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ONTARIO LACROSSE AND ARENA LACROSSE LEAGUE SHARE PARTNERSHIP

TORONTO, ON – December 29th, 2023 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA, @ontariolacrosse) and the Arena Lacrosse League (ALL, @ArenaLacrosse) announce their affiliation partnership for the 2023-2024 playing season.

The agreement, reached prior to the playing season, confirms the support and recognition that each organization provides for the other through playing, coaching and officiating development pathways in Junior, Women’s and Men’s box lacrosse divisions.

The Arena Lacrosse League, now in its 7th season of operation in Ontario, is an amateur winter indoor development league with teams based in Canada. The ALL plays under professional box lacrosse rules, providing a high level development league for players with professional aspirations. The league also organizes a women’s division and a U22 Junior division, offering quality year-round lacrosse opportunities for athletes throughout the province.

Ontario Lacrosse Association, the provincial sports organization for lacrosse in the province of Ontario and a proud member of Lacrosse Canada, oversees 66 associations competing in 13 leagues in box, minor and men’s field, women’s field and sixes divisions. In addition to coordinating the operation of the sport, the OLA provides informative resources, technical development programs and additional supplies and materials for member communities throughout the province.

The partnership between the ALL and the OLA confirms complimentary recognition and support to enhance playing, coaching and officiating development in a reputable environment, encouraging participants to continue to hone their skills and experience.

“The ALL is a professional, quality organization that cares deeply about the player pathway, and about providing opportunities for junior, women’s and men’s athletes in a safe, competitive and inclusive environment. We’re fortunate to officially partner with Commissioner St. John to share resources in support of this vision for the growth of the game together” said Sean O’Callaghan, OLA President. “This collaboration allows our organizations to support each other’s objectives to the benefit of the lacrosse community in a positive and complimentary manner.”

“Arena Lacrosse League is proud to partner with the Ontario Lacrosse Association,” stated ALL President Paul St. John. “The OLA has always been recognized as the premiere organization for lacrosse here in Ontario during the summer season, and our goal has always been to support OLA community teams and players by continuing their growth and development through the winter season, presenting the opportunity for many to participate in the sport they love year-round. This partnership will assist in continued expansion plans in each division we operate.”

For more information about each organization or to become involved, visit arenalacrosseleague.ca and ontariolacrosse.com.