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## **CHANGES TO THE ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION BYLAWS, RULES & REGULATIONS**

TORONTO, ON – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association’s (OLA) Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in Niagara Falls, ON. A total of 49 amendments were proposed before the membership for consideration. Of the proposed amendments, 30 were adopted for implementation beginning in the 2023 season.

This package summarizes the voting outcomes of each amendment.

These amendment outcomes were prepared for circulation to the OLA membership on November 15, 2022. Care has been taken to prepare this package accurately with the information provided. Any errors or omissions should be forwarded immediately to [jeramie@ontariolacrosse.com](mailto:jeramie@ontariolacrosse.com). If an update is required, it will be noted here.

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**B**



PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 3.01**  
PROPOSED BY: **Colleen Grimes, OLA VP Promotions**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**B3.01**

Any Major, Senior, Junior clubs or Minor Associations may become a voting member of the Corporation by making an application to the Executive Director of the Corporation and being accepted by the Board of Directors. To qualify, the applicant(s) shall submit a completed application form signed by the owners of the club, or officers of the Minor Association accompanied by the annual entry fee and performance bond as set out for the category in which the team wishes to compete.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**B3.01(a)**

Any Major, Senior, Junior clubs or Minor Associations may become a voting member of the Corporation by making an application **in the form of a written proposal** to the Executive Director of the Corporation **or Commissioner of the league in which the team wishes to compete**. To qualify, a completed application must be signed **by the officers of the club** and accompanied by the annual entry fee and performance bond as set out for the category in which the team wishes to compete. **The Zone/League will make a recommendation on membership status to the OLA, which is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.**

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

To clarify the application process.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 3.01(c)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Colleen Grimes, OLA VP Promotions**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**B3.01(c)**

**NEW**

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**B3.01(c)**

**The completed application form submitted by the officers of all Major, Senior and Junior clubs must include the following:**

- List of Association Executive Officers**
- Profile of the Association**
- Scope of Lacrosse Operation**
- Constitution & Bylaws**
- Detailed Operating Budget**
- Partnership Support**
- Articles of Incorporation**

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Currently Major, Senior and Junior clubs are not required to submit any documentation to the OLA compliance officer. This amendment would require all member clubs and associations to be compliant with the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 3.04(c)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Colleen Grimes, OLA VP Promotions**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**B3.04(c)**

Failure of a minor association to comply with B3.01(b) and B3.04(b) will result in a fine and/or suspension. Fines will be applied as follows: to January 31 - \$500, to February 28 - \$1000, to March 31 - \$1000 (fines to be cumulative). After March 31st the Minor Association will be declared 'not in good standing' until in full compliance with B3.01(b) and B3.04(b) and will be required to pay the cumulative fine of \$2500.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**B3.04(c)**

Failure of a minor association to comply with B3.01(b) and B3.04(b) **or a major, senior, or junior club to comply with B3.01(c)** will result in a fine and/or suspension. Fines will be applied as follows: to January 31 - \$500, to February 28 - \$1000, to March 31 - \$1000 (fines to be cumulative). After March 31st, the association or club will be declared 'not in good standing' until in full compliance and will be required to pay the cumulative fine of \$2500.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Currently Major, Senior and Junior clubs are not required to submit any documentation to the OLA compliance officer. This amendment would require all member clubs and associations to be compliant with the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 3.08**

PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**

DATE: **September 24, 2022**

## **PRESENTLY READS:**

### **B3.08 – OLA CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

Section I – All individuals affiliated with the OLA shall:

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

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

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

Section III – General:

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

Section IV – Discipline Procedures:

1. Any report alleging a breach of Member obligation under this Code of Conduct shall be submitted in writing, along with a completed Code of Conduct reporting form signed by two Board of Governors members, of whom only one may be a member of the Board of Directors, to the OLA Executive Director and the OLA office within 14 days of the event/occurrence.
2. Upon receiving a report, the OLA Executive Director shall immediately notify the OLA Executive who shall determine the merit of the complaint and determine if action is necessary.
3. When a Code of Conduct report is received, a response from the OLA Executive Director is required to the complainant as to the determined merit of the complaint and the timeline for further action within 14 days. If a response is not received within the aforementioned timeline, then the code of conduct will proceed to the next step.

If action is determined to be necessary, the event/occurrence will be dealt with under normal OLA Discipline and Appeals procedures. An OLA hearing must be held within 28 days of the initial report being submitted to the OLA.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

***RENUMBER TO OR13***

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

The Code of Conduct is not a Bylaw, it is an Operating Regulation and belongs under the OR section (similar to the Screening/CRC Regulation).

