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Ontario Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting

2025 Proposed Amendments Package

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HK: denotes an amendment that is solely submitted for housekeeping



PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 5.8**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor Box**
DATE: **September 14, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

5.8 **Terms:** Directors will serve terms of two (2) years and will hold office until they or their successors have been duly elected in accordance with these By-Laws, unless they resign, or are removed from, or vacate their office. The President may serve a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

5.8 **Terms:** Directors will serve terms of **three (3)** years and will hold office until they or their successors have been duly elected in accordance with these By-Laws, unless they resign, or are removed from, or vacate their office. The President may serve a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

There is a significant learning curve for all Director's position. 3-year terms allows for that time as well as permitting time to introduce new initiatives and seeing them through to conclusion. This amendment is paired with the following amendment.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 5.11**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

- 5.11 **Elections:** At each Annual Meeting for which elections are held, an election will be scheduled for any Director position for which the incumbent Director’s term is expiring and/or any Director position that is vacant, to be decided by majority vote in accordance with the following rotation:
- (a) In even-number annual cycles: President, VP Minor, VP Field, VP Officiating, VP Promotion;
 - (b) In odd-number annual cycles: VP Finance, VP Junior-Major, VP Coaching, VP Development;
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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

- 5.11 **Elections:** At each Annual Meeting for which elections are held, an election will be scheduled for any Director position for which the incumbent Director’s term is expiring and/or any Director position that is vacant, to be decided by majority vote in accordance with the following rotation:
- (a) **Cycle 1: President, VP Minor, VP Officiating**
 - (b) **Cycle 2: VP Finance, VP Field, VP Development**
 - (c) **Cycle 3: VP Junior-Major, VP Coaching, VP Promotion**
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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

There is a significant learning curve for all Director’s position. 3-year terms allows for that time as well as permitting time to introduce new initiatives and seeing them through to conclusion.

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OR

PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 1.01**
PROPOSED BY: **Jim Lowe, OJCLL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

OR1.01

The head office of the Corporation shall be in the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto in the Province of Ontario (subject to change by special resolution) and at such place within the Municipality in Ontario where the head office is from time to time situated as the Board of Directors of the Corporation may from time to time by resolution fix.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The existing OR1.01 is now covered by item 2.6 of the 2025 OLA Bylaws and should be removed.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 6.03(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Shelly Nobile, Senior “C” Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

OR6.03(a)

Each year, the Board of Governors shall establish Operating Councils for the various aspects of lacrosse. At a minimum, they shall establish a Combined Box Operating Council and a Combined Field Operating Council. The Combined Box Operating Council shall divide itself into a Major Operating Council (for the Junior B, Junior A, Major and Senior operations) and a Minor Operating Council (for the U9 through U22 operations). The Combined Field Operating Council shall divide itself into Men’s Operating Council and Women’s Operating Council.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

OR6.03(a)

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

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To establish a council of Governors, which is a valuable resource for the Board of Directors and which represents the members from their respective Councils.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 6.03(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Jim Lowe, Junior “C” Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

OR6.03(b)

Membership on these councils shall consist of each of the League Commissioners and Zone Directors, from the respective areas that the relevant Council represents. A member of the Board of Directors, as appointed by the President, shall act as Chairperson on each of the Councils. i.e. Officio members of the Councils shall consist of the executive Director, Technical Director, Program Coordinator and the members of the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

OR6.03(b)

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Addition of “sector” operating councils to clarify intention of regulation.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 6.03(c)**
PROPOSED BY: **Shelly Nobile, Senior “C” Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

OR6.03(c)

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

OR6.03(c)

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Housekeeping: to direct accountability to the Board of Directors in accordance with the bylaws.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 6.03(d)**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

OR6.03(d)

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

OR6.03(d)

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

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To support cross sector collaboration and increase overall knowledge and understanding between sectors at corresponding age divisions.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 10.01**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

**OR10.1
Hearings**

- a) All matters pertaining to discipline or release requests are to be held in person. All related parties must be invited to attend the hearing.
- b) If the party in question does not attend the hearing, a decision will be made in absentia.
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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

**OR10.1
Hearings**

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

To allow for Zoom (or other) platform to be used as determined by circumstances.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 10.02**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

OR10.2
Club / Association Release Hearings

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

OR10.2
Club / Association Release Hearings

- a) Release requests **must be acknowledged within three business days, and any** hearings must be held within 10 business days of the Club / Association receiving the request from the Applicant. If the release request hearing is not held within ten (10) business days, the applicant shall automatically have their release request granted and the Club / Association will be considered to have no grounds for an appeal.
- b) All related parties must be invited to attend the hearing.
- c) The hearing will be heard by a minimum of 3 people, one of whom will act as the Chair.

d) Within 5 business days of the conclusion of the hearing, all parties must receive a written decision which includes the following:

- i. Issue in question
- ii. Statement of the facts
- iii. **Date of request**
- iv. **Date of acknowledgement**
- v. **Hearing date**
- vi. **Club affiliation(s)**
- vii. Decision
- viii. Reasons for the decision
- ix. Appeal process information

e) If the written decision is not received within 5 business days of the conclusion of the hearing, the applicant shall automatically have their request granted and the Club / Association will be considered to have no grounds for an appeal.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To bring this section into line with current practice.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 11.1**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

