligns with current practice and disciplinary procedure.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN

PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 16.15**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

R16.15

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R16.15

All teams must film the entirety of their home games, and submit a link to the recording to the OLA within 48 hours of the game's conclusion. Teams failing to meet this provision in whole or in part will be subject to a fine of \$250 per occurrence.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Game film is a critical asset, and having access to it can be crucial for multiple reasons: player development, officiating development, discipline (both the protection against discipline, and the acceptance of discipline when warranted), and promotion of the game are all elements that benefit greatly from this requirement.

Chairperson's Note: This vote is restricted to the Junior-Major box sector only, plus Board of Directors and all Governors Council members.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 18.01**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R18.01

The Officiating Assignor shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. **He/she shall be responsible to the Vice President Technical (Officiating) who shall report to the Board of Directors as requested.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Aligns with current practice.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 18.02**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

<DELETE>

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The “Board of Officiating” does not exist – does not align with current practice, which is that the officiating pool for Junior-Major is procured from graduating officials from the “A” Qualifiers Officiating Program.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 18.03**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.


PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R18.03

The list of **home centres for each official selected for assignments in the Junior to Major Series shall be provided to each league's commissioner before the start of the season.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Aligns with current practice - helps commissioners to know where an official is based.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 18.05**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

R18.05

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R18.05

Only those officials who are certified in the current year and assigned by the OLA's officiating assignor are approved to officiate games. At no time shall any official accept an assignment from anyone other than the officials' assignor or their designated representative.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Adding clarity to ensure teams do not assign games on their own. Maintains order and reduces liability.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 18.07**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.


PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R18.07

The officiating assignor shall appoint a minimum of two officials for all games in the Major, Senior and Junior leagues. The Vice President Technical (Officiating), with consultation and approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint officials to attend National Championships.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Aligns with current practice; assigns the responsibility of the selection for national championships to the individuals who are in the best position to evaluate the rules knowledge, skill set and abilities of the officials from a “big-picture” perspective.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 18.08**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R18.08

<DELETE>

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Does not align with current practice. Leagues have individual needs and the mechanism to designate a lead official is handled at the assignment level, and not in the Regulations.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 18.09**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

R18.09

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R18.09

<DELETE>

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Does not align with established protocols for opening face-offs, particularly in the three-official system.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN

PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 18.11**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R18.11

Officials are required to arrive no later than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. If an official is late, they shall be fined an amount determined by the Vice President Technical (Officiating), in consultation with the OLOA. The fine may be waived due to extenuating circumstances.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Aligns with current practice, and includes the expectation for arrival time.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 18.12**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R18.12

Remuneration for officials will be consistent with the professional services agreement (and any applicable appendices) between the OLA and OLOA for the current season.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Aligns with current practice.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 18.13**
PROPOSED BY: **Ian Garrison, OLA VP Officiating**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R18.13

The competing club(s) shall pay the officials' fees before the game commences. Officials shall have their expense form completed 25 minutes prior to game time. Should either violate this requirement, notice may be issued to the league commissioner and the Vice President Technical (Officiating). Each home team must upload their copy of the Officiating Expense Form to the link provided by their league within 24 hours of the scheduled game time.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Aligns with current practice, and includes the expectation for timing that respects the needs of both the teams and the officials.

The requirement to upload also allows for immediate access to submissions made and ensures that correct amounts are being charged. Being digital allows multiple stakeholders to gain access without delay.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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GIRLS' U22 A
BOX
CHAMPIONS
2025

Alannah Cafarelli #2

Regan Brice #27

Rylan #21

Charlie Wilson #27

Leah Martin #33

Charlie #9





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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 1.09**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.


PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR1.09

Teams attending the Ontario Lacrosse Festival must complete the signed declaration form of intent to participate in the Provincial Championships **and verify the accuracy of their electronic 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 **verified** 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.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Current practice.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.01**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.01

No team may have more than twenty-**three (23)** players registered for competition in any sector, except for Sixes where no team may have more than fifteen (15) players registered for competition.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This aligns with the maximum number of Junior-team roster sizes, and provides up to three substitute players which are healthy scratches for each game in addition to a full-sized roster of 18 players and 2 goaltenders.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.01(b-c)**
PROPOSED BY: **Chris Cormier, Mimico Minor Lacrosse Association**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.01(b)

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.01 (b)

No team may roster more than two (2) “out-of-country” players for competition in any sector. Teams may not have more than two (2) “out-of-country” players in their lineup for any given game, who were registered 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 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.

MR2.01 (c)

In order to remain eligible for OLA-sanctioned “A” Qualifiers and Provincial Championships, any “out-of-country” player must participate in no less than fifty percent (50%) of their team’s regularly scheduled league games.

NOTE: Tournaments, exhibition games, and non-zone games shall not count toward the participation requirement. Players who do not meet the minimum participation threshold shall be ineligible for “A” Qualifiers and Provincials for that season.

Indigenous exemption: The above restrictions on “out-of-country” players (including roster limits, participation thresholds, and geographic boundaries) shall not apply to Indigenous players whose home territories span the Canada–U.S. border. The OLA recognizes that such territories pre-date and transcend modern political boundaries, and Indigenous athletes from these territories shall continue to be welcomed into OLA Minor programs without restriction under any out-of-country rule.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Ontario Players First!

The Ontario Lacrosse Association’s mandate is to grow and develop the game of lacrosse within the province of Ontario. To fulfill this mandate and make it consistent with similar rules at the Junior level, the OLA must prioritize Ontario residents in roster construction and competitive opportunities. Allowing an unlimited or loosely regulated number of out-of-country players undermines this mandate by:

- 1. Displacing Ontario athletes – Local players are being relegated to lower-tier teams or reduced playing opportunities in order to accommodate out-of-country athletes on top teams. In some cases, rosters are made up with a disproportionate number of American players, which is inconsistent with the spirit of Ontario-based minor lacrosse.
- 2. Unequal development burden – Centres located away from the border must develop and elevate the players they have, while border centres can supplement their rosters with American athletes. This creates a competitive imbalance and an uneven playing field within the OLA system.
- 3. Double standard in eligibility – Ontario players are subject to strict residency and release rules from region to region, yet there is currently no cap on the number of American players who may appear on an Ontario team. This represents a convenient loophole for certain centres and holds Ontario residents to a higher standard than U.S.-based athletes.
- 4. Diluting the value of league play – When out-of-country players are permitted to participate in Qualifiers and Provincials despite playing only a handful of regular season zone games, it diminishes the integrity of league play and the commitment of local athletes who have competed all season.

For these reasons, it is recommended that participation thresholds and geographic boundaries for out-of-country players be clearly codified, with explicit exceptions for Indigenous athletes whose territories span the Canada–U.S. border. These measures balance inclusivity with fairness while keeping the OLA’s focus on its core mandate: developing lacrosse in Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.01(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.01(b)

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.01(b)

All players will be required to have played 75% (seventy five percent) of their teams' games to be eligible for Qualifiers and Provincial Championships. Any player having played less than 75% of their team's games may request an eligibility review from VP Minor by July 15.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Consistent team rosters ensures the accuracy of a team's ratings. Where players are largely absent throughout the season but then appear at the provincial championships, it creates a ranking imbalance.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.02**
PROPOSED BY: **Danielle Carroll, OLA VP Promotion**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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: **June 1st;**
Sixes: October 1st.

All proper documentation must be uploaded prior to club approval, including:

For all new players: proof of age

For all Coaches, Trainers, Managers and any adult in direct contact with minor-aged athletes: verification of a valid Criminal Record Check, which must be marked as "verified" in the registration program by the club registrar upon review of document

For all Coaches: NCCP Locker transcript showing the individual's full name, NCCP number, courses taken including Making Headways, and the dates of courses

For all Trainers: NCCP Locker transcript showing the individual's full name, NCCP number,

OLA-approved trainer’s course, and any other trainers’ courses taken including Making Headways, and the dates of courses.