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 4.01(a)**

PROPOSED BY: **Sue Finnen, Commissioner of Women's Major Series Lacrosse**

DATE: **September 28, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**B4.01(a)**

The Board of Governors of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Immediate Past President, Zone Directors, League Commissioners, one OLOA Representative and eight (8) Vice Presidents for the following positions:

- First (1st) V.P. Administration (Major)
- Second (2nd) V.P. Administration (Minor)
- Third (3rd) V.P. Finance (Operations)
- Fourth (4th) V.P. Administration (Field)
- Fifth (5th) V.P. Technical (Coaching)
- Sixth (6th) V.P. Technical (Officiating)
- Seventh (7th) V.P. Development
- Eighth (8th) V.P. Promotion

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**B4.01(a)**

The Board of Governors of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Immediate Past President, Zone Directors, League Commissioners, one OLOA Representative and **nine (9)** Vice Presidents for the following positions:

- First (1st) V.P. Administration (Major)
- Second (2nd) V.P. Administration (Minor)
- **Third (3rd) V.P. Administration (Female)**
- Fourth (4th) V.P. Finance (Operations)
- Fifth (5th) V.P. Administration (Field)
- Sixth (6th) V.P. Technical (Coaching)
- Seventh (7th) V.P. Technical (Officiating)
- Eighth (8th) V.P. Development
- Ninth (9th) V.P. Promotion

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Addresses the need for gender equity representation at the highest administrative level in Ontario Lacrosse. Presently both the male and female sectors are represented under the same V.P portfolios. Both the Women's Field and Women's Box sectors are currently or will be competing Nationally and

Internationally; these sectors should be represented by a Female VP who can dedicate their attention to their continued growth.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 4.02**

PROPOSED BY: **Sue Finnen, Commissioner of Women's Major Series Lacrosse**

DATE: **September 28, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**B4.02**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President and eight (8) Vice Presidents.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**B4.02**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President and **nine (9)** Vice Presidents.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Housekeeping – aligns with update to B4.01(a)

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 6.03**

PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**

DATE: **September 12, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**B6.03**

The role of the Board of Governors will be to:

1. Approve the annual operating budget.
2. Provide direction and approval for major policy and program adoptions or changes.
3. Sit as the final level of appeal within the Corporation.
4. Deal with any other matters that may come before it if so desired by three or more Governors.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**B6.03**

The role of the Board of Governors will be to:

1. Approve the annual operating budget.
2. Provide direction and approval for major policy and program adoptions or changes.
3. Sit as **participants in the first level and/or** the final level of appeal within the Corporation, **as required.**
4. Deal with any other matters that may come before it if so desired by three or more Governors.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

As per OR11.4 e), Board of Governors are part of the First and Final Levels of the appeal and not solely responsible for the final level of appeal:

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

*All 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:*

- OLA Life Members*
- Board of Directors*
- Past OLA Board of Directors*
- Mr. Lacrosse Award Winners*
- Board of Governors*

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 6.13**

PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**

DATE: **September 12, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**B6.13**

In the event that the President is unable to fulfill his/her duties for the remainder of his term, the First (1st) V.P. Administration (Major) shall take over his/her duties for the remainder of said term. In the event that any Vice President is unable to fulfill his/her duties for the remainder of his/her term, the Board of Directors may appoint a person to fill his/her position until the next Annual General Meeting.

Subsequent to the Annual General Meeting in 2010, in the event that the President is unable to fulfill his/her duties for the remainder of his/her two-year term, while in the first half of his/her term of office, the First (1st) V.P. Administration (Major) shall take over his duties until the next Annual General Meeting, where a special election for the position of President shall take place. This elected President shall serve a one-year term until the next Annual General Meeting. In the event that the President is unable to fulfill his duties for the remainder of his two-year term, while in the second half of his/her term of office, the First (1st) V.P. Administration (Major) shall take over his duties for the remainder of said term. In the event that any Vice President is unable to fulfill his/her duties for the remainder of his/her term, the Board of Directors may appoint a person to fill his/her position until the next Annual General Meeting.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**B6.13**

In the event that the President **is unable to fulfill his/her duties for the remainder of his/her term, the Board of Directors may appoint a currently-serving Vice President to fill his/her position until the next Annual General Meeting. If the vacancy occurs in the first half of the two-year term, a special election for the vacant position shall take place at the next Annual General Meeting, and the person elected to serve in the position shall serve a one-year term.**

In the event that any Vice President is unable to fulfill his/her duties for the remainder of his/her term, the Board of Directors may appoint a person to fill his/her position until the next Annual General Meeting.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

This change aligns with other provincial sports organizations structure for vacancy during a director's term, and it ensures that the person who is appointed to the role of President is someone that the Board collectively feels is experienced and suitable for the position.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 6.15**

PROPOSED BY: **Sue Finnen, Commissioner of Women's Major Series Lacrosse**

DATE: **September 28, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**B6.15**

All positions on the Board of Governors excluding the Immediate Past President, Zone Directors, League Commissioners and OLOA Representative shall be voted on every other year at the Annual General Meeting in a staggered manner as follows:

At the Annual General Meeting held during odd-numbered years, the following positions will be voted on, in the following order:

- (a) First (1st) V.P. Administration (Major)
- (b) Third (3rd) V.P. Finance (Operations)
- (c) Fifth (5th) V.P. Technical (Coaching)
- (d) Seventh (7th) V.P. Development

Each elected officer above [(a)-(d)] shall serve a two-year term.

At the Annual General Meeting held during even-numbered years, the following will be voted on, in the following order:

- (a) President
- (b) Second (2nd) V.P. Administration (Minor)
- (c) Fourth (4th) V.P. Administration (Field)
- (d) Sixth (6th) V.P. Technical (Officiating)
- (e) Eighth (8th) V.P. Promotion

Each elected officer above [(a)-(e)] shall serve a two-year term. The outgoing President shall become the Immediate Past President and will also serve a two-year term.