OR11.1
Zone / League Level Hearings

- a) All appeals must be filed within 5 business days of receipt of a written notification of the decision. The fee for the appeal may not exceed \$100.
- b) Payment must be made prior to the start of the hearing.
- c) The hearing will be heard by a minimum of 3 people, one of whom will act as the Chair.
- d) Within 5 business days of the conclusion of the hearing, all parties must receive a written decision which includes the following:
 - i. Issue in question
 - ii. Statement of the facts
 - iii. Decision
 - iv. Reasons for the decision
 - v. Appeal Process information
- e) If the written decision is not received within 5 business days of the conclusion of the hearing, the appellant shall automatically have their request granted and the Zone/League will be considered to have no grounds for an appeal. The Respondent will not lose their right to appeal.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

OR11.1
Appeal of Club Level Player Movement, Request “Merit” Determination Level

- a) All appeals must be filed within 5 business days of receipt of a written notification of the decision **made by the club.**
- b) The non-refundable fee for the appeal may not exceed \$100. **Payment must be received prior to scheduling the Merit review determination.**
- c) The merit review determination will be conducted by a minimum of 3 people, one of whom will act as the Chair. **The committee will include the OLA Case manager, the OLA Executive Director (or a designate) and a League Commissioner or Zone Director who is not in conflict. The panel will only consider written submissions and responses which are received as part of the appeal request, but may request further information in writing if necessary.**

d) Within 5 business days of **submissions**, all parties must receive a written decision which includes the following:

- i. Issue in question
- ii. Date of request**
- iii. Date of acknowledgement**
- iv. Review date**
- v. Names of the Panel Members**
- vi. Decision
- vii. Reason(s) for the decision
- viii. Appeal Process information, **if applicable**

e) If the written decision is not received within 5 business days of the conclusion of the merit review, **the appellant shall automatically have their request for Player Movement appeal granted.**

f) The decision of the Merit Review Committee is final. If the committee deems that there is “No Merit” to the request, the player will return to their home centre. This decision is not appealable any further.

g) If the Merit Review Committee deems that the request does have merit, the appeal process proceeds to the OLA appeal level to be heard by the panel.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The need to streamline the appeals process has been identified, removing the “middle step” speeds this process up, and will ensure consistency in the implementation of MR Rules & Reg.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 11.4**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

OR11.4
OLA 1st Level & OLA Final Level Hearings

Where it is determined that a hearing will be scheduled, the following procedure will be utilized;

- a) All hearings will be held within 10 business days of the appeal being granted.
- b) The fee for a 1st level appeal shall be \$100. The fee for a Final level appeal shall be \$250. Payment must be received by the OLA within 5 business days of the appeal being granted. If the appellant is successful in their appeal, the fee shall be refunded.
- c) All parties will be given a minimum of 7 business day's written notice of the date, time and location of the hearing, unless all parties agree in writing to an earlier notification and hearing date.
- d) 7 Business days prior to the hearing, all documentation shall be provided to the OLA Hearing Case Manager by the Respondent. It will then be disbursed to both parties, within 5 business days and to the Committee who will be hearing the appeal. Any information not provided prior to the hearing, will be determined to be inadmissible.
- e) All first-level hearings will consist of a 3-member panel which may be made up from members of the following categories, provided they have no conflict of interest in the hearing;
 - i. OLA Life Members
 - ii. Board of Directors
 - iii. Past OLA Board of Directors
 - iv. Mr. Lacrosse Award Winners
 - v. Board of Governors
- f) All final-level hearings will consist of a 3-member panel which may be made up from members of the following categories, provided they have no conflict of interest in the hearing;
 - i. OLA Life Members
 - ii. Board of Directors
 - iii. Past OLA Board of Directors
 - iv. Mr. Lacrosse Award Winners
 - v. Board of Governors
- g) Should a legal advisor accompany any of the parties, they may not participate. Legal advisors are to be reminded that the hearings are not a legal proceeding and will be conducted per OLA Policies and Procedures.
- h) No voice or video recorders may be used during the hearing.

- i) Failure to attend a hearing without sufficient reason will result in the following;
 - i. An appellant will lose their appeal
 - ii. A respondent will lose the right to argue the decision being appealed. The hearing will proceed based on the documentation pertaining to the respondents' original decision.
 - j) Witnesses, who have given written statements as part of the submission, may attend the hearing. Witnesses may only speak if called upon by the Chair of the Hearing.
 - k) Any parties under the age of 18 must bring an adult to act as an advisor.
 - l) Within 7 business days of the conclusion of the hearing, all parties must receive a written decision which includes the following:
 - i. Issue in question
 - ii. Statement of the facts
 - iii. Decision
 - iv. Reasons for the decision
 - v. Appeal Process information
 - m) If the written decision is not rendered within the timeframe specified, the appellant may request an automatic hearing be granted at the next highest level. If the hearing is already at the highest level, they may request a new hearing be set up with a panel consisting of 3 new members. This hearing will be at no additional charge to the appellant.
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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

