



Peter Debrone

Lacrosse Experience

Mimico Lacrosse

- VP Field
- VP House League
- Referee in Charge
- Life Member

OMFLL

- Scheduler
- Treasurer
- Commissioner/OLA Board of Governor

Ontario Lacrosse

- Coach, Team Ontario
- Box and Field Official
- Provincial Sixes Lead

Owen Sound Lacrosse

- VP Field
- Referee in Charge

Kitchener Lacrosse

- Referee in Charge

Introduction

Peter Debrone currently serves as the Vice President of Minor Field and Referee in Charge for the Owen Sound Minor Lacrosse Association where he lives raising his young family. With a deep-rooted history in lacrosse as a player, coach, official, and administrator, Peter is dedicated to propelling the sport forward through innovative leadership and a deep commitment to community development.

In addition to his lacrosse experience, Peter is a successful business owner, having launched Kondo Bookkeeper, providing cloud-based accounting and bookkeeping services to businesses and condominium corporations. His entrepreneurial and financial management skills further enhance his strategic planning abilities, making him well-equipped to oversee complex projects within the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

A former player, Peter played for teams in Mimico, Burlington and London, and for the University of Toronto men's field lacrosse team. A Life Member of the Mimico Lacrosse Club, Peter's transition from player to administrator saw him serving as the VP Field for Mimico, where he significantly expanded the program to become the largest in Ontario, successfully fielding three teams in most age groups. In 2012, Peter was the recipient of the Laurie Montgomery Award, presented annually to the volunteer whose unselfish motivations are demonstrated by their dedication and determination of continually promoting and bettering the game of Field Lacrosse.

From there, Peter played a pivotal role on the Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse League (OMFLL) executive, dedicating over eight years to serving as Scheduler and Treasurer. He later ascended to the role of Commissioner of the league during its peak, under his leadership the league experienced unprecedented growth, boasting the highest number of participating teams. Peter also brings valuable experience as a former OLA Board of Governor, which equips him with a unique perspective and understanding of the broader organizational needs and challenges within Ontario Lacrosse.

Peter has contributed significantly as a coach and OLA official for over ten years in both box and field lacrosse, officiating at Field Nationals and coaching U17 Team Ontario at Minor Field Nationals. His extensive on-field experience complements his administrative roles, providing him with a comprehensive understanding of the game from multiple angles.

Sixes Lacrosse

Peter brings a wealth of experience in promoting and developing lacrosse programs at both local and provincial levels. Following the successful implementation of a pioneering Sixes house league in Owen Sound in 2023, he stepped up to serve as the OLA Provincial Lead for Sixes, emphasizing his commitment to the sport's growth. Peter believes that Sixes will be the driving force behind grassroots growth, engaging schools and local leagues to expand participation. His strategic initiatives are clearly reflected in the success of the Owen Sound Sixes league, the first of its kind in the province, which has flourished remarkably in a community of merely 20,000 residents.

The inaugural OLA Sixes season marked a significant milestone. Feedback on the format highlights that decentralization fosters growth, as teams from zones that do not traditionally participate in centralized field leagues engaged in the inaugural season. For example, Nepean participated in Girls Sixes provincials, showcasing the potential for Sixes to expand the reach of all sectors across Ontario.

While Sixes lacrosse is not the only component of the Promotion portfolio, Peter views it as a gateway and an invaluable tool for introducing new players and communities to lacrosse, facilitating growth in non-traditional markets.

Currently, there is no OLA Board position dedicated to overseeing Sixes — it does not fit into the existing Minor Box or Field portfolios — electing a VP Promotion with a clear vision for this dynamic form of the sport would substantially enhance the second year of the Sixes sector by giving it a dedicated voice at the table, thereby establishing a solid foundation for the continued development and success of Sixes.

Furthermore, there is a notable gap in the current structure—clubs lack the opportunity to engage in discussions or provide feedback, a standard practice within the OMFL, OWFL and Minor Box. Addressing this gap is essential, as the absence of input and dialogue opportunities poses significant challenges. Discussions about Sixes at the implementation stage should involve all clubs, irrespective of their current participation, ensuring inclusive and comprehensive discourse. This approach will avoid prematurely mirroring the frameworks of OMFL and OWFL, instead cultivating a unique and adaptable dialogue suited to the evolving needs of Sixes lacrosse.

Promoting Women and Girls in Lacrosse

Sixes lacrosse presents a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between Women's Box and Women's Field lacrosse. The format offers a long-overdue chance for these two sectors to come together and collaborate. As Sixes takes the world stage at the Olympics, more and more Women's Field players will look to Box to enhance their skills, making it increasingly important for both sectors to work together. By establishing a new Sixes sector, the potential for collaboration is massive, opening doors for women and girls to discover and participate in lacrosse across multiple disciplines.

Peter, a father of two girls, has been a steadfast advocate for promoting women's and girls' lacrosse, emphasizing the creation of equitable opportunities for female athletes. As the VP Field for Mimico, Peter facilitated the expansion of the women's field program by coordinating with OWFL and recruiting the necessary volunteers and coaches to support the initiative. This effort not only enhanced the visibility and accessibility of the sport for women and girls in the community but ensured they received the same level of support and resources as their male counterparts.

Building on this foundation, Peter proposed the creation of a new position within the organization the following year: Vice President of Women's Field. This was designed to

further strengthen the focus on women's lacrosse, ensuring ongoing development and representation at the executive level. This move demonstrates Peter's commitment to systemic changes that support long-term growth and inclusivity in lacrosse.

Conclusion

Peter's extensive background and visionary approach make him an ideal candidate for VP Promotion. By electing Peter Debrone, the Ontario Lacrosse Association will benefit from his experience, strategic foresight, and unwavering commitment to building a more inclusive, collaborative, and successful future for lacrosse. Peter's platform is built on the pillars of community, growth, and innovation—values that will undoubtedly strengthen the foundation of lacrosse for future generations.

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