Candidates will run for a specific position. No officer shall serve two or more Board positions at the same time. The Zone Directors, League Commissioners and OLOA appointees shall be members' in good standing. All elected or appointed Board members shall take office immediately upon conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**B6.15**

All positions on the Board of Governors excluding the Immediate Past President, Zone Directors, League Commissioners and OLOA Representative shall be voted on every other year at the Annual General Meeting in a staggered manner as follows:

At the Annual General Meeting held during odd-numbered years, the following positions will be voted on, in the following order:

- (a) First (1st) V.P. Administration (Major)
- (b) Third (3rd) **V.P. Administration (Female)**
- (c) Fifth (5th) **V.P. Administration (Field)**
- (d) Seventh (7th) **V.P. Officiating**
- (e) **Ninth (9th) V.P. Promotion**

Each elected officer above [(a)-(e)] shall serve a two-year term.

At the Annual General Meeting held during even-numbered years, the following will be voted on, in the following order:

- (a) President
- (b) Second (2nd) V.P. Administration (Minor)
- (c) Fourth (4th) **V.P. Finance (Operations)**
- (d) Sixth (6th) **V.P. Technical (Coaching)**
- (e) Eighth (8th) **V.P. Development**

Each elected officer above [(a)-(e)] shall serve a two-year term. The outgoing President shall become the Immediate Past President and will also serve a two-year term.

Candidates will run for a specific position. No officer shall serve two or more Board positions at the same time. The Zone Directors, League Commissioners and OLOA appointees shall be members' in good standing. All elected or appointed Board members shall take office immediately upon conclusion of the Annual General Meeting.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

To clarify/ support the new changes in B4.01(a).

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **B 9.02**  
PROPOSED BY: **Yvonne Harding, OWFL Commissioner**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**B9.02**

Amendments to the Bylaws can be proposed by any members who participated in the previous year and are in good standing. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in the proper format typed and complete on forms provided, to the Executive Director not later than September 30th prior to the annual meeting and the proposed amendments shall be communicated to the required persons, at least 30 days prior to the day of the annual meeting.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**B9.02**

Amendments to the Bylaws can be proposed by any members who participated in the previous year and are in good standing. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in the proper format typed and complete on forms provided, to the **OLA Office** not later than September **15th** prior to the annual meeting and the proposed amendments shall be communicated to the required persons, at least 30 days prior to the day of the annual meeting.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

September 30th is recognized as a National Day of reflection to acknowledge the harm caused by residential schools and to educate Canadians. It is important to acknowledge the Creator's Game on this day, and to reflect. Moving the deadline to September 15h will provide more time for staff to review and assemble amendments and share these with the membership for review in advance of the AGM.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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OR



PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 3.01(a)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**OR3.01(a)**

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

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**OR3.01(a)**

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

To require OLA bench personnel in all sectors to have a current CRC or an OLA Offense Declaration Form on file. Changing "athletes" to "persons" and including "or any vulnerable persons" to include members of the lacrosse community who participate in OLA events not as athletes but as fans, ball boys/girls, volunteers, and other vulnerable persons.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 3.01(b)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**NEW**

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**OR3.01(b)**

All OLA players who are 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year are required to self-declare if they have been charged or convicted of an indictable offense under the Criminal Code of Canada upon registering for the current year.

The Ontario Lacrosse Association will not knowingly offer the opportunity for new or continued involvement to any person with a record of criminal charges or convictions for any criminal offense committed against a person under 18 years old or any offense which may pose a risk to the well-being of the association's vulnerable sector, volunteers and/or staff.

Individuals may appeal a decision related to involvement by following the OLA's Appeals Process.

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

To ensure a safe environment for all OLA members in all sectors.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 3.01(e)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**OR3.01(e)**

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

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**OR3.01(e)**

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

To require all coaches, trainers, therapists, volunteers, and management staff in all sectors to have a current CRC or an OLA Offense Declaration Form on file.

**MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME**

**CARRIED**       **DEFEATED**       **AMENDED**       **WITHDRAWN**

PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 3.01(g)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA’s Board of Directors**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**OR3.01(g)**

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

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

NOTE: To adopt and implement a mandatory Criminal Record Check policy effective January 1st 2015.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**OR3.01(g)**

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

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

~~**NOTE: To adopt and implement a mandatory Criminal Record Check policy effective January 1st 2015.**~~

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

To require all coaches, trainers, therapists, volunteers, and management staff in all sectors to have a current CRC or an OLA Offense Declaration Form on file.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 11.3**

PROPOSED BY: **Sean O'Callaghan, on behalf of Junior-Major Operating Council**

DATE: **September 28, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**OR11.3**

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

Players / Bench Personnel may not participate during the 5-business day appeal period. If an appeal is filed, the player may not participate until a final decision is rendered.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**OR11.3**

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  - v. Making a decision that was influenced by conflict of interest or bias, where bias is defined as a lack of neutrality to such an extent that the decision maker is unable to consider other views, or make a decision that was influenced by factors unrelated to the merits of the decision
  - vi. Making a decision that is grossly unreasonable or unfair**
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  - viii. Whether an appeal is expressly forbidden by any clause in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, or approved policies of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.
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- f. The determination must be made within 7 business days of receipt of the appeal request and documentation. If the determination is not made within 7 business days, the hearing will automatically be scheduled.

