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OLA Updates the Tie-Breaking Format for Round Robin Play Ahead of 2018 Season

TORONTO ON – April 1th, 2018 – With the implementation of MyLAX Rankings and the parity that now exists between opponents in minor box lacrosse, an increasing number of OLA games are ending in ties. A tie score will typically stand in zone play, but for round robin tournament and provincial games, the instances of tie-breaking in scores and standings are rapidly increasing in frequency as well as complexity. In response to the number of games that necessitate consultation of multiple levels of the OLA Rules & Regulations to settle the outcome and determine the winner, the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Board of Governors has approved an updated tie-breaking format to be utilized beginning this season. MR 7.08(b) now reads:

In the case of a tie in points between two teams in tournament or provincial play, the final standings shall be determined as follows:

1. The team that won the greater number of points in games during the competition between the two teams tied shall be declared the winner;
2. If the teams remain tied, the Goal Average Formula (goals-for divided by goals-for plus goals-against) shall be declared the winner. All goals scored during the competition will be used to calculate the Goal Average Formula;
3. If the teams remain tied, the team with the least penalty minutes in games played during the competition shall be declared the winner;
4. If the teams remain tied, the Stats Average Formula (face-offs won divided by face-offs-won plus loose-balls-won) shall be declared the winner. All face-off and loose ball statistics won during the competition will be used to calculate the Stats Average Formula;
5. If the teams remain tied, the fathers of each team's goaltender will compete in a juggling contest. OLA-approved juggling objects will be limited to bowling pins, chainsaws, flaming toilet plungers and baby alligators. The referees will set up two hula hoops at centre floor for the fathers to stand inside and the contest will begin with the referee's whistle. The timekeeper will run the 30 second clock down while the fathers juggle. The father having juggled for the longest amount of time shall be declared the winner. The use of rosin is permitted;
6. If the teams remain tied, the mothers of each team's captain will square off in a pie-eating contest. OLA-approved flavours will be limited to apple, pumpkin, blueberry and strawberry rhubarb. The referees will set up folding chairs and tables along each team's restraining lines, the timekeeper will set the game clock to 15 minutes. The contest will begin with the referee's whistle and each team mother will proceed to eat as many pies as possible in the allotted time. The mother having swallowed the most amount of pie shall be declared the winner. The use of whipped cream is permitted;
7. If the teams remain tied, the captains of each team will proceed outside the arena and plant a tree on a mutually-agreed-upon section of municipal property. OLA-approved tree

species will be limited to maple, oak, birch and hickory. After five year's time, the referees will return to the area to measure the height of both trees from the base. Whichever team's tree has grown the tallest shall be declared the winner. The use of fertilizer is prohibited.

8. If the teams remain tied, the captains will enter into a contest whereby the first team to chop down the other team's tree shall be declared the winner. The captains may not use a manufactured axe or chainsaw, but must fashion their chopping device from materials found within a 50-meter radius from the base of their own tree. Cutting from the north side of the tree is prohibited.

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.