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.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Bringing dates in line, clarifying documentation required prior to club approval

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.03**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.03

<DELETE>

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Current practice.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.04(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Eddy Jack, Zone 8 Director**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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 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).

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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. **Minor clubs will be required to have all offered spring and summer program registrations open by January 15th of the current playing season and remain open until at least until March 15th (field) and May 1st (box). Noncompliance may result in a fine of up to \$500.00 based on a review with the local Zone Director, League Commissioner, the OLA VP of Minor/Field and the OLA Program Director.**

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 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).

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To indicate to clubs the importance of having product registrations made available in a timely manner as well as identifying areas of concern and offering assistance if compliance cannot be met.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.04(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Danielle Carroll, OLA VP Promotion**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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 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).

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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 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. **Exception: Trainer certification is recognized across all sectors of play.**

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 1st;**

Sixes – October 1st at 11:59 pm EST.

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Adding Sixes date and aligning OWFL.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.08(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Danielle Carroll, OLA VP Promotion**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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
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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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
 - Sixes: 3rd Sunday in September**
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Adding Sixes date.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN

PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.08(c)**
PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Minor Lacrosse Association**
DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.08(c)

A player who is a resident in a municipality where no **Member Club, Sector, or Girl's / Women's box lacrosse program** 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.~~

NOTE: Players must have played rep outside their residency the previous season or be grandfathered according to MR2.09(b), to be able to make this choice. Otherwise, they must return to their resident association.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

We are trying to provide clarity to this rule with proper terminology and are making no attempt to change how it is currently being interpreted.

We (BMLA) are spending too much time trying to explain this to coaches and parents and want to point them to a clear rule. We are hoping this will help others as well.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.10**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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 **April 15th**, in Field by March 9th, in Women’s Field by May 1st, and **in SIXES by September 8th**, 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. **Any club wishing to add a box team into Zone play after April 15th must apply to the Zone Director, OLA Ratings Coordinator and VP Minor**

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
Sixes: 3rd Sunday in September

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Adding Sixes date, ensuring all teams are captured in Zone Schedule and have spots in

tournaments, and meeting the designated timelines of the minor box preliminary ratings schedule.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 3.04(d)**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor**
DATE: **September 13, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR3.04(d)

Any association found to have registered player(s) that are not residentially bound to, or previously released to, that association, without **Provincial Registrar** approval will be fined **up to \$1,000.00** per occurrence.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Current practice for registration – no longer have Zone or league registrars. Tampering is a serious offense, and providing a fine range (as opposed to a set amount) is consistent with other areas of the regulations.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 4.03**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor**
DATE: **September 13, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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 **up to a \$50.00 dollar fine** per player over the limit.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The amount of \$5/player is woefully out of date.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 4.04**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR4.04(d)

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR4.04(d)

If a team plays a player up in a higher age group (~~e.g. U17 to U22~~), this shall be indicated on the **electronic** game sheet **using the “affiliated players” designation**. Failure to indicate a player's **affiliated status** will result in a fine of **up to \$50.00** per occurrence, **billed and received by the Zone or League in which the infraction occurs**.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The amount of \$5/player is woefully out of date.

This also captures the current process for affiliated players in the electronic game sheet.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 4.05**
PROPOSED BY: **Jerry Kavanaugh, Windsor Minor Lacrosse Association**
DATE: **September 14, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR4.05

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR4.05

Any female player registered on a boys’ box lacrosse team is eligible to serve as an Affiliated Player (AP) for a girls’ box lacrosse team within the same organization, subject to the player movement sequence in MR4.02, until the June 15th roster deadline.


REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Example: A U17 female player participating on a U17 boys’ team may AP for a U22 girls’ team within the same association, provided there is no violation of player movement under the chart in MR4.02.

Helps Build Girls’ Teams: Some organizations struggle to field full girls’ teams, especially in older age groups. Allowing qualified APs from boys’ teams helps fill rosters and keeps programs viable.