**~~Players / Bench Personnel may not participate during the 5-business day appeal period. If an appeal is filed, the player may not participate until a final decision is rendered.~~**

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

These sections refer to discipline hearings and have been moved to the new OR12.0

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 11.4**

PROPOSED BY: **Sean O'Callaghan, on behalf of Junior-Major Operating Council**

DATE: **September 28, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

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 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. 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.
- g. No voice or video recorders may be used during the hearing.
- h. 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.
  - iii. 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.
- i. Any parties under the age of 18 must bring an adult to act as an advisor.
- j. Recorded evidence is acceptable, provided that it substantiates verbal evidence given by any party. Videotape evidence that shows possible errors in identification by officials shall be allowed. At the appeals level, the use of videotape evidence will not be used for supplemental discipline or to show errors or "missed calls" by officials.
- k. 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

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.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

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.
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  - i. OLA Life Members
  - ii. Board of Directors
  - iii. Past OLA Board of Directors
  - iv. Mr. Lacrosse Award Winners
  - v. Board of Governors
- f. 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.
- g. No voice or video recorders may be used during the hearing.
- h. 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.
  - iii. 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.
- i. Any parties under the age of 18 must bring an adult to act as an advisor.
- ~~j. Recorded evidence is acceptable, provided that it substantiates verbal evidence given by any party. Videotape evidence that shows possible errors in identification by officials shall be allowed. At the appeals level, the use of videotape evidence will not be used for supplemental discipline or to show errors or "missed calls" by officials.~~**
- k. 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

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:**

This section was created primarily to deal with release hearings, not discipline. A new section will deal with discipline issues - OR12.0

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 11.4(e)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**OR11.4(e)**

All 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

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**OR11.4(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

**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;**

- vi. OLA Life Members**
- vii. Board of Directors**
- viii. Past OLA Board of Directors**
- ix. Mr. Lacrosse Award Winners**
- x. Board of Governors**

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

To clarify the process for hearings.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **OR 12.0**

PROPOSED BY: **Sean O'Callaghan, on behalf of Junior-Major Operating Council**

DATE: **September 28, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

*NEW, BASED ON INFORMATION FROM OR11.3 AND OR11.4*

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**OR12.0 Discipline & Appeal Hearings**

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

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

The OLA will maintain an automatic discipline policy that is reviewed annually by the Commissioner of the Leagues for which the policy is in effect. Suspensions of four (4) games or less, or fines of \$500 or less, are not appealable. Appeals may only be requested on behalf of the suspended individual. Junior to Major initial hearings shall be conducted using three Commissioners (Board of Governor members), with no conflict. Minor hearings shall be conducted using three OLA members with current or recent Minor experience.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

A specific section was needed for discipline issues that was not quite as cumbersome.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 4.01(a)**

PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**

DATE: **September 24, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

R4.01(a)

The annual membership fee shall be as follows:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Major Series Lacrosse	\$1263	\$1263	\$1263
Senior "B" Series	\$1075	\$1075	\$1075
Senior "C" Series	\$600	\$600	\$600
Junior "A" Series	\$1127	\$1127	\$1127
Junior "B" Series	\$986	\$986	\$986
Junior "C" Series	\$664	\$664	\$664
OWBLL	\$347	\$347	\$347

\*Payment of the above fees and any other obligation to the Corporation paid by the October 30th deadline for the current playing season shall entitle a team to two votes at the Annual General Meeting.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

R4.01(a)

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

The Junior-Major Operating Council has proposed the AGM Registration Fee as part of the Annual Membership Fee. Removing the fee chart from this section permits the updates to the fee schedule to be made without having to submit amendments annually, and brings this article in line with R4.01(b).

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 4.03**

PROPOSED BY: **George MacDonald, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**

DATE: **September 27, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**R4.03**

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

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

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**R4.03**

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

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Housekeeping. To include Senior C lacrosse in the listing for Major to Junior clubs that need to post provide a Bond to the Corporation.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 5.03**

PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**

DATE: **September 24, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**R5.03**

All team entries into the Corporation shall be to the Major, Senior or Junior series of any series approved by the Board of Directors/Governors.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

***DELETE, RENUMBER R5 SECTION***

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Duplicate entry; this article is covered under R5.04.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.23(d)**

PROPOSED BY: **Bob Clevely, on behalf of the Ontario Junior Lacrosse League**

DATE: **September 24, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**R6.23(d)**

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

1. Drafted and non-drafted Junior players who are on a Major Series Lacrosse Protected List on July 1st, in their year of graduation will see their Junior club reimbursed \$300.00.
2. If payment is not received by October 1st, such player(s) will become ineligible to play until the \$300.00 is paid.
3. Funds not paid by season end will result in player(s) becoming a free agent and the \$300.00 will still be payable.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**R6.23(d)**

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

1. **Players drafted in the first and second round in their graduating year will see their junior club compensated a \$300.00 development fee. Payment will be issued by MSL and MSL will collect payment from the drafting teams. The Major Series Commissioner will send the accumulated payments to the respective Junior Commissioners to arrive within 15 days of the date of the draft.**
2. **Players drafted in the third round of their graduating year would see their previous junior team compensated \$200.00 if rostered on the Major Series teams protected list by July 1st and players drafted in the 4th and 5th rounds of their graduating year would be compensated \$100.00 if rostered on the Major Series teams protected list by July 1st. The Major Series Commissioner will send the accumulated payments to the respective Junior Commissioners to arrive no later than July 15th.**
3. **Players protected by Major Series Lacrosse clubs in their graduating year and rostered on their protected list by July 1st will also see their junior club compensated a \$300.00 development fee unless covered by the respective affiliation agreements they have with**



those teams. MSL clubs will issue this compensation to their affiliate in a timely manner and no later than July 15th of the current playing season.