OR11.4

OLA 1st Level & OLA Final Level **Player Movement Hearings**

Where it is determined that a hearing will be scheduled, the following procedure will be utilized;

- a) All hearings will be held within 10 business days of the appeal being granted.
- b) The fee for a **first** level appeal shall be \$100. The fee for a Final level appeal shall be **\$300**. Payment must be received by the OLA within 5 business days of the appeal being granted. **Appeal fees are non-refundable.**
- c) All parties will be given a minimum of 7 business day's written notice of the date, time and location of the hearing, unless all parties agree in writing to an earlier notification and hearing date.
- d) **5** Business days prior to the hearing, all documentation shall be provided to the OLA Hearing Case Manager by the Respondent. It will then be disbursed to both parties, within 5 business days and to the Committee who will be hearing the appeal. Any information not provided prior to the hearing, will be determined to be inadmissible.
- e) All first-level hearings will consist of a 3-member panel which may be made up from members of the following categories, provided they have no conflict of interest in the hearing;
 - i. OLA Life Members

- ii. Board of Directors **(Past or Present)**
- iii. Mr. Lacrosse Award Winners
- iv. **Members of the Governors Class**

f) All final-level hearings will consist of a 3-member panel which may be made up from members of the following categories, provided they have no conflict of interest in the hearing;

- i. OLA Life Members
- ii. Board of Directors **(Past or Present)**
- iii. Mr. Lacrosse Award Winners
- iv. **Members of the Governors Class**

g) Should a legal advisor accompany any of the parties, they may not participate. Legal advisors are to be reminded that the hearings are not a legal proceeding and will be conducted per OLA Policies and Procedures.

h) No voice or video recorders may be used during the hearing.

i) Failure to attend a hearing without sufficient reason will result in the following;

- i. An appellant will lose their appeal
- ii. A respondent will lose the right to argue the decision being appealed. The hearing will proceed based on the documentation pertaining to the respondents' original decision.

j) Witnesses, who have given written statements as part of the submission, may attend the hearing. Witnesses may only speak if called upon by the Chair of the Hearing.

k) Any parties under the age of 18 must bring an adult to act as an advisor.

l) Within 7 business days of the conclusion of the hearing, all parties must receive a written decision which includes the following:

- i. Issue in question
- ii. **Date of request**
- iii. **Date of acknowledgement**
- iv. **Review date**
- v. **Names of the Panel Members**
- vi. Statement of facts
- vii. Decision
- viii. Reason(s) for the decision
- ix. Appeal Process information, **if applicable**

m) If the written decision is not rendered within the timeframe specified, the appellant may request an automatic hearing be granted at the next highest level. If the hearing is already at the highest level, they may request a new hearing be set up with a panel consisting of 3 new members. This hearing will be at no additional charge to the appellant.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To correspond with current practice. A clear process and procedure is needed so that everyone

understands what the expectations are during the hearing process.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 1.02**
PROPOSED BY: **Matt Chamois, Junior "B" Green Gaels**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R1.02

The winners of the play-offs shall be declared Ontario champions and may represent the OLA in C.L.A. playoffs.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R1.02

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Housekeeping.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 5.01**
PROPOSED BY: **Matt Chamois, Junior “B” Green Gaels**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R5.01

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R5.01

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Housekeeping – some divisions currently missing.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.11(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **John Dalgliesh, WMSL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 14, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.11(b)

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

NOTE: For Senior Women’s Box teams, the maximum number of rostered players at any given time is twenty-five (25), of which no more than five (5) can be under-aged (the player must have attained their 19th birthday prior to the first day of January in the season the player intends to compete in). If there is an affiliated Girl’s U22 team in their municipality, then zero (0) under-aged players may be rostered.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.11(b)

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

NOTE: For Senior Women’s Box teams, the maximum number of rostered players at any given time is twenty-five (25), of which no more than **two (2)** can be under-aged (the player must have attained their 19th birthday prior to the first day of January in the season the player intends to compete in). **~~If there is an affiliated Girl’s U22 team in their municipality, then zero (0) under-aged players may be rostered.~~**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Change from (5) to (2) is to minimize number of U22 players that can be rostered across the WMSL.

Removal of additional wording “If there is an affiliated Girl’s U22 team in their municipality, then zero (0) under-aged players may be rostered.” in order to level the playing field for all WMSL teams to allow all WMSL teams to roster a U22 aged player instead of only those WMSL teams without a U22 team in their municipality.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.12(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Matt Chamois, Junior “B” Green Gaels**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.12(a)

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.12(a)

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Players who reside in a municipality that does not have a Junior team should have rights at each level of Junior Lacrosse, not only at the level of the Junior centre nearest them. This will clear misunderstandings about players rights to participate at the highest level possible.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.23(k)**
PROPOSED BY: **John Dalgliesh, WMSL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 14, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.23(k)

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

- 1. Rostered players from their previous season**
 - 2. Graduates of their natural affiliate teams and affiliate by agreement teams from the previous season, up to a maximum of five graduate players**
 - 3. Protected, but non-rostered players from the previous season**
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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This documents how the WMSL has operated in previous seasons and plans to operate in future seasons. Documenting this rule clarifies for all WMSL teams and other OLA members how the WMSL handles their Protected Lists. Rules are similar to 6.23(a) and 6.23(b) that Major Series Lacrosse and Senior B teams follow.

