

## AMENDMENTS TO OLA REGULATION 6.07 (JUNIOR-SENIOR PLAYER ELIGIBILITY)

TORONTO, ON – June 3, 2021 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors have reviewed the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s Rules and Regulations in light of a non-sanctioned league publicly claiming to protect members in good standing of the OLA who participate in the junior series.

The following is not a new policy, but R6.07 has been amended in OLA the Rules and Regulations and the changes are currently in effect:

### Player Eligibility

#### R6.07 (a)

Players who have been registered, protected, or rostered with any team in the Corporation shall not play or sign with any other team or in any other league without the written permission of the League Commissioner.

#### R6.07 (b)

Players who sign or play in another league or association without the authorization of the League Commissioner shall be suspended for the balance of that season and for the entire season following and are deemed to not be in good standing with the Corporation.

Players who intend to return to Ontario Lacrosse participation during that period must submit a Reinstatement Application to the League Commissioner and may not return to participation until membership approval has been granted.

The Ontario Lacrosse Association respects the right of every individual to participate in lacrosse opportunities outside of the OLA, however, any player who makes the choice to participate in a non-sanctioned league directly competing with the OLA’s league calendar must understand the ramifications of that choice including, but not limited to, being ineligible to participate with the leagues governed by the Ontario Lacrosse Association, Team Ontario and/or Team Canada (Lacrosse Canada National Team Program Policy and Guidelines, 1.1.4).

Players who do sign or play in a non-sanctioned league without authorization under OLA R6.07 (b) will be ineligible to participate in any Ontario Lacrosse sanctioned league for the balance of that season and for the entire season following. This includes:

- Ontario Junior “A” Lacrosse League
- Ontario Junior “B” Lacrosse League
- Ontario Junior “C” Lacrosse League
- Major Series Lacrosse
- Ontario Series Lacrosse
- Senior Series Lacrosse
- Ontario Women’s Box Lacrosse League

Non-sanctioned leagues as it relates to OLA R6.07 are leagues that operate above the minor lacrosse level and during the Ontario Lacrosse Association's established competition calendar within the province of Ontario. Participation in a non-sanctioned league is defined as involvement in tryouts, combines, training, tournaments, league games, playoff games or other in-person events. This does not include academic, intramural or school-based leagues, winter recreation leagues, or professional lacrosse leagues as recognized by the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

Ontario Lacrosse encourages our players to reach out to the OLA team they are registered, protected, or rostered with for information about Return to Play 2021. We look forward to sharing league plans for the 2021 season soon.

The Ontario Lacrosse Association acknowledges its consultation and review of Hockey Canada's Policy on Non-Sanctioned Leagues for guidance in this process.

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

Since 1897, the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) has been recognized as the administrative governing body which exists to improve, foster, perpetuate and govern of all levels (youth, junior and senior) and disciplines (box, field and women's field) of lacrosse in the province of Ontario.

In addition to coordinating the operation of the sport, the OLA provides informative resources, technical development programs and additional supplies for those interested in the "fastest game on two feet." For more information, contact the Ontario Lacrosse Association at 416-426-7066 or email [info@ontariolacrosse.com](mailto:info@ontariolacrosse.com).