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## **ONTARIO LACROSSE ANNOUNCES 2023 “A” QUALIFIERS DIVISION FORMAT**

TORONTO, ON – June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA, @ontariolacrosse) today unveils the format for its U13, U15 and U17 “A” Qualifiers events. Played across two weekends in July and culminating with the Final Six Provincial Championship during the first weekend in August as part of the Ontario Lacrosse Festival, the “A” Qualifiers will welcome the top ten teams in each division, as determined by MyLAX Rankings. The decision to apply the 10-team division format for this event was made to achieve the most competitive game play, with consideration given to officiating capacity at that time of the season.

The details of the 2023 “A” Qualifiers are:

- The top ten (10) teams as of June 27<sup>th</sup> in the U13, U15 and U17 divisions will advance to “A” Qualifiers;
- These teams will play a complete round robin (9 games in total against each opponent in their division) over the course of two weekends;
  - 1st Weekend: July 7-9 at Iroquois Park Sports Complex in Whitby, beginning at 10am;
  - 2nd Weekend: July 21-23 at Albert McCormick Arena & Elmira Community Centre in Kitchener, beginning at 10am;
- Following completion of the full round robin, the top six teams will advance to the Final Six “A” Provincial Championships at Iroquois Park Sports Complex & McKinney Arena in Whitby, August 4-6 with the first games beginning at 9am;

Teams who qualify to participate in the “A” Qualifiers will be notified of their advancement via their Association President on June 27<sup>th</sup> (as per MR7.02a), following the determination of seeding. The playing schedule and other information related to the 2023 “A” Qualifiers will be circulated prior to the event and published at [www.ontariolacrosse.com](http://www.ontariolacrosse.com).

### **About the Ontario Lacrosse Association**

The OLA exists to improve, foster, perpetuate and govern the sport of lacrosse within the province of Ontario. In addition to coordinating the administration and operation of the sport, the OLA provides informative resources, technical development programs and additional supplies for those interested in developing the “fastest game on two feet.” For more information or to become involved, contact [info@ontariolacrosse.com](mailto:info@ontariolacrosse.com).