March 1st is used for protected list as per league policy to allow time for teams to receive the overage players list from OLA.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.25(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Rich Marwick, Orillia Junior “B” Kings**
DATE: **September 13, 2024**

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To make the clubs aware of such “out-of-province” and “out of country” rostered players and to verify that such players are eligible to be rostered. To help decrease skepticism of invalid information relating to verifying the player’s eligibility.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.30**
PROPOSED BY: **Rich Marwick, Orillia Junior “B” Kings**
DATE: **September 13, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.30

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.30

Players of Junior age must play for the club which is nearest to the player’s place of residence. **However, if there is a club of a higher category (A or B series) then that of the club that is nearest to the player’s place of residence, the player may choose to play for the club of higher category provided that such club is the nearest club in that category to the player’s place of residence.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

A player should be allowed to play at the highest category possible for that player’s age. A player should not be penalized or restricted from playing in a category that suits the player’s ability, as a result of the player’s residence.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.35(d)**
PROPOSED BY: **Jim Lowe, OJCLL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.35(d)

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.35(d)

Any player rostered by a higher category club in a centre with only one Junior team, when released by the club, may be rostered to an affiliated lower category club from outside their residence centre without releases needed by any other Junior clubs closer to their releasing category club. Such player movement will be known as affiliated releases and each club in the Corporation will be allowed three players to be rostered each year by means of affiliated releases. Players residing in Junior centres may not be released under this section without the consent of the Junior team in their municipality.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This regulation codifies the long-standing practice of higher category teams being permitted to assign players to affiliated teams from outside their residence centre. This practice is not currently detailed in the rules & regulations and, in fact, is in violation of R6.35 (a) which states “Direct releases only affect the movement of players to a higher category club.” Direct releases of players to lower category, out-of-residence affiliates were explicitly permitted by the OLA in 2024. The direct conflict between such permission and the clear wording of R6.35 (a) needs to be addressed.

The proposed R6.35 (d) provides clarity and ensures transparency and consistency in the practice of “affiliated releases.”

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.01(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Josh Dalgliesh, WMSL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

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
Senior Women 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.

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
Senior Women 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. Any affiliated player can only play for one WMSL team in a single season.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This change allows the opportunity for a U22 player that is on a U22 team affiliated with a WMSL team the opportunity to play for another WMSL team if their affiliated WMSL team does not have room for them to play. The affiliated WMSL team still must give permission before the player can with the unaffiliated team and has the right to refuse the request if they wish the player to still be available to them at a later point in the season. The rule for 1 WMSL team in a season is to ensure once a player has been used, the affiliated WMSL team cannot revoke the approval such that they can use that player for their own team.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.01(g)**
PROPOSED BY: **John Dalgliesh, WMSL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.01(g)

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R7.01(g)

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This change levels the playing field for all WMSL teams and allows each WMSL team to affiliate with a maximum of 2 U22 teams. Previously, only teams with a natural affiliate could affiliate with 2 teams (1 natural + 1 affiliate agreement), while teams without a natural affiliate could only have 1 team (1 affiliate agreement only).

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.01(g)**
PROPOSED BY: **Andrea Firth, Nepean Junior “B” Knights**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.01(a)

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

R7.01(b)

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

NOTE:

Junior A to: Junior B, Junior C, U22, or U17 Minor Box

Junior B to: Junior C, U22, or U17 Minor Box

Junior C to: U22, or U17 Minor Box

Senior A to: Senior B, Junior A or Junior B

Senior B to: Senior C, Junior B, or Junior C

Senior C to: Junior C or U22 Minor Box

Senior Women 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.

R7.01(c)

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

R7.01(d)

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

R7.01(e)

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

R7.01(f)

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**R7.01(a)**

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

R7.01(b)

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

NOTE:

Junior A to: Junior B, Junior C, U22, or U17 Minor Box

Junior B to: Junior C, U22, or U17 Minor Box

Junior C to: U22, or U17 Minor Box

Senior A to: Senior B, Junior A or Junior B

Senior B to: Senior C, Junior B, or Junior C

Senior C to: Junior C or U22 Minor Box

Senior Women 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.

R7.01(c)

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

R7.01(d)

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

R7.01(e)

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

R7.01(f)

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

R7.01(g)

A team in the higher category may consider players released from the lower category team as straight releases and are not considered direct releases. Players released from a lower category team to a higher category team do not need to seek permission of the associations which geographically separate the two teams under an Affiliation agreement.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The rationale behind this change is to give the same rights to all Junior associations and their players. This change allows Junior teams that do not have a natural geographic affiliation to have the same/equal benefits as teams that do have natural geographic affiliations.

