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# ONTARIO LACROSSE ANNOUNCES 2024 "A" QUALIFIERS DIVISION FORMAT

TORONTO, ON – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA, @ontariolacrosse) is excited to announce the competition format for the U13, U15 and U17 "A" Qualifiers. Played across two weekends in July and culminating with the Final Six Provincial Championships in August, the "A" Qualifiers will welcome the top teams in each division, as determined by MyLAX Rankings.

For the first time ever, these events will be streamed live, allowing lacrosse fans worldwide to witness the excitement of the "A" Qualifiers and Final Six on the Ontario Lacrosse YouTube channel.

The top twelve (12) teams in the U13 division, and the top ten (10) teams in the U15 and U17 divisions will advance to "A" Qualifiers. These teams will play a complete round robin over the course of two weekends:

1st Weekend: July 5-7 at Earl Nichols Arena in London;

2nd Weekend: July 19-21 at Iroquois Park Sports Complex in Whitby;

Following completion of the full round robin, the top six teams in each division will advance to the "A" Provincial Championships.

The Final Six "A" Provincial Championships for the U13 and U15 divisions will take place at Iroquois Park Sports Complex and McKinney Arena during the Ontario Lacrosse Festival in Whitby, August 2-4.

The Final Six "A" Provincial Championships for the U17 division will take place at Earl Nichols Arena as part of the Ontario Summer Games multisport event in London, August 1-4.

The decision to apply the 12-team and 10-team formats were decided in pursuit of the most competitive gameplay according to MyLAX Rankings, with consideration given to the number of teams in each division.

Teams who qualify to participate in the "A" Qualifiers will be notified of their advancement via their association President. The playing schedule and other information related to the 2024 "A" Qualifiers will be circulated prior to the event and published at **olafinalsix.com**.

Don't miss out on the action! Follow @ontariolacrosse on social media, and download the Ontario Lacrosse app on the App Store or Google Play Store for up-to-date schedules, scores and standings and more!





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# U13, U15 AND U17 "A" QUALIFIER DIVISION TEAMS ANNOUNCED FOR 2024 SEASON

TORONTO, ON – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA, @ontariolacrosse) has announced the teams that will compete in the U13, U15 and U17 "A" Qualifiers divisions for the 2024 season. With over 25 years as an nationally-recognized athlete development program, "A" Qualifiers is the premiere division for youth box lacrosse in Ontario. The 2024 format will feature full round robin play over the course of two weekends for the top ten teams in each division.

Playing schedules will be posted shortly at olafinalsix.com.

Ontario Lacrosse congratulates the following teams who are participating in the 2024 "A" Qualifier Program:

### U13 "A" Division

Orangeville Northmen 1

Centre-Wellington Riverhawks 1

Halton Hills Bulldogs 1

Oakville Hawks 1

St. Catharines Athletics 1

**Burlington Blaze 1** 

Cornwall Celtics

Akwesasne Storm 1

Sarnia Pacers 1

Owen Sound North Stars 1

Toronto Beaches 1

Peterborough Lakers 1

## U15 "A" Division

Orangeville Northmen 1

**Burlington Blaze 1** 

Whitby Warriors 1

Peterborough Lakers 1

Sarnia Pacers 1

London Blue Devils 1

St. Catharines Athletics 1

Guelph Regals 1

Oshawa Blue Knights 1

Akwesasne Storm

#### U17 "A" Division

Orangeville Northmen 1

Whitby Warriors

Clarington Gaels 1

St. Catharines Athletics 1

Centre-Wellington Riverhawks 1

Six Nations 1

Guelph Regals

Halton Hills Bulldogs

**Burlington Blaze** 

Gloucester Griffins

#### **About Ontario Lacrosse Association:**

Since 1897, the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) is the largest provincial governing body of lacrosse in Canada, which exists to improve, foster, perpetuate and govern all levels and disciplines of lacrosse in the province of Ontario. In addition to coordinating the operation of the sport, the OLA provides technical development and certification programs, and additional resources for those interested in the "fastest game on two feet." For more information, visit ontariolacrosse.com or check out @ontariolacrosse on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.