Player Retention: Girls who may not have a full team in their age group still have a pathway to continue playing competitively in both male and female formats.

Promotes Inclusion: It recognizes the unique development paths of female players who choose to compete in the boys’ game early and ensures they still have opportunities within the girls’ system.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 4.05**
PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Minor Lacrosse Association**
DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR4.05

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR4.05

A female player shall be eligible to play in both the co-ed and Girl's / Women's Lacrosse divisions for their age group.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

There is no documented rule for this scenario, however we had a participant this season told this was against the rules.

With this change we are clearly documenting that this is possible since there isn't a good reason to prevent it if the family and Member club are ok with it.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 4.05**
PROPOSED BY: **John Stephens, Zone 10 Director**
DATE: **September 15, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR4.05

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR4.05

Any minor team may roster up to two (2) “out-of-country” players each year. “Out-of-country” players are defined as minor players who have come to Canada from the USA (or elsewhere) for the purpose of playing minor lacrosse and have been rostered to an OLA minor lacrosse team.

An “out-of-country” player’s principal residence must be located within 50km of the Ontario border to be eligible for registration with an OLA Minor team.

A bona-fide family move will not be considered as coming to Ontario for the purpose of playing lacrosse.

This rule applies teams based in municipalities with populations of 50,001 or more. Players would not be grandfathered in for 2026 season. Municipalities with populations of 50,000 or less are exempt from this rule.

Indigenous Territories that span the Canada USA border are exempt from this rule.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

1. To make minor rules consistent with junior rules - R 6.25(b), which limit the number of out of country players who can be rostered
2. To ensure local players are not displaced by non-resident players
3. To maintain competitive balance at minor

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 6.02**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor**
DATE: **September 11, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:


MR6.02

Any box lacrosse teams wishing to participate in Inter-Zone play must adhere to the OLA’s Inter-Zone Guidelines.

NOTE: ~~OLA Non-Zone Game Form is available on the OLA website.~~ The OLA will establish a policy on **Inter-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.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Current practice.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.02(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Minor Lacrosse Association**
DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR7.02(a)

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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.

The OLA Invitational Tournament Committee must be named, and communication information distributed to Member clubs, no more than seven (7) days before the start of any Provincial Championship.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Several reasons:

- Clarity and accountability for who is on the committee and the decisions they make.
- Contact information for emergency purposes.
- Contact information for tournament related inquiries.
- We had a member directly listed in this rule tell us during this year's Provincial Championships, "I don't do (that), I passed on your concerns," after we inquired about decision making during the tournament.
- Protecting tournament volunteers that have nothing to do with decisions made by the Tournament Committee.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.02(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor**
DATE: **September 11, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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:

1. Play in one (1) OLA sanctioned tournament for teams applying to attend more than one (1) tournament, at least one of their tournaments must be outside of their Zone
2. **Fulfill their Zone schedule commitment, defined as:
U9, U11: minimum of 10 Zone Scheduled games**

U13, U15, U17 minimum of 12 Zone Scheduled Games
U22 minimum of 8 Zone / Inter-Zone scheduled games
Girls Box: 8 Zone linter-Zone scheduled games

3. All teams must fulfill any other Zone commitment and be members in good standing

Additional games are those above the minimum requirements of a team’s home Zone schedule and are meant to address an identified shortage of competitive teams. Any additional games included in Zones schedules will not be included in Inter-Zone games number restrictions.

These games must be completed by the following:

- 1. ‘A’ Qualifier teams – 11 days prior to the first day of Qualifier play
- 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 **eight (8)** games will not be eligible to participate in the Provincial Championships. Any team who has played between **eight (8) and twelve (12)** games may be considered for approval to participate in the Provincial Championships by the OLA VP Minor in consultation with two of: OLA Tournament Coordinator, OLA Girls Box Coordinator, Zone Director, and one OLA Staff Member.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Players are regularly looking for more games, and the accuracy of rankings only increases when the amount of games that are played increases. These minimum game requirements are on par with averge game count data from pre-pandemic seasons, and given the strength of the OLA in 2025, it is now time to return to those expectations.