- 4. Funds not paid by the above due dates will result in player(s) becoming a free agent and the \$300.00 will still be payable.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

To reduce the number of draft fee discrepancies that take place year to year between the two Leagues. Also to simplify and keep consistent rules that apply to graduating Junior players being drafted into the Major Series Lacrosse League. Similar to the draft rules that exist with the U17 drafting of players to the Ontario Junior Lacrosse League.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.23(d)**

PROPOSED BY: **Lynn Withers, on behalf of Major Series Lacrosse**

DATE: **September 28, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**R6.23(d)**

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

1. Drafted and non-drafted Junior players who are on a Major Series Lacrosse Protected List on July 1st, in their year of graduation will see their Junior club reimbursed \$300.00.
2. If payment is not received by October 1st, such player(s) will become ineligible to play until the \$300.00 is paid.
3. Funds not paid by season end will result in player(s) becoming a free agent and the \$300.00 will still be payable.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**R6.23(d)**

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

1. **Players drafted in the first round in their graduating year will see their junior club compensated a \$300.00 development fee regardless if they have signed or not. Payment will be issued by MSL and MSL will collect payment from the drafting teams. The Major Series Commissioner will send the accumulated payments to the Junior A Council to be disbursed to the appropriate Junior A Club and to arrive within 15 days of the date of the draft.**
2. **Players drafted in the second round in their graduating year will see their junior club compensated a \$250.00 development fee if the player is on the MSL Clubs July 1st 25 man protected list.**
3. **Players drafted in the third round in their graduating year will see their junior club compensated a \$200.00 development fee if the player is on the MSL Clubs July 1st 25 man protected list.**
4. **Players drafted in the fourth round in their graduating year will see their junior club compensated a \$100.00 development fee if the player is on the MSL Clubs July 1st 25 man**

protected list.

- 5. **Players drafted in the fifth round in their graduating year will see their junior club compensated a \$100.00 development fee if the player is on the MSL Clubs July 1st 25 man protected list.**

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Major Series Lacrosse has no issue paying for players, however, do not wish to pay for a player who may not be rostered to an MSL Club or may choose to play elsewhere after graduation. With the restriction on players playing in the PLL this problem was intensified in the 2022 season.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.25(b)**

PROPOSED BY: **Mike Soulliere, Windsor Junior “B” Clippers**

DATE: **September 22, 2022**

### **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 **four (4)** “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.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Allowing more players to play.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 6.36**

PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**

DATE: **September 24, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**R6.36**

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

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

***RENUMBER TO R6.15***

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

All players in Junior-Major should be governed by this rule; it supports community-lacrosse by allowing players who live within the community an opportunity to play closer to their resident community.

Furthermore, clubs existing in areas that have minor and/or Junior lacrosse clubs have natural affiliations with those clubs.

Graduating Junior players surveyed in 2021/2022 overwhelmingly stated that players graduating from junior lacrosse were be most likely to play senior lacrosse if there was an opportunity to play as close as possible to their home community.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.01(b)**

PROPOSED BY: **Sean O'Callaghan, on behalf of Junior-Major Operating Council**

DATE: **September 28, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**R7.01(b)**

All Junior to Major teams may have affiliated with it one additional team from outside their residence centre which is currently unaffiliated, at the specified level requested. 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 or Junior C

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: Junior B or Junior C.

Senior C to: Junior C

Senior Women to: U22 (Junior) Women

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**R7.01(b)**

All Junior to Major teams may have affiliated with it one additional team from outside their residence centre which is currently unaffiliated, at the specified level requested. 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.

Junior A to: Junior B or Junior C

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: **U22**, Junior C

Senior Women to: U22 (Junior) Women

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

To allow movement of players from Senior C up to Senior B, and from U22 up to Senior C.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 7.07(d)**

PROPOSED BY: **Sean O'Callaghan, on behalf of Junior-Major Operating Council**

DATE: **September 28, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**R7.01(b)**

Where it is found that, at the end of a team's regular season, a rostered Junior player has played in a higher percentage of games with their higher ranked affiliated team, than with the Junior team to which they are rostered, the player will be declared ineligible to participate in playoffs with the lower ranked Junior 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:**

**R7.01(b)**

Where it is found that, at the end of a team's regular season, a rostered **Junior** player has played in a higher percentage of games with their higher ranked affiliated team, than with the **Junior** team to which they are rostered, the player will be declared ineligible to participate in playoffs with the lower ranked **Junior** 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:

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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:**

To ensure that this rule applies to all Junior to Major players

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 16.12(b)**

PROPOSED BY: **Sean O’Callaghan, on behalf of Junior-Major Operating Council**

DATE: **September 28, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**NEW**

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**R16.12(b)**

**If a team is found to be using ineligible (not certified) bench personnel during a game, the individual will be removed from the bench and the team shall be fined a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and up to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for the first offence. Further offences will result in the suspension of the Head Coach and General Manager.**

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Some teams are using unregistered personnel on the bench, who sometimes become verbally and physically involved in the game, yelling at and cursing referees and opposing team players. As these persons are on the bench illegally there is currently no ruling to define consequences.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 19.01(b)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Mike Soulliere, Windsor Junior “B” Clippers**  
DATE: **September 22, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**R19.01**

