



COMMISSIONER OPPORTUNITY: ONTARIO JUNIOR “A” LACROSSE LEAGUE

The Ontario Junior “A” Lacrosse League (OJALL) is seeking applications for the role of League Commissioner beginning in the fall of 2018. The OJALL operates under the governance of the Ontario Lacrosse Association and is comprised of 11 teams; the Barrie Lakeshores, the Brampton Excelsiors, the Burlington Chiefs, the Kitchener-Waterloo Braves, the Mimico Mountaineers, the Orangeville Northmen, the Peterborough Lakers, the Six Nations Arrows, the St. Catharines Athletics, the Toronto Beaches and the Whitby Warriors. The Oakville Buzz are slated to become the 12th team beginning in 2019. Players in the OJALL exemplify the highest skill of amateur box lacrosse for players 21 and under, which results in the largest number of rookie athletes entering the National Lacrosse League. Teams in the OJALL compete annually to represent Ontario at the Minto Cup Championship, which is Canada’s national Junior “A” Lacrosse tournament.

The new OJALL Commissioner is expected to focus on improving social media, develop a working relationship with the office of the National Lacrosse League, establish league-wide corporate partners, and elevate the exposure of the annual OJALL Midget Entry Draft. The commissioner will report to the OJALL Council, which is comprised of the delegates of the Ontario Junior “A” Lacrosse League teams, and will represent the league at the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s Board of Governor’s meetings. The OJALL Commissioner’s position is a two (2) year term which expires in odd-numbered years.

Prospective candidates should have a strong leadership background with a vision to further develop all areas of the league. Complete roles and responsibilities are outlined below. Interested individuals may submit their resumes as well as their vision for the direction of the OJALL to league secretary Eva Durie at fearlessqt@sympatico.ca. The application deadline will remain open until a suitable candidate has been secured. The OJALL thanks all applicants for their interest, however please note that only candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted. When the position has been filled, a notice will be circulated to the Ontario Lacrosse Association and media partners.



Ontario Junior “A” Lacrosse League Commissioner Roles & Responsibilities

- 1) Preside as chairperson over all OJALL Council meetings, conducting each meeting in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order;
- 2) Determine and publish the dates of all OJALL Council meetings for the upcoming season no later than December 15th;
- 3) Represent the OJALL Council’s stake at all applicable functions, including but not limited to: the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s Board of Governors, the Canadian Lacrosse Association’s Box Sector Meetings and any Minto Cup Committee Meetings and/or Negotiations;
- 4) In consultation with the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s Vice President of Junior-Major Lacrosse, determine and publish the fines and suspensions in accordance with the Minimum Fines and Suspensions Guidelines, Appendix 1;
- 5) Preside as chairperson over a yearly-appointed committee responsible for all disciplinary situations above and beyond the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s Automatic Fine Policy. This committee consists of the OJALL Commissioner, the OJALL Chairperson of the Board and two additional council representatives, where the commissioner does not hold a vote;
- 6) Coordinate the league’s playing schedule for all regular season and playoff rounds;
- 7) Prepare, distribute and collect the results of the voting ballot for OJALL all-star and individual awards annually. Coordinate the purchase and presentation of trophies or other related awards;
- 8) Oversee all player registrations through the Junior “A” Council Registrar, in accordance with the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s Rules & Regulations;
- 9) Oversee and approve all trades through the Junior “A” Council Registrar, in accordance with the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s Rules & Regulations and the OJALL Policy Papers, and then communicate these transactions for publication on the OJALL website;
- 10) Prepare an annual Commissioner’s budget to be reviewed and approved by the OJALL Council;
- 11) Ensure that Treasurer reports, Registrar reports and Chairperson of the Board reports are prepared and distributed at each OJALL Council meeting;
- 12) Work with the OJALL Council to research and determine opportunities for increased exposure of the league, including but not limited to, social media, the Midget Entry Draft, playoffs and championships;

- 13) Work with the OJALL Council to research and determine opportunities for sponsorship, naming rights, partnerships and other related revenue streams;
- 14) Work with the OJALL Council to research and determine opportunities for partnership with the National Lacrosse League;
- 15) Make rulings in accordance with the Canadian Lacrosse Association's Constitution, the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Bylaws and Rules & Regulations, and all OJALL Policies in a fair and unbiased manner;
- 16) Oversee and review the roles of OJALL Council Executive members, including but not limited to, the OJALL Secretary, OJALL Treasurer, OJALL Registrar, OJALL Chairperson of the Board, and any other positions;
- 17) In years where Ontario will host the Minto Cup Championship, appoint a competent Minto Cup Tournament Convenor;
- 18) Attend one home game (at minimum) for each team during the regular season to oversee arena details, crowd controls, floor access and general game day operations in accordance with OJALL league expectations;
- 19) During all regular season and playoff game days, be available by cell phone at least two hours prior to and two hours following any games being played;
- 20) Acknowledge all league-related emails within 48 hours of receipt;
- 21) Receive new franchise applications and, where applicable, organize a subcommittee at the direction of the OJALL Council to review the merits and practicality of such proposals;
- 22) Act and pass judgement, with the approval and best interest of the OJALL Council, on all dealings outside these guidelines;