This is good for players because more players from one club can move together to another club, just as is possible through natural geographic affiliations.

This is good for the leagues because more players are likely to continue to play Junior lacrosse when a clear development path can be spelled out for them coming out of minor lacrosse and when all players coming out of minor have equal access to all levels of junior lacrosse in Ontario.

This is good for Ontario lacrosse as it will raise the calibre of play across all levels of junior lacrosse when all players have equal access. Players will be permitted equal access to play at the level they are capable of playing at and will not be restricted by geography – provided teams are affiliated.

This is good for teams since consistent affiliations (natural, and external) will build trust at the leadership level, fan base, and player culture when, for example, Jr B and Jr A teams can work together year after year.

Presently, Jr B players in centres without a Jr A team are restricted by the direct release rule, limiting the number of players that can play Jr A full-time with their team’s affiliate. This denies the same kind of access to the Jr A league for players (to stay with their team-mates and not be peppered across the province). This inequality needs to be fixed.

Affiliation agreements – whether “natural” or signed by the consenting Jr A and Jr B teams – must not favour one type of Jr A team/affiliation over another as they currently do.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.07(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **John Dalgliesh, WMSL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.07(b)

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R7.07(b)

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This documents how the WMSL has operated in previous seasons and plans to operate in future seasons. Documenting this rule clarifies for all WMSL teams and other OLA members how the WMSL handles their U22 player eligibility for WMSL Provincials and/or Playoffs. WMSL Provincials and/or Playoffs historically occur after Minor Provincials has ended.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.07(d)**
PROPOSED BY: **Jim Leworthy, VP Junior-Major**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.07(d)

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

Notes:

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

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

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R7.07(d)

Where it is found that, at the end of a team's regular season, a rostered player has played in a higher percentage of games with their higher ranked affiliated team, than with the team to which they are rostered, the player will be declared ineligible to participate in playoffs with the lower ranked team. The Corporation will act only upon written complaint and under the same terms as an official protest (see Regulation R15.01 to R15.04). **(see Minor Regulation MR3.09(a)).**

Notes:

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

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

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Remove the exemption as it is being abused quite liberally.

These players only have to play all or most of the games with the team to which they are signed and there will be no issue with the percentages.

Currently players are signed to a lower category affiliate team, playing one or two or no games with that team. They then play most or all of the season with the higher ranked affiliate and go back to the lower ranked to play in playoffs with a team they may never have played with all season.

The current exemption allows this to happen, which then creates an unfair advantage to the lower ranked team who then has a player who has played at the higher level all season.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.10(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Dave Vernon, OJBLL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 11, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.10(a)

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R7.10(a)

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

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

For clarification with established practice.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.10(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Matt Chamois, Junior "B" Green Gaels**
DATE: **September 13, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.10(a)

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R7.10(a)

No team may move up more than **any combination of four (4) players or designated goaltenders** for any one game at any time during playoffs.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This limits teams to a total of four Affiliated Players (goaltenders or runners) to be moved up for any game. The previous inclusion of "(not including a designated goalie)" was confusing and led to multiple appeals. This makes the rule black and white.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.10(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Matt Chamois, Junior "B" Green Gaels**
DATE: **September 13, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.10(b)

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R7.10(b)

A team moving up more than **any combination of** four (4) players **or designated goaltenders** in a playoff game will forfeit the game and pay a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, per occurrence.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Housekeeping to match proposed amendment to R7.10(a).

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 10.06**
PROPOSED BY: **Bob Clevely, OJLL Deputy Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R10.06

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R10.06

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To mirror what is already in OLA regulations under Minor MR2.07 so it is clearly defined in the Junior to Major section.

This is a Junior-Major sector-only vote.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 16.02(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Dave Vernon, OJBLL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R16.02(b)

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R16.02(b)

No coach, manager, club official, player or game official shall be allowed to smoke or use any tobacco products in the player's bench, penalty box or dressing room.

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Housekeeping: This rule already exists in the Minor section and should be in both sections.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 16.02(c)**
PROPOSED BY: **Dave Vernon, OJBLL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

R16.02(c)

<NEW>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R16.02(c)

Any player, coach, manager, club official, or game official who is in charge of a team or comes into direct contact with a team during games in league or tournament play, or whose actions appear to be caused by drugs or alcohol, may be given a minimum of one year's suspension and must apply for re-instatement upon termination of suspension. (see MR10.11)

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Housekeeping: This rule already exists in the Minor section and should be in both sections.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **Omnibus Throughout Governance Documentation**

PROPOSED BY: **John Dalgliesh, WMSL Commissioner**

DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

“Women’s Major Series” and/or “Senior Women’s Box” throughout entirety of document

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

“Women’s Major Series Lacrosse” and use shortform **“WMSL”** where appropriate.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

For clarity and consistency throughout the rules & regulations.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 1.06**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR1.06

Invitational Tournament fees will be set prior to the season, and will be circulated annually as part of the OLA Fee Schedule.