The Corporation shall receive 15% of the gross gate receipts after officials have been paid, from all group playoff games, replays of protested playoff games, sudden victory games to decide final league standings, all league playoff games, all round robin and all playoffs, quarter final, semifinal and final rounds in all series.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**R19.01**

The Corporation shall receive 15% of the gross gate receipts **to a maximum of two times the team’s annual registration rate for the current year, and** after officials have been paid, from all group playoff games, replays of protested playoff games, sudden victory games to decide final league standings, all league playoff games, all round robin and all playoffs, quarter final, semifinal and final rounds in all series.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

To eliminate any side deals made by and group series.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 21.01**  
PROPOSED BY: **Colleen Grimes, OLA VP Promotions**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**R-XXI – RADIO AND TELEVISION**

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**R-XXI – **MEDIA AND BROADCASTING****

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Updating this section title to include new technology.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 21.01(a)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Colleen Grimes, OLA VP Promotions**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**R21.01(a)**

Any club may arrange for the broadcasting or telecasting of any of its home or away games by its local radio or television station providing the broadcasting or television is restricted to the station within or nearest the team's home municipality.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**R21.01(a)**

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

The amendment allows home teams to broadcast games without restriction while maintaining the intent of the original rule as it relates to away games.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **R 21.01(b)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Colleen Grimes, OLA VP Promotions**  
DATE: **September 29, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**R21.01(b)**

The OLA shall be consulted, and may set an appropriate fee to be shared equally by the OLA and the home team involved, before any arrangements are made for the broadcasting or televising of any game network of stations situated in two or more municipalities as defined by the OLA Contracts for such network broadcasting or televising must be approved by the OLA and then signed by the authorized officers of the OLA and each team involved.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**R21.01(b)**

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

This amendment involves all interested parties while maintaining the intent of the rule.

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# MR





PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 1.06**

PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**

DATE: **September 24, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**MR1.06**

There will be a hosting fee for all Corporation Sanctioned Box and Field Tournaments to be paid at time of application to host, in the following amount:

- (a) Invitational: \$50.00 per age division/one category (\$50.00 per each additional category. i.e Peewee A/B and C will be \$100.00. A/B is considered one division and C is considered one division. The only division exempt from this is Paperweight which is "Open")
- (b) Qualifiers: All categories: \$400.00
- (c) Final Six: \$200.00

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

This change brings MR1.06 in line with MR1.07, which specifies that the Corporation is responsible for setting the Invitational Tournament Application Fees and communicating that information in a timely manner.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 1.09(a)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**  
DATE: **September 24, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**MR1.09(a)**

There will be an entry fee of \$600.00 per team to attend Provincial Championships held during the Lacrosse Festival. This fee, together with the duly completed and signed declaration form (of intent to participate in the Provincial Championships) must be received in the OLA office on or before June 15th of the current year.

On June 20th, the OLA will distribute a complete listing of Provincial team entries for the current season to all associations (titled "Final Team Entries for Minor Lacrosse"). Associations will have four business days to amend their team entries for the current season, after which the "Final Team Entries for Minor Lacrosse" listing will be drawn up and will be the basis for eligibility to play exhibition/zone games, and invitational/provincial tournaments.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**MR1.09(a)**

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

This amendment brings this section in-line with current practice. The last sentence of the article, as it currently reads, does not make sense, given that the season is more than halfway complete by June 20th.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 1.09(b)**

PROPOSED BY: **Greg Hummel, on behalf of the OLA's Board of Directors**

DATE: **September 24, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**MR1.09(b)**

There will be an entry fee of \$500.00 per team to attend Provincial Championships, not part of the Lacrosse Festival. The fee, which will cover all costs (gate fees for spectators, awards, officials, balls, administration, etc.) together with the duly completed and signed declaration form (of intent to participate in the Provincial Championships) must be received in the OLA office on or before June 15th of the current year. The OLA will then forward \$225.00 per team entered (which represents gate fees), to the hosting association, within 14 days of the completed event.

NOTE: Host Gate Fee may be withheld in whole or in part if the Host Association fails to meet all of its hosting responsibilities as outlined by the OLA and the OLA Hosting Guidelines.

EXCEPTION: Teams entered in Provincial "A" Qualifiers. Fees for this group will be determined annually.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

***DELETE***

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

There are no Minor Box Provincial Championships which are not part of the Ontario Lacrosse Festival. This section is outdated, and can be removed. All subsequent articles in this section can be renumbered.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.01(a)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Greg Gillis, Hamilton Bengals Minor Lacrosse Association**  
DATE: **September 30, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**NEW**

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**MR2.01(a)**

**All OLA Minor Associations may open registration any time after OLA registration products become available for the upcoming season. All OLA Minor Associations must have online player registration open between February 1 and June 1 annually.**

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

The need to maximize promotion and growth opportunities for minor lacrosse is clear. Having standard, established registration dates will guarantee the window of opportunity to capture as many new and returning members as possible.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.01(b)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Greg Gillis, Hamilton Bengals Minor Lacrosse Association**  
DATE: **September 30, 2022**

**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(b)**

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Housekeeping - Renumbering based on the passing of MR2.01(a)

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.01(c)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Greg Gillis, Hamilton Bengals Minor Lacrosse**  
DATE: **September 30, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**NEW**