Geographic considerations will continue to be made for clubs from outlying areas, but for those with neighbouring centres, this will increase the value proposition for athletes to continue to play in the OLA, while making each team more cohesive and competitive.

Based on 2025 game counts, these minimums are well below what the majority of teams are already scheduled to play, so amending this article is meant to provide written clarity to what is already taking place in 80%+ of the OLA.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.02(d)**
PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Minor Lacrosse Association**
DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR7.02(d)

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

The format and schedule of playoffs shall not change less than a week prior to commencement of Provincial Championships except for exceptional or logistical circumstances. The following shall not be considered exceptional or logistical reasons for changing the schedule:

- **Results of playoff games.**
- **Strength of teams (perceived or statistical).**
- **Results from games prior to playoffs.**

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.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Preventing a future scenario that occurred this year where the playoff format was changed after round-robin play and drastically impacted elimination play.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.04(c)**
PROPOSED BY: **Chris Cormier, Mimico Minor Lacrosse Association**
DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR7.04(c)

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR7.02(c)

All Invitational Tournaments sanctioned by the Corporation shall be subject to a centralized application and allocation process administered by the OLA Invitational Tournament Committee. Teams/clubs must submit a Tournament Request Form to the Corporation prior to contacting host clubs. After consulting with club Tournament Directors, the Corporation shall assign tournament spaces equitably, taking into consideration declared ratings, zone distribution, and club travel requirements. Teams/clubs will automatically be enrolled in their own club Invitational Tournament, if rated at that level. Once notified of an assignment, teams/clubs will have seventy-two (72) hours to complete registration and payment with the host club. If a team/club chooses not to accept the reserved spot, another tournament space may not be offered. No Invitational Tournament may open or accept an independent registration outside this process.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

For years, the process for registering for Invitational Tournaments has been managed directly by host clubs. This has resulted in inconsistent application procedures, inequitable access to tournament spaces, and ongoing concerns about fairness. Some host clubs open registration at different times, sometimes disqualifying early applicants or creating a “race” for spots at midnight or on a set hour.

The Ontario Lacrosse Association has already recognized these issues at the A/B level and, for the past two seasons, has administered a centralized application and allocation process for A/B tournaments. This system has proven effective in distributing tournament spaces fairly. The proposed amendment to MR7.04(c) and MR7.04(d) extends this successful model to all Invitational Tournaments, formally codifying the process within the Rules and Regulations. Routing all applications through the OLA Invitational Tournament Committee will ensure that every team has an equal opportunity to secure tournament spaces, that allocations are managed consistently under

clear and transparent criteria, and that all Invitational Tournaments (A/B, B/C, C/D, D/E) follow the same standardized process.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.04(d)**
PROPOSED BY: **Chris Cormier, Mimico Minor Lacrosse Association**
DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR7.04(d)

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR7.04(d)

For A/B Invitational Tournaments, all declared ‘A’ teams will receive reserved tournament space(s) first. ‘B’ teams will follow. Decisions will be made once all declared ‘A’ teams have completed the request form.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

For years, the process for registering for Invitational Tournaments has been managed directly by host clubs. This has resulted in inconsistent application procedures, inequitable access to tournament spaces, and ongoing concerns about fairness. Some host clubs open registration at different times, sometimes disqualifying early applicants or creating a “race” for spots at midnight or on a set hour.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.04(e)**
PROPOSED BY: **Chris Cormier, Mimico Minor Lacrosse Association**
DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR7.04(e)

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR7.02(e)

For U7 Invitational Tournaments, the number of spaces shall be allocated through the centralized application and allocation process administered by the OLA Invitational Tournament Committee. Following submission of Tournament Request Forms by U7 teams/ clubs, the Corporation shall determine the total number of tournament spaces to be made available in the U7 division based on declared demand. Tournament spaces will then be assigned equitably to ensure that all teams have the opportunity to participate, with the goal of maximizing access across the division.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The U7 (Paperweight) division is an entry-level age group with no rankings or Provincial Championships. Demand for tournaments at this level is difficult to predict, as participation can vary widely from year to year. In 2025, for example, 50 teams competed for 64 available tournament spots. As a result, 26 teams did not attend any tournaments, 8 teams attended one tournament, 20 teams attended two tournaments, and 2 teams managed to attend 3 tournaments.