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR1.06

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

NOTE: See MR 7.05 (a) for all Tournament Host obligations.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

IT fee has remained the same for significant period of time, needs to be included in annual review of IT's. This also provides clarification of where and when that information is available.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.01**
PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Blaze Minor Lacrosse**
DATE: **September 12, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.01

No team may have more than twenty-five (25) players registered for competition in any sector.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Current rule isn't being followed by OLA for Sixes sector. Creating a clear rule with an amount of roster spots we feel is reasonable.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.02**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

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: May 15th;

Box Players: June 1st;

Field: April 15th;

Women's Field: May 24th.

No other rep team entries will be accepted beyond this date.

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: 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.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

There are some centres forming box rep teams later, therefore not all bench staff are in place and players are being recruited later too.

Clubs must be mindful that registrations are processed first in first out, if the registration declined, once corrected and resubmitted it goes to the bottom of the queue, triggering another processing time.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.02**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

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: May 15th;
Box Players: June 1st;
Field: April 15th;
Women's Field: May 24th.

No other rep team entries will be accepted beyond this date.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.02(a)

All Minor Clubs must have all team registration products (Box & Field) open in the OLA's registration portal by January 15th of the calendar year. Box registration products may be closed no earlier than May 1st of the calendar year. Field registration products may be closed as per the annually published league dates. Clubs may be fined if registration products are not available according to the following schedule:

- (i) \$250 fine per week for opening late**
- (ii) \$750 fine per week for closing registration early**

NOTE: Clubs in extenuating circumstances will provide detailed rationale for their request of exemption to these dates to the sector VP & OLA Program Director for review.

MR2.02(b)

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: May 15th;
Box Players: June 1st;
Field: April 15th;
Women's Field: May 24th.

No other rep team entries will be accepted beyond this date.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Clubs have asked for Registration to be available to open prior to January 15th, the monitoring of product opening has shown there is no pattern or structure causing confusion for (new) registrations. Early closing of certain divisions has denied players the opportunity of playing in their home centre and unnecessarily displaces players to the next closest centre, which works against true growth of the game.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.02**
PROPOSED BY: **Ben McAlister, West Durham Lacrosse Club**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

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: May 15th;
Box Players: June 1st;
Field: April 15th;
Women's Field: May 24th.

No other rep team entries will be accepted beyond this date.

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: May 15th;
Box Players (U9-U17): June 1st;
Box Players (U7 and U22): June 15th
Field: April 15th;
Women's Field: May 24th.

No other rep team entries will be accepted beyond this date, **with the exception that a team may register an additional 5 players or bench staff up until June 20th. Additional Bench staff may also be rostered at any time during the season in the event it is to replace bench personnel who are no longer able to serve as bench personnel.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

We are constantly seeing players or volunteers penalized because someone makes a mistake, we also need to be able Make changes to bench staff rosters when due to unforeseen circumstances, a coach or staff is no longer available to serve. Further U7 and U22 need more time to get rostered, particularly u22 which is often waiting on final Jr. Decisions to be made.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.08**
PROPOSED BY: **Kristin Ballentine, OMFLC Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.08

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: March 1st
Women's Field: 3rd Sunday in March
Fall Field: August 15th

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.08

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 15th**
Women's Field: 3rd Sunday in March
Fall Field: **3rd Sunday in August**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

For the spring season, team declarations are due on March 9th – so having the registration deadline for a release pushed to 3 weeks before instead of just one week provides more opportunity for

centres to be able to accurately declare teams.

For the fall season, registration is not typically opened until after the Ontario Lacrosse Festival – so we are tying in to the Sunday after the end of festival.

Field: **February 15th**

Women's Field: 3rd Sunday in March

Fall Field: **3rd Sunday in August**

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.08(c)**
PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Blaze Minor Lacrosse**
DATE: **September 12, 2024**

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 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.

A player may only qualify for that choice if meeting the following conditions. Failure to meet the conditions results in the player being required to register with their resident center:

- 1. Was registered as a rep player with the next closest association in the season prior to the first year of operation of their resident association, or is grandfathered according to MR2.09(b).**
 - 2. Player is registering to play in the first year of operation of their resident association.**
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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Clarity to rule to help parents, clubs and governing bodies. Current rule is vague and open to different interpretations.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.09(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Dave Hunter, Zone 9 Director**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.09(a) Residence Rule:

This shall be an area in which he/she has been living with his family as of January 1st of the playing year. If a player makes a bona fide change of residence after January 1st and has qualified with a club, such a change of residence must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors before such a player is entitled to play with the club he first qualified with. Any member claiming to have moved but cannot substantiate it as bona fide within the established timeline will be fined \$750 and may not appeal until bona fide documentation is provided to the OLA Program Director. Bona fide residency documentation is at the sole discretion of the Program Director and is not subject to appeal. The list of documentation required to prove a bona fide move will be provided by the OLA Program Director.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.09(a) Residence Rule:

This shall be an area in which he/she has been living with his family as of January 1st of the playing year. If a player makes a bona fide change of residence after January 1st and has qualified with a club, such a change of residence must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors **and OLA Program Director for Player Movement** before such a player is entitled to play with the club he first qualified with. Any member claiming to have moved but cannot substantiate it as bona fide within the established timeline **will be suspended for the remainder of the current season and for the entirety of the following season from all sectors of Ontario Lacrosse. Any games played by a player under a false address will be considered to be played by an ineligible player resulting in the application of MR 2.07 in which coach suspensions can be applied and games scores being adjusted to 0 for the team the offending player is rostered. Any club found sponsoring the actions of a player playing illegally in their centre shall be fined \$1000. Any club officials (Board members, bench staff, other club level volunteers) sponsoring the actions of a player playing illegally in their centre will be immediately suspended and may not take part in any OLA sanctioned activities until an OLA level hearing is held and a ruling will be handed down. No appeals will be allowed until bona fide documentation is provided to the Program Director.** Bona fide residency documentation is at the sole discretion of the Program Director and is not subject to appeal. The list of documentation required to prove a bona fide move will be provided by the OLA Program Director.

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The increase in punitive measures are intended to act as a strong, very detrimental deterrent to the current environment in which we find families falsely claiming either moves to a given area and thereby claiming to be resident to club OR not reporting a move and maintaining a prior or completely false address within the borders of their original club as to not switch teams. The current fine of \$750 dollars has not acted with enough clout to ensure that the above actions are not taken.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.09(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Dave Hunter, Zone 9 Director**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.09(b)

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.09(b)

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

You cannot have played illegally for years with a club and count those years towards your 5 year grandfathering clause.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.10**
PROPOSED BY: **Kristin Ballentine, OMFLL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

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 1st, in Women’s Field by May 1st, and in Fall Field by August 15th, and at a later date, city, town or village so affected enters a team, the player will remain with the team holding his 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: March 1st
 - Women’s Field: 3rd Sunday in March
 - Fall Field: August 15th
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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 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**
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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To update the dates to match the needs of the sector.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 3.01**
PROPOSED BY: **Kristin Ballentine, OMFLL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR3.01

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

- Box: May 1st,
- Women's Field: May 15th,
- Field: March 1st,
- Fall Field: August 15th.

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR3.01

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

- Box: May 1st,
- Women's Field: May 15th,
- Field: March 1st,
- Fall Field: August **30th**.

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To update the dates to match the needs of the sector.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 3.01**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR3.01

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

- Box: May 1st,
- Women's Field: May 15th,
- Field: March 1st,
- Fall Field: August 15th.

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR3.01

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

- Box: **April 15th**,
- Women's Field: May 15th,
- Field: March 1st,
- Fall Field: August 15th.

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Clubs work diligently to register players and form teams, a 10-week window for box release requests can hamper their ability to plan and deliver to their community.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 3.04(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Blaze Minor Lacrosse**
DATE: **September 12, 2024**

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)

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. **For avoidance of doubt, a club may give permission for a registered player to participate in camps, clinics, tryouts or practices with another club.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

No change to the rule as it currently reads. Clarification added since it seems to be missed by some in the community and is creating confusion amongst parents, clubs and the governing bodies.

There are plenty of reasons why a club would / wouldn't allow a player to participate in activities with another club.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 3.09(b)**
PROPOSED BY: **Mike Soulliere, Windsor Junior “B” Clippers**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR3.09(a)

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

MR3.09(b)

Irrespective of where any player is registered, signed or rostered, a player participating in more than one age division and/or Junior series is only eligible to participate in playoffs in the division and/or series in which they have played the higher percentage of regular season games. This eligibility is determined at the first playoff date in any division and/or series in which the player has participated. Any player found to be playing illegally under this rule, shall automatically be suspended indefinitely. Any coach or manager found guilty of playing an ineligible player or players under this rule will be fined and automatically suspended indefinitely. The fine will not exceed \$1000.00.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR3.09(a)

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

MR3.09(b)

Irrespective of where any player is registered, signed or rostered, a player participating in more than one age division and/or Junior series is only eligible to participate in playoffs in the division and/or series in which they have played the higher percentage of regular season games. This eligibility is determined at the first playoff date in any division and/or series in which the player has participated. Any player found to be playing illegally under this rule, shall automatically be suspended indefinitely. Any coach or manager found guilty of playing an ineligible player or players under this rule will be fined and automatically suspended indefinitely. The fine will not exceed \$1000.00.

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

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

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The rationale behind this proposed change is to align the rule with the corresponding rule R7.07(d). Some flexibility is needed for U22 minor player movement and Junior Series. U22 teams are created at the beginning of a season with roster of expected players, at that time it is the assumption that those players will be playing in every game (some centres with roster #'s to begin with.) However, due to injuries etc. on the corresponding Jr Roster, the player plays more than anticipated in Jr. The U22 team has no control over the amount of time the players get called upon for Jr. The current rule allows no flexibility in terms of injury, call-ups etc. This current rule hinders smaller centres that are trying to continue to grow the game by running a U22 team and a JR program. These centres typically have small registration #'s and a smaller pool of players to pull from. Adding in this proposed changed will allow our 17-18 year old players opportunity to play games at the junior and minor level and allow both minor and Jr clubs some flexibility.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 3.10**
PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Blaze Minor Lacrosse**
DATE: **September 12, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR3.10

No rep player may be conditionally released more than once to the same club. If a club releases a rep player to the same club a second time, that player is unconditionally released to that club. A player released to play House League may not play Rep for that Club seeking that player's release, either as an AP or otherwise, without the releasing club's written permission. Any player released to play house league may be released more than once to the same club without becoming unconditionally released.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR3.10

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Clarifications to improve language and match current practices.