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**MR2.01(c)**

**Rep Box tryout dates for all OLA Minor Associations will be held between the 2nd Wednesday in April and May 1 annually.**

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

The creation of a standard tryout window will help create a level playing field across the province.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.02**  
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, Zone 9 Director**  
DATE: **September 30, 2022**

**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:

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: 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:**

Clarification that the deadline for Rep Box Non-playing bench personnel is May 15th, to ensure time for their approval before Minor Box tournaments begin.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.08**

PROPOSED BY: **Ben McAlister, West Durham Minor Lacrosse**

DATE: **September 30, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**MR2.08**

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

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**MR2.02**

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

This change would allow for a more regional approach to House League, it would also help bolster house league numbers, and allow for more cooperation on House League between associations.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 2.08(b)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Paul Wilson, Newmarket Redbirds Minor Lacrosse**  
DATE: **September 30, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**MR2.08(b)**

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

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**MR2.08(b)**

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

This will increase overall registrations across Ontario by allowing choice if the player resides in a municipality with no minor team and not tying the requirement to register in a centre based on an arbitrary municipal boundary. This would also be easier to administer for the registrars and approvers and easier to understand for families new to lacrosse.

<b>MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME</b>			
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**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**MR2.08(b)**

A player who is eligible but resident in a municipality with no minor team in any group for which he/she is eligible **shall be given the choice of the club for which he/she may play, when the difference between his/her residence to the two or more municipalities concerned does not exceed twenty kilometres.** ~~shall sign with the club which is the next closest centre.~~ The distance shall be measured from the player's residence to the two or more municipalities concerned, by the shortest route (excluding toll roads) and by mileage shown on the search engine dictated for OLA registrations for the current playing season. Such player must return to his resident municipality the next year of play; at which time, should the club have no team for which he/she is eligible, the player returns to the association with which he/she was previously signed and is considered unconditionally released.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

This will increase overall registrations across Ontario by allowing choice if the player resides in a municipality with no minor team and not tying the requirement to register in a centre based on an arbitrary municipal boundary. This allows for situations where the arena where the team plays may be closer even if the municipal border is not and allows a player to choose to play in a centre that may be quicker to get to even if it is farther away due to typical traffic pattern while still not allowing full choice.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.01**

PROPOSED BY: **Yvonne Harding, Ontario Women's Field Lacrosse Commissioner**

DATE: **September 30, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**MR7.01**

The Box championships of this Corporation shall consist of: Girls, Intermediate, Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Novice and Tyke. At the annual meeting, the OLA will announce dates for the Pee Wee to Midget 'A' Provincial Qualifiers and Provincial Championships for the upcoming season.

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

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

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**MR7.01**

The Box championships of this Corporation shall consist of: Girls, Intermediate, Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Novice and Tyke. At the annual meeting, the OLA will announce dates for the Pee Wee to Midget 'A' Provincial Qualifiers and Provincial Championships for the upcoming season.

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

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Update to reflect that OWFL Provincial Championships include the U11 and U13 age divisions.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.02(a)**  
PROPOSED BY: **Eddy Jack, on behalf of OLA Minor Council**  
DATE: **September 19, 2022**

**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 the system agreed to at the AGM prior to the season (currently MyLaxRankings.com). In order to receive an accurate ranking, all teams must play a minimum of ten (10) games, which must include one (1) tournament, by the following:

1. Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget 'A' Qualifier teams – 11 days prior to the 1st day of Qualifier play; and
2. Teams competing in the Provincial Festival (Tyke through Intermediate) – the 2nd Wednesday in July

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. 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.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**MR7.02 (a)**

Prior to the OLA Provincial Championships, the Corporation shall rank all clubs and place them into ratings (A, B, C, etc.) using the rankings that are calculated by MyLaxRankings.com. **To** receive an accurate ranking **and qualify for Provincial Championship play**, all teams must play a minimum of ten (10) games, which must include one (1) invitational tournament. 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 are to be completed by:**

1. **U13, U15 and U17** '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**

**NOTE:**

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 Invitational Tournament Committee will consist of a minimum of the following persons: OLA VP Minor (or their delegate), a minimum of two (2) Zone Directors and two (2) members at large, as well as one OLA Staff member.**

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

To serve as a check and balance for any extenuating circumstances that may cause a team to be ineligible to compete for a Provincial Championship.

The Invitational Tournaments/Ratings committee has a near herculean task presented to them annually with timelines that can be near impossible to meet. By adding Zone Directors, who are the direct communication link to each minor box association, the workload will be shared and a greater understanding of the process will be achieved.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.02(a)**

PROPOSED BY: **Ben McAlister, West Durham Minor Lacrosse**

DATE: **September 30, 2022**

### **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 the system agreed to at the AGM prior to the season (currently MyLaxRankings.com). In order to receive an accurate ranking, all teams must play a minimum of ten (10) games, which must include one (1) tournament, by the following:

1. Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget 'A' Qualifier teams – 11 days prior to the 1st day of Qualifier play; and
2. Teams competing in the Provincial Festival (Tyke through Intermediate) – the 2nd Wednesday in July

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. 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.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

#### **MR7.02 (a)**

Prior to the OLA Provincial Championships, the Corporation shall rank all clubs and place them into ratings (A, B, C, etc.) using the rankings that are calculated by the system agreed to at the AGM prior to the season (currently MyLaxRankings.com).

