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AGE DIVISION NAME CHANGES FOR OLA MINOR BOX

TORONTO, ON – January 14, 2021 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association's (OLA) Board of Directors has adopted age division name changes for minor box lacrosse. This change reflects the movement of minor sports throughout Canada toward alphanumeric age division titles. Effective immediately, OLA box divisions will be renamed according to the list below:

U9 Box (formerly Tyke, for players aged 7 and 8)

U11 Box (formerly Novice, for players aged 9 and 10)

U13 Box (formerly Pee Wee, for players aged 11 and 12)

U15 Box (formerly Bantam, for players aged 13 and 14)

U17 Box (formerly Midget, for players aged 15 and 16)

U22 Box (formerly Intermediate, for players aged 17 through 21)

The OLA's intention is to implement these division name changes for the 2021 season. Soft Lacrosse (for players 3 and 4 years old) and Paperweight (for players 5 and 6 years old) will remain the same. This division naming structure is consistent with previously established divisions in the Ontario Women's Field Lacrosse League (OWFL) and the Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse League (OMFLL).

The Little People of Canada reached out to the Canadian Lacrosse Association (CLA) just under a year ago about this movement in sports. Since then, the CLA has taken active steps to address division naming conventions. As a Member Association of the CLA, the OLA believes that sports, and the language used in them, should be inclusive and respectful at all times.

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.