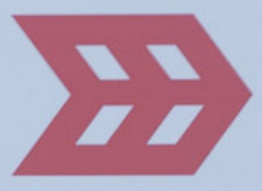
Addition of "consecutive years" to match current practice for rep releases. As the rule currently reads, a player released in U7 and then again in U15 becomes unconditionally released.

Clarification in wording for house league players where releases don't currently apply but would be mandatory for rep participation.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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U13 "A" Champions

Grid of names and statistics on the trophy plaque

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 4.02**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **June 12, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR4.02

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

From an equal or lower division, up to 5 players may move up.
From the next higher division up to 3 players may move down.
No movement is permitted downward from any higher than one division.

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C up to A (5 players)
C up to B (5 players)
C to C (5 players)
C down to D (3 players)
No movement permitted from C down to E (or lower division)

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

NOTE 1:

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

NOTE 2: Box and Field

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR4.02

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

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To provide clarity with the existing player movement allowances, while maintaining consistency across the sectors. This is directly from the Festival team manager's package.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 6.02**
PROPOSED BY: **Adam Kennedy, Burlington Blaze Minor Lacrosse**
DATE: **September 12, 2024**

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.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Policies do not seem to be "official", are being adhered to by some clubs / zones and not others, and are being enforced differently Zone-to-Zone and by the OLA. Result is an unfair playing field. The request is to establish a policy and stick with it across the province.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.02(a)-1**
PROPOSED BY: **Kody Lyons, West Grey Minor Lacrosse**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

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.

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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Remove the rule for tournament outside of zone. For smaller/new associations it is tough to get parents to commit to tournaments that are further away. To help grow the game I believe this rule needs to be removed.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.02(a)-2**
PROPOSED BY: **Kody Lyons, West Grey Minor Lacrosse**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Compromise and change from 1 tournament to 2 tournaments prior to having to book another tournament outside of their zone. For smaller/new associations it is tough to get parents to commit to tournaments that are further away. To help grow the game I believe this rule needs to be modified.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.02(c)**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR7.02(c)

Clubs must gather all of their “Box Provincial Team Roster” forms and submit electronically to Ontario Lacrosse Promotions Director (refer OLA Directory) no later than June 15th. Clubs must gather all of their “Women’s Field Provincial Team Roster” and “Field Provincial Team Roster” forms and submit electronically to their respective League prior to the first week of scheduled games. Clubs must gather all of their “Fall Field Team Roster” forms and submit electronically to the League prior to the start of the third week of scheduled games. Any club that fails to do so will be fined \$50.00. If entering more than one team in any group, representatives must denote the number of the team. (eg. #1, #2 etc.)

Definition Note: After June 15th no further player movement is allowed in Box or Women’s Field. After the player’s first game of play no further player movement is allowed in Field or Fall Field. The above rule does not apply to any club’s play in a National Tournament or National Championship.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR7.02(c)

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

Definition Note: After June 15th no further player movement is allowed in Box or Women’s Field. After the player’s first game of play no further player movement is allowed in Field or Fall Field. The above rule does not apply to any club’s play in a National Tournament or National Championship.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Current practice.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.04(c)**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR7.04(b)

Any association hosting sanctioned tournaments using other than certified N.L.R.C.P. lacrosse officials will be fined a maximum of \$250.00. The association will not be allowed to host a sanctioned tournament the following year.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR7.04(b)

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

In line with current practice for having an ineligible participant in game play

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.05(a)**
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, VP Minor**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR7.05(a)

Tournament hosts must submit within 7 days of the completion of the tournament the following: the original game sheets, Tournament Summary Sheet, Discipline Committee Report and Fine Summary Sheet, as well as Special Incident Reports. A three hundred (\$300.00) dollar fine will be assessed for late or incomplete submissions and future hosting will be revoked for the following year.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR7.05(a)

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

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

In line with current practice.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 8.14**
PROPOSED BY: **Ben McAlister, West Durham Lacrosse Club**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR8.14

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PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR8.14

Net size for U17 and U22 Men's Box will be 4'6" X 4'

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

U17's and u22 players should be playing with the same size nets as the Junior Leagues. The 4' nets are simply too narrow for these ages, given the size of players. Playing with the narrower nets is doing a dis-service to the goalies, and does not adequately prepare them for playing beyond minor.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 11.05**
PROPOSED BY: **Kristin Ballentine, OMFLL Commissioner**
DATE: **September 15, 2024**

PRESENTLY READS:

MR11.05

<Descriptions of Awards>

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR11.05

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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Housekeeping. Awards are not regulations; they belong as part of an OLA Awards Program procedures section.

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