In order to receive an accurate ranking and qualify for the OLA Provincial Championships, all teams **from U9 to U17** must play a minimum of ten (10) games, **which must include at least 2 out of zone games against 2 different teams**, by the following:

1. **U13, U15 and U17** 'A' Qualifier teams – 11 days prior to the 1st day of Qualifier play; and
2. Teams competing in the Provincial Festival (**U9 through U17**) – the 2nd Wednesday in July

**In order to receive an accurate ranking and qualify for provincial championships teams in U7 and U22 must play a minimum of five (5) games, which must include at least 1 out of zone games by the second Wednesday in July.**

**Any team who has played less than five (5) games will not be eligible to participate in the Provincial Championships. Any team who has played between five (5) and ten (10) games will**

be granted approval to participate in the Provincial Championships provided that the reasons for not completing the 10 games were due to factors outside of their control, such as limited availability of tournaments or other teams within a 200KM radius, illness, canceled away games, or any external factor outside the teams control that would prevent their participation in the required 10 games. 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.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

The existing language leaves room for ambiguity and puts an unfair expectation on all teams to participate in a tournament. Also lowering the requirement of 10 games to 5 games for U22 and U7. For both these age groups 10 games can be an unrealistic expectation. Also removing the requirement for a tournament given that for certain divisions or locations, access to tournaments can be impossible or cost prohibitive. Also changed former divisions names to current ones.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.07(a)**

PROPOSED BY: **Yvonne Harding, Ontario Women's Field Lacrosse Commissioner**

DATE: **September 30, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**MR7.07(a)**

In all Corporation Women's Field championship tournaments and/or playoff series, games will consist of two (2) equal halves with a minimum rest period of five (5) minutes between halves and overtime play as per Corporation rules of play. The length of the halves is to be determined by the Corporation at the time of the drafting of the schedule.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**MR7.07(a)**

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

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Update to reflect that OWFL games are now played in quarters.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 7.13 NOTE**  
PROPOSED BY: **Mary Sticca, on behalf of Minor Council**  
DATE: **September 30, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**MR7.13**

1. Any team who, scheduled to play in invitational tournaments, appears with less than six players, or fails to put in an appearance, shall lose its bond, and its club shall be further assessed a fine of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars.  
**NOTE** – Any team registered to play in an invitational tournament who withdraws with less than 45 days’ notice or fails to show, will forfeit the application fee, be assessed a fine of \$250.00 and may be ineligible to participate in that years’ Provincial Championship Tournament.
2. Any team that withdraws from Provincial play after July 1st, shall forfeit their bond and the association shall be assessed a fine of seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars.
3. When any team appears with fewer than twelve (12) players and more than five (5), its club shall be assessed a ten (\$10) dollar fine for each player under the required number per tournament.
4. Any team who withdraws from a game at any point in invitational or provincial tournaments must default the remainder of their scheduled games.
5. Any team who shows up with less than six players to a game at any point in invitational or provincial tournaments may default the remainder of their scheduled games.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**MR7.13**

1. Any team who, scheduled to play in invitational tournaments, appears with less than six players, or fails to put in an appearance, shall lose its bond, and its club shall be further assessed a fine of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars.  
**NOTE** – Any team registered to play in an invitational tournament who withdraws with less than **thirty (30)** days’ notice or fails to show, will forfeit the application fee, be assessed a fine of \$250.00 and may be ineligible to participate in that years’ Provincial Championship Tournament.
2. Any team that withdraws from Provincial play after July 1st, shall forfeit their bond and the association shall be assessed a fine of seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars.
3. When any team appears with fewer than twelve (12) players and more than five (5), its club shall be assessed a ten (\$10) dollar fine for each player under the required number per tournament.
4. Any team who withdraws from a game at any point in invitational or provincial tournaments must default the remainder of their scheduled games.
5. Any team who shows up with less than six players to a game at any point in invitational or provincial tournaments may default the remainder of their scheduled games.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Adjusting the length of time to pull out of an Invitational Tournament from 45 days to 30 days to give teams who are struggling with numbers an additional 2 weeks to form the team.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **MR 10.03**

PROPOSED BY: **Ben McAlister, West Durham Minor Lacrosse**

DATE: **September 30, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

**MR10.03**

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

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

**MR10.03**

Suspensions longer than **one (1) game** may be appealed by notifying the OLA office within 15 days of the suspension. The hearing may include the suspended party and/or a team official.

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Only being able to appeal a six game suspension or higher, could result in players or personnel being suspended unjustly for a majority or entirety of the season. Even hockey which has a much longer season, allows for appeals for suspensions beyond 3 games. This change will make this rule more proportional for the average lacrosse season length.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE: **Various R's, MR's OR's and B's Throughout**  
PROPOSED BY: **Eddy Jack, on behalf of Minor Box Council**  
DATE: **September 12, 2022**

**PRESENTLY READS:**

MR section of the Rules and Regulations worded with obsolete terminology of Tyke, Novice etc.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:**

*Update all references throughout the Rules and Regulations as described:*

**Tyke** to **U9**  
**Novice** to **U11**  
**Pee-Wee** to **U13**  
**Bantam** to **U15**  
**Midget** to **U17**  
**Intermediate** to **U22**

**REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:**

Housekeeping to conform to current division naming.

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