This uneven access to tournaments creates significant inequities in the number of games played across the province. Teams that attended two or three tournaments average 16–18 total games, while teams without tournaments averaged fewer than 7 games. Participation in tournaments is therefore the single biggest driver of playing opportunities at this level.

Because U7 involves children who are 5 and 6 years old, weeknight zone play can be challenging — particularly in areas where the only available floor times may not be suitable for young families. Weekend tournaments provide a more accessible and developmentally appropriate structure, allowing players to gain meaningful game experience and encouraging family engagement.

Tournaments also support clubs and new team managers (who make up the majority of leadership at the U7 level) recruit players to play. Tournaments provide a clear, predictable schedule for families at the start of the season, simplifying planning and making the transition into “Rep” lacrosse more welcoming. While the OLA currently promotes “Fun Days” as an option for additional games, these are difficult to coordinate mid-season and cannot match the structure, atmosphere, and reliability of an Invitational Tournament.

Given that U7 competition is focused on development, fun, and exposure rather than wins and losses, it is essential that all players have a fair chance to participate in tournaments. This amendment ensures that the number of U7 tournament spaces is determined each season based on declared demand. By aligning available spots with the number of teams requesting entry, the OLA can maximize access, provide more equitable playing opportunities, and support long-term player retention and development.

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PRESENTLY READS:

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.
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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR7.13

1. Any team who, scheduled to play in invitational tournaments, appears with less than **eight (8)** 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 **two hundred and fifty \$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 **provincial team entry fee** and the association shall be assessed a fine of **up to \$1,000.00**.
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 and **may be fined up to a maximum of \$1,000.00**.
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.~~

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Current practice & updating dollar values.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.14**
PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Blaze Minor Lacrosse**
DATE: **September 12, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR7.14

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR7.14

Opening of tournament registrations will be staggered to occur daily for each Division by age group.

Timestamps for receipt of payment will not be used as a basis for accepting Member clubs into a tournament within the first 72 hours of a tournament registration opening.

The OLA Board or Corporation may balance tournament registrations if teams are not accepted into tournaments and others in the same age / skill Division have successfully entered more.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Several Reasons:

- We must stop the “wild west” of the yearly tournament entries. For example, one tournament this year we entered five teams and paid fees within the first minute. Only one team out of five was accepted.
- We are exceeding our daily etransfer amounts and requiring transfers into volunteers’ bank accounts or using volunteers’ personal funds. This is posing a financial and security risk.
- The workload and level of coordination to plan this five-minutes of craziness is unsustainable.
- Some OLA oversight needs to occur here. For example, this year some teams in U11 C/D had three tournaments while others had one or none.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 10.03**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor**
DATE: **September 10, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR10.03

Suspensions longer than five (5) games may be appealed by notifying the **OLA Case Manager** within **5 business days of notification** of suspension. The hearing will include the suspended party, **or in the case of a minor player their parent or guardian**, and/or a team official.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Current practice and consistent with other documentation on hearings.

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TO
RATIFY

PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 3.04(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **OLA Board of Directors**
DATE: **Passed February 5, 2025**

PRESENTLY READS:

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR3.04(a)

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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.

Clarification: Permission to run may only be granted from a minor club to a junior/senior club; there is no permittable movement of players between two minor clubs except under the official release process.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Current practice and consistent with other regulations related to player movement in minor lacrosse. This clarification ensures that clubs understand the intention of movement between minor and junior.

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NOW READS:

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), **may** be sent by registered mail to the OLA office **or sent by email.**

MR10.06

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

Chairperson’s note: both of the above Regulations are automatically amended without debate.



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